Dear Parents,

Healthy Eating
As we all know, a nutritious diet is an important factor in students’ ability to concentrate and learn at school; not to mention live a long and healthy life. At Glen Iris, we have been discussing the extent to which our healthy eating practices match the understandings and values of our curriculum and school community. In the coming weeks and months, Parents’ Association will be seeking your views on certain practices at school which involve children’s access to a range of foods and drinks. When you receive this opportunity, please take the chance to respond so that we can ensure our school reflects community expectations and best practice as advised by the Departments of Education and Health.

Cross Country
After a successful House Cross Country, we had sixty students qualify for the District Cross Country down at Nettleton Park. It is great to see so many students participate and enjoy the rigours of this sport. We had eight students move through to the Divisional level who acquitted themselves extremely well on a more challenging course. Congratulations to Ben M. and Colby G. for continuing onto the Regional Competition. We wish them the best of luck.

Framework for Improved Student Outcomes.
Glen Iris is part of a small group of local schools piloting a school improvement program as part of the Department Framework for Improved Student Outcomes (FISO). Together with Hartwell, Ashburton, Solway and Camberwell South Primary Schools, we are training teams of teachers to undertake school observations and provide valuable, professional feedback to the school observed. Today, Tanya Tomic, Nathan Gilliland and I conducted observations at Hartwell Primary School and in the coming months, we will do the same at the other schools in the group. Glen Iris will be visited and observed on Wednesday, September 8th. This strategy, evidenced in Richard Elmore’s text Instructional Rounds in Education, is an internationally recognised method of increasing high-quality instruction.

Student Reporting
Teachers are currently finalising student midyear reports outlining children's progress and achievements in first semester. When reading your child's report, it is important to bear in mind how children learn. Learning is a continual process of growth and consolidation. Students' progress over time is typically a series of periods of improvement interspersed with periods of consolidation. These periods of consolidation are vital to embed learning deeply and develop strong understandings on which to base the next period of growth. Think of this as being like the foundations of a building. As educators, teachers are developing both vertical growth and breadth of learning in their students. When depicted in the simplistic "dot on the line" format, these periods of consolidation are not always evident, however teacher comments will describe the skills children have developed since the start of the year. Student learning is a complex process and, if the information you receive in your child's report raises questions or is unclear to you, my recommendation is that you arrange a time to talk about it with your class teacher and a senior member of staff. A full round of three way conferences will be offered early in Term 3. Reports will be available on Compass on Wednesday, June 22nd.

Last Thursday, Glen Iris hosted a visit from Dr. Phil Pettit Senior Officer (Educational Performance and Reporting) from the Catholic Education Office in Canberra. Phil asked to meet with Barb Maclarn and myself to learn more about the progressive student reporting practices we have developed at our school. He was amazed to see the extent of the professional practices used by Glen Iris staff and is looking forward to implementing a number of our practices at schools across the ACT. It is a credit for the school to be
acknowledged for our work in this area and also Barbara Maclarn’s innovative leadership of student reporting at Glen Iris. Her work to continually develop our procedures will ensure we continually improve in this area.

Performing Arts

**Bucket Band:** Thank you to Danniel Smith for offering students from Glen Iris and neighbouring schools the opportunity to be involved in a Bucket Band. The group developed worthwhile musical and personal skills culminating in a small performance to other students and parents. Much fun was had and amazing performance skills were achieved in a small timeframe.

**Class Bands:** Last week, Danniel Smith invited classes from Grade 4 – 6 to perform for each other and their parents in an informal band concert. In their weekly Performing Arts classes, children are learning to play together as a band, trying various instruments and singing. It was quite amazing to see a full class of children playing together so successfully after only learning their instruments for a few weeks.

Mid Year Soiree
The first Soiree for 2016 will be conducted on Monday, June 20th. This is a chance to see students in the instrumental program perform for family and friends. I am always so impressed by the vast array of talented students who perform. It is a delight to see the wide range of abilities from those students just starting to learn their instrument through to others with great skill. All welcome.

