Dear Parents,

When Term 4 arrives, we all know the "silly season" is not far away. School and family life becomes very busy and, already, I can tell that 2011 is no different to previous years. I advise families to keep a close eye on the school calendar on the website and notices coming home so that you don't miss any of the fun in the weeks ahead.

Art Auction
A huge congratulations to our Parents' Association, most ably led by Carolyn Currie, President, and Rachel Pinchbeck, Vice President, on the wonderful evening of the Art Auction on 15 October. It was an occasion that showcased the fabulous work children do in the art program and our new facilities. It was gratifying to see so many of our families supporting the event. Funds from the evening will benefit all the children with improved playground equipment. An enormous amount of work went into the organisation for the evening: producing the artwork, displaying a piece of work from every child, setting up the space, catering, raffle prizes to name a few. I would sincerely like to thank Carolyn and Rachel for their efforts, Penny Ashby for coordinating the catering and Justine Moore for organizing the drinks. Thank you to all of the other parents who assisted with the organization and running of the evening and to our team of auctioneers from Thomson Real Estate. Special mention also must go to our Art Team, Marg Sargeant and Suzi Bamford, for guiding and facilitating the children's artworks. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the commitment by the large number of staff who attended the auction, helping with catering and staffing the bar. They seemed very comfortable in these roles.

Completion of Building Program
After what seems an eternity, our building program is almost completed with the site due to be handed over to the school in the next couple of weeks. This project first emerged early in 2009 when schools had only six weeks to design their projects. I am absolutely delighted with the outcome for our school. Our new facilities, inside and out, will provide an even richer environment for learning and play for the children. The spaces are flexible for a multitude of purposes and make maximum use of the area available.

The building works currently being completed are the three classrooms in the area that was previously the library. The rooms are linked by moveable walls that can be open, closed or half and half. Given the late stage of the year, our intention is not to move classes into the new classrooms until school commences for 2012. Our grades are well settled now and 4GS has had two "moves" already. This will also enable us to fully prepare furniture and resources for classes allocated to these rooms next week.
year. The staff are currently working through a process to determine which classes will be placed in the new rooms and a decision will be reached by mid November. Once the rooms are ready, the community will be invited to visit the space.

Finally, the outdoor, landscaped area between the new library and classrooms stretching down to the Gladstone Road boundary will soon be complete with raised vegetable gardens, potting benches, garden shed, chook shed, sand pit, shade sails, seating and refurbished Level 3 play equipment. The area does contain a large area of paved surface which we hope to soften with planting in new garden beds. Paved areas will soon be marked with courts for ball games and hopscotch.

All building projects create inconvenience to students, parents and staff. I would like to thank everyone for the positive way they have managed these inconveniences, especially our children who have been fantastic and very innovative in finding ways to play happily within the confines of the playground.

One aspect of our building project that has helped enormously has been the professional and flexible team from Edmanson Constructions who have worked in the school on a daily basis for approximately 15 months. I cannot praise them highly enough for the good natured and helpful way they have led us through the project. Thank you so much Greg and Tony. We will miss you when you are finished.

Cupcake Stall
We have some very ingenious students at Glen Iris. Throughout 2011, a group of students who learn piano have been fundraising for a new instrument. Last Friday, they organised a cupcake stall with the families of our 40 piano students baking the produce. Regular and gluten free varieties were provided. At the end of the day, more than $600 had been raised towards the new piano. The rest of the school community did their bit by eating all those cupcakes! The inspiration behind the fundraising drive for the piano largely comes from Emily T, and Jacqui W, students from Gr.5/6C. Emily has come up with a range of fundraising ideas that have been followed up by other groups across the school. Emily and her dad, Mark, have even written a grant submission for funding towards the piano. The total raised towards the piano at this stage stands at $1538.25. The cost of the new piano will be approximately $3,500.00. That's true initiative! Well done Emily! You are a great role model to us all. If you want something, do something about it.

Family Fiesta
Just a reminder to keep Friday 25 November free to attend the school's Family Fiesta. Those who attended last year will remember what an enjoyable, relaxed way this was to catch up with and / or farewell classmates and friends for 2011. See the Parents' Association article for all the details.

Planning for 2012
Shortly, teachers will begin the lengthy process of developing well-balanced classes for optimal learning in 2012. Input from class teachers, parents and children are taken into account in conjunction with learning, social and personality considerations.

Parents with particular information they would like to be considered during this process may put their request in writing to the Principal no later than Friday 4 November. Requests may relate to social, family or learning matters. Requests relating to individual teachers will not be considered. If you would like to discuss your request, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with Robyn Floyd or me by Friday 4 November, to ensure your request can be considered in the timeframe for the class placement process. By following this process, we are best able to meet your request. In the event that we are unable to meet any requests, parents will be contacted prior to classes being announced. It is most likely that late requests will not be able to be met.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher

School Soiree
On Wednesday 7 December we will be holding our second Soiree for the year. It is open to students who play an instrument through the school and those in the school choir. If your child is ready to perform on the night, you will need to go to the school website and print the notice titled ‘Term 4 Soiree’ or call in to the School Office for a notice. This notice must be filled out and returned to me by Wednesday 23 November, at the very latest.

Forms submitted after this date will not be accepted.

Kate Van der Jagt (Performing Arts Coordinator)
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

School policies are regularly reviewed and updated. The following policies have just been ratified by the School Council and are available at the Office for interested parents.

