From The Principal

Dear Parents,

There are some important procedural matters being finalised at the moment that will support the smooth operation of the school and improve communication between families and school.

School Council Elections
All school families will receive information through the mail this week to enable parents and guardians to vote in the School Council election for 2015. From seven nominees, we will elect three people to fill the vacancies that currently exist. Once the new Council is formed, we will elect Office Bearers from the group of councillors to fill the roles of President, Treasurer and Vice President. From the quality of the candidates who have nominated for Council, I am confident we will have a strong group to provide guidance and leadership in School Council matters for the year ahead. To cast a valid vote, make a mark (cross, tick etc) beside your preferred candidates. Voters may mark up to three preferences as there are three positions to be filled. Thank you to those who have nominated for their interest in our School. The ballot for the School Council election closes at 4pm on Thursday, March 12th.

Student Reporting
Thanks to the many people who have taken the opportunity to respond to our request for feedback on the Student Reporting processes at GIPS. Our Student Reporting working party will analyse the feedback and plan a program of reform to be implemented over the next year. We hope you will notice some improvements as early as next term, however, some of the stages will take longer to put into effect.

Compass – Student Management Software
In Term 2, the school will introduce a Student Management Software system called Compass. Compass is a comprehensive suite of integrated web-based software modules used widely in Victorian schools. The first modules to be implemented at Glen Iris will be Student Attendance; Student Reporting; updates via a News Feed and Newsletter distribution. Parents will have electronic access to the child/ren’s data and have direct means of contact with teachers. Mid-year reports will be distributed through Compass. Soon, families will be provided with login details which will be password protected for each family. Over time, a range of other services and features will be incorporated through Compass such as Excursion Consent and Payment; Parent Teacher Interview bookings; Student Learning and Wellbeing Information and much more. Whilst there will be an extended period of transition to enable us all to become familiar with the new system, I believe there will be many benefits for all in the school community. Of course, the Office will continue to be available to assist parents at all the regular times.

Divisional Swimming Competition
Congratulations to all our swimmers who were successful in making it through to the Divisional Swimming Carnival on Thursday, February 26th. All swimmers performed admirably. Please see Mr Gilliland’s report for the full story in this Newsletter.

Family Fiesta
On Friday, February 20th, a lovely summer's evening, many GIPS families and staff enjoyed a relaxing "catch up" to welcome in the new school year. Music, dancing, face paint, sausages and refreshments abounded. What more could we ask for? Thanks to Julie Gray and Sene-Li Wong for their excellent organisation. The ladies are to be congratulated on every aspect of the event. Many thanks, also, to the many parents who assisted in so many ways to create a great community occasion.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher
From the Assistant Principal

150th Anniversary Helpers needed
A number of parents have offered to help out with tasks. At the moment we are needing photos scanned (in the ‘Museum’) for sections of our commemorative book. This needs to be completed by the end of the term so please put your name on the list on Robyn's door if you can help. We also need laminating of class photos completed. Easy tasks but time-consuming.

Coordinators
Anne-Maree Downs - Museum
Jane Lukins, Kylie Carnegie, Danielle Czapnik, Robyn Floyd - Book contents
Peter Holmes - Book design
Trish Burrows - Alumni database
Debbie Pratt - Open Afternoon decorations
Susan Mateer & Debbie Pratt - sausage sizzle/drinks
Rebecca Zhao - Merchandise
Teacher Team - Lucky Jars stall, Open Afternoon
Classrooms, School events during the week

BUT we still have some jobs. We desperately need

- a coordinator for the Catch-Up Cafe - serving tea/coffee and scones 3-5. We have eager helpers to serve but need a coordinator to organise.
- Merchandise stall
- Games Coordinator - to liaise with those providing old-fashioned games
- Book Collection stall - people who have pre-paid can collect their books
- Clean-up team Coordinator to get the school ship-shape from 7.00-8.00

Our musical history

Did you know Glen Iris had a Fife band in the 50s playing songs such as ‘Men of Harlech’? In the 60s we had a drum band. The drums are still in the Performing Arts space. I wonder if some of the drummers will play for us on Open Afternoon? Even more interesting was that in the 70s we had a Ukelele band. Of course a favourite at every camp for a long time has been ‘Red Faces’ so I thought I’d share a photo from a camp in the 70s.

Please see me if you would like to help with the 150th. There are jobs big and small.

