Dear Parents,

Social Event
On Saturday 9 October, a fabulous social evening was enjoyed by 190 parents and staff at “Canvas” in Hawthorn. The evening flowed as everyone enjoyed the conversation, food, drinks and dancing. Thank you to the Parents’ Association, in particular Carolyn Currie and Rachel Pinchbeck, for their time and commitment in organising a great occasion for our school community. Whilst fundraising wasn’t the main purpose of the function, approximately $3,000 was raised for the school. Thanks to all who supported the event.

Class Placements 2011
Shortly, teachers will begin the lengthy process of developing well-balanced classes for optimal learning in 2011. Input from class teachers, parents and children are taken into account in conjunction with learning, social and personality considerations. Parents with particular information they would like to be considered during this process may put their request in writing to me no later than Friday 5 November. Requests may relate to social, family or learning matters. Requests relating to individual teachers will not be considered. If you would like to discuss your request, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with Robyn Floyd or me by Friday 5 November, to ensure your request can be considered in the timeframe for the class placement process. By following this process, we are best able to meet your request. In the event that we are unable to meet any requests, parents will be contacted prior to classes being announced. It is most likely that late requests will not be able to be met.

Plans for 2011
It is already that time of year when our school must make some major decisions regarding our operation for 2011. Families can assist us with these important decisions by letting us know if their children will not return to Glen Iris in 2011. If your child will not return to GIPS in 2011, please notify the Office in writing as soon as possible.

Regional Athletics Carnival
Last week, four Glen Iris students represented the

Malvern Schools District in the Regional Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to Katia Lam, Kate Vesely, Max Roche and Hamish Soden on progressing through to this advanced level of competition.

Laptop Computers
Our school computer technicians are finalising the installation of our 125 new laptop computers to classrooms under Mrs. Floyd’s careful direction. The laptops will be stored overnight in a special lockable “Lapcaddy” cupboard. Our Computer Lab computers will be shared between classrooms whilst our new library / ICT space is under construction.

Confident Kids / Student Leadership
This term, children in Grades 4 and 5 will participate in two personal development programs funded by the Boroondara School Focussed Youth Services Program. The Grade 4 Program “Confident Kids” aims to build self esteem, resilience and self worth
while the Grade 5 “Student Leadership” Program will develop leadership capabilities and understandings. Both programs will assist our students to be effective student leaders in grade 5/6 in 2011. A parent evening to assist parents to support their children to become self confident citizens is being offered for any interested parent on Monday 25 October at 7.30pm. A separate accompanies the Newsletter.

**Prep Breakfast**

Last Friday 15 October, on a very wet and rainy morning, our Preps enjoyed Breakfast at School as part of our whole school camping program. The children came to school in their PJs, ate breakfast together and then prepared themselves for school. Thanks to the Prep teachers for the time and effort they put into arranging this activity for the children and to the Prep families for reorganising their households to bring the children to school early with all their camping equipment.

**Walk-A-Thon**

Yesterday, our Galaxy Groups enjoyed a walk in the sun at the Walk-a-thon in Ferndale Park. The children walked to the park in their multi-age groups and then completed several laps of the oval. It is heart warming to see the care taken by the older children for their buddies and younger children as well as the genuine friendships that exist between children of all ages. Special thanks to Katrina Hrelja for her organisation of the Walk-A-thon and to the many parents who assisted with the event. This has been a major fundraiser for our school and we will let you know how much was raised in the next Newsletter.

**Traffic Safety Education Award**

Last week, our Level 2 classes participated in a wonderful day of travel on Melbourne’s public transport. The children travelled by bus, train, tram and ferry as part of their integrated unit on Transport. Metlink staff met our groups at various points to explain how the public transport system operates and the various safety practices that passengers need to know. The program has been so highly regarded that our Level 2 Team has received a Traffic Safety Education Award from Metlink that will be presented at a dinner in November. Congratulations to Meagan Cofield, Lee Laier, Claire Murray, Natasha Williams, Carol Chau and Tanya Tomic for this recognition of their excellent curriculum design and delivery.

Yours Sincerely

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**CONFIDENT PARENT NIGHT - PLEASE NOTE**

The invitation to attend this evening is to all parents, not just Prep to Gr.4. A note about the evening is included with today’s Newsletter.

**NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**Lego Challenge and the Glen Iris Year 4/5 Team.**

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE (FLL) is a global program created to get children excited about science and technology. A hands-on program for ages 9 to 16, FLL uses Challenges based on real world scientific problems to engage children in research, problem solving, and engineering. The cornerstone of the program is its Core Values, which emphasize friendly sportsmanship, learning, and community involvement.

