



Friday, 24th March 2017

To All Members of the GIPS Community,

On behalf of School Council, I am writing to provide an update on the current situation regarding the role of Principal at Glen Iris Primary School.

After a long and successful career in the school system here in Victoria, Meredith Carracher has recently decided to retire from public service. This is sad news for anyone who has had the pleasure of knowing Meredith personally, whether as colleague, parent or student. Meredith has been a faithful and dedicated leader of Glen Iris Primary School since 2008 and will be genuinely missed by those who have been touched by her effective and passionate stewardship of our school.

For the benefit of those who may not fully appreciate what goes on behind the scenes at our school, I would like to take this opportunity to publically acknowledge the tireless efforts of both Robyn Floyd (Acting Principal) and Shelley Morrison (Assistant Principal). Robyn and Shelley deserve immeasurable credit and community gratitude for ensuring the day-to-day running of the school, particularly over the past two school terms.

Earlier this week, Council was informed that the Department of Education will be providing an Interim Principal for Term 2 to relieve Robyn and Shelley of their recent, voluntary duties. We welcome this news as a sign of community support and as a positive step in the right direction for GIPS.

In the meantime, the Department will be interviewing candidates for the role of permanent, full-time Principal to commence in Term 3. Council will be involved in the selection process and will actively support the transition. Needless to say, we will provide regular updates to the school community at each stage.

I hope that this update will allay some of the concerns that many amongst the school community may have felt in recent times. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Regards,

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Glen Iris Primary School