Robyn Floyd - Assistant Principal

150th Anniversary Blog

Parents' Assoc'n News

What a wonderful night we had for the Family Fiesta! On behalf of the parent community, I would like to extend a huge THANKS to Julie Gray and Sene-Li Wong for their time organising such a great social event to start the year. I would also like to thank the parent helpers on the BBQ and in the canteen; Katy de Valle, Rachael Thomson, Cain Durkin, Susan Mateer, Tony Christianen, Michael Lukins, Martin Prince, Darren Garrett, Merryn Callahan, Emma Maitland, Jane Hughes, Fiona McGann, Helen Beggs, Anina Fitzgibbon, Kylie Carnegie, Pip Young, Niyati Shah and Alex Goldhagen. I am pleased to report that on this occasion we raised approximately $600 for the school. Of course the event would not have been a success without the school community getting behind it so thanks to all those families and teachers who joined in the fun!

The next PA event will be our inaugural Cake and Produce Stall on Friday 20th March, 3.10 – 3.50pm, on the coloured squares. Look out for more information in the notice folders this week. We are also after donations of lemons to make the lemonade, so if you have some, contact me or Kelly Blue. Also any empty jars or bottles for jams and chutney would be greatly appreciated. There will be a box at the office where these can be donated. Thankyou.

Jane Lukins - Mum of Emily (4E) and Daniel (2C)
President GIPS PA 2015
jane@lukins.id.au

Our GIPS Family Picnic & Fiesta was a BIG success. Thank YOU!

A BIG thank you to all the families and teachers who attended our picnic & fiesta on such a warm evening. A particular thanks to our parent volunteers and to entertainers Robert and Imogen: all worked throughout the night to keep everyone happy. The school looked great, the kids had fun, parents chatted, sausages sizzled, cool drinks and icy poles flew out of the canteen. The good will and great GIPS family spirit was in full swing. Thank you all for making this event such a wonderful start to the year.

Julie Gray & Sene-Li Wong - Fiesta Coordinators on behalf of the GIPS Parents’ Association.
We are seeking parent helpers to assist in the library at lunchtimes to oversee board games and quiet reading, or roam the playground.


Please try to find a spare lunchtime, as your children would love to see you.

*Remember you will need a current Working With Children Check to participate.*

Thank you.
Justine Moore (9889 9547)
Justine3146@gmail.com
On behalf of Parents Association.

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### Chicken Care

*We would love you to help us to look after Pepper and Muffin, the school chickens, over the April 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 contact Helen Beggs on h.beggs@bom.gov.au by Friday 13th March. Please give the dates you are available, email address and a phone contact.*

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### Congratulations

To the Divisional Swim team who swam at the Monash Aquatic Centre last Thursday the 26th of February. We are very proud of all swimmers who represented GIPS on the day. Congratulations to Charlotte H who placed 3rd in the 50m Butterfly. Finn J, Benny G, Joel T and Noah V also placed 3rd in their 50m Freestyle relay, congratulations boys.

**G.I.P.S Divisional Swim Team 2015**


Thank you
Nathan Gilliland
2015 Open Night and Principal’s morning tea

Auburn High School was launched in January 2014 and is already achieving its vision of engaging boys and girls with high quality education. We are receiving lots of support from the local community and numbers are growing quickly.

Our goal is to create an outstanding school that achieves excellent results.

Auburn High School is the only Victorian government high school offering bilingual Mandarin and bi-national French programs.

Bookings are essential: please call 9822 2247.

For more information about the school, please visit www.auburnhs.vic.edu.au and we invite you to visit our Facebook page.

Open Evening – Tuesday, 3 March, 7-9 pm
• For families considering entry at Year 7 level.
• Introduction to the school by the Principal, and information about our general program and specialist streams (SEAL, bi-national French and bilingual Mandarin).

Principal’s morning tea and tour – Tuesday 17 March, 1.15 pm
• For families considering entry at any year level.
• Join us for the Principal’s welcome and then take a tour to see our students and staff at work.

The 10th Boroondara Volunteer Expo

Wednesday
11 March 2015
1pm-6pm

Discover how you can make a difference.

Talk to community organisations about the volunteer opportunities available to you.

Main Hall
Hawthorn Arts Centre
360 Bunwood Road
Hawthorn
(Melway 45 D10)

FREE ENTRY
No RSVP necessary – just come along on the day

Volunteer! What better way to spend the day?

Parenting through Tough Times

Are your children struggling with change and stress? Is your family facing challenges like moving house, relationship changes, new school, illness, losing a job... or whatever is happening for you.

