Dear Parents,

It has been a busy time at school and on the GIPS social scene.

Trivia Night
On Saturday 16 June, our Parents’ Association hosted the Trivia Night as a fundraiser for the school at Camberwell High School. Approximately 280 parents and staff enjoyed the night dressed in a range of colourful costumes to represent the theme for the event, “Crazy Hair and Hats”. There were certainly some amazing sights! The night’s entertainment included a Trivia Quiz competition and silent and live auctions. The Quiz was won by a highly intelligent table of school staff! The total raised on the night was in excess of $17,000 which was a wonderful result and will go towards the updating of our library book collection and the purchase of sets of new sports uniforms for individuals and teams representing the school. A huge thank you to our Trivia Night organisers: Ginny Robinson and Kristin Meachem.

Principal For The Day
One of the prizes auctioned at the Trivia Night was for a student to be “Principal For The Day” at Glen Iris. After some hard fought bidding, the Meachem Family bought the opportunity. The Meachem children, Ben (3N) and Trinity (1LT), had the chance to be the Principal on Monday 25 June. These principals introduced some different rules for the period of their reign: no homework this week, extended play times for students, a visit from Miss Black’s dog, Poppy, a display of teachers’ own school photos, time for each class to watch a movie and lollies for each child. No wonder they were popular!

Soirees
Last Wednesday 20 June, our instrumental music students performed at the Soirees. Approximately 100 children performed individually, in ensembles, bands and choir. Again, I was incredibly impressed by the range, variety and expertise of the children and their confidence to perform for an audience.

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**SRC PYJAMA DAY**
Friday 29 June 2012
Come dressed in your PJ's.
Students need to wear appropriate footwear (no slippers etc.).
Gold Coin donation.

All money raised will be donated to the RSPCA.
The instrumental music program at GIPS has steadily increased in student numbers and we are conscious of a number of children on waiting lists for lessons. We are currently considering ways to extend the opportunities for instrumental lessons to meet this demand. Many thanks to the children for their excellent performances and to our Performing Arts Coordinator, Bianca Deckert and Instrumental teachers: Vince Hopkins (Guitar), Emily Watson (Piano), Natalia Perekhodiouk (Strings) and Geoff Dawson (Concert Band instruments).

**Mid Year Reports**

Today, children will have received their reports for the first half of the year. Teachers have worked hard to present an informative description of each child’s learning and directions for the next semester. The reporting format and grading system in Government schools is determined by the State and Federal governments. We strive to add a further personal dimension to these reports through conversations between teachers and parents at interviews early in term 3 and at any other time parents would like to discuss their children’s progress.

**Robyn Floyd Heads For The Hills**

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have seconded our Assistant Principal, Robyn Floyd, to the principal position at Wesburn Primary School for the first two weeks of term 3. This process occurs when a school does not have a suitable staff member to take on a higher duties role. It is a credit to Robyn that the Department recognises her capacity to move into another school to assist for this period.

**Farewell Mademoiselle Garneau**

Mademoiselle Carolyn Garneau has been our French teacher at Glen Iris for the past twelve months. Carolyn has notified me she will not be available to teach from the beginning of Semester two as she will be continuing her travels throughout Australia. Carolyn has been a wonderful addition to our staff providing the children with a rich French program and becoming an important part of our professional team. We wish her well for the future.

I hope everyone enjoys a well deserved break over the school holidays and has a chance to recharge their batteries for Term 3. School resumes on Monday 16 July.

Regards,

Meredith Carracher
La classe de 56B aime la journée française!

Prep M avec Mademoiselle Garneau.

La journée française!

La classe de 4P aime le déjeuner française!

Le spectacle "Le chat botté"
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TODAY’S NOTICES
- Pyjama Day notice (eldest, pink)

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