Dear Parents,

As the year draws to a close, with eleven more school days, there are still a number of important events to anticipate: Helpers’ Morning Tea, Grade 6 Transition to government secondary schools; Grade 6 Graduation and celebration lunch at The Cuckoo. I wish the Grade 6 students all the best for their special events. I know they are working hard to prepare for the Graduation Evening on Monday, December 14th. I hope it is a fun and memorable time for you all.

Helpers’ Morning Tea
We are fortunate at GIPS to benefit from so much community support at the school and beyond. Each family contributes directly or indirectly to the school’s goals of improving learning outcomes for students. We would love as many parents as possible to join the staff for morning tea next Thursday, December 10th at 10:30am in the multipurpose room. We hope you can find a few minutes to be there.

National Athletics Championships - Tahj Seelig-Schattner
Many will have been following the fortunes of our Grade 6 student, Tahj Seelig-Schattner as she has progressed through the stages of the primary school 12 year old girls’ high jump competition. This weekend, Tahj will compete in Canberra as part of the Victorian Athletics Team, in the National Championships. What an achievement! Go Tahj! We wish you well and are so proud of you.

SRC Events – Disco and Giving Tree
Our SRC, under the guidance of Grade 4 teacher, Fiona Kelly, are very busy at the moment with a range of projects. Last night, many children enjoyed the School Disco in the hall, dancing and prancing to the latest hits. In the foyer, there is the GIPS Giving Tree where families are encouraged to contribute a gift or offering of food for needy, local families. Information regarding ideas of suitable gifts and wrapping instructions are displayed near the tree. Thank you Miss Kelly and SRC!

Staffing News
Sophie McKernan, Jessa Amedo and Emily Choo will join the Glen Iris staff in 2016 as classroom teachers. These teachers bring a broad range of experience to our school and come with impeccable professional records. Welcome Sophie, Jessa and Emily!

Kaye Norden, Business Manager, will commence a period of long service leave followed by retirement in mid-February. Whilst we will see Kaye in the first couple of weeks of school, it will be short lived as she heads off to grandparenthood. Over the past 8 years, Kaye's expertise in management of the
school's finances has proven a great asset to the school; not to mention the many other functions Kaye fulfills in the Admin team. **Melinda Nicholson** has been appointed to fill the Business Manager's role from the start of 2016.

**Ian Box**, class teacher Grade 5/6S, has secured a teaching position in the UK in 2016. Good luck, Ian!

**Sarah Hunting** will resume Family Leave, returning to GIPS in the future.

### Glen Iris Staff 2016

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### School Council 2016

In February, I will be seeking nominations for interested parents to join our School Council. No special background is required other than a desire to contribute to the GIPS community and contribute to the continuous improvement of our school. The time commitment is not onerous with one monthly full Council meeting on the third Wednesday of the month and one informal subcommittee meeting scheduled to suit the committee members. Please consider nominating for one of the several vacancies that will exist due to families finishing at the school or terms of office concluding. Official calls for nomination will appear in the first newsletter for 2016. If you would like further information on the role of a councilor you are welcome to contact myself or Alex Goldhagen, School Council President.

### OfficeMax Booklists

Unfortunately, there has been a technical hitch with the online booklist orders for a small number of families. These families have been contacted by the school. Consequently, OfficeMax has offered to continue their free delivery offer to all GIPS families until December 10th.

### Swimming Program 2015

Tomorrow, the Prep to Grade 4 Swimming Program will commence at the Bialik pool. Thank you to Nathan Gilliland for his organization of this program. Thanks to the many parents who have offered to support this program and a reminder to all parents that only parents who are official program helpers are permitted in the changing room areas. This is to ensure the staff can monitor a safe, orderly environment for the children. Other parents are welcome to watch the lessons and supervise in the poolside area.

