Dear Parents,

The cool, crisp days are certainly letting us know winter is not too far away.

Working Bee
The first working bee for 2015 was held on Saturday, April 18th. Thanks to the following families for their contribution to the working bee: Merrett, Kim, Ng, Graham, McMeikan, Osbourne-Smith, Perkins/Trentham, Rush, Burns, Cran, Lu/Gale, Teoh, McEwen, Cheong, Lukins, Ots-Maher, Beggs/Phillips, and Hoban. Special thanks to Craig Ots-Maher and Jane Lukins for their extra help in managing and overseeing the working bee activities.

Families who have elected not to pay the working bee levy are reminded of the expectation that they will attend at least one working bee during the year. Other working bee dates for 2015 are: Sat 30th May, Sat 15th August and Sat 14th November.

Curriculum Day – Wednesday, June 3rd
I wish to advise parents that Wednesday, June 3rd will be a Curriculum Day at Glen Iris. Teachers will be working on preparation of the mid-year student reports. Children do not attend school on this day.

Carpet Replacement
In the coming weeks, we will be replacing carpets in 8 classrooms at a cost of $22,000. The classrooms involved are 3TJ, all grade 4 rooms, 5/6K (a double room), 5/6H and 5/6 S. The new carpets will provide a safer and more attractive environment for the children. This work will require a large amount of packing and movement of furniture. Funds for the replacement of the carpet will be drawn largely from the Building and Grounds levies contributed by families. To avoid an unnecessary expense, we will be seeking volunteers to assist us with moving of the furniture. The grade 3 and 4 carpets will be laid during the camp week commencing on Monday, May 25th. The grade 5/6 classrooms will be recarpeted in the June school holidays. The grades involved will receive notification of the details.

Families who are yet to contribute to the Buildings and Grounds levy are welcome to do so at the Office at any time.

Mothers’ Day events
Next week, we will look forward to two events in honour of Mothers’ day on Sunday, May 10th. The Parents’ Association will conduct the Mothers’ Day stall on Tuesday, May 5th. This is an occasion the children anticipate with pleasure. Thanks to Pip Young and Sharon Van Dooren for their organisation and to their many helpers who assist on the day.

On Friday, May 8th, we will hold our inaugural Mothers’ Day Pampering Salon event. Children are invited to bring mum or another special lady in their lives along to school for some early morning pampering. Who wouldn’t enjoy a massage, some hand lotion, nail painting and a spray of perfume delivered by the youngsters! I have heard some of the older boys are a bit dubious, but I’m sure they will be happy to treat mum to some special time. Following the pampering, there will be some treats and coffee for the mums in the Hall.

We are also looking for donations of suitable beauty products – new and pre-loved gratefully accepted. It has been a great excuse at my house to clean out those bathroom cabinets that hold many products from days gone by. Donations can be left at the Office.

Thanks to Gavin Blue and his band of dads for this initiative. Should be lots of fun!

Education Week 2015 / Preps 2016
We look forward to celebrating Education Week 2015 with our community in the week May 18 – 22nd. Education Week is an annual event in Victorian government schools to celebrate the many high quality learning opportunities these schools provide for students. We invite current families to come to school and
join in our Family Learning Night – ICT in the classrooms - Monday, May 18th 6:00 – 7:00pm
There will be a range of learning activities through the school related to the use of technology in the classrooms. Families will be able to move through the school trying out all sorts of learning activities, games and competitions. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Other special events planned during Education Week (May 18 – May 22) to celebrate State Education and to introduce our school to prospective families for 2016. The key dates are:

- **Open Day:** Wed May 20th 9:30 – 10:30am and 2:00 – 3:00pm
- **Prep 2016 Information Night:** Mon May 25th

**Prep Enrolments 2016 / Storytime @ Glen Iris**
If you have a 2016 Prep child who will be attending Glen Iris or you know of a local family considering schools for next year, I suggest you look carefully at the range of events on offer to help parents find out all about our school and activities for pre-schoolers highlighted on our website. “Storytime @ Glen Iris” is a literacy program for preschoolers that begins on Friday, May 8th and will be conducted fortnightly. Pre-schoolers are welcome to visit the school with parents on Open Day, May 20th, and visit the prep classrooms and specialist classes. Storytime sessions are limited in numbers and require bookings at the Office. Further details are available at [www.gips.vic.edu.au](http://www.gips.vic.edu.au)

Enrolments for 2016 are now open.

**Staff News**
I am pleased to announce the safe arrival of baby Ted, first child of Danniell and Sarah, yesterday, Wednesday, April 29th. Danniell Smith teaches grade 5/6S. Mother and baby well. Father recovering!

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher

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**From the Assistant Principal**

If you haven’t seen the time-release movie of ‘The making of the 150th photo’ please drop into our foyer and watch our screen. In the background you can see the grey clouds creeping in and you’ll understand why I had my fingers crossed. A huge thank you to Gavin Blue for taking this photo and others of our artefacts for our 150th Celebration Book. Thanks to Kylie Carnegie for researching the history for the book and the team of parents who scanned and sorted the old photos for the book. Peter Holmes is working on the design at the moment.