Is coping with parenting extra hard at the moment?

Would you like a chance to talk with other parents in similar situations?

You are invited to a two-session program:

• Get more understanding about how change and stress affects both parents and kids.
• Talk about why your kids’ behaviour is so challenging at the moment, and ideas about what you can do to help them settle and cope better.
• Build your strength and family resilience.
• Take some time out to explore ideas to gain support and meet your own needs.

WHO FOR: Parents & carers of children aged 0-15 years
WHERE: Anglicare, 7-11 Shipley Street Box Hill
WHEN: 1.00pm-3.00pm Wednesdays 11th & 25th March 2015
CONTACT: 9458 002 539; Kym: 9735 6146
COST: Free – Booking essential

Parentzone

anglicarevic.org.au
Family house available for 6 months
Furnished four bedroom house near the school available from 1 July 2015 until 1 January 2016.
We're looking for a great family to take care of it at a much reduced rental.
Please contact Serena on ssymehil@yahoo.com for details.

SPECIAL OFFER GLEN IRIS PRIMARY STUDENTS
10 weeks free in Term 2
Monday Lunchtimes
Come and Try fun Day on Monday 23rd March at LUNCHTIME for any new students.

FOR BOOKINGS CALL administration on 95002668 or email head office Malvern@taekwondo.com.au

Mums and Dads! Do you want to volunteer in your community but are time poor?
Casserole Club may just be perfect for you!

Casserole Club allows its volunteers to assist in their community using as minimal time possible whilst still creating a big impact from the work they do.
We match people in the Boroondara area who would like to share an extra portion of their home cooked meal with an older person in their neighbourhood who may not be able to cook for themselves regularly.
This is a great opportunity to assist in your community, meet new and interesting people and to show your children the value of volunteering.

To find out more information please go to www.casseroleclub.com.au or call Lana Barnett at the City of Boroondara on 03 92784777

Are you interested in starting a string instrument in 2015?
Biana Goldenberg teaches strings at GIPS on Thursdays. She is an experienced and highly qualified teacher and player. Biana is from a family of four generations of musicians, who have been playing and teaching around the world. She also plays with a number of professional groups. She teaches violin, viola and cello.

There is an opportunity for a few students to commence lessons with Biana in 2015. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact her on 0432 571 407 or by email on vgoldent@walla.com. Instrument hire can also be arranged. Enrollment forms will be available at the school office.
Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!

**Waverley District Netball Association**
Registrations are now open

**Party** (As featured at the Family Fiesta)
Make your child’s party one to remember

**Ashburton Bowls Club**
Barefoot Bowls every Friday night in March

**Ashburton United Soccer Club**
Winter Boys and Girls Futsal Soccer

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**Pathways to Employment**
Helping you get the job you want

This great course includes:
- Identify skills
- Cover letters
- Interview skills
- Left brain / right brain
- Resume writing
- Your on-line
- Analysing job ads
- Job searching
- Professional profile

*When*: Tuesday & Thursday 12:15 - 2:45pm
*Dates*: 17 Mar-23 April (no class in holidays) 8 sessions
*Cost*: $69.60
*Where*: Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning Centre
49 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton, 3147
*Enrolments*: 98859401

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**Afterschool session on 16 March from 6 to 7pm - Don’t miss out!**
**Understanding the Universe**
Facilitated by Dr Jean-Luc Boulanger, PhD in Astrophysics
Introduction session to a broader Science program

A different and exciting way for school students to enhance their skills and have an edge
Rigorous scientific approach but accessible to students without any prior knowledge in Astronomy
Focus not only on “what we know” but also on “how we know” and “what we don’t know”

Open to parents and other family members
$30 per student or $50 per family regardless of number of family members

*RSVP by 12 March: jean-luc.boulanger@bigpond.com or 0414 438 193*
*Information on broader program: https://sites.google.com/site/topofminduniverseau*
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.

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.

FAMILY DETAILS

Have any of your family details changed recently? Can’t remember? Don’t worry we all have those moments. Call in to the School Office or give us a ring if you would like to check the information we have on file. If you have changed address, phone numbers, emergency contact details and email addresses - ring, call in to the Office or send a note requesting a “Change of Student Information” form be sent home with your child.

It is very important to keep your details up-to-date.
Kaye, Liz, Kathy and Rose
GIPS Office Staff

HOURS OF SUPERVISION

Please note that students are supervised in the yard before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm.

GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
8.30am until 4.30pm
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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