From The Principal

Dear Parents,

I am sure we all agree that participation in a variety of recreational and leisure interests is an important contributor to children’s well rounded development. I am constantly amazed by the range of interests and activities that children from Glen Iris Primary School undertake. The local community is well resourced with numerous sporting clubs across a myriad of sports. As a school, we support all these groups and encourage children’s involvement in activities that assist them to develop skills, keep fit, make friends and, most of all, have fun. Naturally, with the huge variety of groups available, it is up to parents to determine which club best meets the needs of their family. Lately, GIPS has supported the establishment of the Glen Iris Basketball Club just as we would any other not for profit community group. However, it is important that parents realise the club is not sponsored or run by the school, but is a completely separate entity. Other established local basketball teams include Ashwood Wolves, Malvern Tigers, Solway and Camberwell South. I advise families to consider the available options and choose the group that best meets their needs.

Building Project

Our school’s building project as part of the “Building Schools for the 21st Century” Economic Stimulus Package continues to be refined and developed. Delays have been experienced in the national administration of the program. Information will be provided as progress is made.

Fathers’ Day

I know children and dads are looking forward to the Fathers’ Day Stall and Breakfast next week. The stall will be held on Wednesday 2 September and the Breakfast on Thursday 3 September. Thanks to the Parents’ Association for their organisation of both events. If last year is anything to go by, the dads are in for a real treat! Happy Fathers’ Day to all our dads!

Father’s Role

Lately, there have been a number of media articles about the work of Dr. Bruce Robinson and his work on “Fathering In the Fast Lane”. I heard Bruce speak at a recent principal’s forum and was most impressed by his cutting edge common sense and the impact of fathers on children’s success at school. Bruce’s work is available at www.brucerobinson.com.au

Teapot Morning Tea

On Pyjama Day the following children enjoyed a relaxed Morning Tea with Mrs Floyd:

| Jessica 2M     | Gal 2CG     |
| Yianni 4B     | Andy 4B     |
| Josephine 4D  | Bennett 1C  |
| Anastasia 4B  |

Parent Opinion Surveys

This week, some families were sent a Parent Opinion survey as part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development research processes. This survey is conducted annually with a random sample of school families and is used to reflect on our school’s achievements. Results of the survey will be included in the “Annual Report to the School
Community - 2009”. I encourage any family that received a survey to complete it and return it to school by this Friday 28 August.

Congratulations to:
• All our Level 2 (Grades 1 and 2) classes on the birth of a large flock of chickens. The children were very excited by these recent arrivals and did a great job of caring for their brood.
• The “Glen Iris Guns” Netball team that won the local Saturday morning premiership recently. Most of the players are Grade 6 girls from GIPS and the coaches are Glen Iris PS past students. Well done, girls!
• Claudia P from 5/6TD. Claudia recently appeared in the cast of the Camberwell Scouts and Guides Showtime Production at Camberwell Civic Centre. The cast had obviously worked very hard to prepare a wonderful show.

Yours Sincerely

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
You may see some new faces while you are visiting our school. Glen Iris is often asked to host specialised programs and on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 September we have three experienced teachers who, as part of the Returning to Schools Program, will be visiting classrooms, observing teaching practices, our use of ICT and discussing curriculum. Rhedyn M is undertaking a two week placement from Homesglen TAFE as a teacher assistant and is enthusiastically working with different groups of students across the school.

The Library is now opening for the second half of lunchtime for those students who would like to use the facilities. Quiet activities are available in the library and have been very popular.

The Girlfriends! Lunchtime Program is about to conclude and the mosaic that the group has designed for the school is fantastic. We will have an official unveiling at an assembly in the near future! The GIPS BLITZ Program will begin on Thursday for students in years 4 and 5.

The response to our ANAPHYLAXIS Launch has been fantastic. Parents who would like to download the 4 minute video to their 3G mobile phone can text TRIGGER to 19951515 (Red Cross will charge $3.00 plus SMS charge).

Robyn Floyd

BUDDY BEAR
The Wellbeing Team has been putting ‘Buddy Bear’ cut outs out at recess and lunchtime, in the playground. Children feeling lonely can sit next to Buddy Bear. Other children, who notice them, can ask if they want to play with them. These Buddy Bears are placed in different areas of the school.

Wellbeing Team.

SUDANESE WOMEN’S SEWING GROUP
A group of Sudanese women, who are refugees to Australia and living in the area, have formed a sewing group. Due to the lack of money, they cannot purchase suitable materials. If possible, could families please donate any spare sewing materials or equipment to this group by bringing it in to Ms Floyd. She will pass it straight on to this group.

Wellbeing Team.

MASTERCHEF
This term, level 4 (grade 5/6) have been studying Asian countries and their cultures. As part of this Integrated Studies topic, each 5/6 class has been participating in a Master Chef Challenge. During this, students have researched a particular Asian country and taken a few major ingredients/ cooking styles that that country uses. Each group of four students then invent a dish, inspired by that country. In the next few weeks, the small groups will get a turn to cook their dish in their staffroom. Once the dishes have been cooked, they will be served to their classmates for a ‘taste-test’. Chop, chop!

Tayla, Maddie C, Glenn and John Y.

42nd OXFAM MUSIC SCHOOLS FESTIVAL 2009
The Glen Iris School Choir has been invited to perform with other schools at the 42nd Oxfam Music Festival for Schools at Beaumont Hall, Blackburn High School (Melway 47 K7). Our choir will be performing on the evening of Thursday 3 September. We will be singing “Make Your Own Kind of Music”, “All the Way” and “It’s a Small World” with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Vivienne Siadis. All choristers have worked very hard to learn and polish these songs.