Our 150th badges have finally arrived. There are four designs to choose from: The small badges are $1.00 each and the large badges are $2.00 each. It will be hard to choose which one! SRC representatives will be selling them at recess and some days after school.

Later in the term we will have 150th LOGO shopping bags for parents and friends and towards the end of the term student excursion bags with LOGO on one side and student artwork on the other will be available. We hope there is something for every-one to keep as a momento of this important year.

Robyn Floyd - Assistant Principal

**150th Anniversary Blog**

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**COMPASS SCHOOL MANAGER**

**JUST A REMINDER**

You can now log your child’s absence online through Compass. This allows their teacher to be immediately aware of their absence and also saves the hassle of having to ring the office.

If you are having difficulties with the process there is a Parent Guide with easy to follow steps on our website under notices.

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**THIS IS WHERE WE LEARN. PLEASE DON'T SMOKE HERE.**

In Victoria, smoking is banned on the grounds of, and within four metres of, an entrance to all childcare centres, kindergartens and schools. Penalties can apply for smoking in these areas. For more information, visit http://www.preventivestart.com.au.
I am a PhD student who is interested in how severe adults perceive mobile phone cyberbullying scenarios and who they believe children should report these incidents to. This questionnaire is for parents with a daughter in Grade 5 or 6, as more females are involved in mobile phone related bullying. The questionnaire contains six animated scenarios via a secure website and participants are asked to rate the severity and likelihood to report each based on a scale. The questionnaire will take approximately 10 minutes. All information is anonymous and confidential. You can find the link to the questionnaire below.

Your school will be given a general summary of the overall results of the study approximately 8-10 weeks after completion.

https://nupsych.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5vbWVwsdC7HdZZP

Thank you for your time
Claire Sutherland
Next week is a busy week, with Mother’s Day just around the corner and a couple of other school activities, here’s a few reminders:

- **Monday 4th May** – Book club sorting 9-10am – contact Philip Connell if you can help out flipandlisa@gmail.com

- **Tuesday 5th May** will be the Mother’s Day Stall from 8:45am to 1.15pm. Thanks to Sharon Van Doornum and Pip Young for coordinating and to all those who have volunteered to help out. There will be lots of wonderful gifts for the Mum’s on sale, so make sure the kids bring their pocket money and a bag to take home their treasures. Price range 50c - $10.

- **Friday 8th May** – GIPS Glamorous, Indulgent, Pampering Salon 8.30am – 10am. An event for our wonderful Mum’s hosted by the Dads and kids! Thanks to Gavin Blue for coordinating, don’t forget to drop any unwanted lotions and potions off in the box at the office and bring your gold coin donation on the day. Dads who can help out, please contact Gavin studio@gavinblue.com

Preparations are getting under way for the PA’s main fundraising and social event this year. The **Trivia Night** theme is **Back in Time** to loosely tie in with the school’s sesquicentennial. So save the date, **Saturday 13th June** and book the babysitter now! We are also looking for donations or contributions for the **Silent Auction**, if you can help out please contact Carolyn Ryan carolynbattryan@icloud.com or Fiona Freemantle fionafr@bigpond.net.au

The **Footy Tipping Comp** is well underway, please contact Ash Mrocki ashley@chadwickmerch.com.au or the office to pay if you have not already done so for a chance to take home the winnings!

Jane Lukins - Mum of Emily (4E) and Daniel (2C) President GIPS PA 2015 jane@lukins.id.au

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**GIPS TRIVIA NIGHT – SILENT AUCTION**

As most GIPS families are aware, our main fundraising event for 2015, a Trivia Night, will be held on Saturday 13 June. As part of this fundraising evening, we will again be conducting a Silent Auction, and are currently sourcing donations.

We have already had significant support from the broader community, and would like to thank the following: Prahran Market, Miele, Stockland Tooronga, Charisma Dance, Melbourne Taekwondo Centre, The Enchanted Maze Garden, Big 4, Bounce, Sovereign Hill, Ashburton United Soccer Club, Style Staples and I Scream Nails. Please return this support to our donors and use their services or visit their business when you can. Further donors will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.

We are now also asking the school community to support the auction if they can. Donations will be gratefully received, and acknowledged in our newsletter, on our Facebook page, as well as on the evening.

Please let us know at the earliest opportunity if you can help us- our details are:

Carolyn Ryan carolynbattryan@icloud.com
Fiona Freemantle fionafr@bigpond.net.au

Thanks in advance for your contributions,

Carolyn Ryan and Fiona Freemantle

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**2nd HAND UNIFORM**

We are over stocked in the 2nd hand uniform shop at the moment so please come in and have a look.

Lots of warm jumpers for the winter and we don't have room for it all! Everything is $5.

We are open every Friday from 3.15 to 3.45.

We also have a lot of school bags and art smocks. See you soon!

Kim Green and Katrina Hrelja.

