From The Principal

Dear Parents,

School life has been active and engaging over the past two weeks with all grade levels enjoying various excursions, incursions and special events. Every time I look out my office window, another bus is arriving to take groups to interesting places that support children’s classroom learning program. Werribee Zoo, Melbourne CBD, Como House, History Box and Public Speaking classes are just some of the special programs that have operated in the past couple of weeks.

Congratulations Preps! 100 Days of School!

On Tuesday, our Prep children celebrated their 100th school day since they commenced school in February. Teachers and children dressed as centenarians and explored mathematical concepts associated with the number “100”. Our Prep teachers, Claire Sutherland, Brodee Goldman and Emily Burgess, got in touch with their “Inner Nana” for the day complete with inflatable zimmer frames. Let’s not tell the Preps there are approximately 2,500 more school days until they finish VCE!

2014 Fundraising and Student Art Auction

In 2014, our major fundraising event is the Student Art Auction that will be held on Saturday, August 9th. Funds raised on this occasion will be directed to the installation of new play equipment for the Grade 5/6 students; playground seating; a portable stage for the Performing Arts program and specialised Developmental Learning equipment for the Prep to Grade 2 children. Other school funds will resource the renewal of classroom carpets in numerous rooms, further air conditioning, school fencing upgrades and general maintenance.

We hope you will consider supporting the school’s fundraising efforts to ensure we can continue to provide our children with the quality learning experience they deserve.

Staffing News

We have recently appointed two new members of staff to replace Mrs Natasha Black and Mrs Nikki Szwarebard, who will both commence Maternity Leave soon.

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| **Friday 1** | • Public Speaking Grade 5 & 6  
|           | • Assembly 2.50pm |
| **Monday 4** | • Prep Excursion—Collingwood Children’s Farm  
|           | • Three Way Conferences  
|           | 2.45/3.45—7.00pm |
| **Tuesday 5** | • Stomp Dance—Prep to 6 |
| **Wed 6** | • Three Way Conferences  
|           | 2.45/3.45—7.00pm |
| **Friday 8** | • Story Time @ GIPS  
|           | 2.30pm - 3.15pm  
|           | • Mad Hatter’s Tea Party |
| **Saturday 9** | • The Wonderland Series”  
|            | Art Show & Auction |
| **Monday 11** | • 5/6 Dance Performance |
| **Friday 15** | • House Athletics  
|           | • Assembly 2.50pm |
• Mr Ian Box will commence at Glen Iris on Monday August 25th teaching Grade 5/6S. Ian has taught in both primary and secondary settings and is currently teaching Humanities and Physical Education at Vermont Secondary College.

• Miss Michelle Vincitorio will commence at Glen Iris on Monday, September 8th teaching Physical Education (Mon – Thurs) and Gr 1LN each Friday. Michelle has taught in both primary and secondary settings in both classroom and specialist positions.

Three Way Conferences

Next week, we will conduct our first, school-wide Three Way Conferences. This practice has long been the approach in the Grade 5/6 area. The teachers and I feel children at other grade levels would benefit from the opportunity to contribute to these important conversations. On a daily basis, teachers discuss learning with students to identify strengths, opportunities for improvement and future learning goals. I am sure parents will be impressed by how articulate, reflective and honest the children are when discussing their learning. If, once the Three Way Conference program is complete, either parents or teachers feel the need for a private conversation, we will be happy to arrange an opportunity for this to occur.

Arrangements for students during Three Way Conferences: It is important that children scheduled to attend a Conference are ready and waiting outside the classroom at the appointed time. Recognising there may be other siblings waiting for Conferences to conclude, we will provide supervision and entertainment in the Performing Arts room for school aged students. To ensure children’s safety and the smooth operation of the program, we prefer that children waiting for parents do not play in the school ground unsupervised. Children should come to the Performing Arts room where teachers will provide video entertainment.

Plans for 2015

Preparations for the 2015 school year have commenced and our Workforce Management strategy is closely aligned to the number of students in the school. If your family plans mean your children will not return to Glen Iris Primary School in 2015, could you assist by advising the Office as soon as your plans are known? We work on the assumption that children will return to the school unless we hear otherwise.

Some Safety Reminders

Could parents please remember:

• Generally, dogs are not permitted in the school grounds. If you have a young pup not ready to join the throng tied to the front fence, could you please carry the dog when at school, and, of course clean up after it.

• The small, staff carpark is not an area for pedestrians or parents’ cars. Children and parents are asked to use the pedestrian entries to the school. Parking for parents is only available in the street and the Council off street parking further down Glen Iris Road.

