Dear Parents,

I hope all our families enjoyed “GIPS Sings The Hits” on Friday evening as much as I did. The children performed magnificently to an appreciative audience. It was a night of bright and happy Show tunes presented by an excited and enthusiastic cast.

Many thanks to:
- Our Concert Committee: of Susie Walton, Shanae Hill, Natasha Williams, Claire Murray, Anna Risbey, Amy Kopcieiwcz and Megan Neal.
- Dance Teacher extraordinaire, Kate Stanford, who had done a sterling job preparing the children.
- Our “Wardrobe” Team comprising Natasha Williams, Silvia Williams, Penny Ashby, Megan Bennett, Liz Cox, Lucy D’Amico, Anne Hayes, Jennifer Luke, Carina Martin, Janet O’Meara and Karen Paton who did a marvellous job to outfit all the performers.
- Liz Devenish in the school Office whose invaluable support was pivotal in the excellent organisation required to bring such an event together.

Thank you all so much for your efforts.

GIPS Building Project

I was delighted to hear last week that our building project will finally get underway early next week. This does mean some organisation and arrangements need to be put in place this week in preparation for handing over the site to the construction company. Families will have received a notice last week about this Saturday’s Working Bee. Please also look for the flyer with today’s newsletter outlining some changes to access and parking arrangements at the school. I understand some of the necessary arrangements may cause some inconvenience, however, I hope the long term gain from the project will make the short term nuisance worthwhile. Plans and artist impressions of our project will be on display in the foyer shortly.

Tournament of Minds

This Saturday, 28 August, 21 students from Level 4 will compete in the Tournament of Minds competition at Deakin University. Tournament of Minds is a creative thinking and problem solving competition for primary and secondary students across Australasia. The children have been preparing for the concert for almost a term as part of the Enrichment Program and will tackle problems in one of three categories: Maths/Engineering, Language/Literature or Applied Technology. The children work in teams of 7 students to respond to both spontaneous and long term problems. Level 4 teachers, Emily Burgess and Rachel Pitson, have led the students in this program. I wish the Tournament of Minds Team all the best for their competition on Saturday.

School Visits In Western Australia

In 2009, I was fortunate to participate in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s Program for High Performing Principals. This program sponsored me to visit schools in the United States with a research focus on Building Community Partnerships. As my involvement in this program is over a two year period, this year I will visit schools in remote areas of Western Australia. On Thursday, 9 September, I will fly to the Pilbara region of Western Australia. During my visit I will be visiting remote schools in indigenous communities as well as schools in larger centres financed by the mining industry. I am looking forward to seeing the similarities and differences between these communities and our own. I wonder if the fundamental concerns of these communities are, in fact, quite similar despite the challenges faced. Throughout the trip, I will be logging my experiences on a blog which may be available on the school website.
The Social Event
Our Parents’ Association have worked hard to arrange a great social night for parents at “Canvas” on Saturday, 9 October. Evenings such as this help to build our sense of community at Glen Iris. Whilst October may seem a long way off in mid August, for such an occasion to succeed, we need people to book to attend NOW. The agreement made with the venue means we need to guarantee a particular number of attendees very soon. It would be a shame if the night had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. Come along and have a great night!

Fathers’ Day Breakfast
I look forward to seeing many of our Dads and special friends at school early next Tuesday morning, 31 August, to celebrate Fathers’ Day at our annual Fathers’ Day Breakfast. I know how much the children look forward to this special day with dad….. or is it that they get pancakes and ice cream for breakfast?

SRC INITIATIVE: TARGET TWO HUNDRED
Let others take a turn of walking in your shoes!
The SRC is collecting used and rewearable shoes for ‘In Your Shoes’. This is a recycling collection program which aims to divert reusable shoes from landfill while at the same time distributing them to disadvantaged individuals and communities. The aim of the In Your Shoes program is to enable students to learn about both sustainability issues and social responsibility.

