From The Principal

The United Nations' (UN) World Teachers' Day annually acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.

In our rapidly changing and interdependent world, teachers not only have to ensure that students acquire solid skills in basic subjects, but also that they become responsible local and global citizens, at ease with new technologies and able to make informed decisions about health, the environment and other challenges.

*Take a stand for teachers!* is the slogan of tomorrow’s World Teachers’ Day, as there can be no quality education without competent and motivated teachers. We expect a lot from our teachers, and they, in turn, are right to expect as much from us. Our teaching staff at Glen Iris PS are passionate, dedicated, caring and committed to the learning of each and every child at this school. This is a perfect opportunity to acknowledge their hard work and determination to offer your child(ren) the best possible learning experience in their primary years of schooling. I acknowledge their exemplary dedication and enthusiasm in their ability to provide an outstanding learning environment for all students at Glen Iris Primary School.

**PRODUCTION**

What an honour it was to be part of the Disney through the Ages production. I have received many emails congratulating staff and students for their spectacular performance and acknowledging the behind scene work that has been going on all year. It was also a great opportunity to meet more families and develop positive relationships with students when helping them to calm those butterflies side stage. A BIG thank you to everyone within our school community for supporting this venture and a particular BIG thank you to staff for their contribution and willingness to dress up as Dwarves.

### October 2012

| Monday 22 | • Level 2 Excursion (Grs. 1W & 2G) - Beep, Honk & Zoom  
|           | • Sex Ed Parent Information Night 7pm - 8.30pm |
| Monday 25 | • Gr. 3 Athletics  
|           | • Level 2 Excursion (Grs. 1J & 2S) - Beep, Honk & Zoom  
|           | • Level 4 - Hooptime Finals |
| Wednesday 26 | • Prep Breakfast  
|              | • Level 2 Excursion (Grs. 1LN & 2T) - Beep, Honk & Zoom |

### November 2012

| Friday 2 | • First Take-Off Session |
| Monday 5 | • Friends of the Library |
| Tuesday 6 | • Melbourne Cup Day Holiday - no students at school |
| Friday 9 | • Second Take-Off Session |
| Friday 16 | • Third Take-Off Session  
|           | • Pizza Special Lunch |
| Wednesday 21 | • Prep 2013 Meet The Teacher Night |
| Friday 23 | • Final Take-Off Session  
|           | • Year 2 Sleepover |
| Friday 30 | • Fiesta |

**PLANNING FOR 2013**

We are currently making plans for 2013. If your family is thinking of leaving GIPS at the end of 2012 please notify the school office ASAP.
We have placed a large canvas in our school foyer and invite Parents to write comments on their thoughts regarding the event. (Textas can be requested from the office).

CURRICULUM DAY
Last Monday teachers worked on discussing the recommendations included in the Strategic Review that the school has been involved in this year. All teachers had the opportunity to discuss and make preliminary plans regarding recommended school goals and key implementation strategies. Our Leadership Team will meet this Friday to compile the planning notes and present back to staff for further consultation. The final document The School Strategic Plan is a concise document that enables everyone in the school community, including students, parents and staff, to know what outcomes the school aims to achieve over the next four years and how it intends to achieve these outcomes.

Staff also reviewed their Anaphylatic Training.
In the afternoon, Ms Melissa Costa and Ms Shelley Morrison facilitated an introduction to AUSVELS-new Australian Curriculum that will be partly released next year. All schools are to work with AUSVELS in 2013 in the area of Numeracy, Literacy, History and Science.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS (RAK)
This week we have introduced an approach that we hope recognises and encourages our students to practice Random Acts of Kindness. Teachers will nominate any behaviour observed that fits this criteria and students will be awarded with a RAK award at assembly. RAK is behaviour where students become Upstanders (take action) in ensuring that they make an effort to help peers feel safe and supported in their school environment. Already we have had three students nominated. At the end of the year all students awarded will be invited to attend sausage sizzle with Ms Floyd and Mrs Macaulay

HOOP TIME
On Tuesday 23 October our two junior Hooptime Teams (one girls, one boys) went to the Hooptime Regional Finals at the Nunawading Basketball Stadium. Though we had mixed results, all students enjoyed a good day of sport.

