



Glen Iris Primary School

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GIPS eNewsletter 8 March 2017

Dear Subscribers Name,

It's March already, and GIPS is well into the swing of the new year.

Here is our eNewsletter for Wednesday 8 March 2017, in our new format. We are still refining the process, so pass any feedback to us at glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

The front page of our website is still your main source of up-to-date information about school matters, and we endeavour to put every notice up in the "Communications" section. Make it a habit to visit our website to ensure that you have all the information you need.

Regards,

Glen Iris Primary School



From the Principal's Office

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Dear Parents,

This is an exciting week for Preps as they join us for their first full week of school. It seems not so long ago that they were attending STORYTIME sessions with our Prep teachers. The dates for STORYTIME this year can be found on our website. This is a community event and open to all children between the ages of 3 and 4 whether or not they will be enrolling in Glen Iris Primary. Please invite friends and neighbours.

A big thankyou to the parents who joined us for our first Working Bee last weekend. They achieved a great deal and we are pleased that all our timber decking has been stained, potholes filled and school grounds maintained.

If you'd like to become a Prep Parent helper the information session will be held on March 24th and on the same date we have our first Cake Stall for the year.

It is good news that we now have a crossing supervisor down on our High Street / Glen Iris Road corner. Road safety is paramount for our children when arriving and leaving school. It is a timely reminder about road safety around our school.

SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP ZONE

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NO STANDING OR NO PARKING AREA

8.30 – 9.15am / 3.15 – 4.45pm

Unfortunately we have had several instances of late where some drivers are not using the 7 bay School pick up and drop off zones correctly.

Parents are arriving and either sitting in their cars or parking and going into school, ignoring the parking conditions, and blocking parents from dropping off or picking up their children.

Safety is our number one priority – safety for our children our teachers and our community. Parents, whose children are waiting, are forced to double park, with their children entering the car from the road rather than the curb. There is the potential for another driver to run into the back of them, causing serious injury.

It is becoming increasingly frustrating and disappointing to the school, and the parents abiding by the rules, that this is continuing to occur. These times are specifically for the convenience of parents dropping off and picking up their children without the need to go into the school grounds.

HOW TO USE THE PICK UP / DROP OFF ZONE

- Use the zone like a quick moving taxi rank
- Move forward as space becomes available
- Can get out of your vehicle to quickly help your children get in and out safely
- Ensure your child enters your car in a timely manner
- Absolutely No Standing between the times stated on the sign
- Do not engage in conversation with another parent, delaying your departure
- Drive into the space as far up as possible to avoid other vehicles having to back in
- Ensure you are evenly in the lines of the car space for ease of other vehicles behind and in front

AND

- If your child is not waiting you must drive on with consideration for all parents

- Suggest to not come until after 3.35 – 3.40pm to ensure your child will be there (each parent will know when their child normally arrives at the zone)
- If you come early, park further away and walk

*A reminder that these are Council imposed parking conditions. Non adherence is an offence that incurs a parking fine. We do not wish to involve the council in this matter, but will have no option if parents continue to ignore these conditions.

NOTE: Please do not park in the Uniting Church car park for drop off and pick up times. You are however most welcome to use the drop-off circle at the front of the church building as a "kiss and drop" point.

We wish every-one an enjoyable long weekend and hope this glorious weather continues.

Robyn & Shelley



School Review Process

Dear Parents,

The School Review, which will set the direction of the Strategic Plan for 2017 - 2020, was delayed until Semester 1 this year due...

See whole letter [here](#).



Divisional Swimming

Congratulations to our swim team who competed at the Division Swimming Carnival last week...

The following students swam their best for the school:

Xavier B - Grade 5

Jaime V - Grade 6

Alex H - Grade 6

Natalie F - Grade 6

Lachlan H - Grade 5

Charlotte C - Grade 5

Will M - Grade 5

Luke R - Grade 6

Ally M - Grade 5

Mia V - Grade 4

Damon L - Grade 4

A special mention to Mia who finished in 1st place in the 50m Backstroke. Mia has now qualified for the Regional Swimming Carnival, a fantastic achievement!

Go G.I.P.S!!

Nathan Gilliland

Physical Education Teacher



Parents' Association News - 8 March

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Hi Everyone,

In a few days the class reps should be finalised and you will soon receive your first email from your class rep. The class reps are a vital part of the school, community helping parents stay up to date with school news and information, coordinating class and school activities, welcoming new families and most importantly, organising class social events.

We suggest classes to have one get together a term (it can be anything from a coffee at a café, dinner at a restaurant, or a catch up at someone's house) I really encourage you to get along and get to know the parents of your child's class.

