From The Acting Principal

Thank yous
‘Merci’ to the Parents’ Association who provided us with a yummy French ‘special’ lunch. I saw some very happy children sitting under the oak tree eating delicious baguettes.

My sincere apologies to Brad Mason for leaving him off the ‘thanks to parents’ note in the last newsletter. Brad was another of our magnificent parent helpers on the Grade 3 Camp. I’d also like to add a belated thank you to Simon Rawson who manned the coffee, tea and biscuits during our 2011 Prep Parents’ Information Night early this term and made sure new parents were warmly welcomed.

Thank you to Cassandra Cavanaugh (Drawing) and Nicola Luxton (Photography) who have volunteered to work with a small group of students during our Enrichment sessions. I know that the staff are appreciative of the energetic and enthusiastic manner in which our Glen Iris Community supports our learning and teaching programs.

Social and Emotional Learning Workshop
Laura Pyle, our Social Worker, presented information on developing resilience and friendship skills to a group of fifty parents last Friday. Feedback from the workshop has been overwhelmingly positive and we hope to organise another workshop in term 3. I would love to hear your suggestions.

I’d also like to thank to the Parents’ Association who provided coffee, tea and a scrumptious morning tea. The atmosphere in the Multipurpose Room was warm and friendly as parents took the opportunity to stay and chat for a while after the workshop. The members of the Level 4 Promotions Team, with Mrs. Walton, provided activities for eighteen toddlers in the hall allowing parents to concentrate on Laura’s presentation. This was a fantastic way to introduce our two and three year olds to our school and some school activities.

Countdown to our building completion!
On Monday our teachers were able to visit the Library–Technology-Performing Arts Complex for the first time and were as excited as I am. The primary colours of the square windows that throw
Staffing News
Our warm thanks to Jen Raven who has worked with the Level 1 Team during Term 2 and is moving on to another primary school next term. Also moving on for Terms 2 and 3, Michelle Payne will be participating in a content-based LOTE teaching trial at Kew Primary School. We hope to announce her replacement shortly. Niki Winch is taking Family Leave and we wish her all the best for the arrival of Lily’s little brother or sister. Elissa Toll, who has been working as a CRT at GIPS will now be the class teacher of 2LW on Fridays.

Au Revoir
This is my last newsletter as I will be returning to my old job and, sadly, to my smaller office next term. I have thoroughly enjoyed my term as Principal and the opportunity to work with teachers and parents in a different capacity. Susie Walton has been an outstanding as AP and I thank her for her professionalism. Susie has been responsible for, among many other tasks, the ‘behind the scenes’ coordination of the BIG MOVE into our new building.

Robyn Floyd
MID-YEAR STUDENT REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

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).

Next Friday, on the last day of term, the student’s Mid-Year Written Reports will be sent home to parents. In the third week of Term 3 parents will have the opportunity to discuss these reports at Parent/Teacher Meetings to be held on the afternoon and evening of Monday 1 and Wednesday 3 August. This year, we will be trialling an online booking service for the scheduling of appointments which we hope will make the process easier and more convenient for both parents and teachers. Information about this service and how to book will be sent home to each family next week. For those parents who do not have access to the internet or a computer, an alternative booking process will be arranged.

Barbara Maclarn
Assessment and Reporting Coordinator

2011 YEAR 4 CAMP MANYUNG

At the end of May the Year 4s headed down to the Mt Eliza for an enjoyable three day beach camp at YMCA Camp Manyung. Cool and overcast weather conditions, didn’t deter the students as they worked together to sharpen their outdoor education skills exploring the surrounding bushland and coastline. The Year 4s took on a range of challenges as they negotiated their way around the ropes course and the bike track, learned to communicate messages via UHF radios and tried their skill at archery. Many braved their fears as they took flight on the flying fox and giant swing. Evening activities included a talk about astronomy and space by volunteers from the Peninsular Astronomical Society, a night walk and spotlighting (some of us were lucky enough to spot one brave possum high up in the tree tops) and a movie trivia night.

Many, many thanks to our teachers – Mrs Sutton, Mr Cavell, Miss Kopciewicz, Ms Gargano and our four parent volunteers – Lisa Andrews, Brett Jefferson, Vilim Kinkela and Dan Schwarz for their time, leadership and wonderful care they gave to the children to help make this camp a successful adventure. I would also like to congratulate the Year 4s for their great team work and the care and friendship they showed to each other over the three days at camp.

Barbara Maclarn
Entertainment Books
A big thank you to all those people who have supported this fundraiser, we have raised around $1200. If anyone would like to buy another Entertainment Book for family or friends please contact Carolyn Currie. Many thanks to Justine Moore for all the work she has put in to this fundraiser.

Special Lunch
Thanks to Ginny Robinson, Kristin Meachem and Anne Mullins for another wonderful special lunch, we make a profit of $1096. Thank you to all the mums who pitched in to help collate orders and make all those baguettes on the day!

