Dear Parents,

**Travel Plan**
Consultations are continuing with Boroondara Council to develop a Travel Plan for Glen Iris Primary School. The Plan will be based on the particular needs and concerns of our community. To gain an accurate picture of the current situation for families travelling to school, we will be conducting two surveys. The survey for parents will be distributed with today’s newsletter. Children from grades 3 – 6 will complete their own surveys in class. The survey asked children about the distance they travel to school, the mode of transport they use and their preferred mode of transport. The more survey responses we receive the better informed we will be to develop the Plan. Please complete the survey and return to the Office by Friday 9 September.

**District Athletics Carnival**
Last week, our Athletics Team competed in the District Athletics Carnival at Bill Sewart Reserve, East Burwood. Recording our best placing in many years, Glen Iris finished in second place out of nine schools and only missed out on finishing first by 8 points – a wonderful result. Now, approximately 18 students move through to the Divisional Athletics competition in October. Congratulations to all the students who competed and represented Glen Iris so well. Thank you to the parents who have supported and assisted with the athletics program in recent weeks through adverse conditions and a special thanks to Andrew Cavell for his excellent preparation of the team and persistence to ensure the children all had the opportunity to participate. Go GIPS!

**Hoop Time Basketball**
Last Friday, Level 4 students participated in the Hoop Time Basketball competition for schools. All students enjoyed the experience of participating in the program with one of our teams being successful in winning the Grand Final on the day. Thanks again to parents and Andrew Cavell for offering this activity for the children. Congratulations to the players in the winning team. The photo of the team is on page 3.

**Tournament of Minds (TOM)**
During term 3, Level 4 students have been preparing to compete in Tournament of Minds, a critical thinking program for schools. On Saturday, 14 students from Grade 5 and 6 will compete at Deakin University to demonstrate their ingenuity, persistence and problem solving capabilities. Students work in teams of 7 to prepare a response to a problem using drama, logic, lateral thinking,

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creativity and teamwork. Each team performs a ten minute play to the judges that outlines their solution to the problem. The team also responds to a spontaneous problem set by the judges on the day. I am looking forward to seeing the teams perform on Saturday. Good luck, TOM teams and congratulations to our Level 4 teachers, Emily Burgess and Rachel Pitson, who have facilitated the teams.

Art Auction
A reminder that its not long now until our Art Auction, our major fundraiser for 2011. The children (and Mrs Sargeant!) have been working hard to produce magnificent works of art for your enthusiastic bidding and our Parents’ Association have been busy making all the arrangements for a great night. Keep Saturday 15 October free and book the baby sitter! I know this will be a great social event for parents. Tickets go on sale very soon.

Working Bee
A reminder that a working bee will be held on Sunday 11 September, from 10:00am – 12.30pm to tackle some maintenance items and garden tidying up for the start of Spring. I know the Buildings and Environment group would really appreciate as many hands as possible to get the jobs done.

Teapot Afternoon Tea
Last week, I enjoyed afternoon tea with the children below. Our celebration was moved to the afternoon to accommodate the children attending the swimming program.

Sunsmart - Hats On!
Tomorrow is 1 September, the official start of “Sun Smart Hats On” time according to the Australian Anti Cancer Council. All children will require their hats for all outside play and activities. Teachers all wear hats during these months to protect themselves and provide an important role model to the children. Perhaps, parents could support our Sun Smart program by wearing hats, especially if involved in school events. Actions speak louder than words!

Prep Excursion to Collingwood Children’s Farm
Last Friday, our Preps enjoyed a wonderful day at Collingwood Children’s Farm. Judging by the tired faces on children, parents and teachers when they returned to school, I know a great time was had experiencing a little bit of farm life in the city. Thanks to the parents who assisted at the excursion and thanks also, to the many parents who would have loved to go but understood that the excursion is best supported with a core group of adults. There will be many more excursions in the future.

