Dear Parents,

It is great to be back at Glen Iris following my Long Service Leave last term. I have had a wonderful holiday but am very glad to see everyone at GIPS. I have been thrilled to see the progress and achievements of the past 14 weeks. After such a break, I could see in a glance how busy the staff, children and parents have been. There is evidence of excellent learning across the school: Student work displays; teamwork from staff and parents to move our facilities program forward and initiatives from students to lead projects such as fundraising for a new piano. I hope our community is as excited by our new Music, Library and ICT centre as I am. This area, with adjoining outdoor spaces, will be an important feature of our school for learning and community events for years to come. Thank you to everyone for their work and commitment in my absence. I look forward to working with the community with renewed enthusiasm and energy.

Welcome to new staff
This term, we welcome two new staff members to Glen Iris Primary School. Madame Carolyn Garneau will fill the role of French teacher for the remainder of the year. Carolyn is a native French speaker from Canada who will offer another facet to the children's French program. Madame Michelle Payne is working in a special French program based at Kew Primary School for the remainder of 2011 and will return to Glen Iris in 2012.

Mrs. Elissa Toll has joined the Glen Iris staff to work with Mrs. Lee Laier and the children of 2LW. Elissa replaces Ms. Niki Winch who has commenced maternity leave and will teach the class on Fridays. Welcome to Carolyn and Elissa.

Congratulations Sophie!
Yesterday, Sophie O, Grade 4K competed in the 10 Year Old State Cross Country Championship over 2 kilometres. Sophie finished 3rd in her age group and will now represent Victoria in the National Titles in Canberra next month. What an outstanding achievement! Congratulations, Sophie!

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House Athletics Carnival
On Monday, weather permitting, the House Athletics Carnival will be conducted at the Bill Sewart Reserve in East Burwood. Children in Grades 3 - 6 will compete in a range of track and field events that they have been learning in their class physical education lessons with Mr. Cavell. Come along to cheer on Ferndale, Nettleton, Raven and Gardiner and acknowledge the children's efforts and endeavours. Complimentary tea and coffee will be available for all adults at the track. Thanks to Mr. Cavell for his excellent organisation and to the parents who have offered to assist on the day. In the event of inclement weather, a notice will be posted on the school website early on Monday notifying parents of any change of arrangements. Regardless of the weather, it will certainly be cold on Monday and all children need to be dressed warmly with long pants, jackets and coats to put on when not competing.
Parent/Teacher Interview Bookings
This term, we are trialling an on-line booking procedure for Parent/Teacher Interview appointments. Thanks to families who have offered us their feedback about their experience with using this system. We have received many positive comments and are very willing to assist any families that experience difficulties. If you would like some help or have questions, please contact the Office and a member of staff will assist you as quickly as possible.

Enrolment for 2012
Families intending to enrol children for Prep or other grade levels at Glen Iris Primary School in 2012 are encouraged to make these arrangements as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available from the office or the school website. If you wish to discuss your child’s enrolment for 2012, you are welcome to contact the office to make an appointment.

I am looking forward to an industrious and productive term.
Yours Sincerely

MID-YEAR PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS ONLINE BOOKINGS
Please note that all bookings will close at 4.00pm on Monday 27 July.

Last year, the scheduling of reporting to parents was reorganised to provide an opportunity for formal reporting on children’s learning and progress to parents each term. In Terms 1 and 3, parents have the opportunity to meet with the teachers to discuss their children’s progress and learning needs throughout each semester at a scheduled Parent/Teacher meeting. In Terms 2 and 4, parents receive a Mid-Year and End of Year written report on their children’s progress and achievements as assessed against the Victorian Education Learning Standards (VELS).

In the third week of this term parents have an opportunity to discuss these reports at Parent/ Teacher Meetings to be held on the afternoon and evening of Monday 1 and Wednesday 3 August.

Barbara Maclarn
Assessment and Reporting Coordinator

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:
be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and

be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2011 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (18 July 2011).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28 February 2011 for the first instalment and 5 August 2011 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $230 for primary students and is paid in two instalments.