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**Community Noticeboard**

Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!
mosaics

As part of the celebrations for the 150th anniversary for Glen Iris PS, all the students will participate in the making of a large mosaic mural. It will be a combined birthday with Lewis Carroll’s Alice in Wonderland… The design has evolved from the students drawings of the story, along with significant aspects of their school experiences! In Term 2 all the children will be busy making and glazing their own clay images, cutting and gluing ceramic tiles to complete the masterpiece! If you’d like to assist with this project, please let me know and join in the fun! Thanks to Natalie Jefferson for coordinating the collection of precious left over tiles…
Michele Freeland-Small
Managing your Asthma and Allergy: An Expert Panel Q&A

An opportunity for you to ask your asthma and allergy questions to Victoria’s top physicians.

Panellists include:
- A/Prof Sarah Ranganathan  Director of Respiratory Medicine, Royal Children’s Hospital
- Prof Jo Harrison  Respiratory Physician, Royal Children’s Hospital
- Prof Jo Douglass  Head, Immunology and Allergy Department, Royal Melbourne Hospital
- Dr Joanne Smart  Clinical Allergist & Immunologist, Royal Children’s Hospital

Date:  Sunday 28 June 2015
Time:  4pm – 6pm
Venue:  Ella Latham Auditorium, Royal Children’s Hospital

To register visit asthma-and-allergy.eventbrite.com.au or contact the Asthma Foundation Victoria on advice@asthma.vic.gov.au or 03 9326 7088

www.canterburyart.com

2015 CANTERBURY ART EXHIBITION
At Canterbury Primary School
Nolesworth Street Canterbury
MAY 1-3

Opening Night
Friday 1 May 8pm–11pm
Tickets $50 per head includes wine, beer, gourmet food, catalogue and weekend entry (no stintleton please)

Weekend Exhibition
entry $5 (children free)
Saturday 2 May, 10am-5pm
Sunday 3 May, 10am-4pm

For further information and purchase of Opening Night Tickets go to www.canterburyart.com

Bedtime Storytime

Monday 4 May at 6.30pm
Ashburton Library
154 High Street, Ashburton
Phone 9278 4666

The whole family is welcome!
Wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite cuddly friend.

DOGS UNITE for GUIDE DOGS VICTORIA
YOUR PET. YOUR BEST FRIEND. YOUR HERO.

Celebrate your best pooch-pal by participating in Dogs Unite, a 4km dog walk with a difference.
This fun event will raise much needed funds for Guide Dogs Victoria.

Guided by your furry friend and other canines, you and your pups will step out on a 2km course with a 2km course to complete the 4km walk.

WHEN: All dogs welcome to a fun sponsored walk
WHERE: Hayes Paddock, London St, New East
DATE: Sunday May 3rd 2015
TIME: 8.30AM for 8.30AM start
REGISTRATION FEE: $40

Your support helps Guide Dogs Victoria raise $15,000 to train and place a Guide Dog to give a vision-impaired person independence.

REGISTRATION ONLINE:
www.guidedogsunitewalk.com.au

Dogs Unite
Guide Dogs Victoria

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Thank you!
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.

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Just a quick reminder that Glen Iris Primary School is a Nut Aware School and, as such, it is important that parents do not allow their children to bring any product to school that contains nuts of any type. Naturally this includes peanut butter, Nutella, nut health bars and cakes/biscuits that contain nuts. Please inform class teachers of all the ingredients of any food sent to school to share on special occasions. We appreciate your diligence in this matter.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

If you need to take your child from a classroom during school hours:

- Please fill in the Leave Pass Book at the Office.
- Hand the white slip to the teacher when you collect your child

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.

FAMILY DETAILS

Have any of your family details changed recently? Can’t remember? Don’t worry we all have those moments. Call in to the School Office or give us a ring if you would like to check the information we have on file. If you have changed address, phone numbers, emergency contact details and email addresses - ring, call in to the Office or send a note requesting a “Change of Student Information” form be sent home with your child.

It is very important to keep your details up-to-date.
Kaye, Liz, Kathy and Rose
GIPS Office Staff

HOURS OF SUPERVISION

Please note that students are supervised in the yard before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm.

GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
8.30am until 4.30pm
**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.

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**SCHOOL PICKUP**

Just a reminder to all parents when picking up children after school *please do 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.

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**HEAD LICE**

They’re back…

Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on human for 10 000 years. You may be reassured to know that they are commonly found in places other than Glen Iris Primary School.

Some of the reasons they have survived for as long as they have are:

- The six legs of a louse end in a claw, allowing them to grip the hair.
- They detect vibration and can hide.
- Head lice can ‘hold’ their breath for 20 mins – looking like they are dead.
- The eggs are attached to the hair with a ‘glue’ like substance.
- Studies conducted on 45 different products to dissolve the ‘glue’ showed nothing would dissolve it.

The good news…

We know where they live and we know how to find them.

If you follow these steps, once a week, the control of head lice in your home will be greatly improved.

**Step 1** Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to *dry, brushed (detangled)* hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;

**Step 2** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;

**Step 3** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;

**Step 4** If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated;

**Step 5** If the child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.

If your child has head lice – tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them and ask them to check their family for head lice.

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