Remember: Shoes need to be clean and wearable. Please put them in the collection box in the meeting room.
Collection date is 13 September when we will count to see if we have reached:

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Please think about driving and parking safety to set us a good example. - Oliver & Yianni SRC

FOUND AT THE BESEN CENTRE AFTER THE CONCERTS:
• Child’s green patterned jacket
• Pair of glasses
Please contact the office. (You’ll find us under the mountain of shoes.)
**MOVING BEE - THIS SATURDAY 28/08/2010**

Can you help move Grade 4V into the Library in preparation for the construction of our new building and move the library contents into the infill areas? We are starting at 9.00am. If you can spare an hour or two on Saturday please RSVP to Barbara McKinnon at: barbara.mckinnon@bigpond.com with your availability so that we can complete the job as smoothly and quickly as possible. Looking forward to seeing you there, Barbara McKinnon

**ART NEWS**

On Tuesday 31 August, Richard Galbraith will be conducting a cartooning workshop in the normal art time for grade 5 and 6 students. The cost will be covered by the Art budget. Students have been looking at caricatures and designing their own cartoon character. I’m sure they will enjoy this workshop.

Students will also have an opportunity to purchase some of Richard’s cartooning books, junior primary readers and fun books. The costs are as follows: $12.00 per book or 4 books for $20.00.

All students in the school will be able to purchase these books. They will be on display in the Art room, please drop in and have a look.

Marg Sargeant.
Visual Arts teacher.

**PARENTS' ASSOC'N NEWS**

**GIPS SINGS THE HITS**
What a fantastic night – congratulations to all our talented GIPS students! I’m sure all parents join me in saying a big “Thank You” to our wonderful staff (led by Susie Walton) for all their work in putting the evening together.

**FATHERS’ DAY STALL**
Don’t forget – Fathers’ Day stall is THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 27. Don’t forget your plastic bag and pocket money!

**FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST**
We look forward to seeing all the dads and special friends join us for a delicious pancake or muffin breakfast next Tuesday 31 August. (Please note that no late orders can be accepted and that parking restrictions apply around the school.) Thank you to the band of dedicated mums that make this happen every year.

**CANVAS**
Please purchase tickets before 30 August. Numbers are still creeping up but I would urge people considering buying a ticket to do so before 30 August. It would be great to see the school community get behind this event – think of it as a class dinner on a wider scale! A reminder that $20 from each ticket goes back to school. Bookings can be made via the school website at: www.gips.vic.edu.au

**CLASSROOM CUISINE – DIARY NOTE**
MONDAY AUGUST 30, 2010 is the next day for orders at GIPS.

Kind regards
Carolyn Currie - President Tel: 0438 898904 Email: carolyncurrie@optusnet.com.au

**YARD DUTY**
Thank you to everyone who volunteered in Term 3, 2010. A notice is being sent home with the newsletter today for Term 4, 2010. 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.
Sarah Hanger (9889 3243)

**BOOKCLUB**
Please note that orders have been distributed this week. Once again thank you to Viv Cameron, Trudi Vasta and the select group of helpers for organising this.
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VICTORIAN PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

There are less than 5 days to add books to the Reading Challenge website. Together we have already read 3797 books!

- 30 August - Reading Challenge ends. No data can be entered after this date.
- 31 October - The Age honour roll appears in the Sunday Age
- October/November - Certificates issued to students

TEAPOT MORNING TEA AUGUST HONOUR ROLL:

William M - 1M
Carli - 1MC
Matthew L - 2T
James F - 56B
Thomas G - 56E
Georgia - P 3R
Gabrielle S - 56E
Charlotte H - 1C

INFORMATION BASKET

Copies of this information are available at the office:
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- Anxiety Disorders Association Information Session Wednesday 25 August 8pm Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre $10 - Bookings essential 9853 8089
- Ashburton Junior Soccer Club Free Soccer Fiesta Saturday 14 September Markham Victory Reserve Ashburton 4-5pm BBQ to follow
- Wattle Day Family Fun Sunday 12 September 11am - 3pm @ Wattle Park run by Parks Victoria.
- Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club Juniors U10, U12, Boys & Girls Registrations close Sunday 5 September www.cmccjuniors.com.au
- Camberwell Malvern Little Athletics Come and Try Day Saturday 2 October 9-11am Kooyong Park www.cmlac.com.au
- Solway Basketball Club Registration Day Sunday 15 August 12noon - 1pm @ Solway Primary School contact Trish Melgaard desw@jimsmoving.net
- Pilates Classes @ Glen Iris Rd Uniting Church Tuesday 9.30-10.30am & Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm Call Jenny on 0410 404 419
- Glen Iris Cricket Club Junior Registration Day Saturday 4 September 9-11.30am Dorothy Laver Reserve Contact Sue Morris (Junior Secretary) at suemorris68@bigpond.com
- Glen Iris District Basketball Club summer registrations now open. Contact Kate at glenirisdistrict@gmail.com

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- Access & Parking Arrangements (white) eldest

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