• Please do not allow children to alight from or get into your car when double parked or on the roadway.

Yours Sincerely

[Signature]

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Once you have registered and logged in, go to My Connections to connect to the relevant school feeds.
From the Assistant Principal

AP Matters:

SRI (formerly known as CRE) classes will begin next Thursday. We are trialling a new schedule for the next four weeks. A class teacher will be with each SRI class. Students not attending SRI will also be supervised by a classroom teacher. Please see me if you have any queries.

150th ANNIVERSARY
20th August to 6th September 2015

Fundraising 1930s style!
As the Art Auction approaches I thought it would be fun to reminisce about what the school committee did in the ‘olden days’. We know there will be dancing between the auction of artworks but at the School Bazaar in 1930 they set up a *Palaise de Dance* charging 3d per couple. I will be lining up for tickets to our fabulous hampers but in 1930 (No, I wasn’t at the school back then!) I could have won: a teddy bear, a gent’s silk scarf, a handworked jumper, a lampshade, silk pyjamas, a guest towel, a box of handkerchiefs or a packet of Bushell’s tea.

We will be asking for parent volunteers to letterbox drop our 150th Anniversary postcards around the Glen Iris area. If you can do a letterbox drop in surrounding streets please call in to the Office from next Tuesday. We are not asking students to letterbox drop for safety reasons.

Robyn Floyd

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If during the day you need to advise the school of your child’s pickup arrangements, please ring the school office at all times. Please do not send this information via email as we cannot guarantee this will always be seen by the office staff or teacher before the afternoon dismissal, and we want the children to be safe and accounted for at all times.

SCHOOL PICKUP

Just a reminder to all parents picking up their children after school to please not park in the school car park. The disabled car park is specifically reserved for those who need it and everyone else is asked to please park out in the surrounding streets.

Thankyou for your consideration

LATEST NEWSLETTER

Want to receive an alert when our latest newsletter is online? Go to the GIPS website homepage and click on the orange link: Subscribe to Newsletter.

HOURS OF SUPERVISION

Please note that students are supervised in the yard before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm.
Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with Disability

Our school has been selected to participate in the 2014 Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This national Data Collection is taking place in schools across Australia and will provide information about the number of students with disability in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive.

The information provided by this new data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. This will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment.

If your child is eligible to be included in the Data Collection, you will be sent a Privacy Information and Consent Form next week. Inclusion in the Data Collection is voluntary. If you wish your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can complete the Privacy Information and Consent Form and return to the school.

If you do not receive a Privacy Information and Consent Form and believe your child has a disability and should be considered for inclusion in the Data Collection, please contact the Principal.

For further information about the Data Collection, please contact the Principal or visit Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website


VICTORIAN PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Hello Happy Readers!
There is one month to go for this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge.
   The CLOSING DATE is Friday AUGUST 29TH, 2014.
By this date all books need to be uploaded onto the website, www.education.vic.gov.au/pre/, so they can be verified.

In order to complete the challenge:
Students from Prep-2 are required to read 30 books (20 or more must be from the ‘Challenge List’ - see website). You may read by yourself or with an adult or friend.
Students from 3-6 are required to read 15 books (10 or more must be from the ‘Challenge List’ - see website).

Good luck
Brodee Goldman

5/6 DANCE PERFORMANCE

The Grade 5/6 students have been learning partner dances in Term 2 during Performing Arts. They will be performing these dances on Monday 11th August and would love parents/grandparents/special friends to come along. The performance will be held at 2.50pm in the hall.

Look forward to seeing you there.
5/6 students and Mrs Kate Van der Jagt

Community Noticeboard

SOLWAY BASKETBALL CLUB
Registrations are now open for the 2014/15 season
More details on website under community noticeboard
**Education Maintenance Allowance 2014**

The **Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)** is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on **28 February 2014 for the first instalment** and **1 August 2014 for the second instalment**; and
3. You must apply by 28 February 2014 for the first instalment and 1st August 2014, for the second instalment: be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the **State Concessions Act 2004**, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health care card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) HOLDER; or be a foster parent.
4. Submit your application to the school by the due date: **28 February 2014 for the first instalment***, 1 August 2014 for the second instalment.
5. *Please note: you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.

**EMA application forms are available from the school office or from our website.**

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**Lunchtime Duty**

Thank you to all those wonderful families who have already helped in the Library/Playground this year!

