Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4. From my conversations with the children, it seems most families enjoyed a relaxing break with the sunny weather adding to the experience.

**Congratulations - Tournament of Minds State Champions 2014**

Recently, The Grade 5/6 Social Sciences Tournament of Minds Team won the State Tournament of Minds competition at La Trobe University. The team were victorious following a state-wide competition involving thousands of students. It was a very excited group of Glen Iris students, families and staff who were in attendance at the presentation ceremony when we were declared the winners. The team have worked hard over the past months honing their creative problem-solving and teamwork skills and it was these attributes that led to their success. The team will now compete in the Australasian Pacific Finals on Saturday, October 18th at La Trobe University as members of the Victorian State Team against teams from interstate, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Congratulations and good luck to Grade 5/6 teacher, Amy Kopciewicz, who facilitates the team; and team members; Olivia Whitford, Ben Robinson, Anna Vrsecky, Matthew Hobbs, Matthew Litchfield, Ayva Dimopoulos and Jasmine Yze for their competition. I am looking forward to seeing the team perform on Saturday 18th.

**Possum Magic – GIPS Style!**

I hope everyone is looking forward to our bi-annual school concert next week. After more than a term’s preparation, the children are almost ready to entertain us. All the staff have done a wonderful job to prepare the classes. Special thanks and acknowledgement needs to go to our Concert Convenors ably led by, Susie Walton and Kate Van der Jagt. See you at the Besen Centre on Friday, October 17th for the shows at 6.30pm and 8.00pm.

**Class Placement 2014**

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”.

**Viva La French Day!**
On Tuesday, September 16th, the children all enjoyed celebration all things French during their French Day activities. Art, food, theatre and petanque sums up many aspects of French culture. Thank you to French Teacher, Madame Laurence Barre and French Language Assistant, Chloe Laborde for their detailed organisation of the day and the many parents who pitched in to help with various aspects of the program.

**Divisional Athletics**
Yesterday, Wednesday, October 8th, 22 students from Grades 4-6 competed in the Divisional Athletics Carnival at Bill Sewart Reserve. This is a large group from GIPS representing the schools of the Glen Iris District Sports Association. Thank you to Phys. Ed teacher, Michelle Vincitorio, for organising the team and to Grade 5/6 teacher, Ian Box, for supervising the team at the carnival.

**Staff News**
**Welcome Baby Szwarcbard**
I know many families will be eager to hear that Nikki and Josh Szwarcbard welcomed a baby girl, Margalit Charlotte (Margie), on Wednesday, September 17th weighing 3.2kg. All well.

Welcome to Valli O’Keefe who is delivering our Reading Recovery program for a few weeks while Robyn Challis is on Long Service Leave. We hope you enjoy your time at Glen Iris.

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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.

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**HOURS OF SUPERVISION**

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

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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](#)

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From the Assistant Principal

150th ANNIVERSARY
20th August to 6th September 2015

Thanks to all our parents who have strolled through the sunshine and delivered 150th postcards. The supply is exhausted. We will need to print more.

The Education and Community Partnerships Committee with the School Council has decided on dates for the 150th Anniversary in 2015. So pop these in your calendar.

28th August – Assembly & opening of the Time Capsule


4th September - Recent Schoolies (attended in the last ten-fifteen years) 4-6 pm School Opened /Sausage sizzle.

Robyn Floyd
Assistant Principal

Thank you to all those wonderful volunteers who have already helped in the Library/Playground this year!

We are now seeking parent helpers to assist at lunchtimes in Term 4. Together with the Yard Duty teachers the Lunchtime Duty Parent/s will supervise the library space or alternatively be in the playground. A notice was sent home this week.

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.

School Banking Coordinator

A volunteer is required to take over as school banking coordinator for 2015 (with handover period in term 4 this year). Minimal work involved, but does include weekly collection of school bank books from the office, processing deposits and banking in Ashburton. Please contact the office if you are able to take on this role.

School Pick Up

Just a reminder to all parents picking up their children after school to please 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.

Thankyou for your consideration.

SunSmart

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To All GIPS Parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope that you’ve all had a safe and enjoyable break.

As we enter the final term of the school year, the Parents’ Association is already looking ahead to 2015. The committee will be losing a few long-serving members as their children will be moving on to secondary school next year. As a consequence, there are several vacancies that we need to fill before the end of term.

We will be sending more details on this and other Term 4 events shortly. In the meantime, check out the Parents’ Association section of the school website for a full list and description of committee roles. If any of these are of interest to you, please contact us to find out even more.

The next Parents’ Association meeting is scheduled for Monday, 27th October at 7:30pm.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 17th November, also at 7:30pm. This is the final meeting of the year and it’s when we will confirm the committee roles for 2015. (There might even be wine and nibblies!)

All GIPS parents are invited to attend both meetings… we hope to see you there.

Regards,

Alex Goldhagen,
President
TEM HOOK IN2 HOCKEY COACHING CLINICS
Beginners aged 5 - 12
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GLEN IRIS VALLEY TENNIS CLUB
Free Tennis Intro Lessons - Term 4 2014
MALVERN BASEBALL CLUB
Registrations Open

More details on website under community noticeboard
**Parenting Workshop**

**WHERE:**
Ashburton Community Centre
190 High Street,
Ashburton VIC 3147

**WHEN:**
Thursday,
16th October to 3rd November
9am to 12 noon

**WHO:**
Moira, Chris, & Carmen
or themselves 2.12 yrs

**COST:**
FREE (bookings essential)

**CONTACT:**
Jullie at Parentzone
03 8362 6100 or 0430 864 495

**MORE INFO**
For more information or to be referred please contact
Fiona at Camcare
on 93099108
fiona@camcare.org.au

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**Cool Kids**

**THE GROUP AIMS TO:**
- Provide a safe place for children to explore feelings/emotions
- Understand how to manage thoughts and feelings
- Do this through creative arts, games and discussion.

**The program is based on the work of positive psychologist Marsha Linehan, who helped parents of teenagers talk about their families.**

**WHEN:**
Tuesday afternoons during school term

**START DATE:**
Tuesday 14th October 2014

**TIME:**
4:00pm – 5:30pm

**WHERE:**
Ashburton Primary School
Felahen Road, Ashburton

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**Rowen St Kindergarten**

**Fun Day**

26 October 2014

10am to 3pm

- Treasure Dig - Glitter Cave - Sausage Sizzle
- Craft Activities - Smoothie Cycle - Rides
- Face Painting - Home Baked Goods
- Second Hand Children's Toys and Books

27 Rowen St, Glen Iris
COMMUNITY NOTICES
Just a reminder to all to keep checking our community noticeboard on our website.
There is new information every fortnight that many of you may be interested in.

TAEKWONDO AT GLEN IRIS PRIMARY

Thank you for another successful Term 3 at Glen Iris Primary School.

Thank you for all the students who participated in the demonstration. We only had two weeks to prepare and all students showed great courage and fantastic skills on the day. If anyone has photos from the demonstration we would love to put them in the school newsletter (to show off a little).

Over this term two of our instructors Caroline Marton and her brother Jack Marton (aka Fish legs) both won the Oceania Championships last month held in Sydney in their respective weight classes. Hopefully in 2015 they will qualify for the Taekwondo Grand Prix which is the Olympic Selection pathway!

Term 4 payments of $160 are due second week of term 4!!

TERM 4
PROGRAM STARTS Monday 13 October
GRADING Monday 24 November
RESULTS Monday 1 December
LAST WEEK Monday 1 December

Thank you again for your support of the taekwondo program.

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.

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