



Glen Iris Primary School

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eNewsletter 10 May 2017

Dear Subscribers Name,

Here is our eNewsletter for 10 May 2017. All this news, and more, can be found on the front page of our website, www.gips.vic.edu.au.

Please check the Recent News on the website regularly to keep up to date with school news.

Best wishes,

GIPS.



From the Principal's Office

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Dear Parents,

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Working Bee

A big thankyou to all the parents who attended the Working Bee on Sunday 30 April. Cleaning out of drainage pits in preparation for the approaching wet weather and a general tidy up of the school grounds were completed. There will be another opportunity to help in upcoming working bees in Terms 3 and 4.

House Cross Country

On Wednesday 3 May students in Years 3-6 competed in the House Cross Country at Ferndale Park for the first time. In perfect weather, the children all tried their hardest to complete the course, ranging from 1 to 3 kilometres depending on the age group, to the best of their ability. The positive team spirit and enthusiastic participation of all students was a highlight. Thank you to our PE teacher, Nathan Gilliland, and his many helpers for ensuring the event ran smoothly and the children were able to participate safely. The parents lining the course offered every child great encouragement and support. From this event, a school team has been selected to compete in the Glen Iris District Cross Country on Tuesday 23 May.

NAPLAN

As I write this the annual NAPLAN Testing Program for Schools across the country are being administered. They are held on the mornings of Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May for all students in Years 3 and 5. They cover the areas of Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. We try to make these tests part of the normal school program and would encourage parents to do likewise. The Naplan results will be available later in the year for all parents whose children are in these year levels.

Fire Ed for Preps

The Preps have been just undertaken a fire safety education program. The program, which is delivered at the school by firefighters, helps students develop a basic understanding of fire safety and to view firefighters as community helpers.

Over two school visits the firefighters addressed the following key areas:

- firefighters are our friends
- fires are good/safe or bad/unsafe
- good/safe fires always have an adult in charge
- smoke alarms alert us to the presence of smoke and fire
- crawl down low and go, go, go when evacuating a smoke-filled room
- stop, drop, cover, roll if your clothes are on fire

- every family needs to identify a safe meeting place
- the number to phone for emergency help is 000.

Two Prep students then told us what they had learnt at our whole School Assembly last Friday.

Year 3 and 4 Camp

Year 3 and 4 students will attend a three-day camp at Manyung, Mt Eliza starting on Wednesday 31 May. The students are all very excited, and will no doubt return with lots of stories about their activities at camp. A parent information session will be held at school on Monday 15 May at 6.00pm.

Mother's Day event

I hope all our mums enjoy a lovely Mother's Day with their families. The students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift at the Mother's Day stall on Friday 12 May. Many thanks to Katrina Standen and Lisa Kelly, as well as all the parent helpers on the day for assisting with the special purchases.

A notice has been sent out about GIPS – Glamorous, Indulgent, Pampering Salon happening on the Friday morning from 8.30am to 10.00am. I hope the Mums enjoy the special attention. A huge thank you to Gavin Blue and his band of helpers for making this an anticipated event in the GIPS school calendar.

Meet the Auburn High School Principal

Maria Karvouni, the Principal of Auburn High School, will be here on Monday 15 May at 2.45pm to talk to any interested parents about the programs on offer at Auburn High. This is an open invitation to all parents and would be of particular benefit to parents of students in Years 3, 4 & 5 for information to support the transition in to high school. See website for details.

Education Week Family Night

All families will shortly receive further information about our special Family Night to celebrate Education Week, next Wednesday 24 May. Classrooms will be open from 6:00 – 7:00pm for families to participate in a range of classroom activities highlighting the inclusion of computers and technology in their learning.

There will be two guest speakers who will be talking on Coding and children will demonstrate to you the various skills they are developing. We are looking forward to a fun and informative evening.

Other highlights of Education Week Include:

- **Open Day:** Thursday 25 May from 9:30 – 10:30am and 2:00 – 3:00pm. Prospective parents visit the school to take tours, meet staff and find out about what our school has to offer. We are asking for parents to volunteer some of their time and assist with students on the Promotions Team to provide these guided tours.
- **Prep 2016 Information Night:** Tuesday 23 May 7:00 – 8:00pm. Prospective parents are invited to an Information Session where features of our school and programs are outlined.

If you have family, friends or neighbours who are considering enrolling their child at GIPS in 2018, please encourage them to attend our events. Current families with 2018 Prep students are encouraged to confirm their enrolment as soon as possible to assist us with our planning.

Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday 19 May. This is an annual, national event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. Classroom teachers will be talking to the students to reinforce the message of road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

Footy Cards

Unfortunately we have had to deal with some upset students involving the trading of footy cards in the playground. We have decided that to prevent future disputes there will be no trading of footy cards at school.

Curriculum Day

A reminder to families that a Curriculum Day will be held on Wednesday 7 June to support the student reporting process. Children do not attend school on this day.

School Photos

Finally a reminder that school photos are being taken on Thursday 18 May and all students are expected to be in school uniform.

Regards,

Garry Collins



Parents' Association News - 10 May

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Hi Everyone,

This week it is all about the mums, grandmothers and special friends.

Big thanks to **Katrina Standen**, **Lisa Kelly** and **Serena Thompson** for searching through a mountain of catalogues (that I never knew existed) to find a range of gifts for the kids to consider to show their appreciation on Mother's Day. Also a big thank you to their volunteer shop assistants who will help the kids make their important choices. Don't forget to remind to the kids to bring some Money on Friday for the stall.