Carolyn Macaulay

Ed Sub & Community Partnership
Sex Education Australia will present a Parent Information Session for parents of students in Years 5 and 6 this evening Wednesday 24 October, 7.00-8.30pm LAB end of library. There is a cost of $10.00 per family payable at the door. Parents of students from other year levels are welcome to attend. This information session is for parents and caregivers only, no children.

What’s GALAXY?
Our GALAXY Motto is ‘We are all STARS. Together we shine’. Three times each term multi-age groups meet with their ‘GALAXY’ teacher who remains the same over their time at Glen Iris, developing a strong connection with the teacher and the other students in their GALAXY group. It is a popular session where students build teamwork and collaboration skills participating in various learning activities. Ask your child what did she/he do in GALAXY yesterday.

ATTENTION ‘SENIORS’ OF OUR COMMUNITY - LEGO TEAM REQUEST
Lego League Challenge - What is Lego League?
The Lego League is a yearly competition where some schools form a group of six 5/6 students to compete in the Lego league. The team have been using their skills to build and program a robot that will have to face challenges such as picking up the right medicine bottle and fixing a broken chair.
Apart from constructing a robot and undertaking challenges, the team is expected to research an issue and address it in some way. This year the 2012 Lego League Team has been focusing on their topic: Senior Solutions.

A couple of weeks ago the Lego team interviewed a senior person Bruce from the church to ask him questions about his childhood and what is the same and what is different from when he was a kid. One issue he said Seniors faced was that they liked to feel valued and ‘heard’. We listened to his story and are going to be animating it.

We think there are other Seniors in our Community with stories about their childhood who’d like them heard.

Do you have a Senior in your family with a story? Write it or email it to the school address with a photo of them and we will create a book for our school library called ‘Senior Stories: Valuing our elders.’ The deadline is Friday 9th November.

Robyn Floyd

OLD SHOES

The Level 2 students this semester are going to be creating a shoe garden. We need old shoes to fill with soil and plant plants in to create an interesting display around the school. If you have old shoes that you are no longer using please send them to Emma Black in the Science Office (next to the French room) by 9th of November. We need closed toed shoes, please no sandals. Thank you for your help.

GIRLFRIENDS CLUB

Girlfriends Club has listened to many interesting speakers talking about their careers and life choices: Robyn Campbell, Liz Fowler, Trish Burrows, Jenni DeVilla, Anne Mitchell and a Greencross Vet from Ashburton. As a thank you for the time these speakers have spent with us, Girlfriends run a community service and this term we will be raising money for cancer research by making necklaces and bracelets to sell at lunch and snack and after school. The bracelets will be $2 and the necklaces will be $3.50. We’ll let you know when they are for sale.

Christmas Present Drive for Homeless Youth

After Anne Mitchell’s talk we decided we would like to collect Christmas presents for homeless people aged around 15 -18. There will be a box in the office to put the gifts in. Here are some ideas of useful things for homeless people: jumpers, back pack or bag, travel kit, make-up kit (small), hats, beanies , scarves, reading books.

Olivia and Amanda

TODAY’S NOTICES

- Special Lunch (white with paper bags, all)
- Request for Book Covering Helpers (green, eldest, reply slip)
**Adopt-A-Toy-Sale New Date!**

Parents & students, please note that our Adopt-A-Toy Sale has been postponed to **Thursday 15th November 2012**!

This promises to be an exciting event.

Remember to start collecting toys you no longer need/want & wish to sell. Please ensure toys are clean and in good working order. **Toys under 40cms are preferred.**

Thanking you for your support,

The Student Wellbeing Team & Miss Tomic

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**Roaring Forties AFL 9s Football Club is Born**

Made up of over 20 fathers and 2 teachers from Glen Iris Primary School, we have started up 2 teams to compete in the new AFL9s non-contact competition starting at Glenferrie Oval, Hawthorn, 12 November on Monday nights. Run by the AFL it is a 9 a-side modified version of AFL run over the summer. The last few training runs at Ferndale Park have seen over 20 guys relive their younger footy days whilst family/kids watch, play on the playground & enjoy a BBQ.

