



# Glen Iris Primary School

*Gratitude Resilience Honesty Respect Empathy*

## GIPS eNewsletter 6 June 2017

Dear Subscribers Name,

Welcome to this edition of the Glen Iris Primary School eNewsletter.

All of the following news can be seen on the front page of our website, [www.gips.vic.edu.au](http://www.gips.vic.edu.au). The website is updated almost daily with news and information, so that we can communicate as effectively as possible with you. Drop by regularly to see the latest bulletins, download forms, find a link to Compass, and find information on all aspects of the school.

Best wishes,

Glen Iris Primary School.



### # From the Principal's Office

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Dear Parents,

#### Year 3 & 4 Camp

Congratulations to the Year 3 & 4 students who went to Camp Manyung last week. I visited the camp on the Thursday and it was great to see the students all happy, well behaved and participating enthusiastically in the camp activities. The giant swing was a special highlight for most, and it was fantastic to watch the children encouraging each other and 'having a go'. Thanks to the parents who volunteered their time and helped make the camp a memorable one for the students.

A special thank you also to the teachers. Their care for the students, attention to detail and willingness to join in the activities with the children, was amazing. Without such a professional and supportive group of teachers, camps such as this would not happen.

#### Staffing News

We wish to inform the school community that Mrs Sue Crothers will be remaining in 4C for the rest of the year. Sue will be teaching in 4C from Monday to Thursday and Mrs Jill Gorman will be teaching 4C on Friday.

#### School Annual Report

The 2016 Annual Report to the School Community has been completed and endorsed by School Council. It is available for your interest on the school website under the "About Us" tab.

#### Maths in the Real World

We have put in a submission and been selected as a finalist to run a trial program on Maths. "Maths in the Real World" focuses on the social dimension of mathematics by individualising the problems so that the numeracy perspectives are of personal interest to each student. Students encounter problems and issues generated by their own lives such as choosing a mobile phone deal or working out the best deal for a skateboard or reading timetables.

We need as many people as possible to vote for our submission!

Vote for us in the People's Choice Awards

<http://campaigns.victeach.com.au/tip/2017-recipients.htm>

#### Prep Enrolments 2018

Now is the time to submit enrolment applications for Preps for 2018. If you, family, friends or neighbours are considering enrolling children at GIPS in 2018, please forward enrolment forms to the office as soon as possible to assist our planning. Any parents wishing to discuss their child's education at Glen Iris is welcome to contact me to arrange an appointment and tour.

#### Divisional Cross Country

Congratulations to our students who have qualified for the Divisional Cross Country. Phoebe F & Oliver H from Year 4, Adam S & Will M from Year 5 and Liana G & Millie H from Year 6 will compete against students from Boroondara District at Ruffey Park, Doncaster on Thursday 8 June.

We wish them all the best!

#### Semester 1 Reports

Teachers have been working hard to prepare the midyear reports for each student. These reports will be distributed towards the end of term. To ensure a progressive reporting process for parents, three way interviews will be conducted early in Term 3. We feel this then provides regular information to parents each term. Of course, parents wishing to discuss the midyear report or any other aspect of the

child's school performance, may contact their class teacher to make an appointment at any time.

### **Attitudes to School Survey**

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. The school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

Over the course of the next two weeks students from Years 4, 5 and 6, will participate in the survey. The children will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. No identifiable personal data is included in the survey response file.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in Term 3.

### **Sovereign Hill excursion – Take 2**

On Tuesday 13 June, after the first attempt was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, the Year 5/6 classes will spend the day at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. The students have been studying a unit of work on Gold this term and this excursion will further develop their understanding and broaden their knowledge. The students will tour a mine, pan for gold and take in the sounds and sights of the 1850's. I wish the group a terrific day and thank the teachers and parents who will accompany them for offering the students this experience.

### **Soiree**

On Monday 19 June, our first Soiree for the year will be held for students who learn an instrument or perform in one of the extra curricula groups, starting a 6.00pm.

### **Lost Property**

Please check the lost property basket for items of school uniform. At the end of each term, we donate the unclaimed and un-named school uniforms in lost property to second hand uniform stall. At the moment the basket is overflowing!

### **Queen's Birthday**

Just a reminder that Monday 12 June is a Public Holiday and there will be no school on that day.

Enjoy the long weekend!

### **Garry Collins**

**Principal**



### **# Curriculum Matters**

Curriculum Matters Column - Robyn Floyd

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### **Do I still hear my child read every night once they are an independent reader?**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the upstairs room next to the Prep room (Room 10)

Robyn Challis will present a workshop for the parents of Middle Years students and other interested parents. The workshop will focus on an overview of the reading process and the strategies successful readers use; explore questions teachers are often asked and present ways that parents can assist their child to develop a greater understanding of the text and what type of questioning will support this.

