Dear Parents,

When you read my article in this newsletter, I hope you are struck by the range of people and experiences that make up our school community. The many successes of groups and individuals mentioned today certainly inspire me and I hope you feel proud of these achievements.

Curriculum Day

Last Wednesday, 27 July, the staff worked with Consultant, Tracey Ezard, to examine the school’s achievements over the past ten years. It was quite amazing to see the changes and progress in our school on every level. If you are in the school in the weeks ahead, you will see evidence of the staff’s discussions which will drive our goals and directions for the future as we undertake our school review. Parents and students will have the opportunity to contribute their thoughts and opinions as this process continues.

Primary Schools’ Netball Championships

Congratulations to the GIPS Netball team who participated in the Victorian Girls’ Netball Championships on Thursday 28 July. The team won 9 games, drew 1 and were the overall victors of the tournament. This means that they are going to the School Championships Primary Finals Day on Wednesday 31 August. Well done Ella, Scarlet, Millie, Trinity, Jess, Jasmine, Siena, Nicola, Jess and Lucy. Good luck for the Finals!

Congratulations Owen!

I am pleased to congratulate Year 5/6 student, Owen Hildenbrand, on his success with the Australian Boys’ Choral Institute. Owen has recently been promoted to the rank of Senior Singer within the Choir training program.

Farewell Chad and Vindi

Over the past couple of years, Glen Iris has been fortunate to have two wonderful cleaning staff taking care of our facilities – Chad and Vindi. The couple moved to Australia from Sri Lanka approximately seven years ago and have worked in their current capacity whilst undertaking further studies. Chad is working on a Masters of Accountancy and Vindi on a Childcare certificate. Recently, Chad has been successful in gaining employment as an accountant in Cooper Pedy, South Australia, and has moved to take up this position. On Friday, 12 August, Vindi will finish work at Glen Iris to join Chad now that she also has finished her course. Chad and Vindi have worked incredibly hard in their cleaning roles at our school and have gained my utmost respect and admiration for the efforts they have gone to, to build a successful future for themselves in Australia. Good luck to you both. We will miss you!
From the Principal cont.

100 Days of School
Congratulations to our Prep children who celebrated 100 Days of School yesterday. Teachers use this milestone as a focus for the children’s number studies in the first half of the year, with the children keeping count of each school day until they reach 100. Then, there is a celebration. After all, everyone celebrates when they reach “a ton”! Well done Preps!

Professional Learning Community Pilot Program
Last week, the Department of Education contacted me to invite Glen Iris to join a new fully funded pilot program examining the creation of Professional Learning Communities in Victorian schools. Our staff teams have worked in this way for several years, collaborating to share expertise and develop best practice approaches to teaching and learning. Now, a similar collaborative approach will be implemented across all Victorian schools, and Glen Iris will be one of 60 schools – primary, secondary and specialist schools – involved in paving the way. This is a great endorsement for our work so far and a great opportunity for the continued professional learning of our staff.

New Vocal Elective Group
We are currently trialling a new vocal singing group for interested students from Year 3 – 6 led by our Voice teacher, Ruby. To build interest, the students involved have much more input into the music and style of the group and are planning a name and performance costumes. The group meets on Monday lunchtimes and we would love some more children to join. I know they will have lots of fun. Interested students, or those wanting more information, should come along when the announcement is made on Mondays.

Yarrabee Yesterday’s World
Last Friday, the Year 1 children attended an excursion to Yarrabee Yesterday’s World as part of their unit of work, ‘The Good Old Days’. The children and staff dressed in period costume, attended an olden day school and learned about how life has changed over time. The children all looked the part as they headed off in long dresses, overalls, waistcoats and caps. Even Mr Gilliland looked resplendent in his suit and bow tie! Thanks to the parents who went to so much trouble to prepare the children’s outfits.

House Athletics Carnival
Mr Gilliland is currently planning our House Athletics Carnival to be held on Friday, 12 August 12. The classes are all refining their track and field event skills and we are looking forward to a great day of friendly competition and participation. Join me in crossing my fingers for a sunny day!

Meredith Carracher

FREE DRESS FRIDAY!
Help support the School on Friday 5 August by sending your child(ren) to school in free dress, along with a gourmet item for the Trivia Evening hamper. Some hamper item suggestions that could be gifted include:

Food: savoury crackers, nibbles, sweet biscuits, nougats, chocolate, jams, chutneys, gourmet pastas, oils, balsamic vinegar
Drinks: coffee, tea selection, gourmet cordials
Pamper: candles, diffusers, soaps, hand creams, body lotions
Hamper: basket, tissue paper, tissues, cellophane

Please note alcoholic drinks such as wine, champagne, craft beer should NOT be brought to school by children, but would be gratefully accepted if parents can deliver them directly to the administration office.

Donation baskets will be located at the GIPS office and outside classrooms on 5 August 2016.