Mr Gilliland has been a very busy teacher this term. Along with the Swimming Program, Nathan has been responsible for the Gymnastics Program, House Swimming Carnival last week and the Grade 5/6 Bicycle Education Program. Thanks Nathan for your efforts.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher

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**LATEST NEWSLETTER**

Want to receive an alert when our latest newsletter is online? Go to the GIPS website homepage and click on the orange link: **Subscribe to Newsletter.**
**150th Anniversary Excursion Bags – some still available**

Support sustainability at Glen Iris Primary School and purchase an excursion bag. On excursions we ask students to bring drinks and lunches in light plastic bags. These are difficult to tie and untie and create waste. Our excursion bags have an easy draw-string and can be reused again and again. They could also be used as a library bag!

**Special deal until sold out. Purchase an excursion bag for $10 and you’ll find a 150th badge and washable tattoos inside.**

**Christmas hamper idea**

Buy a 150th shopping bag for $8 and fill it with goodies. (Yes, rather than using a hamper basket… that’s my brilliant Christmas idea this year for all my relics!)

Robyn Floyd

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**Anaphylaxis Policy update**

We are currently reviewing this policy. We remind parents that we are a nut-aware school but also have a number of students with food allergies. If you are bringing party food to celebrate your child’s birthday you will need to check with the class teacher about potential allergies before bringing the food to school.

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**Before and After School Supervision**

Dear Parents

Just a reminder that children will be supervised in the yard from 8.45am and until 3.45pm.

Children should not be in the school ground without adult supervision outside these hours.

Please arrange with our Camp Australia program if you require assistance with child supervision at school.

All students are required to be wearing their school hat for all outdoor activities this term.
Calling all GIPS dads  
(current, past and future)

You are invited to the next MoDec event.

Join other GIPS dads for an evening of Barefoot Bowls as a (participant-$15 or spectator-free) 
Thursday 3rd December from 6pm at the East Malvern RSL.

We will play until dusk then retire to the sportsman's lounge at the RSL.

We hope to see you there.
**SPECIAL LUNCH DAY**  
**TUESDAY 8th December 2015**

2 Course Lunch is $7.95 and a 3 Course Lunch is $9.65.

Orders are due by 5:00pm Sunday 6th Dec.

All lunches will include a bite sized ‘Cadbury’ Chocolate Santa

If you don’t want your child to receive this please advise (Rachael Thomson-rachael@synergisticgroup.com.au)

To Register and Order Online go to www.classroomcuisine.com.au

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**LUNCH ITEM ONE**
- Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich
- Hain & Pineapple Pita Pizza Slice
- Margarita Pita Pizza Slice
- Sushi – Chicken Teriyaki Handroll (2)
- Sushi – Tuna Handroll (2)
- Sushi – Avocado Handroll (2)

**LUNCH ITEM TWO**
- Christmas Cake with Custard
- Shortbread ‘Christmas Shape’
- BBQ Shapes
- ‘Christmassy’ Cup Cake
- Nippys Choc Milk Drink
- Extra Juicy Apple Juice

**LUNCH ITEM THREE**
- Christmas Cake with Custard
- Shortbread ‘Christmas Shape’
- BBQ Shapes
- ‘Christmassy’ Cup Cake
- Nippys Choc Milk Drink
- Extra Juicy Orange Juice

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**Chicken Care**

We would love you to help us to look after Pepper and Muffin, the school chickens, over the Summer 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, and water two new trees, then please contact Helen Beggs on h.beggs@bom.gov.au by Sunday 6th Dec.

Please give the dates you are available, email address and a phone contact.

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**SPECIAL OFFER GLEN IRIS PRIMARY STUDENTS**

8 weeks free in Term 1  
Monday Lunchtimes

FOR BOOKINGS CALL administration on 95002068 or email head office Malvern@taekwondo.com.au
You are invited to join us for

MORNING TEA

on Thursday 10 December
in the Multipurpose Room
10.30 am - 11.15 am

to thank you for all the support you give to the Glen Iris Primary School community
during the year.

