Dear Parents,

Parents’ Association
Our Parents’ Association is a vital body in the school. As a sub committee of School Council, the group is involved in fundraising and social events that assist the school to provide the sense of community we all believe is important for the children’s development. In planning for 2012, we have numerous parents who have made the commitment to coordinate key elements of the Parents’ Association calendar. What we are still searching for is someone who is willing to coordinate the group as a whole: liaising with the school and parent helpers. I would never suggest the role of Parents’ Association President is not a big role; however, it is a very important role and one that is also very satisfying. If you have any ideas about filling the President position, please drop in at the Office and tell me about it. Maybe, we have two parents who would be willing to be co-presidents. If you would like to discuss the direction of the Parents’ Association for 2012, I would be very glad to speak with you.

Family Fiesta Picnic
We are all looking forward to catching up with our GIPS families at the Family Fiesta this Friday from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. With activities planned for the children, it should be a chance for a casual get-together with others in our school community prior to Christmas. See you there.

Disco
Yesterday evening, a large number of children enjoyed the 2011 SRC Disco. Two sessions were held: Prep – Grade 2 children from 4:45pm – 5:45 pm and Grades 3 – 6 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. The children had a great time enjoying the music with their school friends. Thanks to Mr. Smith and the SRC for organising the disco and to the large number of staff who attended to assist and supervise.

Congratulations, Sophie!
Throughout the year, you will have read of the great achievements of Sophie O (4K) in both Cross country and Athletic events. Recently, Sophie competed in the State Athletics Carnival in the ten year old 800 metres and 1500 metres events. Sophie was placed second in the 800 metres by the smallest of margins and then went on to win the 1500 metres. Congratulations, Sophie!

State Champion 2011! Here is a photo of Sophie in action!
**Staffing**
We have recently appointed two classroom teachers to Glen Iris for 2012. I am very pleased to say that Miss Nikki Peipert and Miss Kate Wipfli will join our staff in the New Year. Shortly, I will be able to circulate a full list of teachers and their teaching roles for 2012.

**Air Conditioning**
This week, work has commenced to install and update air conditioning in several areas of the school. Cooling will be installed in the new building in each space: ICT, Library and Performing Arts; the General Office; Assistant Principal’s Office and updated cooling in the Grade 4M and 4K classrooms. The air conditioning has been made possible through parent contributions to the Building Fund over several years. Thank you to the many families who make these contributions annually when paying our school levies. The cooling will ensure we continue to offer an effective learning environment to our students in the warmer months.

Yours Sincerely

**Meredith Carracher**

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**Brain Food**

Hello at home,

Just a friendly reminder to pack ‘Brain Food’ in your child’s lunchbox each day. A healthy snack will sustain energy and help children to get through their day.

**TIPS:** Fruit/vegies should be peeled and cut and ready to eat. Make them exciting and easier to eat. Where possible, fruit should be peeled and cut and ready to eat to allow minimum disruption to class.

**Brain Food Times**
Grades Prep - 2: Mid-morning  
Grades 3 - 6: Afternoon

*Tanya Tomic* – Student Well Being Co-ordinator

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**Remembrance Day**

On Friday 11 November the Year 6 students travelled to the Shrine by tram for the Remembrance Day service. This was an important day for all Australians because a lot of families were torn apart during World War I so many people were there for the memorial. Before the service we were given the Poppies that showed our respect for all who died in the war. Tommy (5/6N) and Claudia (5/6B) were chosen to represent Glen Iris Primary School by laying down the wreath. The wreath, kindly donated by Annabel Amos, was able to show how much our school cares for the loved ones lost in the war. The service included welcoming the important people involved with Australia and Remembrance Day, raising the flags, reading out famous poems from war, the one minute silence in which a gun was shot to start and finish the silence. The one minute silence is always on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

After the ceremony we walked through the Shrine to see the Ray of Light that falls upon the commemoration stone once a year for 11 minutes. After the service we were given more poppies that we could write on and then place in the garden of the Shrine, next to the Eternal Flame, to represent the blood lost.

We had lunch in the Botanic Gardens, spent some time there and then headed off through the city for the bonus of the trip. We were able to see the fantastic Myer Christmas Windows that were loved by the Year 6 students. We then headed to Flinders Street train station so that we could catch the train back to GIPS.