Upcoming events

This Week

Dad's Souvlaki Night – Mr Burton 199 High St, Ashburton - 8pm

Apologies for the short notice, but after the Ashburton festival, Mr Burton has decided to put do a souvlaki night on Wed 8 March (yes this Wednesday).

A few of the Dads thought it would be a good opportunity for a get together.

If you can't make it, don't worry, there will be plenty of other Dad nights throughout the year.

If you can make it please RSVP me on studio@gavinblue.com

Next week

PA meeting is Wednesday 15 March is at 7.30pm in the library.

- All welcome, come along to join in the fun!
- We are still seeking someone to fill a few roles

- Mother's Day Stall Coordinator
- Father's Day Stall Coordinator
- One more person to join Cake and Produce Stall team
- Walkathon coordinator (in a new 2017 concept)
- Main event coordinators (we have venue and entertainment booked already) Rest assured you will be well supported by myself, Jacqui and the rest of the committee, email me studio@gavinblue.com if you might be interested. Our first C
- **Cake and Produce Stall** for 2017 is approaching on **Friday 24th March!**

For families who haven't experienced a **GIPS Cake and Produce Stall** before you are in for a real treat. The details are:

- It is held **from 3.20 to 3.50pm**, on the coloured squares.
- There are all sorts of produce for sale, Prices start at 50 cents.
- Sending along some silver and gold coins with your kids to buy some goodies supports the school with *proceeds* from the Cake & Produce Stalls go towards the **significant purchases that benefit all students**
- **Huge thanks** to **Kelly Blue, Kate Venter, Debbie Graham** for co-ordinating and **3C, 5/6KH, 5/6H, 2T, 1M** who will be stocking and manning the stall.

First Special Lunch for the year is Tuesday 28th March

- Get your orders in to [Classroom Cuisine](#) by 5pm – Friday 24th March.
- Thanks **Rachael Thomson** for coordinating.

I can't believe how fast Term one is going,
Thanks for being part of the GIPS community.

Gavin Blue - Dad of Harry (5/6K), Archie (4G) and Felix (2T)
President GIPS PA 2017



School Photos Postponed to 18 May

School Photos will now take place on 18 May to better accommodate the school community.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef





Cake Stall 24 March

The first of our famous cake stalls will be held on Friday March 24th. Click [here](#) for more information.

GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL

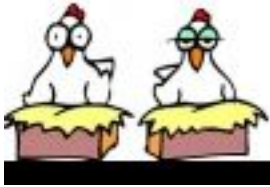
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The central graphic is a dark grey rounded rectangle with a scalloped border. It contains the event details and a central illustration of a three-layer chocolate cake on a pink stand. Surrounding the cake are five polaroid-style photos: one with various cupcakes, one with brownies, one with red drinks, one with a hand holding a red mug, and one with fried snacks.



Chicken Care over the Holidays

We would love you to help us to look after Pepper and Marshmallow...

We would love you to help us to look after Pepper and Marshmallow, the school chickens, over the April school Holidays. If you can come into the school for a few minutes over one or two days to replace water and top up food, then please email Marcelle Klerks (Marcelle_Klerks@yahoo.com.au) by March 16. Please give the dates you are available, email address and a phone contact.



Special Lunch Tues 28 March

Look at the menu [here!](#)

To register and order online go to www.classroomcuisine.com.au.



Save the Date - May 2

On May 2nd, GIPS will be presenting an evening on Respectful Relationships. Guest speakers will be announced closer to the time. Put the date in the diary and we will send out more information soon.



Save the Whales Fundraiser

On Wednesday 15 March, Josh M will be selling fruit skewers for a gold coin donation. These will

Josh M from 5/60 has been doing some wonderful things to create awareness about whaling and marine conservation.

On **Wednesday 15th March**, Josh will be selling fruit skewers for a **gold coin donation**. These will be available from the canteen at lunchtime. All money raised will be donated to Sea Shepherd to help fund their many marine conservation campaigns.

The permission form can be found [here](#).



Social and Meeting Diary

Important dates for school and social events.

Social events coming up:

Wednesday 8 March	Dads' Souvlaki Night 8pm	Mr Burton 199 High St Ashburton RSVP studio@gavinblue.com
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School events coming up:

Tuesday 14 March	Prep Incursion: Responsible Pet Care		
Wednesday 15 March	Parent Rep Meeting	6.45pm - 7.30pm	GIPS Staff Room
Wednesday 15 March	Parents' Association Meeting	7.30pm	GIPS Staff Room
Wednesday 15 March	Save the Whale Fundraiser	Information here	
Friday 24 March	Prep Helpers Info Session	9.10am - 10.30am	Prep G Classroom
Friday 24 March	Easter Cake Stall	3.20pm - 3.50pm	Coloured Squares
Tuesday 28 March	Special Lunch		