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Enrolment 2011
Local families intending to enrol children for Preps or other grade levels at Glen Iris Primary School in 2011 are encouraged to make these arrangements as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available from the Office or website. If you wish to discuss your child’s enrolment for 2011, you are welcome to contact the Office to make an appointment.

Parking and Traffic Flow
![Image of traffic]

This is the third newsletter in a row in which I have felt it necessary to stress to our community the importance of responsible and cooperative driving and parking near our school. With today’s newsletter, I have included a letter to parents outlining what we ask of families dropping off and collecting children from Glen Iris Primary School. Please take the time to read it and consider your own actions. Our community is made up of busy people and if we take the view that “I’ll only be a minute” we have a chaotic situation that is dangerous for the children.

Yours Sincerely

FROM THE EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE
Dear Parents,
At GIPS, we value parent participation in school programs and student learning. To support this, we run a number of Parent Information Sessions and Family Evenings throughout the school year. In the past, these sessions have included Prep and Transition Evenings, Camping Information Sessions and areas such as Student Welfare and ICT.
To help in planning future sessions, we would like to invite the parent community to provide feedback in areas such as the value of sessions, possible areas for improvement and attendance. Please visit the school website at www.gips.vic.edu.au and follow the link to the online ‘GIPS Parent Survey 2010’ before Monday 7 June. This survey should take no more than two to three minutes to complete. If you have any trouble accessing this online survey and would like to provide feedback, please see the office for a hard copy of the survey. All feedback is welcome.

Thank you,
Meagan Cofield (on behalf of the Education Sub-committee)

NEWS AND A REQUEST FROM THE LIBRARY
Soon the builders will be starting work on our lovely new library. To facilitate this the library stock will need to be relocated. I am looking for volunteers who could help me of a Monday or Wednesday morning to sort and sift some stock - including modifying computer catalogue records on the database.
Please leave your name at the office or just turn up on Monday or Wednesday morning.
Thank you in anticipation,
Kay Borrow

FRENCH DAY
Friday 28 May
A reminder that French Day is on Friday 28 May. Don’t forget that it is an opportunity to dress up in a French themed costume. The children will also enjoy a French theatre show and savour the mouth watering delights of the French Special Lunch. Miam! Miam! Vive la France!
Madame Michelle Payne
Hi everyone,

We still have tickets available for the “Sex and the City 2” Movie Fundraiser night. Village have informed us that we don’t have the numbers to fill a cinema and will need to revert to a group booking at a more traditional session time to suit their programming. We have been given until this Friday for absolute final numbers, so, if you are thinking about attending, ring the School Office or drop in a form ASAP. It will be a fun-filled evening.

Thank you very much to the 16 people who have volunteered their time for the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 6 June. This is a great opportunity to source fundraising monies from outside the school community and we’d love a few more volunteers. At the moment some parents are working 2 or 3 shifts to cover all timeslots.

The sale of Heatbags raised $1,340 from the Heatbags Fundraiser. Thank you to all those who participated – the feedback on the product has been fantastic!

Thank you,
Carolyn Currie, President, Parents’ Association
Email: carolyncurrie@optusnet.com.au
Mobile: 0438 898 904

WORKING BEE - BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENT

REMINDER: Mini Working Bee this Saturday 29 May from 2.00pm

After the planting out of our new landscaping by the students last week, there’s just a few remaining tasks which need finishing off. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Barbara McKinnon

STUDENT BANKING

- Please note the change in the arrangements for Student Banking. Processing will occur on Tuesday mornings so students will need to bring their deposit books to school on Mondays from now on.
- Thank you to Anna Tomlinson for volunteering to be our new Student Banking Coordinator.

SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM (SDP)
The Craig Community Health Centre (CHCC) Dental Clinic offers dental examinations and treatment to all PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN (Prep - Yr 6)

The service is FREE to Pension & Health Care Card Holders for general dental care including check ups, dental sealants and fillings.

For Non Card Holders: A fee of $28.00 per child applies which covers all general dental care including check ups, dental sealants and fillings.

If your child has visited the Craig Community Health Centre, Dental Clinic:
Parents/guardians of children already enrolled in the ECOHP will receive a letter when their child is next due for an appointment offering them the opportunity to make an appointment for their child.

If you are unsure whether your child is already enrolled with the ECHOP or have changed address in the past 2 years please call 9885 6822 to see when your child’s next check-up is due.

Your child has never visited the Craig Dental Clinic:
Interested parents/guardians must contact the Reception Team at Craig Community Health Service, Dental Clinic to enrol their child & arrange an appointment on 9885 6822.

Your nearest Dental Clinic is located at:
Craig Community Health Centre
7 Samarinda Avenue
Ashburton 3147
Phone: 9885 6822

Once your child is enrolled with the service, they will be offered individual recalls every one or two years. These will be sent to your home address so please be sure to let us know if your address changes.

ORAL HEALTH IS BETTER HEALTH

EAT WELL - DRINK WELL - CLEAN WELL
DENTAL VISITS - HEALTHY HABITS
PLAY SAFELY

Oral Health Guideline for Victorians
WEBSITE & FOOTY TIPPING
- School families participating in the Footy Tipping competition are encouraged to go to the Footy Tipping login page via the GIPS website (left hand column) as this will add to our hit count.
- Also, if the GIPS home page is set as the home page on your computer, you will add to our hit count every time you turn your computer on!

THANK YOU
The Royal Children’s Hospital thanks GIPS for our wonderful contribution of $504.10 to the 2010 Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

MISSING
- Tupperware container with a blue lid from the School Open Day last Wednesday. This item was named. If it was mistakenly brought home to your place, please bring to the School Office.
- Grade 5/6 jacket belonging to Ciara O’Sullivan, 5/6B. This jacket has Ciara’s name in it.

EMPLOYMENT
Ashburton Meats is looking for a cashier to work Mon, Thurs, Fri & Sat 9am - 3pm.
Contact Paul 9885 8118

BABYSITTING
My name is Lily Hartley. I attend Melbourne Girls’ College. I am a Yr.10 student and I’m looking for a babysitting job. I live in Glen Iris, close to Glen Iris Primary and I have experience. I am great with kids and a really good person. Ph.0409 370 096

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER
- Car Parking at Glen Iris Primary School (eldest, cream)
- Swimming Questionnaire (Prep - Gr.2, white)
- House Athletics Carnival 2010 (Grs.3 - 6, white)

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| Term 1 | 1 February to 26 March |
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