From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Last week, I enjoyed a wonderful week with 88 Level 4 students and 9 other staff and parents at the Grade 5/6 camp at Waratah Bay. As well as being blessed with five days of perfect weather, the group was enthusiastic, engaged and cooperative for the entire time. In fact, it was a pleasure to spend this time with the campers. Waratah Bay Camp is an excellent facility immediately adjacent to a lovely, deserted beach. There are a range of first class on-site team building initiatives to challenge the children … and adults! The group also experienced a fabulous day at Wilson’s Promontory – spectacular sun, sea and birdlife. Thank you to our dedicated teachers who put so much time into preparing and conducting the camp; and to the brave and willing parents who gave up their time to accompany the group: Emily Burgess, Emma Black, Megan Neal, Rachel Pitson, Andrew Cavell, Brad Mason, Ian Griffiths, Dave Orr and Stan Dion.

ANZAC SERVICE

Yesterday, the children conducted an Anzac Service to commemorate Anzac Day and Australia’s fallen soldiers. Each class level presented their understandings of the meaning of Anzac and each GALAXY group created a wreath to mark this special occasion. Children, staff and parents met in the Hall to help the children begin to appreciate and understand the incredible sacrifices of war and to show our thanks to those who suffered for us all.

WORKING BEE

On Saturday 17 April, a large group of parents worked tirelessly at the school to attend to the many and varied maintenance tasks that our school requires. Thank you to the families who donated their time so generously, names are listed on p.3 of this newsletter, and thank you especially to Barbara...
McKinnon for her coordination of the working bee.

EDUCATION WEEK
I hope all families have remembered that in the week commencing Monday 17 May we will celebrate Education Week with all other government schools in Victoria. During this week, there will be opportunities for parents to visit classrooms and join in learning activities with their children. One of the major ways we can influence our children’s attitudes to learning and school is by showing our interest in the work they do at school. Below are some key dates and events. A detailed program will be available on the website shortly and with the next newsletter.

Monday 17 May
• Prep 2011 Information Night for prospective families.

Wednesday 19 May
• Open Day and School Tours - 9.30am - 10.30am and 2pm - 3pm. Prospective and current families welcome.
• Family Maths Night - 6pm - 7.15pm. Current families

Thursday 20 May
• Tree Planting Day with Landscape Architect, Ruth Czermak. All grades. Parent helpers welcome.

ULTRANET
You may be reading in the media about a new online student-centred learning environment called the “Ultranet” that is currently being introduced in Victorian schools. The Ultranet supports learning and teaching, connects students, teachers and parents and enables efficient knowledge transfer. It is a 21st century online learning platform that takes learning beyond the four walls of the classroom. It engages, connects and empowers students, teachers and parents anytime and anywhere. The Ultranet will be rolled out to an estimated 1.5 million users during 2010. Glen Iris has begun building staff knowledge of the Ultranet and our school coordinators – Meagan Cofield, Jenni De Villa, Robyn Floyd and myself – will undergo more intensive training in early term 3. There will be a State wide Curriculum Day on Monday 9 August for schools to undertake professional learning for the Ultranet. I recommend that all families make an effort to use electronic means of communication for school business, such as the website and email, so that you are well prepared to make the most of this innovation.

PARKING
Parking and traffic flow are constant challenges around every school. Please help us manage this by abiding by all parking and traffic bylaws. Please be aware that the car park beside the Church is not for school parking. It is for the sole use of people with business at the Church and kinder. You will be asked to move your car if you are parked in the Church car park. Remember, these arrangements are in place so that our children are safe and we can get along harmoniously as a community.

Read about the Reading Challenge
So far the Glen Iris favourite books are:
• Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
• Geronimo Silton Mouse Island Marathon
• Slamdunkmagician
• Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express
• Could you? Would you?

Win a bookmark
Once you’ve enrolled and have uploaded your books you will receive a bookmark to help you keep your spot when you need to stop reading. Bookmark tallies are done every fortnight so you might need to wait a week.

Be a Book Reviewer
Contribute a review of your favourite books to our newsletter. The Promotions Team will choose some each fortnight to print and some to read at Assembly.

Remember our library is open 8.30-8.55 Mondays and Wednesdays. Mrs. Borrow, our library technician loves books and will be pleased to see you borrowing.

Robyn Floyd

SRC NEWS
At SRC this month we discussed:
• Mirrors in the toilets.
• Drinking taps and wasting water.
By Tom, 4V

LOST
• Sebe H’s hat has been missing for some time. As hats are packed away at the end of this week, could families please check to see if Sebe’s hat may have been taken home by mistake. His name is clearly marked on the inside. Please return to School Office.
CLASSROOM CUISINE COMMENCES AT GIPS ON MONDAY, MAY 3** See notice with this week’s newsletter.

