Dear Parents,

Once the Melbourne Cup has been run, we all know that Christmas and the end of the year is just around the corner. I hope everyone enjoyed the Cup Day break and, perhaps, enjoyed some luck with the horses.

**Last Chance for Class Placement requests 2015**

Shortly, teachers will begin the lengthy process of developing well-balanced classes for optimal learning in 2015. Input from class teachers, parents and children are taken into account in conjunction with learning, social and personality considerations. Parents with particular information they would like to be considered during this process may put their request in writing to me no later than Friday, November 7th. Requests may relate to social, family or learning matters. Requests relating to individual teachers will not be considered. If you would like to discuss your request, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with Robyn Floyd or me by Friday, November 7th, to ensure your request can be considered in the timeframe for the class placement process. By following this process, we are best able to meet your request. In the event that we are unable to meet any requests, parents will be contacted prior to classes being announced. Late requests will not be accepted. Requests may be forwarded to the office in writing or by email to the school address glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with the subject line “Class Placement Request”.

**Camping Program - Prep Breakfast / Grade 1 and 2 Games Night and Sleepover**

At Glen Iris, we value the whole school Camping Program and the experiences it provides for students outside the regular classroom program. Camping enhances student learning in a range of personal development domains and the activities are integrated into broad learning across the curriculum. At a time when many schools are reducing or ending their camping programs, I am pleased we are still able to offer our program at GIPS.

On Friday, October 24th, our Preps enjoyed Breakfast at School. The children arrived at school early, in their pyjamas and ate breakfast with their teachers and classmates. After breakfast, the children washed their dishes, cleaned their teeth and got themselves ready for school. This all sounds simple, however, I am always surprised by how small changes of routine can affect some children, such as a different brand of cereal or type of milk. It takes self-confidence and resilience for children to approach unfamiliar situations independently. Thanks to the Prep teachers and their parent helpers for offering this activity: Claire Sutherland, Emily Burgess and Brodee Goldman.

Last Friday, October 31st, the Grade 1 and 2 children participated in their camping program activities: The Games Night and Dinner, followed by a Sleepover for the Grade 2 children. The children enjoyed the program of games organised by the teachers and a pizza dinner. The Grade 2 children then settled in for their first overnight school
camping experience. Thank you to the teachers and parents who organised and supported the program to provide the children with this experience: Meagan Cofield, Emma Black, Alex Schifter, Shelley Morrison, Lee Laier, Mary-Anne Jansen, Shanae Hill, Michelle Vincitorio, David Humphreys, John O’Connor and David Freemantle.

Cyber Safety Evening for Parents – A session not to be missed!
I draw your attention to the information regarding an upcoming Cyber Safety event here at Glen Iris on November 12th. I recognise that our students are active users of social media, or will be in the future. We believe it is crucial for children to receive informed guidance, support and supervision in online environments from parents and the school. Occasionally, we deal with disagreements amongst students that stem from their social media interactions. One of our teachers, Claire Sutherland is completing her PhD research in this area and has been invited to speak at a conference in Sydney next year. Claire and eSmart Coordinator, Alex Schifter will present valuable information for every parent that is pertinent and relevant to our Glen Iris students.

ICT @ Glen Iris
Throughout 2014, the school has investigated the best digital learning opportunities we can offer students in the years ahead. Extensive consultation and research has been undertaken through educational fields which will result in the school expanding the dual platform program that has developed in recent years, providing students with increased access to both iPads and laptop devices. Stay tuned for further details soon and look forward to many new initiatives in Information and Communication Technology in 2015.

2015 Prep Transition
We are looking forward to welcoming our 2015 Preps to their first “Take Off” Transition session on this Friday, November 7th. The children will participate in four sessions during November incorporating specialist lessons and classroom programs whilst parents are involved in workshops outlining various school programs and procedures. The “Take Off” program is a vital component of children’s preparation to commence school and I would urge all families of 2015 preps to do their utmost to attend the program. Feedback from parents over a number of years tells us that “Take Off” is a highly effective and valued program at Glen Iris.

Whole School Transition
We know that moving on to new grades and classes is a challenging time for many children. In fact, experts liken the experience to starting a new job where you need to adjust to many new people and expectations. At Glen Iris, we anticipate that children will make this transition more smoothly with some opportunities to become familiar with their new grades, teachers and what to expect. Teachers are planning a series of experiences for children commencing later in November when all classes will experience what lies ahead. Children will visit classrooms, meet their teacher and new classmates and have the chance to ask questions of the children in the year ahead. We hope this will assist children to have a smooth introduction to school in 2015.

Recent Extracurricular Activities
Over the past fortnight, the following activities have been conducted to strengthen and enhance student learning and engagement: Grade 2 excursion to CERES; Whole School Gymnastics program; Grade 3 excursion to The Melbourne Museum; Green Day and Grade 5/6 Sex Education.

Yours Sincerely

ERMETH CLARENCE

TERM 4 2014
Last day Friday 19th December.
School finishes at 1.30pm.

TERM 1 2015
Students start Friday 30th January.

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

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.
From the Assistant Principal

AN AVALANCHE OF LOST PROPERTY (almost)

Many thanks to those who sort and return the jumpers to their rightful owners from the overflowing lost property chest. Due to the spate of hot weather the discarded, playtime-abandoned windcheaters have piled up again. Please come and sort through as at the end of the year remaining jumpers are washed and donated to the second-hand uniform shop. If you have handed a jumper down or been given one from a friend it is a good idea to change the name on the tag.

150th ANNIVERSARY

Grade 4 students working on creative design using a variety of text types and materials, were set the homework task of creating a flag that captured the essence of Glen Iris. With our 150th approaching many students incorporated past logos and traditional house colours with more recent additions to the school culture such as the school values.