We have had quite a few RSVPs for the Glamorous, Indulgent, Pampering Salon (GIPS) this Friday. Anticipation is high and apparently Endota, Texas Nails, Viva Goddess Nails Nails, Chanel and Mecca have had their average bookings drop over the last 2 weeks. The office has been receiving donations of hand lotions, nailpolish and perfumes for the event but my suggestion would be to maybe to bring your own products or risk spending the rest of the day with sparkly nail polish, smelling like the fragrance section at chemist warehouse after school hours.

****Calling all Dads**** we still use some more help in the morning to come and help out so the Mums can be pampered and enjoy morning tea! If you can assist please email studio@gavinblue.com

Recently in the GIPS community there has been some families facing some difficult circumstances and what has been especially inspiring is the support for these families that has come from within our community.

To help look after families in the future, an informal care group is being created where families can volunteer their willingness to assist when a family is in need. The care would be discreet and confidential. One of the simplest and most practical ways people can offer support is by providing a good healthy meal, other ways are house cleaning, use of a house away etc.

If you would like to volunteer your assistance we would love to hear from you and hope to never call on you. Please email Gavin on studio@gavinblue.com

Parent Survey - Thank you to the parents who participated in the parent survey.

Thank you

Gavin Blue - Dad of Harry (5/6KH) , Archie (4G) and Felix (2T)

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Education Week - Open Day Tour Guides

Are you interested in being a 'Tour Guide' and showing the parents of prospective Glen Iris students at our school?

If you are available to show prospective parents around GIPS on Thursday 25th May, can you please return [this form](#) to the office, email us at glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au, or

ring the office on 9885 3624.

Thank you for your support of your school!

Glen Iris Primary School families

are invited to celebrate

"Education Week - 2017"

by joining in our Family Coding Night

In previous years we have explored Art, Maths, Literacy and Science. This year parents and friends are invited to join their children to explore STEM activities with a focus on Coding. Activities will be available in the classrooms, infill spaces and a special whole school activity will be happening in the Library space.

WEDNESDAY 24th MAY
6pm-7pm

Open Day Tours Thursday 25rd May

Are you interested in being a 'Tour Guide' and showing the parents of prospective Glen Iris students our school?

I am available to be a Tour Guide at the

9.30-10.30 session

2.00-3.00 session

I could provide a small plate of food for the morning/afternoon tea (leave in Multi Purpose Room).

I would be happy to serve coffee and tea

Name: _____ Child's Grade: _____



Family Night 24 May - Coding

As part of Education Week, we invite all GIPS families to join us for an evening exploring computers and coding.

Digital Technology

Date: Wednesday, 24 May

Time: 6-7pm

Venue: Glen Iris P.S, 170 Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris.

A-L Families – 6:00 – 6:25pm, School Library (Guest Speaker) Coding

M-Z Families – 6:30 - 6:55pm, School Library (Guest Speaker) Coding

M-Z families will move through the year levels P-6 exploring how technology is used within the classroom before their allocated Coding presentation.

A-Z families to move throughout the school at the conclusion of the presentation.

Guest Speaker: Michelle Kueh, CodeCamp Australia



www.codecamp.com.au

The presentation will be themed around;

- What is Coding?
 - Benefits of coding for junior years
 - Apps that students/parents can use at home?
 - The future of coding and workplace opportunities
 - CodeCamp – What are code camps? How to get involved, dates, times etc.
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Walk to School Friday 19 May

Friday 19 May is [National Walk to School Day](#).

Well, it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't

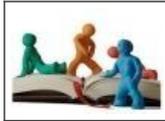
realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for



Social and Meeting Diary

Check here for school and social events for the next fortnight.

Social events coming up:

Friday 12 May	Mothers' Day Stall Mothers' Day Pamper session		Flier here
Friday 12 May	Year 2 Social Event		Contact Emma Teoh

School events coming up:

Monday 15 May	PA Meeting	7.30pm	GIPS staff room
Wednesday 17 May	School Photos		
Tuesday 23 May	2018 Prep Information Evening	7.00pm - 8.00pm	GIPS Library
Wednesday 24 May	Family Coding Evening	6.00pm - 7.00pm	
Thursday 25 May	Open Day for Prep 2018	School Tours:	9.30am - 10.30am 2.00pm - 3.00pm



Prep 2018 Information

For those families considering Glen Iris Primary School for Prep in 2018, we offer information sessions and tours during Education Week, May 22 - 26.

Prep 2018 Information Night

Tuesday 23 May 7pm - 8pm

In the Library.

Meet our Prep Teachers, Principal and other key members of the Glen Iris community and hear about the programs and facilities on offer.

Prep 2018 Open Day

Thursday 25 May

We are conducting two tours on this day:

9:30am – 10:30am

2:00pm – 3:00pm

- Visit our school to see learning in action!
- Take a tour with our student leaders
- Meet our Staff
- Talk to current parents about why they love Glen Iris Primary School.



Auburn High Information Session

The Principal of Auburn High, Maria Karvouni, is coming to GIPS to speak about the school programs and specialisations.



An invitation to Glen Iris Primary School families

Come along to hear Maria Karvouni, Auburn High School Principal, speak about the school programs and specialisations.

When? Monday 15th May at 2.45pm

Where? Staff Room at Glen Iris Primary School

