From The Principal

Dear Parents,
Welcome back to school for Term 3. From the children's accounts, they have had a very happy and fun holiday break and are rearing to go with learning in the weeks ahead.

Welcome Mademoiselle Finley
I would like to welcome Mademoiselle Jennifer Finley to Glen Iris Primary School. Jennifer joins our staff to teach French. She has recently arrived in Australia after teaching in Canada and the United Kingdom. Welcome Jennifer!

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parents are reminded that online bookings for the upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews opened on Monday. The booking line can be accessed from the school website. Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday 25 July and Tuesday 31 July. It is important that all parents take the opportunity to meet with their children's teachers. If these dates are unsuitable, please contact the relevant teachers to make other arrangements.

School Review Day
Next Monday 23 July, is the School Review Day for Glen Iris Primary School. Throughout Terms 1 and 2, parents, students and teachers were able to have input into the achievements of the school over the past four years. On the Review Day, a team of Staff and School Councillors will meet with the reviewer, John Marks, to discuss the outcomes for GIPS. A plan for our development over the next four years will spring from this discussion.

Prep Enrolments 2013
Soon it will be time to start making plans for our school for next year. To assist with planning, families intending to enrol a child to commence Prep or at other grade levels at Glen Iris Primary School...
for 2013 are asked to complete an enrolment form and forward it with the relevant documents to the school Office. Enrolment forms are available from the website or at the office. Parents who wish to discuss their child's school commencement are welcome to make an appointment to meet with me. If you have neighbours or friends wishing to enrol children next year, please bring this to their attention. Boroondara schools request enrolments be received by August 31st, 2012.

School Concert
Preparations are well underway for the School Concert that will be held on Friday 19 October at The Besen Centre. Rehearsals for the dancing component have commenced this week in preparation for the big night with classes having lessons with Dance Instructor, Kate Stanford. The Show will be presented in two performances on that evening and will revolve around a Disney theme. Mark the date on your calendar and feel free to invite family and friends to come along to the "World Premiere" of what I am sure will be a wonder full show.

New Sports Uniforms
Recently, PE teacher, Andrew Cavell and a group of parents have investigated some updated sports uniforms for our teams that represent the school in various sporting competitions. We want our students to feel pride and a sense of belonging when they represent the School at sporting competitions. We are grateful to the Parents' Association and School Council who have decided to support this cause to purchase sixty new sports tops at a cost of approximately $2500. These funds are made available from the successful fundraising efforts of the Parents' Association that our families support so well. Thank you very much!

Student Supervision and entry before School
The following arrangements are in place for the supervision of students before school.

8.45 - 9.00am
Staff on yard duty

8.50am
Doors to all building are unlocked to enable parents who wish to speak to teachers before school to do so. Teacher preparation is in progress. Teachers MAY invite students from their class into the classroom if their work commitments allow. Students should not be in classrooms without teacher supervision.

8.55am
First bell rings for students to come into school and prepare for lessons at 9.00am.

9.00am
Second bell rings for school to commence.

In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made asking children to come inside earlier out of the weather.

Parking Restrictions
No one is happy when they receive a parking infringement fine, as is often the case around the school. The parking areas are well marked and it is important that drivers understand the signage:

No parking signs You are allowed two minutes (or the time specified on the sign) in a ‘No Parking’ area only if you remain within three metres of the vehicle and you are picking up or dropping off passengers or goods. Otherwise, if you stop, you are considered to have parked, even if you stay in the vehicle.

No Stopping signs These signs tell you that you must not stop at the kerb for any reason.

The School Car Park
You may have noticed a new fence has been erected on the boundary of the school car park and the church grounds. This fence enables drivers exiting the car park clear vision of pedestrians on the footpath. There is no parking permitted for parents in the small car park at the front of the school. Special permission is given to families requiring disabled access. The school car park is a “No Pedestrian Access” area. Parents and students entering or leaving the school grounds should enter and leave at the pedestrian gate close to the school crossing. This is an important safety procedure and it is appreciated if families could assist us by avoiding the car park area with and without the children.

Yours Sincerely, Meredith Carracher

Yard Duty
Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for Term 3, however there are still places available! Please try to find a spare lunchtime, as your children would love to see you, and you will be helping to make a safer playground for everyone. Please contact me on my email below with your preferred days.

Justine Moore (9889 9547)
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On behalf of Parents’ Association.
Help Ozchild Break the Foster Carer Drought in Victoria! OzChild has just launched a new website to help with recruitment of urgently needed foster carers and to raise awareness of the diverse range of people who can make great foster parents - visit www.fosterparenting.org.au

TEM Hockey Club Hooks Kids Into Olympic Hockey - the Hookin2Hockey program is hockey Australia’s national recruitment program and teaches new players all the skills of the game. The TEM Hockey Club will be conducting sessions from 26 July, 2012 at 5pm at Patterson Reserve, Auburn Rd, Hawthorn East. Contact Pip 0414 264 138 or email pipdudley@gmail.com

Aussie Kids Karate - Ashburton Dojo, 413 High St, Ashburton. For ages 4 & above. Ph. 9886 9025

“the playful market” - at the Ashburton Baptist Church on Saturday 28 July 9am - 3pm. Entry $2 per adult, kids are FREE. Loads of family friendly activities.

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GIPS Winter Working Bee

Welcome back to third term. I hope the kids have had a good break. Our Winter Working Bee is scheduled for:

Saturday 28 July from 12.30 - 3.30pm.

Our main task for this term will be to do a general clean up, locate irrigation tap, sweep sand, clean drains etc. Of course, a BBQ will be provided.

Ilias Mastoris

Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:
1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on 29 February 2012 for the first instalment and 3 August 2012 for the second instalment; and
3. You must on 1 February 2012 for the first instalment and 16 July 2012, for the second instalment: be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health care card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) HOLDER; or be a foster parent.

4. Submit your application to the school by the due date: 29 February 2012 for the first instalment*, 3 August 2012 for the second instalment.

*Please note: you only need to make a second a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.

EMA application forms are available from the school office or from our website.

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