### **A refresher on bike and scooter safety**

On front gate duty I often do a helmet check and invariably find a couple of bike riders with their helmet positioned incorrectly. Here's some information from the RACV & VicRoads websites.

Helmets legally need to be worn and securely fastened when riding bikes or scooters. Bikes must also have a bell, horn or similar warning device and at least one working brake. If you're an adult riding with children who are younger than 12 then you can ride on footpaths.

#### Correctly fitting a helmet

Place your hands on top of the helmet and try to move it. It should not be possible to tilt the helmet:

- **forwards** to cover the eyes
- **backwards** to uncover the forehead
- **sideways** to uncover the side of the head.
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When the helmet is fastened it should be squarely positioned on the head.

The rim of the helmet should sit on the forehead just above the eyebrows.

The straps should be adjusted so that there is no slack when the buckle is securely fastened under the chin. Ensure straps are not twisted and that the side straps form a V shape with the point just under the ear lobe.

If your child happens to fall off their bike and their helmet hits the ground, it's time to get a new one. If it is dropped repeatedly on the garage floor, the shock absorbance may be reduced before it is really needed for protection in a crash. After a solid impact, the foam will

have reduced its ability to absorb shocks and the shell may have cracks that you may not be able to see.

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education/helmet-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Robyn Floyd  
Education Sub Committee Initiative

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## # Parents' Association News - 6 June

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The Main Event committee had its first formal meeting, and after some creative brainstorming the theme and format for the event was chosen. The theme is **Prom Night**.

I would like to again extend a big thank you to **Ashley Fernee** and **Bernie Curry** for coordinating the event for us this year. They have already put in a lot of time and effort.

The Main Event is an important fundraiser for the school that goes towards purchasing items that benefit all our children.

### **The details are:**

**When:** Saturday August 19.

**Where:** St Oswald's Anglican Church, 89 High Street Glen Iris

I am sure you are thinking, but how can I help?.....well, I am glad you asked.

1. **\*\*Help\*\*** with the Silent Auction, we still need a team to run the Silent Auction, which is an essential part of the evening.
2. The Silent Auction Team will be seeking an array of items for the silent auction as well as more "big ticket" items to go up for grabs in a live auction as well. If you have access to, or connections within, the hospitality industry (food/wine, accommodation, travel), retail, car, fashion, interior design, entertainment (sport, music, film), health and beauty industries, please contact me for now and I will put you in touch with the Silent Auction Team.

In other news, rather than purchase a shipping container for the multiplying pieces of school uniforms in Lost Property, we will soon be having a drive selling very cool labels for clothes. Stay tuned for more information.

### **Upcoming events**

Wed 7 June – Curriculum Day

Mon 19 June – GIPS Soiree

Tue 20 June - Special Lunch Day

Fri 23 June – 3.30-3.45pm - The ever popular Cake Stall – Hosted by **1G, PP, 5/6O, 4C, 2B**

Enjoy the last few weeks of term.

Thank you  
Gavin Blue - Dad of Harry (5/6KH) , Archie (4C?) and Felix (2T)

President GIPS PA 2017

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## # Winter Woolies Coat Drive

The GIPS Student Representative Council are collecting donations of outgrown, unwanted winter woolies and blankets to give to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

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Winter has finally arrived! The GIPS SRC are collecting donations of outgrown, unwanted winter woollies and blankets to give to 'The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre'. Make a positive difference and recycle your outgrown clothes to people in need of basic essentials to stay warm this winter. If your clothes are in good condition please put your donations into the box located in the office by 27<sup>th</sup> June. Winter woollies of all sizes and gender are welcome. Thank you for your support.

Items you could donate are:

- Coats/jackets
- Jumpers
- Beanies
- Scarfs
- Gloves
- Blankets



### # Special Lunch 20 June

Tuesday 20 June is a Special Lunch Day! Click to see the delicious menu on offer.



## SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

**TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017!**

<p><b>LUNCH ITEM ONE</b> Sushi – Avocado Handroll (2) Sushi – Tuna Handroll (2) Sushi – Teriyaki Chicken (2) Ham and Pineapple PITA Pizza Margherita Pita Pizza Cheese &amp; Vegemite Scroll</p>	<p><b>LUNCH ITEM TWO</b> Orange Fruit Juice Drink Apple Fruit Juice Drink Nippys Choc Milk Drink Cobs Popcorn – Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salty Cobs Popcorn – Lightly Salted Plain Iced Cupcake</p>	<p><b>LUNCH ITEM THREE</b> Orange Fruit Juice Drink Apple Fruit Juice Drink Nippys Choc Milk Drink Cobs Popcorn – Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salty Cobs Popcorn – Lightly Salted Plain Iced Cupcake</p>
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This is the menu that we have requested Classroom Cuisine provide.... No alterations to the menu can be made.