Each yearly Challenge has two parts, the Project and the Robot Game. Our team of seven needs to build an autonomous robot to carry out pre-designed missions in 2 1/2 minutes and analyze, research, and invent a solution to a real world problem. It's a bit like Tournament of the Minds with a robot and a mat.

This year the problem our team needs to research is the cutting-edge world of Biomedical Engineering. We will be investigating the production and use of blood products and will be seeking community support from parents and friends as blood donors. More information at Monday morning assembly next week from the GIPS Team. The members of our team are Christophoros, James, Ayrton, Thomas, Emily and Chris with support from Hamish, Charlie and other Lego enthusiasts who helped us build the challenge course from 1000 pieces of Lego over lunchtimes.

Robyn Floyd
Walkathon
A huge thank you to Katrina Hrelja for all her efforts in organizing our walkathon, our biggest fundraising activity for the year. Well done Kat – finally, some decent weather! Please return your forms and money to the office asap. Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day, and to Buddy Bear who came along to cheer everyone on! We had so many people offering to help with Buddy, I think next year we might hold auditions….

Parents’ Social Night at Canvas
Thank you to all the people who have given such positive and enthusiastic feedback on our social night. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and we are thrilled that the evening was such a success. Thank you again to all those who donated prizes and congratulations to all the raffle winners!

2011 Committee
Please find enclosed with this week’s newsletter a form requesting expressions of interest in next year’s committee. All positions are vacant, and I am happy to discuss the requirements of each role with anyone who may be interested. I will have a short description of each position available on the website over the next few days. Please consider joining forces with a few friends to take on one of the many roles that make our school such a fun and dynamic environment. We would love to see some new faces at our AGM, which will be held on Tuesday, November 9 in the staffroom!

A date for the diary – Family Fiesta Night
Please join us for a picnic on the oval on Friday 19 November from 5pm onwards – all welcome. Parents Assoc will be holding a BBQ for those interested and we will have activities for the younger children. We hope this will be a good chance for the whole school community to get together and celebrate another terrific year at GIPS.

Kind regards
Carolyn Currie - President Tel: 0438 898904
Email: carolyncurrie@optusnet.com.au

SPECIAL LUNCH
ROSTER HELP-TERM 4, 2010
Thankyou to all the parents who have kindly offered to help with GIPs “Sushi” special lunch on Friday 29 October
Please see below for names of volunteers, roster dates and times

Collating of on line orders Staff room
Thursday 21 October 2010 9.00am-10.30am
Irene Brumen                        Kimberley Hobbs
Amanda D’Onghia                Sue Coyle
Ginny Robinson
Preparation of lunch Canteen/Multipurpose room
Friday 29 October 2010 11:00am-12:00pm
Kathryn Turner                      Sue Papavassiliou
Judith Scarff                          Justine Moore
Tammy Vandersleen                Sene-Li Wong
Kate Vrsecky                         Prue Santamaria
Debbie Graham                      Karyn Davies
Serving of lunch and clean up Canteen/Multipurpose room
Friday 29 October 2010 12:00pm-1:00pm
Judith Scarff                        Karyn Davies
Kathryn Turner                    Debbie Graham
Prue Santamaria                    Kate Vrsecky
Sene-Li Wong                        Kellie Sewell
Anna Tomlinson                     Amanda Nason
Jacqueline Brown                  Kristen Grayson
Your help is greatly appreciated.
Special lunch committee 2010: Judith Scarff, Irene Brumen and Kathryn Turner
News from the Building & Environment Sub-Committee
Just some advance notice that a Working Bee is coming up on Saturday November 13, 2 - 4pm. This will be a working bee on the front garden beds in preparation for the School Family Picnic. A notice with a return slip will be sent home next week.

With this newsletter:
- Parents’ Association AGM (full colour, eldest)
- Confident Parent Night invitation (blue, Prep - Gr.6)
- Gr.6 Graduation (green, Gr.6 only)
- Graduation Assistance (pink, Grs.5 & 6)
- Literacy & Maths tips (booklet, eldest)

PARKING ISSUES
Please be conscious of our neighbours when parking near the school for drop off or pick up. The school has been contacted by residents in Barina Rd who have had cars parked over their driveways at these times and have been unable to access their properties.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
Please note that the Uniform Shop will not be open on: Monday 25 October due to unavoidable circumstances. PSW apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

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