This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who have been paid the first instalment for 2011 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who were not eligible at the start of the year or who did not lodge an application must apply before 6 August. Also parents who transfer children to another school after 28 February 2011 and prior to or on 5 August 2011, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

EMA application forms are available from the school office.
GIPS has a strategy in place to encourage all students to drink water throughout the day, especially during physical activity. Only water is permitted for drinking in class time. GIPS is also introducing a strategy of encouraging all students to eat fruit and vegetables or ‘Brain Food’ while at school. This includes a defined period of time each day when children are encouraged to eat fruit and vegetables only. Please pack ‘Brain Food’ snacks in your child’s lunch box.

Tanya Tomic
Mark this date in your diary now!

GIPS Art Auction. The event for 2011.

More details soon.

Carolyn Currie
President Parents’ Association
Email: carolyncurrie@optusnet.com.au
Mobile: 0438 898904

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KEEP THIS DATE FREE!

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Primary School to Secondary School: The Next Phase...

Starting Secondary School is an important milestone for young people and their parents. The key to a successful transition into secondary school includes positive support from parents/carers, teachers and school communities.

FREE INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS/CARERS:
To assist parents/carers with this transition, the Inner Eastern Local Learning & Employment Network (IELLEN) is offering an information session particularly for parents of children in Grade 5 or 6. The session will offer valuable tips and practical advice to support and assist children.

The information session will be presented by Angie Wilcock, a highly regarded expert and speaker on transitions in education. Angie is a published author with a background in teaching, as well as being a mum of two sons. She now works with teachers, parents and students across Australia in the area of transition to high school. Angie has appeared on 'Mornings with Kerrie-Anne', and last year joined the Generation Next team (along with experts such as Dr Michael Carr-Gregg and Dr Andrew Fuller), providing information and support to parents on issues of adolescent mental health. Her topic is the impact of transition to high school on young people and their families.

DATE: Tuesday 26th July
TIME: 6.30pm - 8pm
VENUE: VCE Learning Common Room, Hawthorn Secondary College, Burgess St, Hawthorn East, (enter from Burgess Street).
DETAILS: Refreshments provided.

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND...
Contact our Education Liaison Officer: Andrew Neophytou
Phone: 9510 5444
Email: aneophytou@iellen.org.au
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Copies of this information are available at the office:

- Austin Health presents a professional development workshop “Understanding Anxiety for Children and Adolescents” Fri 29 July 9.30am—1.30pm at the Austin Hospital Ph.9496 6314 for more information including booking.
- “Free” Services Expo - do you need some extra support in your daily life? Do you know what services are available to you? The City of Boroondara and local community organizations are holding a “Free Services Expo” on 21 July, 10am - 2pm in the Main Hall at Hawthorn Town Hall, 360 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn. Ph.9278 4777.
- Australian Goju Karate for ages 4 years and above. Special Introductory Program only $35 includes new uniform. Contact Terry on 9886 9025.
- Certificate of Education Integration Aide Course - for further information contact Maria or Glenice on 9925 6617 or go to our website at: www.rmit.edu.au/education/integration-aide

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PARENTZONE EASTERN - ENGAGING COOPERATION - PARENTING WORKSHOP

Do you want to stay connected to your child & improve Communication?
Do you find living with kids exhausting and frustrating?
Are they just driving you completely batty?
Learn ways to involve children to take responsibility without shouting and being angry.
Come and share your ideas, skills, solutions and frustrations and get some new strategies to help with healthier relationships!

Who: Mums, Dads & carers of children aged 0-12 years
When: Monday 1st August 2011
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am
Where: Arrabri Community Centre,
Cost: Gold Coin Donation (bookings essential)
Contact: Arrabri Community Centre Allambanan Drive, North Bayswater, Ph: 9294 7534

Today’s Notices:
- Knitters’ Club (Green) - Grades 4 to 6
- Junior Symphony Orchestra (Pink) - eldest
- Kelly Sports (White) - Prep to 4

Glen Iris Primary School thanks our sponsors for their support.
SNOW IN ASHBURTON
SATURDAY 6th AUGUST, High St. Ashburton 10am- 2pm

Enter the Ashburton Shopping Colouring Competition &
WIN an Icehouse Family Pass (each age group)
Entries close Fri.22 July 2011. ALL entries displayed in High St Shops. Winners announced Snow Day (Judges’ decision final)
Drop entries to -

- Red Balloon Children's Wear, 281 High St. Ashburton
- Real Toys, 273 High St. Ashburton
- Ashburton Community® (Bendigo) Bank, 241 High St. Ashburton