Fundraising Summary
Thank you for your support of Parents’ Association in Term 2, our fundraising total currently stands at over $14,000 (November 2010 - June 2011) with a considerable percentage coming from outside the school community with activities such as the Cake Stall, Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and Ashburton Festival. Term 2 fundraising also included our Mother’s Day Lunch, Mother’s Day Stall, the Entertainment Books, French Special Lunch and our magnetic Note Totes.

Buildings and Environment Committee
Let’s Get Moving!
Just a reminder that this Saturday 25 June we have a Working Bee for moving into our new building and a giving the school a general spruce up. Action will be taking place from 10:00am to 2:00pm, so if you could spare us an hour or two, that would be great.

Another Fundraising initiative
The Parents’ Association is pleased to announce another fundraising partner, Aussie Farmers Direct. Many of you will be familiar with their service, many of you might like to try it out! A notice is going home with your child today for you to check it out. This will be an ongoing program so nominate GIPS on all your future orders and the school will benefit from your order.

Free School Uniform
Due to an overload of secondhand uniform being donated, we have decided to offer a big pile of uniform for you to help yourself to for free. This uniform will be in the multi-purpose room from 2.30 - 3.30pm next Monday 27 June (so have a look when you come into assembly) and help yourself!

Secondhand Uniform Shop - Every item $5
Also remember that the Secondhand Uniform Shop is open from 3.15 - 3.45pm every Friday and we have some very good quality items and everything $5. So feel free to com in and see us on a Friday afternoon.

Kim Green and Katrina Hrelja
On behalf of Parents’ Association

Thank you to all the parents who helped pack Library books into boxes in order to help with the move into the new building. Many people gave up their time with little notice and we really appreciate their help. Thank you to Anna Tomlinson, Penny Ashby, Karina Martin, Rachel Pinchebeck, Priscilla Mellado, Barbara McKinnon, Michaela Hale, Kristie Howes, Petra Lambert, Prue Santamaria, Andrea Perry, Denise Garrett and Greg Price.

Yard Duty
Thank you to everyone who volunteered in Term 2, it was a great response! A notice is being sent home with the newsletter today for Term 3, 2011. 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.

Justine Moore 9889 9547
On behalf of Parents’ Association

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Kim Green and Katrina Hrelja
On behalf of Parents’ Association
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.

- Free resource to parents - a new website for finding children’s activities in Melbourne and regional Victoria called Melbourne Playgrounds. This is a free on-line guide to thousands of Melbourne activities for the family, providing reviews, ratings and photos of activities. The website is at http://www.MelbournePlaygrounds.com.au

- **Chatterbox Club** - Public Speaking & Drama for kids - Early Bird Offer - 1 week only. Ph. 9572 5249 or visit www.ChatterboxClub.com.au

- **East Malvern Tennis Club** - July 2011 Holiday Tennis Clinics / Tournament for children aged 4 - 16. Ph. 9528 6375 or visit www.futurestennis.com.au

- **Child’s Play Permaculture** presents a School Holiday Program at the Abbotsford Convent 11 - 15 July. Ph. 0413 895 260 or visit www.childsplaypermaculture.com.au

- Soccer Skills Clinics & Goalkeeping Clinics in the first week of the school holidays with Ashburton United Soccer Club for children U9 - U14 at Watson Park, Munro Ave, Ashburton. Ph. 9888 4107

- **Boroondara Scouts and Guides** present “Undies on the Outside” the 47th Camberwell Showtime at the Renaissance Theatre 826 High Street, East Kew August 5 - 13 Bookings 0418 226 151 or visit www.camberwellshowtime.com

- **Art’scool for Kids** - Term 2 Holiday Program and Term 3 Art Program. Ph. 9885 1195 to book.

- **CSIRO’s Double Helix Holiday Science Activities** at Kew for children aged 5 - 13yrs. Bookings: www.csiro.au/events/VicHolidayPrograms.html or ph. 9252 6387 to have a booking form sent to you.

- **Australian Sports Camps Winter Program** during the school holidays - football, netball and hockey - Ph. 9754 4455 or visit www.australian运动scamps.com.au

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FRENCH NEWS

**Merci beaucoup** to everybody who made our recent French Day such an enjoyable event. The children looked **fantastique** in their wonderful costumes and the puppet performances were **tres amusant**!

Once more our fabulous parents provided a much anticipated **French Special Lunch**. I thank them all for their continued support and dedication - the **dejeuner francais** is always a highlight of the day. **Merci et a bientot. Madame.**

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CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

It may have gone unnoticed with the recent Queen’s Birthday holiday, but on Thursday 9 June, Glen Iris athletes took part in the Division Cross Country. Sophie 4K - 1st Girls’ aged 9-10 and Max 4GS - 10th Boys’ aged 9 - 10, both qualified to represent Glen Iris at the School Sport Victoria Eastern Metropolitan Region which will take place this Friday 24 June at Yarra Valley Race Course. We would like to wish Sophie and Max well in their races and hope they can qualify for the State Championships. Many thanks to Sonia O’Sullivan for her training tips and support of this event.

Andrew Cavell
Glen Iris Primary School thanks our sponsors for their support.

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