We are in the process of getting sponsorship from the Bendigo Bank, High St, Ashburton Branch. For every kid’s account opened at this branch, the Bank will donate $5 towards our school. The Glen Iris Roaring Forties will receive funding for any other service used eg. account opened, if you mention the team!

Next season we plan on adding another Men’s team as well as a Mixed or just Women’s team into the competition. Why should the dads have all the fun!

Due to an overwhelming response, we have stopped recruiting this year, however, we will be taking names and numbers from interested players for next year. Text **Matt 0430 230 840**

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**TOURNAMENT OF MINDS 2012**

This year the Tournament of Minds program has been very successful, with all students involved achieving great standards. We were very excited to find out recently that the Foney Phuturistics Tournament of Minds team had won the 2012 Hawker Brownlow Award for Excellence. Hawker Brownlow Education proudly sponsors a prize, a collection of books, which is awarded at the discretion of the individual Regional Directors. This award is given to Primary teams that have displayed outstanding values or qualities during the Regional Tournament. What a fantastic effort by these students representing GIPS.

**Melissa Costa**, TOM Coordinator

Foney Phuturistic Tournament of Minds Team: Sarah, Lachlan, Kobe, Ruby, Monique, Scarlett and Georgia.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

Copies of this information are available at the office:

- **Canine Walkers & Animal Extras** - animal actors agency, dog walking, pet minding, house sitting. Ph.0407 056 610 or visit [www.caninewalkers.info](http://www.caninewalkers.info)

Advertisements are placed according to relevance and interest to the school community and are not a reflection of the school’s interest or beliefs.
Holiday and Festival Asthma Trigger Warning

The upcoming holiday season and festivities planned during Term 4 and throughout the summer holidays may mean that your child is exposed to new triggers for their asthma. It is important for parents and carers, and children themselves, to be aware of changes to their environment and the activities that may impact on their asthma.

Christmas trees, both real and artificial, could be triggers for people with asthma. Artificial trees may be quite dusty after being stored away, while both real and artificial trees may harbour mould. It is important to ensure that artificial trees are cleaned appropriately and that care is taken to select real trees that do not produce wind-borne pollen. All tree and other decorations should be cleaned and free from dust and mould when used at home. Scented candles, room deodorisers and air fresheners may also trigger asthma in those susceptible to perfumes, and care should be taken when purchasing these and other scented items at home.

Lastly, the added pressures of the year drawing to a close can cause stress and anxiety for many people, potentially triggering asthma attacks. It is important to consider ways that the whole family can enjoy the holidays and feel safe, happy and comfortable.

Happy Holidays from The Asthma Foundation of Victoria.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au

One Australian is diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease every hour. In order to raise funds for research into this disease Parkinson’s Victoria is inviting you to the fabulous

TULIP BALL
on Saturday 10 November
in the ballroom at
the historic Regent Theatre
7pm to Midnight
Jacket & Tie/Semi-formal
$150 per ticket

Bookings and information at www.tulipball.org

Auburn South Primary School Fair
A day filled with fun, food and fabulous finds
Sunday 28 October 2012. 10am – 4pm
419 Tooronga Road, Hawthorn East

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- Just a reminder about the up and coming Parents’ Association AGM which will be held on Tuesday 4 December at 9am in the staffroom. If you are keen to join a great group of people and help make a difference in our school community, please feel free to give me a call on 0430 980 418 and I’ll be happy to let you know more.

- Our next social event is the Family Fiesta on Friday 30 November from 5.30pm - 7.00pm on the oval. This will be a BYO picnic with entertainment. More information to come.

- Remember our wonderful Mango Drive, it was very successful last year and proving to be even more so this year. Orders must be in by Friday 26 October and no late orders can be accepted.

Liz Fowler, President
mob 0430 980 418