



Glen Iris Primary School

Gratitude Resilience Honesty Respect Empathy

Newsletter 8 Feb 2017

Dear Subscribers Name,

We are trialling a new format for our newsletter. Instead of publishing a document, we are now placing newsletter items on the front page of the website under "Recent News". You will receive a reminder on Compass every fortnight to peruse our Recent News section.

If you are subscribed to our newsletter, you will also receive an email inviting you to look at the freshly published Recent News. To subscribe to the newsletter, click on the "subscribe" button on the right hand side of the website.

We endeavour to get all our information up on the website, so come and look at "Recent News" and "Notices" as often as you can.

Let us know what you think of this new approach! Send your comments and feedback to us: either email the office at glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or call us on 9885 3624.

Glen Iris Primary School



Family Fiesta

Friday 17th February 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Click [here](#) for more information.



Our New eNewsletter!

Welcome to our new look eNewsletter!

We are excited to use a new format for our newsletter, reflecting modern media habits. Instead of publishing a document, we are now placing newsletter items on the front page of the website under "Recent News". You will receive a reminder on Compass every fortnight to peruse our Recent News section.

Newsletter items are denoted by a # next to the headline.

If you are subscribed to our newsletter, you will also receive an email inviting you to look at the freshly published Recent News. To subscribe to the newsletter, click on the "subscribe" button on the right hand side of the website.

As well as the home base for the fortnightly eNewsletter, the Recent News section will be updated frequently, so add our home page to your regular browsing habits! We endeavour to get all our information onto the website so that you can access notices and news at any time.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions, so feel free to contact us either through emailing the office at glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au calling us on 9885 3624, or dropping into the front office.

Enjoy!

Shelley Morrison

Acting Principal.



Acting Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

It has been a fabulous start to the school year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

A new year

It has been a fabulous start to the school year. Sharon Saitlik, who is our Regional School Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) and works with the Principals and teachers in the 25 schools of the Boroondara Network visited us on Wednesday 1st February. Sharon commented on the energy, enthusiasm and engagement of staff and students. Sharon will be working at our

school over a number of days in the coming weeks and will be supporting us to develop our Strategic Plan 2017-2020.

New Preppies

We welcome our new Preps and their families and are very pleased at their settled start. I enjoyed chatting with the parents who joined us for coffee and tea on the first day and hearing about the excitement that happened in so many households that morning! Prep families are reminded that the Prep Welcome BBQ will be held Tuesday 7th.

New playground

Over the holidays you may have thought all was calm and quiet at the school but it has been a hive of activity. James Kelly worked hard to ensure that our new year 1/2 playground was ready for the school year. I did notice that quite a few students were 'road-testing' it with great delight. In 2016 students in preps, years 1 and 2 were asked to evaluate a number of designs and choose the one that best suited our school. I am sure all 'designers' will be pleased with the result and it will be well used!

Almost new Prep room

Thank you also to Shelley Morrison who was at school almost every day for four weeks to oversee the very complex problem created by ongoing water damage in one of the Prep classroom. The damaged walls and carpet have been removed and the room replastered and repainted. We are still waiting for bag storage to be completed but the Prep team have been working hard to ensure it is 'back to normal' bright and inviting.

A new look for the infills

Teachers who work in the classrooms around the infill areas have been delighted that ordered furniture and other items to make these useful spaces into appealing learning environments have arrived. There are some items still to come.

New staff

I know the warm GIPS community will make our new staff welcome. Kyle Hosking joins the year 5 & 6 team, James Smith joins the year 4 team and Hayley Greeves the Prep Team. Gina Hasapis is our new business manager and spent considerable time over the holiday period getting everything ship-shape for the new school year. Meg Whitford began working as an aide at the end of term 4 and will continue with us this year.

New 'Digital Technologies' curriculum

Over our two days of professional development all staff (teachers, aides and many of the teachers who work regularly as casual relief teachers) worked as a whole staff, in unit teams and in curriculum development teams.

Jo Blannin, Digital Learning Lecturer, University of Melbourne returned build on our knowledge of the new Digital Technologies curriculum and capacity to develop tech tasks that modify or redefine tasks. Nathan Gilliland, who will be timetabled to team teaching with all staff during the year as we develop our coding skills, led a very active session where we explored 'unplugged' coding activities and their relationship to other areas of the curriculum.

New values for our Strategic Plan 2017-2019

During 2016, the Leadership Team identified the need to redefine the schools values and vision. The parent community was identified as a key group to source feedback from. Over 75% of families responded. Students were surveyed in class time and staff had input. During 2016, the Leadership Team identified the need to redine the schools values and vision. The parent community was identified as a key group to source feedback from. Over 75% of families responded. Students were surveyed in class time and staff had input. The core GIPS Values taking us forward into this exciting stage of planning for the future which will support our Motto of AIM HIGH will be: Respect, Honesty, Empathy, Gratitude, Resilience.

Finally... a reminder about our regular 'Get to Know the Community' event! The Family Twilight Night will be held on Friday 17th February on the school oval.

This week I will be taking seven days Long Service Leave from GIPS to attend a family celebration in Germany. Over 16 years ago we tentatively offered to host an exchange student and it is an experience I would recommend. This is an opportunity to celebrate with my 'German' daughter and my 'German' grandchildren. Thanks to all those parents who have helped me practise my German. Auf Wiedersehen.