A few other reminders from Parents’ Association:
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at the Notting Hill store on SUNDAY 6 JUNE, 8am – 6pm. Help required please! See form with this week’s notices.
- ‘Sex and the City 2” movie night at the Rivoli on Wednesday 9 June. Tickets will be selling soon so please keep this date free!
- Heatbag order forms are due in by next Friday 7 May. Thank you to those who have already sent their orders back.
- Student Banking - We are looking for a coordinator to run the student banking at the school, approx. 1 hr per week. If you are interested please contact the school office.

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

Bicycle Security
Tens of thousands of bicycles are stolen each year, with almost half taken from around the home. Other popular locations for thefts include educational facilities and public transport areas. Most stolen bikes (80%), are unsecured when left unattended.

An unlocked bike is an invitation for a thief to take it.

To reduce the risk of your bike being stolen, bike riders should:
* Always lock your bike, even at home (e.g. in the garage) and even if you are leaving it for a very short time.
* Lock it to a fixed, immovable object like a parking meter or permanent bike rack.
* Lock in a visible and well-lit area or if possible in a secure bike cage.
* Use a combination good quality D-lock and locking cable for optimal deterrence.
* Secure components and accessories, especially quick-release components such as wheels, with a secondary cable lock.
* Be able to identify your bike. Less than 10% of bikes reported stolen are recovered. Bikes can be returned to their owners if engraved with your licence number (with initial V for Victoria before it) on the bike, usually underneath the bottom bracket where the pedals rotate on the frame.
* Ensure your bike is insured.

BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENT
The working bee on Saturday 17 April was an afternoon of great achievement.

We shifted and spread softfall, cleaned all the drains, weeded the central courtyard back to a pristine condition, made a significant start on oiling the new timber, made windows sparkle, cleaned the breezeway, weeded, pruned and added some more plants to our garden beds, touched up paint, improved the cricket nets, re-cemented missing brick capping and bluestone blocks, tidied our sandpits, filled a skip with accumulated hard rubbish and did a magnificent job of sweeping the turf as well as the rest of the school yard.

A hearty thank you to the following families who did such a great job supporting our working bee: Tomlinson, Bennett, Toner, Mason, Barber, Phillips, Hale, Currie, Craven, Phillips, Freemantle, Thanos, Perry, Shaari, Lu/Gale, Cox, Zhu, Griffin, Satur, Meachem, Tidhar, Mackie, Chesler, Plowright, Park, Herd, Rawson, Burns, Itowski, Aikman, Hayes, Barry, Watkins, Thomson, Muldeary and Risos - a cast of thousands! Thank you also to Mrs Carracher for the terrific afternoon tea which was provided.

Barbara McKinnon

GIPS thanks Camberwell Rotary Club for their generous donation of illustrated dictionaries to our Grade 4 classes. The Office Staff (who occasionally consult a dictionary), have unanimously voted this a top dictionary.
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Camberwell High School
2010 Open Evening
Tuesday 4 May 2010, 6.30pm
Please contact the office on 9836 0555 for bookings and further information.

VICTORIAN COllEge OF THE ARTS - secondary school
Auditions for 2011 Entry.
Professional training in dance and music integrated with a full academic education for secondary students. For more information go to our website: www.vcass.vic.edu.au/entry

INFORMATION BASKET
Copies of this information are available in the basket at the front office:

- Dance classes for kinder/prep - adult, Saturdays at Hartwell Primary School, first class free. Just look up annecarrick.com or ph. 9699 6761
- Student Exchange Australia New Zealand are looking for families to host international exchange students. For more information visit www.studentexchange.org.au
- Music World Music School - Now enrolling for Term 2, 296 Waverley Rd, East Malvern. Ph. 9572 3391, email: musicworld@y7mail.com
- Little Paper Cloud Craft & Cooking - classes for preschoolers & children’s parties (3 - 10yrs). Enquiries: 0457 066 476 or visit www.littlepapercloud.com.au
- Sacramental program 2010 for St. Michael’s parishioners - enrolments for Confirmation (Yr7+) will take place over the next two weeks. Visit the website www.stmichaelsashburton.org for more information or ph. 9885 2498

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WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- Scholastic Bookclub
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Helpers request, (white, eldest)
- Special Lunch Helpers request (white, eldest)
- Classroom Cuisine (white, eldest)

2010 TERM dATeS

Term 1 1 February to 26 March
Term 2 12 April to 25 June
Term 3 12 July to 17 September
Term 4 4 October to 17 December

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Term 1 4 February to 8 April
Term 2 27 April to 1 July
Term 3 18 July to 23 September
Term 4 10 October to 22 December