To register and order online go to [www.classroomcuisine.com.au](http://www.classroomcuisine.com.au)

**ONLINE ORDERING CLOSSES AT 9.30AM ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017**



### Curriculum Day this Wednesday 7 June

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Camp Australia will not be running at GIPS on that day. If you need to make care arrangements, you can contact them on 1300 105 343.



### # Keeping Kids Safe on Their Devices - Parent Workshop

A parents' workshop on keeping your children safe on their iPads, iPhones and iPods, looking at setting restrictions on Apple devices.

**“Are your kids safe on their iPod, iPhone or iPad?”**

Join **iTandCoffee** in the Library to find out!

**Thurs June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 - 10am**

Don't forget to bring along any relevant i-Devices – this is a 'hands-on' workshop



Relax, we'll help you get **iT**

Information Session  
for Glen Iris P.S. Parents

**Keeping your kids safe on their Apple iPod Touches, iPads and iPhones**

Do you know if your children are safely using their iPod Touch, iPad or iPhone? Do they perhaps have access to websites, features and content that is not appropriate to their age group?

Come along to this one-hour session, where Lynette Coulston from **iTandCoffee** will present essential information about how to ensure your child's safe use of these powerful devices.

Register at [itandcoffee.com.au/gips](http://itandcoffee.com.au/gips)



34 High St, Glen Iris VIC 3146 [www.itandcoffee.com.au](http://www.itandcoffee.com.au)



# Glen Iris Uniting Church 40th

Toward the end of June, Glen Iris Road Uniting Church and Community Centre celebrates 10 wonderful years serving in and with our local community.

An Invitation  
to our  
celebration!



Dear friends,

**It's our Birthday! Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**

Toward the end of June, Glen Iris Road Uniting Church and Community Centre celebrates 10 wonderful years serving in and with our local community. Our anniversary coincides with the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Uniting Church so we are hosting a Big Birthday Party to celebrate both events.

As a valued partner in the life of our community, we would be thrilled and honoured if you were able to be part of the festivities. We would also like to encourage you to extend the invitation to everyone you think might enjoy a day of family-focused fun, food and activities.

The day kicks off with a family-friendly **Thanksgiving Service at 10.00 am** in the Hall, **followed by our Big Birthday Party** in the Fig-Tree Lounge and outdoor areas (weather permitting!). Rain or shine, we are aiming to make this a real celebration of the community life we all share in together in various ways.

Hope you can make it!

Please RSVP to [office@glenirisuniting.org.au](mailto:office@glenirisuniting.org.au), phone 9885 8219.

Rev Lisa Stewart



Main Event - Save the Date

The famous GIPS Main Event will take place on 19 August. Save the date in your diary, book the babysitter and get out your fancy shoes...



### Soiree 19 June

If your child plays an instrument at the school and is ready to perform in the Term 2 Soiree,

If your child plays an instrument at the school and is ready to perform in the Term 2 Soiree (Mon 19th June), a notice will have recently gone home. If you did not receive this notice, please print it from the [school website](#) or pick one up from the office, and return to the office by Friday 9th June, at the latest.



### Social and Meeting Diary

This is for social events that happen outside the school calendar.

All school events can be found on the [calendar](#).



### U12 Girls Soccer Players Needed

Ashburton United Soccer Club is looking for players for its Girls U12 Joey's side.

Ashburton United Soccer Club is looking for players for its Girls U12 Joey's side.

The team trains on Wednesday nights at 6pm, at Ashburton Park (335 High St Ashburton) - all abilities are welcome. If you are interested please come to training, and any questions can be directed to Lesley at [lesley@ashburtonsoccer.com.au](mailto:lesley@ashburtonsoccer.com.au)

Event Quick View
Wed 7th June <a href="#">Curriculum Day - No Students</a>
Thu 8th June <a href="#">Divisional Cross Country</a>
Thu 8th June <a href="#">Reading at Home - Parent Workshop</a>
Mon 12th June <a href="#">Queens' Birthday Holiday</a>
Tue 13th June <a href="#">Grade 5/6 Excursion Sovereign Hill</a>
Fri 16th June <a href="#">Preps Nursery Rhyme Dress Up Day</a>
Mon 19th June <a href="#">PA Meeting</a>
Mon 19th June <a href="#">Grade 5/6 Tournament of Minds</a>
Mon 19th June <a href="#">Music Soiree</a>
Tue 20th June <a href="#">Whole School Special Lunch</a>
Thu 22nd June <a href="#">Keeping Children Safe on iDevices - Parents' Workshop</a>
Fri 23rd June <a href="#">Cake Stall</a>