Proceeds from the 42nd Oxfam Music Festival will assist vital Oxfam Projects to help:
• “Close the Gap” - Health programs for Indigenous Australian Families
• Malnutrition in East Timor
• Oxfam Emergency Appeal

Margaret Gleadall, Music Teacher

STUDENT BANKING
Families please note that the last day for Student Banking for Term 3 is Tuesday 8 September.
THANK YOU
The Collaris family thanks the Glen Iris Primary School Community for all of the messages of condolence sent regarding the loss of their father, Nick.

HATS & WALK TO SCHOOL
- On Tuesday 1 September we would like our school families to walk to school. Set the alarm earlier and you should be able to leave the car at home and enjoy the first day of Spring.
- Also, as we are a Sunsmart school, hats must be worn from Tuesday 1 September.

LOST
- Tupperware lunch box, colour aqua. Belongs to James S 3LS

FOR THE RECORD
Several weeks ago we reported that Tommy (4D) was placed 20th out of 119 competitors at the regional level in the Primary School Cross Country Championships. This achievement was actually at the State Level, so apologies for the mistake and well done Tommy!

THANK YOU
The Collaris family thanks the Glen Iris Primary School Community for all of the messages of condolence sent regarding the loss of their father, Nick.

Fathers’ Day Breakfast
Just a reminder that our fabulous Fathers’ Day Breakfast will be held on Thursday 3 September from 7.30am-8.45am. This is an opportunity for the children at GIPS to bring Dad or a special friend along to school for a special breakfast to celebrate Fathers’ Day. Many thanks to Tracey Seignon, Sarah Sherson and Amanda Doan for making this occasion possible for us.

Fathers’ Day Stall
Our Fathers’ Day Stall will be held on Wednesday 2 September and we know the children are all very much looking forward to this. Please ask your children to bring along a bag to take home their special gifts. A note has been sent home with all of the details. Thank you Tracey Frater and her team for all of the work that goes into making the stall a big success.

Family Life
Family Life will conduct a Sexuality Education Program on Wednesday 9 September. Please read the flyer with today’s newsletter and remember to return your booking slip with cash or a cheque payable to Family Life to the School Office by Wednesday 2 September.

Parents’ Association 2010
Once again it is time for us to start thinking about our committee for next year with our AGM being held in November. This year we restructured the roles on our committee to make them easier, and are in the process of refining the model to make it even better. I will be stepping down from my role at the AGM and we are looking for an enthusiastic person to fill the President’s shoes. Joining the committee is a great way to meet people from other year levels and to help our school continue to be the great place that it is. Please give me a call if you have any questions as I would be more than happy to have a chat with you.

Liz Fowler, GIPS Parents’ Association
efowler@bigpond.net.au Ph. 0425 704 874

Yard Duty
Thank you to everyone who volunteered in Term 3. A notice is being sent home with the newsletter today for Term 4, 2009. 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
On behalf of the Parents’ Association
INFORMATION BASKET
Copies of this information are available in the basket at the front office:

- City of Boroondara offers families the opportunity to participate in the GreenHouse Project through Sustainability Victoria. Limited to first 1000 families who apply - for more information ph.1300 174 101 or go to resourcesmart.vic.gov.au/go
- Tennis Coaching at All Saints Tennis Club, East Malvern. Ph.0422 566 809
- Excel Tennis Coaching Program Ph.0409 426 917
- Toolbox Parenting Course covering the middle years: age 6 - 12, beginning Oct 7. For more information visit www.parentsinc.org.au
- “Peter Pan; Or the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up” presented by Scotch College & PLC at Scotch College 27 - 29 Aug. Ph.9810 4128
- Glen Iris Cricket Club Junior Registration Day - Sat 5 Sept 9.30am - 12pm at Eric Raven Reserve. For enquiries contact Alan ars@bigpond.com
- Support the work of Breast Cancer Network of Australia through buying a bust decorated by a top celebrity or artist at Canterbury Girls’ Secondary College on Sept 4 & 5 Ph.9836 2694 or email girlsbustout@cgsc.vic.edu.au

- CSIRO’s Double Holiday Science Activities at Kew Ph.9252 6482 or visit www.csiro.au/events/
- Film Fundraiser for East Timor “Balibo” Sept 11 Westgarth Cinema Ph. 0416 277 591
- Ashwood Netball Club - looking for players for the Spring Competition. Ph.Tania 0402 825 495
- Camberwell High School presents the 2009 A.V.G. James Lecture - “One fine day - how Australians can restore their natural environment, tackle climate change and feel better” Weds 2 Sept 7.30pm. RSVP 9836 0355
- May Armstrong Child Care Centre - Children’s Market Sunday 30 August 9am - 1pm Phoenix Park Rob Roy Rd, East Malvern
- “Building Bridges with Migrant Families in Boroondara and beyond” - buddy families are being sought to join a structured program. Phone the Salvation Army Camberwell on 9889 2468

NOTE: Advertisements are placed according to relevance and interest to the school community and are not a reflection of the school’s interest or beliefs.

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER
- Family Life Sexuality Education Program - Information and Booking Form (mauve, eldest)
- Term 4 Yard Duty Help Request (cream, eldest)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2009 TERM DATES</th>
<th>2010 TERM DATES</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Term 1</strong></td>
<td><strong>Term 1</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 February</td>
<td>1 February</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>to 3 April</td>
<td>to 26 March</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Term 2</strong></td>
<td><strong>Term 2</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 April</td>
<td>12 April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>to 26 June</td>
<td>to 25 June</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Term 3</strong></td>
<td><strong>Term 3</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13 July</td>
<td>12 July</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>to 18 September</td>
<td>to 17 September</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Term 4</strong></td>
<td><strong>Term 4</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 October</td>
<td>4 October</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>to 18 December</td>
<td>to 17 December</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>