We all had a wonderful day.

*By Andrea (5/6N) and Thomas (5/6C)***
**Parents’ Association 2012**

Firstly I would like to thank Ginny Robinson, Kristen Meachem and Anne Mullins for taking on the very important role of Events for 2012. These ladies have done a fabulous job with our Special Lunches this year and I know that the main event and picnic etc will be in very capable hands!

HOWEVER – we are still looking for a President, Vice President and Secretary. Just a reminder that we cannot run Parents’ Association activities without these roles filled. With all other committee roles filled the job of President will be far less onerous than in previous years but we do require someone (preferably with assistance from 1-2 others) to chair meetings and pull the calendar of school activities together!

There is a summary of these roles on the school website - please take the time to read that and consider whether you may have some time to spare to take on this rewarding and very important role! It is without a doubt the quickest way to meet more of our lovely GIPS families and staff and I have thoroughly enjoyed the support and enthusiasm from our community. I am happy to discuss the requirements in more detail at any time – contact details below.

**Family Fiesta Night**

We are looking forward to a great night this Friday, November 25 – please remember no bikes or scooters and a gold coin donation for the face painting. The fun starts at 5pm and concludes at 7:30pm. Parents’ Association will be selling sausages, hamburgers, drinks and icypoles or you may of course byo picnic.

Cheers,
Carolyn Currie
On behalf of – GIPS Parents Assoc
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**GIPS EVENING WORKING BEE 2011**
(this has been re-scheduled)

Monday 5 December 5.30 – 8.00pm

More details about this Working Bee are in the flyer coming home with your children today. Have a look at the jobs on offer and decide how you’d like to help. Please fill in the slip at the bottom of the flyer and return to school by Wednesday 30 November.

**MR. SMITH’S MOVEMBER FUNDRAISER**

You may have noticed Mr. Smith’s appearance has been changing during the month of November. He has been growing his moustache to raise money for Movember - aiming to raise vital funds and awareness for men’s health, specifically prostate cancer and depression in men.

Which one is Mr. Smith?

To support Mr. Smith, visit the website at http://au.movember.com/mospace/ and, once on the website, click on “donations” and type in either Dannel Smith or highvoltagerrockschool

**TODAY’S NOTICES**

- GIPS Evening Working Bee (pink, eldest, reply slip)
- Special Lunch (blue, all)
- Parents’ Assoc’n Job Vacancy (yellow, eldest)
- Graduation DVD order form (yellow, Gr.6 only)
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Copies of this information are available at the office:

• 1st Glen Iris Scouts’ Christmas Market Friday 2 December 6pm - 9pm at the Scout Hall, Ferndale Park, Glen Iris Rd, Glen Iris - Christmas cakes, tree orders, cards & decorations and lots more. $2 adults, $1 child entry fee

• 1st Glen Iris Scout Group - John Gardiner Rover Crew - Farm Fresh Christmas Trees - available Dec 3 - 4, 10 - 11, 17 - 18 from 10am at the Scout Hall, Ferndale Park, Glen Iris Rd. For more information visit igr.trees@gmail.com

• For information on ACER’s Cooperative Scholarship Testing Program ph. 9277 5555 or visit their website www.acer.edu.au

• Hartwell Primary School presents “A Twilight Christmas Market” Thursday 24 November, 6.30pm - 10.00pm, Milverton St, Camberwell. Homewares, jewellery, fashion etc. Entry fee for adults.

• After hours medical care everyday Ph. 9429 5677 or visit the website : homevisitingdoctor.com.au Available in every suburb, Medicare bulk billed

• Indie Market Place - Box Hill Town Hall - Sat & Sun, Dec 3 & 4, 2011, 10am - 3pm - Artists, Makers, Designers & More

• Single Parents / Active Kids Family Fun Day - Sunday 27 November at Alma Park East, 100 Alma Rd, St. Kilda Visit www.singleparentsaactivekids.org

• Shaun Brown’s Cricket Coaching presents Summer Cricket Camp for children aged 5 to 16, Dec 19, 20, 21 at Xavier College. Freecall 1800 351 415 or visit www.cricketcoaching.com.au

• Simone Cleaning Service - Simone Wang, Phone & Fax: (03) 8802 8749, mobile: 0403 128 350 or email: X.M.Wang@hotmail.com

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