Dear Parents,

A number of projects are coming to fruition at the moment and I know everyone will be wondering what is happening.

**Building the Education Revolution Building Program**

It must feel like the Federal Government building program for Glen Iris has been “almost here” for a very long time. The School Council has worked tirelessly, through a very demanding process, to ensure the best possible outcome for our school. The final information about what will be built and when this will occur will be released shortly.

**Welcome to Arke Van der Jagt**

I am delighted to announce that Kate and Cory Van der Jagt are now the proud parents of a baby son, Arke Oberon. Arke was born at Box Hill hospital on Tuesday 20 July. Arke has since required surgery to repair a defect in his digestive tract and is recovering in the Neonatal Intensive Care unit at Monash Medical Centre. Quite a lengthy period of hospitalization is necessary. Kate and Cory have appreciated the best wishes of all in the Glen Iris community and ask that we keep Arke in our thoughts as he continues his recovery. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Kate, Cory and Arke all the best and our hopes for Arke to make a speedy recovery.

**Curriculum Day – “Understanding the Ultranet” – Monday 9 August**

On Monday 9 August 2010 our school will have a sneak-peak at the Ultranet, a new online learning system for schools. The Ultranet is a state-wide, secure site that teachers, parents/guardians and students can access via the internet. In July, our teachers leading the Ultranet implementation undertook professional learning. Students and teachers will be able to collaborate using online tools such as wikis, blogs and discussion forums. Students will be able to create their own online learning portfolio and take part in online learning activities. Teachers will be able to access and share valuable online learning content across Victoria.
In the near future, you will be able to log on and see information about your child and our school. This information will build up over time, creating an ongoing record for each student. These records will travel with your child from year to year and school to school.

As the Ultranet implementation is rolled out, we will give you more information about the system and how you and your child will be able to use it. You will receive a user manual and a letter inviting you to register for your login and password to the Ultranet. To register, you will need a valid email address.

From the commencement of Term 4 this year, our teachers will begin to use the Ultranet. They will then gradually bring it into the classroom for our students to use. We will inform you when students start to access the Ultranet.

The Ultranet is accessible to school staff, teachers, students and parents/guardians in Victorian government schools. It is a closed website that can’t be accessed by the general public on the internet.

The Ultranet will not store health or welfare information about your child. (Health or welfare information includes medical, behavioural, birthday or contact details.) In fact, the only personal information about your child in the Ultranet will be their name and school photograph (unless you notify the school and request the photograph is not used). All other information on the Ultranet about your child will be specific to their learning.

In Release 1, learning information about a student can be seen only by that student and teachers at our school. In the future, the parents/guardians of the individual student will be able to see this information. This means that you can only see information about your own children, and teachers can only see information about students at their own school.

**More information**
If you’d like more information, please go to [www.education.vic.gov.au/ultranet](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/ultranet) or talk to Robyn Floyd or myself at school.

Yours Sincerely

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**GIPS Sings the Hits**
Our school concert is fast approaching and the children have been very busy practising their singing and dancing. They are doing a great job and I am sure you are looking forward to seeing the end result. Here are a few reminders about the concert preparations:

**Permission Forms**
Please remember to return your yellow concert permission forms, along with $5.00 payment for the bus. Each child in your family needs their own permission form.

**Costumes**
A notice was sent home and posters have been placed around the school outlining what each year level will need to wear for the concert. Please check with your classroom teacher if you are unsure or if you are having any trouble finding the items required. Thank you to Miss Williams and all the parents who have been busy sewing!

**Tickets**
Concert tickets will be available online from Sunday 1 August 2010. Please use the link from the school’s website to access the ticket sales. Please ensure that you are purchasing tickets for the correct concert. Concert 1: A-K surnames, Concert 2: L-Z surnames. You will need to print your tickets when purchasing.

**Rehearsal**
There will be a whole school concert rehearsal on Tuesday 17 August. Please ensure your child is at school this day so they get an opportunity to practise on stage.

**Susie Walton**

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**To the School Community**, thank you for the flowers, gifts, cards and good wishes on the occasion of my retirement.
From Sue Elliott
Hi everyone,

LAST WEEK FOR EARLY BIRD PRICE!!!!!!