We are still seeking extra parent helpers to assist again at lunchtimes in Term 3. Together with the Yard Duty teachers the Lunchtime Duty Parent/s will supervise the library space or alternatively be in the playground.

Please try to find a spare lunchtime, as your children would love to see you.

*Remember you will need a current Working With Children Check to participate.*

Thank you.

Justine Moore (9889 9547)
Justine3146@gmail.com
On behalf of Parents Association.

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**Bedtime Storytime**

**Monday 4 August at 6:30pm**

Ashburton Library
154 High Street
Ph: 9278 4666
The whole family is welcome!
Wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite cuddly friend.

Greetings all,

Several members of the Parents’ have been putting in extra time lately on a number of social and fundraising events, most notably, the Student Art Auction which is scheduled for Saturday, 9th August.

We are pleased to report that the planning for the event is well progressed at this stage. Thanks largely to the tireless work of Michele Freeland-Small and her team of parent volunteers, the class pieces will be on display in the library during the week leading up to the auction to give everyone a chance to enjoy the products of our children’s talents and hard work. Be sure to drop in and have a look after morning drop-offs or afternoon pick-ups.

If you haven’t already purchased your tickets for the event, please do so by Friday 1st Aug to assist us with catering. It promises to be a fun night for our parents. Bookings can be made online through the TryBooking website, the school website or at the GIPS office.

If you would love to make a bid on a piece, but are unable to attend on the night, please see the absentee bidding sheet at the end of the newsletter.

Meanwhile, thanks to everyone who helped out at our Sausage Sizzle at Masters last Sunday, and particularly to Jacqui Brown and Carolyn Currie who went above and beyond the normal call of duty to ensure this was a successful event for the school. We are pleased to report that we raised about $485 on the day. As with all PA events, these proceeds are used to fund special Wish List projects for the school. Details can be found in the Parents’ Association section of the school website.

Also, please note that we have re-scheduled the annual Father’s Day Breakfast which will now take place on Monday, 25th August. More details went home yesterday with the notices.

The next PA meeting is scheduled for Monday, 18th August at 7:30pm in the GIPS Staff Room. This will be a good meeting to attend for anyone who might be considering taking an active role in the Parents’ Association in 2015.

Regards and hope to see you at the auction,

Alex Goldhagen,
President
At Glen Iris Primary School, things are getting curiouser and curiouser…

Hurry, bookings close this Friday!

Presenting

The Wonderland Series

student art exhibition and auction

a special tribute to Lewis Carroll’s timeless classic ‘Alice in Wonderland’

So join us down the rabbit hole

$20 per ticket for finger food, music and curiousness!
Wine and beer on sale – Works of art to be auctioned

tickets: www.gips.vic.edu.au

Saturday 9th August
7.30pm
@ GIPS
COMMUNITY NOTICES
Just a reminder to all to keep checking our community noticeboard on our website. There is new information every fortnight that many of you may be interested in.

TAEKWONDO AT GLEN IRIS PRIMARY
We are now taking bookings for Term 3 for our ongoing Monday lunchtime program. For more information email schoolstaekwondo@gmail.com.au

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
Just a reminder all volunteers who work in our school with our children must have current Working with Children Checks as indicated in the policy approved by School Council.

The policy and further information is located on our website.

We have had some situations of parents turning up without these checks and unfortunately being unable to partake in rostered classroom or playground activities, sporting events or excursions.

2014 TERM DATES
Term 1 28 January to 4 April
Term 2 22 April to 27 June
Term 3 14 July to 19 September
Term 4 6 October to 19 December

2015 TERM DATES
Term 1 28 January to 27 March
Term 2 13 April to 26 June
Term 3 13 July to 18 September
Term 4 5 October to 18 December
STUDENT ART EXHIBITION
AND AUCTION

Catalogue and bidding sheet

If you can’t make it to the auction but would like to place a bid on a piece of art, please use this form to mark your bid next to the piece of art you are bidding on. The amount you bid on this form is the maximum amount you choose to bid to and may be out bid on the night. Feel free to bid on multiple items! All artwork is on display at the school prior to the auction.

Please sign and date your bid and hand in to the School Office no later than Friday, 8th August, 2014.

Good luck!!

saturday, 9th August
7.30pm in the library

Fundraiser for the school
finger food and music – wine & beer on sale
Tickets $20 – www.gips.vic.edu.au

BIDDERS NAME ________________________________

TELEPHONE ________________________________

SIGNATURE ________________________________

DATE ________________________________

Glen Iris PRIMARY SCHOOL