Father’s Day 2011
This week is a special chance to celebrate and acknowledge all the Dads in our community. Tomorrow, is our annual Father’s Day Breakfast, organised by the Parents’ Association. I know how much the children look forward to bringing Dad to school for breakfast... or is it the thought of pancakes and ice cream at that time of the day? We look forward to celebrating with the Dads tomorrow morning. Thanks to Penny Ashby, Viv Mason and Amanda Parsons.

On Friday 2 September, the Parents’ Association will conduct a Father’s Day Stall so children can purchase that special gift for Dad. Thanks to Liz Fowler and her helpers for all the work they have done to prepare for the stall and to staff it on the day.

Thanks Parents
As I have written my column this week, I have reflected on the significant role of parents in our school to support and assist with the many learning and social aspects of school life. All these events make school meaningful for the children and we couldn’t do it without our parents. What a great community we have at Glen Iris. Thanks to all!

Regards

Meredith Carracher
From the Assistant Principal:
The Australian Curriculum

Increasingly, in a world where knowledge itself is constantly growing and evolving, students need to develop a set of skills, behaviours and dispositions, or general capabilities that apply across discipline content and equip them to be lifelong learners able to operate with confidence in a complex, information-rich, globalised world.

As parents would be aware the Australian Curriculum (AC) is being developed with input from all states. English, mathematics, science and history are now available and assessment standards are being trialled in some schools this year. Geography, languages, the arts, economics, business, civics and citizenship, health and physical education, and information and communication technology and design and technology will progressively be developed.

Recognising that Twenty-first century learning does not fit neatly into a curriculum solely organised by learning areas or subjects, the AC also identifies a comprehensive set of knowledge, skills and dispositions or general capabilities that will assist students to live and work successfully in the twenty-first century. These general capabilities are: literacy, numeracy, information and communication technology competence, critical and creative thinking, personal and social competence, ethical behaviour and intercultural understanding.

At Glen Iris Primary we have taken the opportunity to send groups of teachers to participate in consultative meetings assisting in the redrafting and refinement of the Victorian submissions. Last month I attended a discussion forum on the Ethical behaviour capability with educators from government, Catholic and private schools analysing how this general capability could link into learning area content. As Ethical behaviour focuses on ways of acting, behaving or learning to live with others, this capability is more strongly represented in some learning areas where personal and social dimensions of learning are highlighted.

For more information:
http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/GeneralCapabilities

One World, Many Stories
We are celebrating Book Week at Glen Iris Primary School during the week September 5 – 9.

Highlights of the Week will be:
* The Grand Book Character Parade of students dressed as their favourite book characters on the oval commencing at 9.15 am on Monday 5 September
* Roving storytellers Meredith and Robyn will visit classes telling their favourite stories from around the world.

Robyn Floyd - Assistant Principal

ART NEWS
Our Art Auction/Student Art Exhibition is looming fast, and that means our students are getting very excited. As you know the Art Auction evening is on Saturday 15 October and the student Art show will run either side of that night at school in the new building. I am hoping some parent helpers will be able to assist me in setting up the student exhibition on Tuesday 11 October. It will run until the following Tuesday. Parents will be able to view the student works during that week probably before and after school and on the evening of the Art Auction.

Our large class canvases will be on display in the Student Gallery (outside the staff room) this week, so take a peek at the wonderful canvases that the students have completed this year!

Marg Sargeant
On Saturday 20 August, the Victorian team of Girls U10 won the Bronze medal in the National Schools’ Cross Country Championship held in Canberra. One of our students, Sophie from Gr.4, ran very well to help the team win the Bronze medal.

Sophie’s family thanks the school community for the support and encouragement given to Sophie over the past few weeks leading up to and after the national cross country. The school community was also thanked for the financial support given by the School Council along with the Crazy Hat Day. It was also really encouraging for Sophie to have the support of her fellow students, teachers and parents over the past month.

Congratulations Sophie!

Father’s Day Breakfast
It’s a busy week here at GIPS, with our traditional Father’s Day Breakfast tomorrow. Special thanks to Penny Ashby, Viv Mason and Amanda Parsons for all their hard work and to all the other mums who have volunteered to help out on the day.