- Science
- Physical Education
- Health
- LOTE
- Kids - “Go for Your Life”

All teachers in the school are part of a Curriculum Team. Our ICT team meets regularly to plan a whole school approach to the use of technology as a tool for learning. It is exciting to see the creative ways that technology enhances learning and engages our students. On 17th November parents will be invited to a Technology Expo Workshop where students from each level will explain how we use technology. The Parents Association will provide morning tea while I will be briefly explaining how ICT supports literacy and numeracy in our school.

Please join us to discover how animation is used as part of the Literacy program in Grade 2, be amazed as Year 1 students create their own iBooks using iPads and surprised at the number of ways storyphones are used in numeracy and writing in Preps. This workshop is organised by our Student Action ICT Leaders and a question and answer session will follow. A notice for this morning with a return slip will be sent home today, please return this to school by Tuesday 15 November.

Robyn Floyd, Assistant Principal

NEWS FROM PHYS ED

Divisional Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 13 October, 20 students from Glen Iris Primary represented the Glen Iris District at the Divisional Athletics Carnival at Doncaster Athletics Track. This is a huge increase from last year where four students represented our school. All students did a great job in their events, and a special mention to Sophie O’Sullivan who qualified for the Regional Athletics Carnival in her 800m and 1500m events, and Tom Polkinghorne who has qualified in his discus event.

Mr Cavell would like to thank all the parents who assisted with driving and supervision on the day (Sonia O’Sullivan, Barbara Niglio, Emma Plowright, Tim Taylor, Kerrie Soden and Kate Vrsecky).

Regional Athletics

We’ve had some terrific results in the Regional Athletics Carnival with Sophie O (Gr.4K) winning the 800m and finishing 2nd in the 1500m. Tom P (Gr.5/6B) finished 5th in the Discus Throw. Congratulations Sophie and Tom. Sophie is going on to run in the 800m and 1500m at the State Championships on 5 November.

District Cricket Final

Congratulations to the Cricket A team who won the District cricket Final against Ashburton Primary School at Nettleton Reserve last Thursday. It was a very competitive match and we would like to thank Michael Polkinghorne and Gabby Kennedy for their help on the day.

Andrew Cavell
**Art Auction**

Thank you to all the people who have given such positive and enthusiastic feedback on the Art Auction. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and we are thrilled that the evening was such a success. Could I just reiterate my thanks to Penny Ashby, Justine Moore and Rachel Pinchbeck for all their assistance with organizing the evening, Peter Holmes for such a terrific job on the artwork and to Libby Talbot and Trudy Vasta for collecting all the hamper donations. Thanks also to all those who helped Penny prepare food on Saturday afternoon and to Ginny Robinson for organizing our liquor licence.

Finally to Ryan Currie, Will Glowrey and Fraser Cahill from Thomson Real Estate who did a brilliant job as auctioneers and to our wonderful teachers and office staff for their enthusiasm and unfailing assistance with whatever was needed.

We are still finalizing our profit for the evening but it looks to be just under **$13,000**. A great result everybody!

**Wine Sale!**

We have a limited quantity of wine left over from the night – why not stock up for the silly season? $10 a bottle for Evans and Tate Shiraz and Sav Blanc, McWilliams Chardonnay and Locum (Marg River) Pinot Noir. Please let me know if you would like to reserve a bottle, otherwise be at the office this Friday at 3pm to scoop up what’s left!

**GIPS Mango Drive**

Just a reminder that orders and payments are to be returned to the School Office by this Friday 28 October. DON’T MISS OUT. NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

**2011 Committee**

Just a reminder that our AGM will be held on Tuesday 9 November. Please consider joining forces with a friend and taking on one of the many roles that are available. Nomination forms are available on the website, please return to the office Monday 8 November. We hope to see many familiar and new faces!

**A date for the diary – Family Fiesta Night – Friday, November 25.**

Please join us for a picnic on the oval from 5pm onwards – all welcome. Parents Assoc will be holding a BBQ for those interested and we will have activities for the younger children. We hope this will be a good chance for the whole school community to get together and celebrate another terrific year at GIPS.

Regards,

Carolyn Currie, President - Parents’ Association
Ph: 0438 898 904
Email: carolyncurrie@optus.net.com.au

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**Teapot Morning Tea**

The following students attended a Teapot Morning Tea with Robyn Floyd last Friday: Lily (4M), Spencer (Prep W), Gabriel (Prep H), Ben (4M), Liam (4K), Amy (Prep W), Ben (4GS), Charlie(1M), Jackson (1M), Carley (4M), Daniel (4GS) and Angus (3J).
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
Copies of this information are available at the office:

- House sitting & pet minding - this service is being offered by a full-time primary school teacher in Camberwell. Non-smoker, can provide a police check and references. Call Alicia on 0407 829 481 if interested.
- Glen Iris Cricket Club still has places available for all junior cricketers across all age groups, in particular Milo and U10s. For more information contact Sue Morris 0422 766 226.
- Waverley Gymnastics Centre classes for 5 - 12 yr old girls & boys at Lauriston Girls’ School. Term 4 positions still available. Ph. 9887 9611
- Children’s Performing Company of Australia - free try-out sessions will be held in November 2011 for our 2012 classes. Ph.9384 1644 or visit www.c pca.com.au

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.

BABYSITTING
Ex-Gips student, completing Year Ten. Available for babysitting, week nights and weekends. Lives locally. References available. Contact Kathleen Shirer, on 9885 9027

TODAY’S NOTICES

- Family Life (yellow, Grs.1 - 4, return slip)
- Parent Technology Workshop (lilac, eldest, return slip)
- House Swimming Sports (white, Grs.3 - 6, return slip)
- Music Corp (white, Grs.3 - 5)

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