Robyn Floyd & Shelley Morrison

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property that is named is returned to students. On the last day of term any lost property that remains in the Lost Property bin is donated to the second hand uniform shop. Often uniforms are labelled with the names of past students making it impossible to find their owners. We would like to see the Lost Property Bin empty!



School Council Nominations

Vacancies exist for Parent Members on School Council.

Nominations for SCHOOL COUNCIL.

Nominations are open to fill as many as two current Parent Member vacancies on School Council

More information is available in the About Us section of the school website. School Council members do not need any special expertise, experience or skills; merely the desire to contribute to the ongoing well-being and learning opportunities for all children at Glen Iris Primary School.

The term for all School Council positions is two years. The term for the current roles is from March 2017 to February 2019. Council meetings are usually held at the school, starting at 7:30pm on the third Wednesday of each month.

If you are interested in being involved in School Council, or would like to nominate another parent from the GIPS community, **please submit a Nomination Form before Friday, 17th February**. The forms are available on the school website in the Notices section. Please contact the GIPS office (ph 9885 3624) if you are not able to access the forms via the website or would like to discuss School Council in more detail with the Principal or Council President.



From the Front Office

Click here for all administrative news from the office.

-New staff -Year books

GIPS WELCOMES NEW STAFF



From left to right:

James Smith (4S)

Kyle Hoskings: (5/6KH)

Hailey Greaves (PG)

Gina Hasapis (Business Manager)

Welcome to the GIPS family!

YEAR BOOKS

We have a large number of families who have paid the deposit for the Year Book but have not picked up their copy. Drop into the office to pick up your memento from 2016!



Welcome from GIPS Parents' Assoc.

Hello on behalf of the Parents' Association and welcome to Glen Iris Primary School.

The GIPS Parents' Association (PA) is already gearing up for an exciting year at GIPS in 2017, here's a bit about who we are, what we are planning and how to be involved!

The PA is a sub-committee of the School Council and is primarily responsible for overseeing fundraising projects, social events and other GIPS community activities each school year. Our members include GIPS parents, the school Principal, teachers and administration staff.

The PA communicates details of our activities through such channels as the GIPS website, Class Reps, the fortnightly online newsletter, assembly announcements, take-home notices, the Compass App and occasional emails. To make sure you don't miss out please make sure the office has your up to date details, sign up for the newsletter and add the GIPS website to your favourites. Also, to be included on the class lists please fill out the Class List Permission forms which will come home soon.

The PA always welcomes new members and input, so if you are keen to join in the fun please come along to our **first PA meeting on Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.30pm** in the school staff room.

A welcome Sausage Sizzle for Prep 2017 families has been organised for **Tuesday 7th February**. We would love to see you there.

Our first school event of the year will be the **Family Fiesta**, a casual BYO picnic at school on **Friday 17th February, 5.30- 7.30pm**. There will be entertainment for the kids, plus there will be sausages, drinks, icy poles and jelly cups for sale. We are also in need of parents to volunteer for a short duty on either the BBQ or in the canteen, so please let us know if you can help by filling out the bottom of the notice sent home and returning it ASAP.

The PA uses the online booking site www.carebookings.com.au for **Lunchtime Duty** and Friday **Icy Pole duty**. The code is BMTGG. Please sign yourself up for a duty today, your kids will love to see you in the playground! (Note: Preps

receive their icy pole in the classroom rather than at the canteen window)

Another great way to be involved and get to know the families in your class is to nominate for **Class Rep**, we encourage 2 per class. If you are interested, please fill out the nomination form sent home this week and return to your child's teacher ASAP. For enquiries email Nicola Thomas, Class Rep Coordinator gipsrc@gmail.com

Of course there are many other ways to be involved and active in the school aside from the PA. This includes classroom help, [working](#) & library bees (held once a term on a weekend) or joining another School Council sub- committee eg Building and Grounds. Let us know if you have a special skill to lend!

If you would like more information about the PA please take a look at the Parents' Association page on the website under the Parents tab, or feel free to contact the school office, myself or Jacqui Brown Yamada with enquiries.

We hope your children settle in well and look forward to meeting many of you soon. Best wishes for a great 2017!

Gavin Blue: 2017 President GIPS PA, Dad of Harry (G 6), Archie (G 4) and Felix (G 2)
studio@gavinblue.com

Jacqui Brown Yamada: 2017 Vice President GIPS PA, Mum of Angus (G 6) & Kenrick (G 4)
brownjacqui@hotmail.com

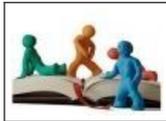


Icy Poles and Lunchtime Duty Helpers Needed

Make GIPS great by helping out with icypoles or lunchtime supervision. These are both short and easy to do, and are really appreciated by the kids!

[Icy Pole Notice](#)

[Lunchtime Duty Notice.](#)



Social and Meeting Diary

Check here for social events and meetings over the next fortnight.

Tuesday 13 Feb	PA Meeting	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Staff Room
Wednesday 15 Feb	Information Night	6.00pm - 7.15pm	Various
Friday 17 Feb	Assembly Family Fiesta	2.45pm – 3.15pm 5.30pm - 7.30pm	Church Hall
Tuesday 21 Feb	Meet the Teacher Interviews	3.40pm - 8.00pm	Various



Activities for the Kids

We support our local sporting clubs and community groups.

Play Junior Footy for boys and girls: [Ashy Redbacks](#)

Play Basketball with the [Glen Iris Scorpions](#)