Father’s Day Stall
Kids don’t forget Friday is the Father’s Day Stall. Remember to bring a plastic bag and some pocket money. Thank you to Liz Fowler and Alisa Pont for all their work co-ordinating the stalls this year.

Art Auction
Tickets go on sale next week through Trybooking - $10 each with some light finger food included. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with the first bracket of auctions at around 8.45pm. We thank Thomson Real Estate Malvern for their support of this event.

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

Yard Duty Term 4
Thank you to everyone who assisted this term. A notice is coming home with your eldest child today asking for volunteers for Term 4. Please return to me (email) or return the completed slip to the School Office.

Justine Moore, on behalf of Parents’ Association

THE GIPS FAMOUS FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST IS BACK!
Thursday 1 September 7.30 am – 8.45am at GIPS.

TODAY'S NOTICES
- Parent Travel Survey (pink) eldest
- Yard Duty Term 4 (blue) eldest
- Spring Working Bee (yellow) eldest
Bright Sparks Science Show
On Tuesday 6 September Grades 1 - 6 will be participating in THE BRIGHT SPARKS SCIENCE SHOW – a free school health and science show designed to educate children about the importance of good oral health care.

All students who participate in the show will receive a free giftbag to take home that includes information for parents, a science experiment and Macleans toothpaste.

If you have any questions about the program please see Emma Black.

LOST / MISSING
• One new Gr.5/6 jacket belonging to a Gr.5 student (no names on the back). Her name, Laura, has been clearly marked on the lower waistband and on the neckband. Please check that Laura’s jacket hasn’t been taken home by mistake. It can be returned to the School Office.
• Green Auskick football belonging to Davey. Davey’s sister is in Gr.1. Please bring to the School Office if you find this football.
• A gold cross (charm). Please hand in at Office.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
Copies of this information are available at the office:
• Caulfield Little Athletics Centre for boys & girls aged btwn 5 - 14 yrs. Register now for the 2011 - 12 season, Sat 10 Sept. Ph. 9503 8557, 0410 957 170 or visit www.caulfieldlittleaths.org.au
• Disability Expo - Thursday 15 Sept 10am - 3pm at Brandon Park Community Hall, 649 Ferntree Gully Rd, Glen Waverley. This is a free event. For more information or to register ph. 1300 886 798
• Shaun Brown’s Cricket Coaching presents September Holiday Cricket Clinics for ages 5 - 16 at Hawthorn Secondary College. Ph.1800 351 415 or visit www.cricketcoaching.com.au
• School Holiday Tennis Coaching Clinics at the East Malvern Tennis Club for children aged 4 - 14 yrs. Ph. 9528 6375 or download a registration form at www.futurestennis.com.au
• “Foster carers come from all walks of life” - for more information, call the Foster Care Hotline 1800 013 088 or visit www.fosterabrighterfuture.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.

WORKING BEE REMINDER
A notice will be coming home with your children today concerning our next Working Bee on Sunday 11 September from 10am to 12.30pm. Please return your completed form to the Office or by email to Barbara McKinnon.

Great Kids need Great Parents

Toolbox parenting groups

With the right tools anyone can be a great parent! If you’re looking for practical parenting strategies, inspiration, and encouragement, then a Toolbox course is for you.

Toolbox parenting groups are a unique and fresh approach to parent education. In an informal and relaxed environment you’ll be equipped with practical skills and strategies that can be immediately put to use.

Over six sessions, key parenting principles are explored to encourage and inspire you in your parenting.

The Middle Years: (6-12) - the vital years to teach skills and build memories. This course covers:
• Building Character, Self-Esteem
• Emotional Intelligence
• Trust/Increasing Responsibility
• Creating Traditions/Memories
• Discipline
• The “Tween-Age Years”

Thursday evenings, 7.30—9.30 pm
October 13th to November 17th
St Marks Church, 1 Canterbury Rd, Camberwell
For information and registration contact Alisa Pont on aandgpt@auprimus.com.au
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