From The Principal

Dear Parents,

After a busy term, we are again moving into our holiday break. Thank you to children, parents and staff who have all done so much to support the school and its activities throughout the term.

Farewell Sue and Kate

At the end of the term, we will farewell two members of staff as they move on to new phases in their lives. Sue Elliott, class teacher for 3E, has taught at Glen Iris Primary School for over 26 years. Sue is acknowledged for the wonderful learning program she delivers to students. She will also be remembered for her contribution to the school’s performing arts program over the years with activities such as school concerts, soirees and performance groups. Sue has also provided exemplary service to education in Victoria teaching at Traralgon, Croxton, Victoria Park and Mitcham schools. Sue has decided to retire from teaching to focus on other aspects of life that she enjoys. I know the community will join with me in expressing our thanks to Sue for her dedication and hard work over this period and wish her well for a happy and healthy retirement.

Kate Van der Jagt is also finishing up at Glen Iris at the end of term as she awaits the birth of her first child. Kate, class teacher for 4V, will be missed by her class and the whole school community, however, we know she will be a great mum and we are all eager to meet “Baby” Van der Jagt. Best wishes to Kate and Cory.

Play Safely at School

Children at Glen Iris have a beautifully developed playground to enjoy with their friends during playtime and lunchtime breaks. Please reinforce with children that we have rules about how we play at school to ensure everyone’s safety. Rough games are not appropriate in a school environment. Some games that may be acceptable in the backyard at home are not encouraged at school. Things that involve pushing, shoving and tackling are not allowed. Some children are surprised when staff remind them of the school rules as they deem the activities as “just playing”. On an even more serious note, some recent playground rough play has led to children requiring medical attention. We also have children with medical conditions for whom such roughness can have serious consequences. Please show your support by having a discussion with your children about school rules and why they exist.

Working Bee

Many thanks to our band of wonderful families who assisted at the working bee last Saturday. Work included completion of the digging pit and steel arbour and maintenance of the water tanks. Many thanks to the following families for giving up their time to help: Barber, Currie, Humphrey, Garrett, Downes, Boyd, Bennett and Toner families. Special thanks to Barbara McKinnon for her organisation and planning of the working bee.

Building Project

We are experiencing what will hopefully be a short delay as details related to the tender process for our building project are resolved. I will notify the community as soon as these matters are dealt with.

Foyer Screen

We love to highlight school activities and student work on our LCD screen in the foyer. At the moment, we are showing a wonderful animated story written and illustrated by Molly Rose of Grade 1C. I urge you to take a moment to have a look at Molly-Rose’s efforts. You will be amazed that one so young has produced such a professional product. Thanks also must go to Liz Devenish and Robyn Challis, Molly-Rose’s technical assistance and production staff!

End of Term Assembly

Our final assembly for Term 2 will be held at 1.45pm in the Hall on Friday, June 25th. Parents welcome! Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Lamberger
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Website:
ART NEWS
Grade 5&6 have very successfully completed their co-operative Sustainability projects this term with some fantastic results. There is a comprehensive display outside the Art room and in our Student Gallery outside the staffroom.

The following students have work on display at present:
Samuel 3D     Ayva 1C     Bonnie 2W
Yasmin 3D     Ethan 1C    Jessica M 1C
Emily 4K      Ava 1C

Please take the opportunity to view this terrific display.

Some Grade 5&6 students will also have their work on display in the Westpac Bank in Ashburton from 13 July 13 as part of the “100 things I love about Ashburton” exhibition. Further information will be available closer to the date.

The final news is that our kiln is now ready for operation following its installation this week.
Marg Sargeant - Visual Arts Teacher.

JOURNALISM ENRICHMENT
The Journalism Enrichment Team would like to thank all the children and teachers who gave up their time to complete the whole school surveys and be in our interviews. The Prep and Year One students who were interviewed did a fantastic job and these interviews will be on the LCD in the foyer. So next time you’re in the foyer, look out for our students. Also look out for the results of the whole school surveys in the first newsletter of Term Three.