We hope you can come along.

From
The GIPS Staff

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11 January - 22 January 2016

Stonington

Holiday Program

For further information or to book please visit:

Monday 10th January 2016

Amazing Race - Stonington

We will test your knowledge of the City of Stonington and gather funds through donations and raffle tickets. Before meeting in the next round location.

cost: $5

time: 11.30 am - 1.30 pm

Transport: Public transport

Tips: Water and snack arrangements

Appropriate clothing and footwear advised.

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Wednesday 12th January 2016

Sports Performance Experience

Do you want to take your sports to the next level? This experience is designed to improve performance in a variety of activities. All students will try their best to improve their personal best in the next round location.

cost: $30

time: 12.30 PM - 2.00 PM

Transport: Walking

Tips: Water and snack arrangements

Appropriate clothing and footwear advised.

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Thursday 13th January 2016

Bicycle Tour

Taking advantage of Melbourne's extensive networks of bicycle riders we will explore very thoroughly. We will ride to Sandringham to the historic opening and also through the beautiful green rides that make up this beautiful area.

cost: $10

time: 6.00 PM - 8.00 PM

Transport: Bike

Tips: Water, snack arrangements

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Saturday 15th January 2016

Cliff Hanger Rock Climbing and Air 0 Tramway

Climbing over some of the steepest rock faces, you will experience a variety of challenging rock climbing within a variety of challenging rock climbing. This is a unique and challenging experience.

cost: $15

time: 4.00 PM - 6.00 PM

Transport: Walk

Tips: Water, snack arrangements

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Friday 22nd January 2016

Adventure Park Gliding

Join us on board the tonal high thrust paraglider and experience the rush of the wind. You will learn how to control the glider and different techniques to get the most out of the experience.

cost: $15

time: 8.00 AM - 10.00 AM

Transport: Walk

Tips: Water, snack arrangements

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Values

Our School

Carrying

Caring

Consideration

Empathy

Respect

Resilience

Achievement

What a great effort!

We raised over $2800.

Wow! Thank you!
DANCE CLUB NEWS

On Thursday 26th November, 11 girls from Dance Club at GIPS performed ‘Disneymania’ and ‘Hula Hoop’ at the Oxfam Music Festival. They were the only dance group to perform alongside choirs and bands from six other schools in Victoria. They danced beautifully and their onstage and backstage behaviour was impeccable.
WELL DONE! I am very proud of you all.
Kate

Are you interested in starting a string instrument in 2016?

Biana Goldenberg teaches strings at GIPS on Thursdays. She is experienced and highly qualified teacher and player. Biana's family goes back four generations of professional musicians in her family who have been playing and teaching around the world and she plays with a number of professional orchestras. She teaches violin, viola and cello.

There is opportunity for a few students to commence lessons with Biana in 2016. Please contact her on 0432 571 407 or by email on ygoden@walla.com. If you are interested in lessons, or finding out more information. Instruments hire can be arranged. Enrolment form are also available at the school office.

LEAVING GIPS ???

If your family plans mean that your children will not return to Glen Iris Primary School in 2016, could you assist by advising the Office as soon as your plans are known.
We work on the assumption that children will return to the school unless we hear otherwise.

Thankyou—Office Staff
HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT GLEN IRIS PRIMARY!

Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program provider for children and teens across Melbourne and greater Victoria and are now starting up at Glen Iris. We provide full-day activities to over 35,000 children aged 5-15 every year. Our programs are perfect for working families or for kids who are just looking for fun activities to do during their holiday break.

95% of families rate Team Holiday as the better than any other program they've ever used.

