Dear Parents,

It was with great excitement that I returned to Glen Iris on Monday after a lengthy absence. I felt very pleased to feel so comfortable so quickly and this was made easier by the warm welcome I received from everyone. I would like to thank Carolyn McCaulay for filling the principal role so capably during my absence and Robyn Floyd for her ongoing dedication and focus on student learning that has ensured our school has continued to progress over the past ten months. In fact, I have been delighted by the way all of our staff have stepped up to the many challenges this period has brought and I believe it is a strength in our school that "the show can go on" due to the depth and commitment of the staff and the clear vision that exists for students and their learning. Finally, a most heartfelt thank you to all in the Glen Iris community for the understanding and support you have offered me and my family at a difficult time. I am now looking forward to catching up with the children and families and seeing what great things are in store for GIPS.

Grade 3 and 4 Camp

On Monday morning, we waved goodbye to our Grade 3 campers as they set off for Camp Manyung at Mount Eliza. The children were understandably thrilled to be going on their first school camp. This group of campers will return on Wednesday afternoon after swapping over with the Grade 4 campers who depart on Wednesday morning. Many thanks to the staff and parents who are accompanying the children and providing this special experience: Barb Maclarn, Lee Laeir, Christine Hallam, Danniel Smith, Jenni De Villa, Rachael Pitson, Tanya Tomic, Emily Burgess, Steve Davidson, student teachers, Annabella Bell and Stasi Moutzouris, and parent volunteers, Ivan Mellado, John Thanos, Andrew Cunningham, Andrea Itowski, Robyn Campbell, Rod Hayes, Stan Dionysopoulos, James Tomlinson and Robert Meachem.

As we will have campers returning on both Wednesday and Friday afternoons, it will be necessary to cordon off some parking zones to accommodate the buses. Our apologies for this inconvenience.

Foundation / Preps 2014

It is that time of the year when families with children due to start school in 2014 make the necessary enrolment arrangements through the school office. For those who are a little confused by the term "Foundation", this is simply the title for the first year of schooling as outlined in the National Curriculum, known as AUSVELS in Victoria. I am still adjusting to this term myself and it is still quite alright to use "Preps" as we have done for many years. If any families considering enrolment at Glen Iris in 2014 have missed our other tours and Open Days, they are welcome to call the Office to arrange a time to visit the school.
**Curriculum Day**
A reminder to families that Wednesday 5 June is a Student Report Writing Curriculum Day at Glen Iris. Children do not attend school on this day. Another date for your forward diary is our Term 3 Curriculum Day on Monday 12 August when the staff will participate in professional learning related to the teaching of Maths. Again, children do not attend school on this date.

**Introducing Mr. Green**
We are pleased to introduce Mr. Gary Green and welcome him to Glen Iris. Gary is teaching Physical Education over the next two weeks whilst Miss Natasha Williams is on leave.

Regards, **Meredith Carracher**

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### SRC UPDATE
The S.R.C has continued to work very hard this term. We have recently been surveying each class on different decisions so that students have a greater 'voice' within the school.

### LUNCHTIME CLUBS
Many students are using the library for some quiet time at lunchtime. We asked our classes if there is any other clubs/ lunchtime activities that they would like to see introduced at the school. We shared our findings with the SRC team and this information will be sent back to the staff Wellbeing team, for consideration.

### NON- FICTION BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY
The school will be ordering some Non-Fiction books for the library this year (last year, our focus was on the ordering of Fiction texts). We surveyed our classes to see what Non-Fiction titles or topics they might like for the library. This information will be taken into account when purchasing new books.

### END OF TERM- CASUAL CLOTHES DAY
The SRC team voted on a 'Jeans for Genes' day as an end of term casual clothes/ fundraising event (students may wear tracksuit pants/ cargos etc if they do not have any jeans or if they choose not to wear jeans). There will be more information on this in the newsletter and at assembly, closer to the day.

Thank-you to the Semester One SRC representatives who give up their lunchtimes, every few weeks, to represent their classes. Well done for coming to these meetings on time, for being organised (with diaries, a pencil etc) and responsible.

**Kate Van der Jagt**
**SRC Co-ordinator**

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### Save the Frogs
Charlie M from Foundation H has taken on the important environmental issue “Save the Frogs”. She has completed projects, spoken at kinder and, at home, helps make environmental friendly dishwashing powder, clothes washing powder and an all-purpose cleaner. It was Charlie’s idea to use the monies raised from the sale of these products to support the Zoo’s breeding programs for some of Australia’s endangered frogs.

If you would like to show your support, you can purchase a bag of home-made clothes washing powder for $5.00. Orders can be placed through Charlie’s “Every Day Hero” webpage, https://give.everdayhero.com/au/charlie-mrocki or by emailing Charlie’s mum, Kelly, at kamrocki@bigpond.com Orders can be left at the School Office. All proceeds go directly to the Melbourne Zoo. Great effort, Charlie!

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### Friends of the Library (FOTL)
**Monthly meeting: 9am Monday 3rd June, meet at the office.**

FOTL’s Monthly meeting is next Monday. Siblings are welcome and parents are invited to attend for any length of time which suits your individual schedules. The meeting is facilitated by Kate Van der Jagt and covers updates on library activities, general discussion, ideas and feedback on library use and facilities. For participants able to stay a little longer, the meeting is followed by time working in the library on various tasks.

Contact: Julie Gray on 0411 110 537 or jsgathome@gmail.com
Main Event – Night Market
It’s official!

TWILIGHT MARKET
FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

This year’s main fundraising event run by the Parents’ Association will be a Twilight Market. It will include: food stalls, crafts, jewellery and other Christmas presents, fun stalls for the kids (including the popular lucky jar), a silent auction as well as second hand books and toys.

Thank you to all of those enthusiastic parents who have already returned their form. The Help forms can be downloaded from the website, we look forward to many more coming in over the coming weeks. Please fill in and return to school. Anybody with ideas for stalls they would like to run or who would like to assist in the planning and preparation please contact Rachael Thomson at: rachael@synergisticgroup.com.au

More information and opportunities to help will follow in the coming weeks.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
Now in a new format, you will find the new expanded Noticeboard under the News tab.