The Resilience Project
Teachers are reporting significant progress and success in the implementation of The Resilience Project in our classrooms. Different tasks are being undertaken across the school and these will be shared through class notices, newsletters and displays in the classroom. Amongst the activities, teachers are using the Smiling Minds app, the student workbook, creating Dis moment walls and Gratitude journals. It has been great to hear of the ideas families have had to instill the characteristics of Gratitude, Mindfulness and Empathy at home.

Prep Enrolments 2017
Now is the time to submit enrolment applications for Preps for 2017. If you, family, friends or neighbours are considering enrolling children at GIPS in 2017, please forward enrolment forms to the Office as soon as possible to assist our planning. Any parents wishing to discuss their child’s education at Glen Iris is welcome to contact me to arrange an appointment and tour.

Pupil Free Days – Term 3
I know we have just had a Curriculum Day but I am keen to ensure parents have ample opportunity to make childcare arrangements for their children on these occasions. Our final Pupil Free Day is on Wednesday, July 27th. Teachers will work with educator, Tracey Ezard to reflect on the strengths and opportunities for improvement they see in our learning programs in preparation for our 4 year school Review. The reason our Pupil Free Days are scheduled on Wednesdays is these dates enable the largest possible number of staff to participate in our professional learning program.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher

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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.
Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!
This week’s notices:

Australian Boys Choir Auditions
Sat 18th June - 10am-4pm - Boys aged 7-9
As we near the end of a busy Term 2, the Parents’ Association is now well and truly gearing up for our Main Event on 20 August. This Trivia Night event, themed Dressed to Kill, is the main fundraising and social event for parents. It will be held at Phoenix Community Centre on Saturday 20th August from 7-11pm. Doors open at 6.30pm.

Funds raised will go towards purchasing items from our school Wishlist. Please look at the PA section of the Website, under Fundraising, to view items currently on the Wishlist. You may not be aware, but any member of the school community is able to add an item by completing an application form from the Office which is then submitted to School Council for consideration.

I would like to again extend a big thank you to Susan Mateer and Deb Pratt for coordinating the event for us this year. They have already put in a lot of time and effort. Also thanks to Corie Shrimpton and Wendy Clarke, for taking charge of the sponsorship of the event and for running the Silent Auction to be run on the night. Julia Greene and Narani Smyth are organising the Hamper Raffle. Thank you also to those people who are assisting with other aspects of the Main Event. There are other areas where we will require more helpers; look out for a request for assistance to help on the night. We look forward to the GIPS community supporting this much anticipated event.

Main Event FAQ

1. **When/how can I purchase my ticket?** Ticket will go on sale on Thursday 16 June at 7.30am via the School website link to Trybooking @ $30 pp. You will make a choice between booking individual seats on a Grade table or organising a group of 10 and booking a whole table. An email will come from your Class Rep regarding how to book or keep an eye on the school website for the opening time. Be sure to book early so you don't miss out!

2. **Can I help with the Silent Auction?** Yes, please pass on any more ideas and donations to Corie, Wendy or myself. We are still seeking more "big ticket" items to go up for grabs in a live auction as well as an array of items for the silent auction. If you have access to, or connections within, the hospitality industry (food/wine, accommodation, travel), retail, car, fashion, interior design, entertainment (sport, music, film), health and beauty industries, please contact us; Corie (0428 730 335), Wendy (0409 803 926)

   Donation of items or services is a terrific way to market a business as well as helping the GIPS community. Thank you in advance for your support.

3. **Will there be a Hamper raffle this year?** Yes, this will be organised early next term. Again, look out for the request for assistance with donations of goods as well as the hamper working bee in the week prior to the event.

And in the coming fortnight…
- **Friday 17th June, 3.20-3.50pm** – **Term 2 Cake and Produce Stall** (Prep S, 1M, 3TJ, 4R and 5/6E are hosting)
  - Thank you to Kelly Blue, Kate Venter and Debbie Graham for their organisation.
- **Tuesday 21st June - Special Lunch** (remember to order by Sunday 19th-9.30pm!) Thank you, Rachel Thomson.

Enjoy the last couple of weeks of term.