Don’t forget that this Friday is the last day for the early bird price for our PARENTS SOCIAL EVENT at Canvas. $10 from every ticket goes back to the school, and the Canvas team have put together a delicious menu of finger food for us with drinks at bar prices. Raffle prizes on the night and the venue is for our exclusive use – come along and join us!

Log onto the school website and follow the prompts to purchase your ticket through TryBooking.

SPECIAL LUNCH – THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

If your child is unable to order from our special lunch menu for dietary reasons please contact either myself or Judith Scarff (ajscarff@bigpond.com). If you are able to supply an alternative lunch item on the day we are happy to pack it with the rest of the class orders.

* Parents who have offered to help with this Special Lunch, please note that the Roster for the day is on the back page of the Newsletter.

MORNING TEA – HELP REQUIRED PLEASE!!

Please return your forms asap to the office – Kelley Hagenauer and Kerrie Bowman need parent help for morning tea in Term 3.

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST - KEEP THIS DATE FREE

Our popular Fathers’ Day Breakfast is on again this year, so bring along your Dad or special friend and enjoy a leisurely start to your busy day.

Tuesday 31 August - 7.30am to 8.45am

Watch this space for order information and request for helpers!

Thanks, Janet O’Meara, Sarah Sherson & Penny Ashby

Carolyn Currie - President, Parents’ Association
Ph: 0438 898 904,
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PARENTS’ ASSOC’N NEWS

GIPS Favourite Ice-Cream Flavours
The Journalism Enrichment Team completed a whole school survey during Term 2, asking the question ‘What is your favourite ice-cream?’ We managed to survey a majority of students and these are the results, with a very close call between Choc Mint and Bubblegum. I wonder if the teachers results would be similar?

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GIPS Favourite Sport
The Journalism Enrichment Team also completed a survey of the school’s favourite sport. We offered five options and these are the results, which were very even amongst four of the sports.

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READING CHALLENGE
Sixty-six students have completed the Reading Challenge and the 259 students enrolled have read about three thousand books. Please see me if you are having difficulties accessing the site and uploading books. Books can be added until 29 August.

Robyn Floyd, Assistant Principal

PARKING ISSUES
On Tuesday a school neighbour’s fence was knocked over as a car used the driveway for turning. For the safety of the community, please take the extra time to drive with care.
Glen Iris Primary School thanks the above sponsors for their support.

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The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 6 August 2010 for the second installation.

EMA application forms are available from the school office.

SRC NEWS

$426 was raised for the Flying Doctor Service on the last day of Term 2, Pyjama Day. Thank you to the School Community for this contribution.

Play for Life .... Join a Sporting Club

Australian Sports Commission - find a sport your child enjoys and let the fun begin - to find sporting clubs near you, visit ausport.gov.au/findaclub

Special lunch committee 2010: Judith Scarff, Irene Brumen and Kathryn Turner.

SPECIAL LUNCH ROSTER HELP

TERM 3, 2010

Thankyou to all the parents who have kindly offered to help with GIPs “Footy Fever” Special Lunch on Thursday 12 August.

Please see below for names of volunteers, roster dates and times.

**Counting and Collating Orders** Venue to be advised

**Thursday 5 August 2010 9.00am-10.30am**

Irene Brumen, Kathryn Turner
Kate Vrsecky, Kimberly Hobbs
Jacqui Brown, Gabrielle Kennedy
Susan Sieber, Susan Mateer
Kellie Sewell, Simone Carmody
Kelley Hagenauer, Sue Holmes
Lucy D’Amico

**Preparation of lunch Canteen/Multipurpose room**

**Thursday 12 August 2010 11:00am-12:00pm**

Irene Brumen, Kathryn Turner
Judith Scarff, Lucy D’Amico
Kellie Sewell, Kate Vrsecky
Kate Kemp, Kristen Jessen
Libby Talbot, Kim Turnbull
Julie Griffiths

**Serving of lunch and clean up Canteen/Multipurpose room**

**Thursday 12 August 2010 12:00pm-1:00pm**

Judith Scarff, Karyn Davies
Kathryn Turner, Irene Brumen

Your help is greatly appreciated.

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