Any queries, please email the GIPS Parents’ Association: Julia Greene (juliachristinegreene@hotmail.com) or Narani Smyth (naraniv@gmail.com)
GIPS MAIN EVENT “Dressed to Kill” TRIVIA NIGHT on 20 August

1. Don’t forget tomorrow, Friday 5 August is Free Dress Day and bring a donation for the Trivia Night’s Gourmet Hamper Raffle
2. HURRY!!! There are only 10 tickets remaining (on 3 different tables) Call the office NOW to secure your seats at this NOT TO BE MISSED event!
3. Matthew Kilgour needs helpers for the Hall Set-up and Pack up for the event, please email him Matthew.Kilgour@iinet.net.au if you can assist and help make the night a success! Thanks Matthew.
4. LAST MINUTE DETAILS / WHAT TO BRING ON THE NIGHT:
   - Tickets
   - Credit Card details for Silent Auction
   - Cash for raffle tickets & Gold coins for games and photo booth
   - Food platters for your table to share
   - Drinks @ Bar prices (Thanks to Burwood Cellars)
   - Each table will be responsible for their own rubbish removal
5. Corie and Wendy are doing a fabulous job with organisation of the Silent Auction. Please see the link on the GIPS website to browse the Silent Auction Items. Thanks to all families who have contributed and to Jellis Craig for supporting us as our major sponsor.

Father’s Day Stall will be on Friday 26 August
Please email Ann annmullins47@gmail.com or Fi fionafr@bigpond.net.au if you can help with one of the sessions on the day from 8.15am-10.45am or 11.15am-1.15pm.

Father’s Day Breakfast will be on Tuesday 30 August before school. Helpers Needed - Please contact me, Jacqui Brown or Jade Paynter paynter.jade@gmail.com if you can assist with the preparations.

Principals’ Day 2016 is tomorrow, Friday 5 August. On behalf of the Parents’ Association, School Council and wider School Community, Alex Goldhagen and myself would like to thank and acknowledge Meredith, Robyn and Shelley for all of the great work they do for our kids and the school. If you see them about school tomorrow, please say “Happy Principals’ Day” to Meredith, Robyn and Shelley!

Jane Lukins, mother of Emily (5/6H) and Daniel (3TJ)
President GIPS PA 2016
jane@lukins.id.au

Anaphylaxis Policy update
We are currently reviewing this policy. We remind parents that we are a nut-aware school and also have a number of students with other food allergies. If you are bringing party food to celebrate your child’s birthday, it is important you check with the class teacher about potential allergies before bringing the food to school. Thank you.
Curriculum Matters

What is The Kinder Buddy Program?

Each Tuesday and alternate Friday afternoons a small group of Year 5 students walk over to Glen Iris kindergarten to learn and play with the kinder children with Shelley Morrison or myself. The Kinder/Year 5 program is unique as it gives the Year 5 students an opportunity to practise their skills working with and caring for smaller children. In Year 6, our students will participate in regular activities with a Prep buddy, but in the Kinder Buddy Program Year 5 students are encouraged to work with all kinder children.

In any Kinder Buddy session you might find a student helping a small group of children with art activities, others might be reading books to a child in the dress-up corner while others may be playing games or delightedly re-living their own kinder experiences by digging moats to fill with water in the sandpit with a group of like-minded eager builders. Just watching our students talk with the younger children, listening and assisting, encouraging and having fun is quite magical. Our students learn the skills associated with empathy and compassion while feeling valued and respected. After each session our students are keen to reflect and offer insights into what they have learned, and are always eager to know when they are rostered on to visit again.

“The best part is when you are going back to school and they are all waving and yelling ‘goodbye’ through the fence.”

“The digging pit is awesome...so muddy.”

“I had to read three books to S. One of them was my fave when I was at kinder.”

Robyn Floyd
Assistant Principal

GIPS

Fathers’ Day Stall

Friday 26 August 2016

Bring along your pocket money and buy your Dad a wonderful gift!
Prices range from 50c (raffles) - $6
Remember to bring a bag to take home your treasures!

Calling for Fathers’ Day Stall Helpers!

We would appreciate your help at the stall!
If you are available, please email us your preferred time slot (8:45am-10:45am or 11:15am-1:15pm) by 19 August 2016 to annmullins47@gmail.com or fionafr@bigpond.net.au

Ann Mullins & Fiona Freemantle, Parents Association
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.

**ICYPOLE HELPERS REQUIRED!**

One parent helper is needed each Friday to assist and supervise with the selling of icy poles. It is a simple task requiring only half an hour of your time on a FRIDAY between 12.45pm – 1.15pm.

If you can assist please book online at carebookings.com.au using the booking code BMTGG. If you are unable to book online please contact me and I will arrange.

Please try to find a spare lunchtime as your children would love to see you and note that a Working With Children’s Check is required.

With thanks

Emma Verge

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On behalf of the GIPS Parent’s Association

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**PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

Thinking of selling?

In addition to their support of the Main Event Trivia evening, Jellis Craig have structured a fantastic deal for GIPS families.

