

## GIPS Parent's Association – Welcome to new Families

*Hello on behalf of the Parents' Association and welcome to Glen Iris Primary School.*

The GIPS Parents' Association (PA) is already gearing up for an exciting year at GIPS in 2017, here's a bit about who we are, what we are planning and how to be involved!

The PA is a sub-committee of the School Council and is primarily responsible for overseeing fundraising projects, social events and other GIPS community activities each school year. Our members include GIPS parents, the school Principal, teachers and administration staff.

The PA communicates details of our activities through such channels as the [GIPS website](#), Class Reps, the fortnightly online newsletter, assembly announcements, take-home notices, the Compass App and occasional emails. To make sure you don't miss out please make sure the office has your up to date details, sign up for the newsletter and add the GIPS website to your favourites. Also, to be included on the class lists please fill out the Class List Permission forms which will come home soon.

The PA always welcomes new members and input, so if you are keen to join in the fun please come along to our **first PA meeting on Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.30pm** in the school staff room.

A welcome Sausage Sizzle for Prep 2017 families has been organised for **Tuesday 7th February**. We would love to see you there.

Our first school event of the year will be the **Family Fiesta**, a casual BYO picnic at school on **Friday 17th February, 5.30- 7.30pm**. There will be entertainment for the kids, plus there will be sausages, drinks, icy poles and jelly cups for sale. We are also in need of parents to volunteer for a short duty on either the BBQ or in the canteen, so please let us know if you can help by filling out the bottom of the notice sent home and returning it ASAP.

The PA uses the online booking site [www.carebookings.com.au](http://www.carebookings.com.au) for **Lunchtime Duty** and Friday **Icy Pole duty**. The code is BMTGG. Please sign yourself up for a duty today, your kids will love to see you in the playground! (Note: Preps receive their icy pole in the classroom rather than at the canteen window)

Another great way to be involved and get to know the families in your class is to nominate for **Class Rep**, we encourage 2 per class. If you are interested, please fill out the nomination form sent home this week and return to your child's teacher ASAP. For enquiries email Nicola Thomas, Class Rep Coordinator [gipsrc@gmail.com](mailto:gipsrc@gmail.com)

Of course there are many other ways to be involved and active in the school aside from the PA. This includes classroom help, working & library bees (held once a term on a weekend) or joining another School Council sub-committee eg Building and Grounds. Let us know if you have a special skill to lend!

If you would like more information about the PA please take a look at the Parents' Association page on the website under the Parents tab, or feel free to contact the school office, myself or Jacqui Brown Yamada with enquiries.

We hope your children settle in well and look forward to meeting many of you soon. Best wishes for a great 2017!

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