Dear Parents,

We are really in the thick of the festive season at the moment with everybody madly trying to finish their family and work commitments prior to Christmas.

**Farewell and Thank you Miss Chau**

It is very hard to say farewell to such an important staff member as Miss Carol Chau, who has committed the past 20 years of her career to Glen Iris Primary School. Carol leaves a huge legacy in our school and is fondly remembered for her professionalism, care of her students and friendship to all at GIPS. Thank you Carol for all you have done at our school and our very best wishes for the future.

**Citizenship Awards**

At Monday’s assembly, the Parents’ Association presented two awards to students selected by the staff for their excellence in care for others, commitment to the school, exemplary behaviour and effort put into their studies. The two students chosen were Ashley W (5/6B) and Liam O (5/6P).

This year was the inaugural presentation of the Higgins Medal by Federal Member for Higgins, Kelly O’Dwyer. The Grade 6 students voted for the student they thought best reflected the leadership qualities we aspire towards. The Higgins Medal was awarded to Andrea L (5/6N).

Congratulations to our three award winners.

**Grade 6 Graduation**

Last night, our Class of 2011 was honoured at the Graduation Evening in the Hall. The children spoke about their Glen Iris years and the group sang and danced to entertain their visitors. Once again, the students were well prepared by their teachers and were a credit to their families, school and most of all, themselves. Following the Graduation service, the Grade 6 students enjoyed a Disco in the Multipurpose Room. Best wishes for the future as you move on to secondary school, Grade 6.

**Book Collection**

Children’s book packs for 2011 will be available for collection on Wednesday 1 February and Thursday 2 February between 8:30am – 12:30pm from the Multipurpose Room. Student levies can be paid at the same time.

**Final Assembly**

Our school year will conclude with our final assembly in the Hall, tomorrow, Thursday 22 December, commencing at 12.45pm. At the conclusion of the assembly, the children, teachers and parents will form a guard of honour to farewell the Grade 6 students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and families of our school for all their efforts throughout 2011 and to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours Sincerely, Meredith Carracher
Whooping Cough Information
The school has had a couple of children diagnosed with Whooping Cough recently. General information about this illness can be found on the school’s website under the Parents tab, Parenting/Health Information.

2012 TERM DATES
Term 1  3 February to 30 March
Term 2  16 April to 29 June
Term 3  16 July to 21 September
Term 4  8 October to 21 December

Final Assembly 2011
Congratulations Liam & Ashley (Citizenship Awards), Andrea (Higgins Award) and Raven House (House Points Competition).
GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL
2012 IMPORTANT DATES

Payment of Curriculum and Materials Contribution and Book Box pick up from the
Multipurpose Room on:
   Wednesday 1 February 8.30am – 12.30pm
   Thursday 2 February 8.30am – 12.30pm
(Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS.)

GIPS Uniform Shop open in 2011 on:
   Every Friday starting 3 February from 3.00pm until 4.00pm
   Every Monday starting 6 February from 8.30am until 10.00am

Preps 2012 will start school Friday 3 February, the same day as children in Years 1 - 6
   9.15am start for children with siblings at GIPS
   9.30am start for children without siblings at GIPS
   12.30pm finish
Parents are invited to join us for a cuppa in the Multi-purpose Room.

Years 1 - 6 start on Friday 3 February
   8.55am Bag Bell - students enter classroom
   9.00am – instruction begins
   3.30pm finish

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