Reminder from the PROMOTIONS TEAM
Bring your Reading Challenge lists to validate by this Friday to Ms Floyd’s office. If you have not recorded the books on your “Dragon” record sheet then you will need to bring a signed note from home stating how many books you have read. Congratulations to all those enthusiastic readers who have completed the challenge this year.
A NEW DIRECTION FOR REPORTING IN 2010

As part of our school’s Strategic Plan the staff have been reflecting on and evaluating our assessment and reporting practices. To date, we have been trialling new assessment strategies and tools and working to achieve a sequential and consistent approach to assessing and tracking the students’ progress from Prep to Year 6. We have also decided to trial a new arrangement for reporting to parents throughout the year so that there is some form of formal reporting each term.

In previous years, Parent Teacher discussions have been held at the end of Term 2 as a follow up to the students’ Mid Year Written Report. Whilst this gave parents the opportunity to clarify any aspect of the report immediately with the teacher, it meant, however, that six months would pass before parents received the next formal report on their children’s progress in the End of Year Written Report. Therefore, this year’s Parent Teacher discussions will be held mid-way through Term 3. This will give teachers and parents an opportunity to track and discuss the children’s progress in regard to areas of their development needing improvement or extension.

The students’ Mid Year Written Reports are being sent home to parents today. Of course, if you have any immediate concerns about your child’s progress, please contact your child’s teacher. We will advise you of the dates for the Parent Teacher discussions early next term.

Barbara Maclarn
Assessment and Reporting Coordinator

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PARENTS’ ASSOC’N NEWS

This term seems to have flown by and next term is just as busy! It will be a particularly busy one for Parents Assoc as we gear up for this year’s PARENTS SOCIAL EVENT, to be held on Saturday, 9 October at Canvas restaurant in Hawthorn. We are trying something new this year in response to the feedback we have had so please give this event your support. The flyer with all the details will go home soon. It promises to be a great evening.

Next term also includes our famous Father’s Day breakfast, to be held on Tuesday 31 August, our Father’s Day stall, another Special Lunch and a rescheduled walkathon!

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Thanks to everyone who participated in our “Biggest Morning Tea” last month, we raised approximately $140. Special thanks to Kellie Sewell for her help with reviving this event at GIPS!

Have a safe and happy break everyone,
Carolyn Currie - President, Parents Association
Tel: 0438 898904

YARD DUTY VOLUNTEERS
Thank you to all those people who volunteered to help out in Term 3. We still have some vacancies. If you can assist please let me know the dates you are available. I can be contact via email at: sarah.hanger@optusnet.com.au

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GIPS PYJAMA - FREE DRESS DAY
FRIDAY 25 JUNE
GOLD COIN DONATION
in support of the

Royal Flying Doctor Service
The furthest corner. The finest care.

We hope to see lots of flannelette PJs, fluffy slippers and chenille dressing gowns on the teachers as well!

Zoi 4V, Elizabeth 4V, Genevieve 1MC, Alex 1MC, John 1MC, Hunter 1C and Limon 56P all enjoyed chocolate cake and strawberries with Ms Carracher.
Glen Iris Primary School thanks the above sponsors for their support.

INFORMATION BASKET
Copies of this information are available in the basket at the front office:

- Entertainment Books are on sale in the Glen Iris Rd Uniting Church (next to the school) at $65 each.
  Contact Peter Duncan 9885 8219
- Excel Tennis Term 3 Coaching at 332 Burke rd Glen Iris.
  Contact 9533 5375 or 0409 426 917
- Oakleigh Chargers & Richmond FC Holiday Program.
  Contact 9563 0588 or chargers@bigpond.net.au
- Ironing Help - Camberwell/Glen Iris area. Contact Joanne on 0433 811 287

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MOTHERS WANTED
To participate in a Doctorial Research Project exploring Motherhood After 35
The researcher is a mature age mother and psychologist working through Swinburne University of Technology. If you are interested in participating please call Marie on 0438 650 700 and leave a message with your details or email marie.pysch@live.com.au

PRIMARY TO SECONDARY TRANSITION
Starting Secondary School is an important milestone for a young person that comes with a range of emotions and concerns. The key to a successful transition into secondary school is planning, preparation and promoting a positive attitude. To facilitate this process IELLEN will be offering workshops for parents of children starting Year 7 in 2011. The workshops will explore the concerns experienced by many children about to start secondary school and how parents can support their child through this key transition phase.

A flyer with more detail has been sent home with the grade 5 & 6 students today but can also be accessed on the school’s website along with today’s newsletter.

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER
- Primary to Secondary Transition (Gr 5 & 6)
- Kelly Sports (Prep to 4)
- Morning Tea Help (Eldest)

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