Fast Facts:

- Our service is fully approved for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebates.
- We provide a huge variety of the medays and activities Monday to Friday throughout most school holiday periods.
- We open at 8am and close at 6pm, however you can drop off as late as 9.30 and pickup as early as 3.30pm (provided we're not on an excursion!). We do not offer half days.
- Activities include sports clinics, swimming, cooking, giant outdoor games, pamper princess days, scooter riding days, arts and crafts, loads of incursions and excursion and much, much more! Check our website outs for upcoming themes www.teamholiday.com.au
- We provide two programs: a 5-12 year-old program and a 10-15 year-old program.
- Team Holiday only employs fully qualified staff, all with working with children checks, first aid, anaphylaxis training, asthma training, lifeguard/austswim certificates and are either qualified teachers, studying in the field or coaches in specialist fields.
- Team Holiday welcomes all children from any school. You can choose to enrol into as many or few days as you like.
- For more information, please visit www.teamholiday.com.au or call 03 9532 0366 to speak to one of our friendly team members.
Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!
This week’s notices:

FReeZa U18 Dance Event—Fri Dec 4 7pm-11pm
Futures Tennis—Holiday Programs

An Invitation to all Past and Present Estrella Pre-School families...........

SUSAN IS RETIRING!

After 23 years, our lovely and dedicated Assistant Susan Williams is retiring at the end of the year.

We are having an “Open House” at Kinder and would love as many families as possible to drop in to say Thank You and Good Luck to Susan as she embarks on the next chapter of her life.

Where – Estrella Pre-School
    Chamberlain Street Ashburton

When – Friday December 4
    Anytime between 4.30pm – 6pm

Looking forward to seeing you....
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Just a reminder all volunteers who work in our school with our children must have current Working with Children Checks as indicated in the policy approved by School Council.

The policy and further information is located on our website.

We have had some situations of parents turning up without these checks and unfortunately being unable to partake in rostered classroom or playground activities, sporting events or excursions.

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Just a quick reminder that Glen Iris Primary School is a Nut Aware School and, as such, it is important that parents do not allow their children to bring any product to school that contains nuts of any type. Naturally this includes peanut butter, Nutella, nut health bars and cakes/biscuits that contain nuts. Please inform class teachers of all the ingredients of any food sent to school to share on special occasions. We appreciate your diligence in this matter.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

If you need to take your child from a classroom during school hours:

- Please fill in the Leave Pass Book at the Office.
- Hand the white slip to the teacher when you collect your child

COMPASS SCHOOL MANAGER

JUST A REMINDER

You can now log your child’s absence online through Compass. This allows their teacher to be immediately aware of their absence and also saves the hassle of having to ring the office

If you are having difficulties with the process there is a Parent Guide with easy to follow steps on our website under notices.
PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If during the day you need to advise the school of your child’s pickup arrangements, please ring the school office at all times.

Please do not send this information via email as we cannot guarantee this will always be seen by the office staff or teacher before the afternoon dismissal, and we want the children to be safe and accounted for at all times.

SCHOOL PICKUP

Just a reminder to all parents when picking up children after school please do not park in the school car park.

The disabled car park is specifically reserved for those who need it and everyone else is asked to please park out in the surrounding streets.

HEAD LICE

They’re back…

Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on human for 10 000 years. You may be reassured to know that they are commonly found in places other than Glen Iris Primary School.

Some of the reasons they have survived for as long as they have are:

- The six legs of a louse end in a claw, allowing them to grip the hair.
- They detect vibration and can hide - (conditioner will help fix this problem)
- Head lice can ‘hold’ their breath for 20 mins – looking like they are dead.
- The eggs are attached to the hair with a ‘glue’ like substance.
- Studies conducted on 45 different products to dissolve the ‘glue’ showed nothing would dissolve it.

The good news…

We know where they live and we know how to find them.

If you follow these steps, once a week, the control of head lice in your home will be greatly improved.

Step 1: Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;

Step 2: Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;

Step 3: Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;

Step 4: If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated;

Step 5: If the child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.

If your child has head lice – tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them and ask them to check their family for head lice.

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