Have you checked out our history blog yet?

150th Anniversary Blog

Robyn Floyd
Assistant Principal

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all of the students who completed the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge!

We had students from every class from Prep to Grade Six compete in this year’s challenge. Everyone who got involved should feel very proud of themselves for all of their extra reading. As a whole school we read, drum roll please, 4,672 books! Once again congratulations on your outstanding efforts in this year’s Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge. See you next year!

Brodee Goldman
Coordinator
To All GIPS Parents,
The Parents’ Association is still looking for a few volunteers to help us with our activities in 2015. Details of these vacancies are including in the notice sent to you recently via your class rep.

The school relies on our committee to raise additional funds that help to pay for things like: new laptops and iPads for the students, playground equipment, new carpeting and air conditioners for the classrooms… items and projects that enhance your children’s school experience.

Please contact me personally if you would like more information on the Parents’ Association or any of the committee roles: 0418 504 339.

And please join us at our:

Annual General Meeting
7:30pm, Monday, 17th November
GIPS Staffroom

All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

Regards,
Alex Goldhagen - President
The children in Grade One and Two had perfect conditions for their Sleepover and Games Night last Friday evening.

The night kicked off with some fabulous games on the oval thanks to Proactivity and our own Miss Vincitorio. The children got into the spirit of things and gave many new games a try while bopping along to the music on the sound system. The roll chamber, tug of war and fitness obstacle course proved to be the biggest hits of the night.

The children worked up a hunger and were eager to take a seat at ‘Café GIPS’ for dinner. Pizza, fruit kebabs and icy-poles were quickly enjoyed before the Grade One children were farewelled for the evening.

The Grade Two children remained at school and relaxed to watch a movie while patiently waiting for nightfall and the much anticipated possum prowl. There were no doubt a couple of stunned and blinded possums on the school grounds with nearly 60 torches all searching high and low!

Not surprisingly, many of the Grade Two children were keen to head to bed after supper, and so ‘lights out’ soon followed. The teachers and parents in attendance were impressed (and relieved!) at how quickly the children settled down to sleep.

After an early breakfast, the children did a fabulous job organising their belongings and getting packed up ready to go home at 8am.

A big ‘Thank You’ to the many parents who assisted to ensure the smooth running of the event. It is fair to say there was a team of people involved and your support was much appreciated! A special mention to David Freemantle, David Humphrey and John O’Connor who were brave enough to sleep over on the night.

Hopefully the Grade One and Two children enjoyed their evening and are already looking forward to the camping program in 2015!

Meagan Cofield
A once in a lifetime opportunity to be at Gallipoli next Anzac Day

You can win a trip for two to Istanbul and Gallipoli in April 2015 by visiting the Australia in the Great War Facebook and just clicking to enter. Competition closes 11 November 2014 so hurry to enter. Anzac day 2015 will be a special time as we commemorate 100 years since the Gallipoli landing and being there will be an amazing experience.

www.facebook.com/AustraliaGreatWar

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Rememberance Day 2014

Poppies and Badges will be available for purchase at school from the SRC.

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.
Dear Parents,

Please we urgently need your help!!

We urgently need your help in ensuring we have a viable Committee for 2014. I do understand that we are asking one of the most exhaustive groups of the population, however we cannot run the service without your assistance.

The Centre cannot run without a Committee and your support is desperately needed, so if you are returning next year please consider volunteering for one of the positions. We only require a few hours of your time per month to keep the Centre running.

At present we need assistance with the following positions: Community Outreach, playgroup Liaison ,President ,vice President and General Committee positions.

I know life is hectic, especially for our young mums, but please help as we don’t want the Centre to close due to the lack of a Committee. Summaries of the positions are available on our web site at http://www.bowenstreet.org.au

Please contact the office if you are able to assist.

Regards
Mary Liston
Manager

What's on this week at Bowen Street

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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.

Encourages:
- Respect for themselves and other’s
- Consideration
- Use of time and abilities wisely
- Being friendly to others
- Make choices for a better world.
- To Develop thoughtfulness
- Honesty attributes
- Development of trust
- Strengthen Optimism
- Development of Courage

Contact: Marilyn Cunningham (District Manager)
Ph: 9852 3638, 0412552133
When: Monday pm during school terms.
Situated: City of Booroondara

Get your copy from:
www.litshop.rch.org.au

Support art education projects at The Royal Children’s Hospital by purchasing a copy of the 2015 Children’s Artwork Calendar.

Cudgee Primary 150th Anniversary 2014
You are warmly invited to a Celebratory Morning Tea Sunday November 30, 2014 at 10am
for the 150th anniversary of Cudgee Primary School

Please RSVP to the school by November 15th

Pippa Selvey (Principal) and Matt Dodson (Classroom Teacher)
Cudgee Primary School
3 Hallows St, Cudgee 3065
p: 55675364 m: 0436869975 e: cudgee.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
www.cudgee.pv.vic.edu.au

2015 Children's Artwork Calendar
$24.95
The inaugural Italian Festa at St Dominic's Primary School is a festival celebrating Italian culture, entertainment, food and wine. Visitors will enjoy authentic Italian cuisine, Italian hand crafted items, Christmas gifts and decorations, baked goods, games, showbags and rides for the children. There are amazing silent auction items and raffle prizes to be won and you'll be able to capture your memories on the day with a photo taken alongside a Ferrari!

We hope you can join us in celebrating la dolce vita with a little taste of Italy right here in Camberwell! [https://www.facebook.com/ItalianFestaCamberwell](https://www.facebook.com/ItalianFestaCamberwell) @italianfestacamberwell
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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.