Opening of the Garden
In late 2009 and early 2010, a significant gardening project was undertaken along the Glen Iris Rd boundary. This area is growing nicely with established plants and even a mini orchard. A special assembly is being planned to formally open the new garden on Monday 4 April at 2:30pm on the oval, weather permitting. Around the same time, our much-loved School Crossing Supervisor, Nick Collaris, passed away. School Council, in seeking a fitting tribute to Nick, have decided to name the

Dear Parents,

Mock Parliament
On Thursday 10 March, Glen Iris hosted a visit to our school by Federal Members of Parliament, Kelly O'Dwyer, Member for Higgins, and Peter Slipper, Member for Maroochydore and Deputy Speaker in the House of Representatives. The parliamentarians visited us to conduct a mock parliament with the Level 4 students. The children role played a sitting of the House of Representatives and the putting of a Bill. Following the role play, the children had the opportunity to ask questions. This was a very enjoyable and interesting way for the children to learn about our political system and we were most fortunate to have the chance to conduct this activity. Congratulations to the Grade 5/6 students and teachers for the thoughtful way they participated in this activity.

Level 4 Mock Parliament

With Special Guests

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National Anti-Bullying Day
Last Friday 18 March, was National Anti-Bullying Day in Australian schools. Bullying is an unusual event at Glen Iris, which may be due to a range of preventative strategies in place. However, it is an issue we must regularly revisit and address. Every class was involved in special lessons focussing on positive behaviour and treating others with respect. Posters were displayed around the school and children in Grades 3-6 participated in a bullying survey. This is one strategy we use to monitor student relationships and behaviour. One of the posters I especially liked was:

Do You Know How We Manage Inappropriate Behaviour at Our School?
At Glen Iris, we have a well-developed Student Code of Conduct with clearly stated rules and expectations. Teachers monitor student behaviour in classrooms and the playground. Children are involved in setting classroom expectations with their teacher in the first week of each year. In many instances, inappropriate behaviour is viewed as a learning opportunity for the children involved. Most children do not want to upset others or be “in trouble”. Teachers record incidents in Behaviour Log Books so that patterns of behaviour can be noted. Initially, children are supported to resolve disagreements in facilitated discussions. If matters are becoming more concerning, families are included in the conversations. Each situation is handled according to the individuals involved and the circumstances.

When reasonable steps have been taken but inappropriate behaviour continues, the school will consider the following sanctions: Talking about the inappropriate behaviour; Loss of privileges; Time out; Meeting with the Principal; Detention and Suspension.

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School Council 2011
At the conclusion of the School Council election process, the 4 parent vacancies have been filled by Barbara McKinnon, Trish Burrows, Meredith Dahlsen (Treasurer) and Anthony Moore. The Council have also co-opted Gary Bennett to fill a School Community Member position. Other parents on School Council are: Jack Risos (President), Ivan Mellado (Vice President), Peter Holmes, Fee Harrison and Justin Stark (Parents’ Association). The staff on School Council are Robyn Floyd, Susie Walton (Secretary), Meagan Cofield, Mary-Anne Jansen and myself.

Playground Space
The staff are well aware that the children are playing under trying conditions as the building project progresses. Our strategies such as split lunchtimes, off site activities, inside activities and inclusion of the car park space in the playground all help to a degree, but nothing can completely replace the space the children are used to having. I expect that at the commencement of Term 2, we will regain some of the space currently out of use. Meanwhile, teachers continue to pay close attention to the children’s play and games in the grounds.

Ashburton Community Fun Day
On Sunday 10 April, the Ashburton Community Fun Day will be held at Markham Reserve in Ashburton. On this day, Grade 5 and 6 children will have the opportunity to participate in a Guinness Book of Records world Record Attempt at Tunnel ball on the day, if they wish. Further information about this day will be circulated shortly so, if you are interested, please keep the date free.

Special Sushi Lunch
I know many of the children are looking forward to receiving their special Sushi Lunch on Friday. Many thanks to the Parents’ Association, especially Ginny Robinson, Kristin Meachem and Ann Mullins, for arranging this for the children.

Yours Sincerely

[Signature]
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SCIENCE
Parachute Competition
Level 3 have been learning about forces this term. As part of our studies we made parachutes and held a competition to see which parachute took the longest amount of time to reach the ground when released from the top of the Big Gym. Congratulations to Lauren, Maddy and Angelique for designing and making the winning parachute. Their parachute took 7.02 seconds to reach the ground, which was a very impressive effort. Well done to all children who made the finals of the parachute competition.

Crocodilos
Crocodilos is a very special crocodile, he grows when placed in water. He started out at 28cm long and everyone is guessing how long he will be on Friday. You can find Crocodilos outside 4GS during the day. All children have the opportunity to be involved in a competition to guess how long Crocodilo will be on Friday afternoon. Children in Prep to Year 2 can also choose to be involved in a colouring competition as well.

Backyard Science
Channel 2 run a fantastic science show called ‘Backyard Science’ on a Monday morning from 10:00-10:30. This is a great program for children and models many different science concepts each week.

Emma Black

LEVEL 2 - LET'S GET INVOLVED

Surf Lifesaving Club
Ben

Austkick

Ballet School
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2011 TERM DATES

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

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Term 1  1 February to 30 March
Term 2  16 April to 29 June
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Term 4  8 October to 21 December

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Copies of this information are available at the office:

- Two-day Kids’ Book Sale - new, priced from just $1 and $2. Favourite authors, classics and popular titles, paperbacks, non-fiction, activity books; something for all ages and all tastes.
  Where: 47 Dorrington Ave, Glen Iris
  When: two days only! - 8.30am - 10.30am and 2.30pm - 4.30pm on Wednesday 30 March and on Thursday 31 March. Inquiries: 0403 013 014
- Workshop using LEGO Education resources - a fun way for children to play and learn about basic mechanical principles using LEGO education. On Monday 11 April (School Holidays) at the Balwyn Community Centre, 412 Whitehorse Rd, Surrey Hills for ages 5+ (boys and girls). Cost $15 per child. To register go to www.createandlearn.com.au
- “Dads’n’ Daughters weekend (for girls ages 5+), 2 - 3 April, 2011 at the Phillip Island Nature Park, Phillip Island $165 all inclusive (one adult & one child). For more information ph. 5951 2802, 0417 584 104
- Nordichouse Living - a small wholesale business located in Prahran East is looking for someone for General Administration/Customer Service (Hours: Tues, Thurs 10am - 3pm). If interested email info@nordichouse.com.au
- Stage Left Performing Arts School - Holiday Theatre Workshops for 4 - 16 yr olds. April 11 - 15 East Malvern and Weekly Term Classes Term 2 2011. Ph. 9504 2500 or www.stageleft.com.au
- Football Star Academy - visit www.footballstaracademy.com.au

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TODAY’S NOTICES

- Working Bee Notice (green, eldest)
- Premier’s Reading Challenge (white, all, return slip)
- Icypoles - Change of Day (cream, eldest)