Regards,

Jacqui Brown, mother of Erica (5/6C), Angus (5/6K) and Kenrick (3TJ)

Vice President, GIPS PA 2016
brownjacqui@hotmail.com
Glen Iris Primary School
Parents' Association

CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL

FRIDAY 17TH JUNE
3:20 - 3:50 PM
ON THE COLOURED SQUARES
FRESH & DELICIOUS
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CAKE STALL

MAIN EVENT

Glen Iris Primary Presets the Main Event
Dressed To Kill

Starring: Dr Julius No, Kissy Suzuki, Honey Ryder
Ernst Stavro Blofeld, Auric Goldfinger, Jaws

7.15pm Sat 20th August, Phoenix Community Centre, $30pp
For Your Entertainment - Photo booth, Trivia, Dancing
Try booking open 7:30am Thurs 16th June  http://bit.ly/1UE1387

Lunchtime Duty

We are seeking parent helpers to either assist in the Library at lunchtimes to oversee board games and quiet reading, or roam the playground.

Please log onto www.carebookings.com.au and use booking code BMTGG to book your place on the roster now.

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.
Chicken Care

We would love you to help us to look after Pepper and Marshmallow, the school chickens, over the June/July 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, then please email Helen Beggs on h.beggs@bom.gov.au by Thursday 16th June. Please give the dates you are available, email address and a phone contact.

Book Covering

The Library has acquired some fantastic new titles for our library collection, and some new class sets for the 5/6 Unit.

We need some help to get these covered so they can be borrowed. If you would like to help us cover the books either at school, or at home we would be very appreciative.

Please let the office know if you can help, and I will have a kit of books and covering supplies ready for you.

Thank you

Krista Morris

Special Lunch

Tuesday 21st June 2016

LUNCH ITEM ONE
- Meat Pie with Sauce
- Savoury Roll with Sauce
- Pudding with Sauce
- Pumpkin & Spinach Gozleme (1)

LUNCH ITEM TWO
- Apple Fruit Juice Drink
- Day Coke
- Hippo’s Chocolate Milk
- Coca Lightly Salted Popcorn

LUNCH ITEM THREE
- Apple Fruit Juice Drink
- Digestive Cookies
- Hippo’s Chocolate Milk
- Coca Lightly Salted Popcorn

To register and order online go to www.classroomcuisine.com.au
Holiday Program – Bookings Now Open

These holidays are going to be epic! We’re treating kids with a huge array of awesome activities to help keep them warm and entertained! Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program service operating at your school these holidays! We’ll be providing full day holiday programs for kids aged 5-12 each and every day of the school holiday break from 8am-6pm! All children from any school are welcome.

All programs are fully rebatable for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebates, which means you only pay half, if not less!

Staff are fully qualified, Working With Children Checked and are either teachers or studying in the field….not to mention great fun!

For more information, please visit www.teamholiday.com.au or call our friendly staff on 03 9532 0366.

TEAM HOLIDAY
These Holidays at...

GLEN IRIS PRIMARY
27th June-8th July 2016

Check out some of our awesome activities below!

* Fully approved holiday care - www.teamholiday.com.au
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

CLOSING DATE
24TH JUNE
Boroondara Youth Services are looking for young people aged 10-25 years to join the Boroondara Youth Reference Group. The BYRG are responsible for communicating the views of young people to Council. If you have a passion for giving young people a voice and connecting to your community then join this group. For more information please contact Clara Yip clara.yip@boroondara.vic.gov.au or 9278 4439. Meeting times and days are flexible.

Ex- GIPS student now studying Midwifery at ACU and seeking pregnant women.

I would love to support you through the journey and gain valuable experience to take with me into my profession as a midwife.

Google ‘ACU CEE program’ for more detail.

Student Midwife: Laura Larsen-Pope 20yo - lives locally

Please feel free to contact me with any queries at a00202391@myacu.edu.au
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.

**Our School Values**

- **Achievement**: Doing your best
- **Resilience**: Bouncing back
- **Honesty**: Truthfulness
- **Respect**: Consideration
- **Empathy**: Caring

**2016 Term Dates**

- **Term 1**: 29 Jan to 24 March
- **Term 2**: 11 April to 24 June
- **Term 3**: 11 July to 16 September
- **Term 4**: 3 October to 20 December
**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**SWEDISH PILATES STUDIO**

**BIRGITTA THORBORG**

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**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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