If your a home or investment property is listed and sold by the local Glen Iris office, 5% of the gross fee will be returned to the family and an additional 5% of the gross fee will be donated to the school. All GIPS families can take advantage of this offer and help the school at the same time.

A big thankyou to the team at Jellis Craig, Glen Iris.

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**Lego Club**

Love Lego? Love creating?

A club for building and playing with Lego for primary school aged children.

**Ashburton Library**
154 High Street, Ashburton
On the following Wednesday at 4pm
10 February, 13 April, 8 June, 10 August, 12 October

**Camberwell Library**
340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell
On the following Tuesdays at 4pm
23 February, 28 March, 26 April, 24 May, 21 June, 26 July, 23 August, 19 September, 25 October, 29 November

**Kew Library**
178 Canterbury Road and Civic Drive, Kew
On the following Wednesdays at 4pm
17 February, 15 March, 13 April, 18 May, 15 June, 20 July, 17 August, 14 September, 19 October, 16 November

Everything is awesome!
No bookings required.

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**Looking for babysitting?**

Consider a Sitters’ Club!
Go out more for less!

Long-running sitters’ club looking for new members. Swap sits with other families in the local area – parents sitting for parents.
Simple, reliable and convenient!
Perfect for toddlers through to early secondary school-age.
All sitters have a Working with Children Check.

If you live on Melways map 60, and want to know more, contact Kathryn Gower (parent of Hailey (4R) and Jade (2C) on 0417 520 307
Before and After School Supervision

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.

Dans la classe de Français/In the French Class:

Year 5/6 share their experience of the Anglesea camp in French!

The French class is always an opportunity for students to expand their vocabulary and share memorable experiences, such as school camps. Recently the Year 5/6 cohort did so by writing a short text in which they had to give their opinion about some activities offered at the camp in Anglesea. Generally they all loved surfing and doing the lip sync battles. One thing is for sure, they all had a good story to share!

In this exercise (pictured left), students had to find out the names of the different activities in French and match them with the correct illustration. All groups did a pretty good job!

The Preps in Action!

In the French class, students are engaged in active learning from Prep. Our Prep students have started to learn about school stationery in French. During this activity, they were very attentive and focused, matching a school item with its French label name.

Where is "la colle"? Do you think that "une fiche" means a worksheet in French?

Madame Barré and Perle
Are your children using decoy apps on their phone?

There are apps available which allow children to store private photos, videos, voice calls and messages secret from others. These are called decoy apps (or vault apps). The content hidden in the ‘vault’ can only be retrieve via a passcode. The original purpose of such an app was to protect passwords or email content in case a phone was lost or stolen. Despite this, young people have caught on to these apps are using them to hide other information, such as inappropriate photos from parents. The apps don’t look suspicious and they are often disguised as a calculator or a music app.

The Office of the Children’s E safety Commissioner advises parents to use the ‘Ask to Buy’ feature on iPads/iPhones. This means that whenever a child want to download an app (free or paid) parents will be sent a request to approve or deny the download.

Here are a few to look out for:

BEDTIME STORIES
Jungle dreams…

Monday 8 August
at 6.30pm
Ashburton Library
154 High Street, Ashburton
Phone 9278 4666

The whole family is welcome! Wear your pajamas and bring your favourite cuddly friend.

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.
Asthma Management in Winter & Spring:

Asthma is one of the most common chronic childhood conditions, affecting 1 in every 10 children in Australia.

Emergency admissions and hospitalisations peak during the winter for children with asthma and flare-ups are often more prevalent during the winter and spring. Good management however can help children with asthma and their carers get through this tricky time of year with more confidence.

Here are a few tips for parents and carers:
- make an annual appointment for an asthma review by your child’s doctor
- update your child’s Asthma Plan at the start of each year and provide a copy to the school
- talk to the teacher and other key staff about your child’s asthma – their usual triggers, symptoms and medication
- provide an in-date blue reliever puffer and spacer for use at school (clearly labelled with child’s name and date of birth)
- help your child understand the importance of taking their preventer medication every day, as prescribed
- ask their doctor about having a flu vaccination
- encourage hand washing and covering one’s mouth when coughing to help prevent the spread of germs

Asthma Kids

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Check it out at: www.asthmakids.org.au.

Year 1: Yarrabee Yesterday’s World
1M Excursion reflections

Tess and Charlie learned that they used the strap as a punishment in the olden days.
Chloe and Hugo smelt the rusty horseshoes.
Matthew and EJ felt very excited and happy to be on the excursion!
Ella and Lisa saw an olden days classroom.
Izzy and Ben heard the old school bell.
Josh and Chris felt the hessian sacks during the sack race game.
Glen Iris Primary School parents’ Association

CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL

Friday
9th September
3:20 - 3:50 PM

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SQUARES

FRESH & DELICIOUS
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ACHIEVEMENT  RESILIENCE  HONESTY  RESPECT  EMPATHY