From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you, one and all, for helping us celebrate 150 years of quality State Education at Glen Iris in recent weeks. To have so many people join us in the many and varied events to mark the occasion made each one truly memorable. On Sunday, August 30th, many hundreds of visitors came to the party. To have past students from the 1920’s in attendance was a thrill. A final thank you to the key organisers and supporters of the various events: Robyn Floyd, Dana Barry, Rachael Thompson, Peter Holmes, Kylie Carnegie, Gavin Blue, Michele Freeland-Smith, Anne Sharplin, Natalie Jefferson, Kevin Wheeler, Wendy Clark, Katie De Valle, Julie Gray, Angie Tassel, Trish Burrows and the 150th Celebration committees of staff and community members.

Father’s Day Stall and Breakfast
After the huge 150th weekend, our focus turned to acknowledging the dads on Father’s Day. The children always enjoy the chance to buy dad a special gift at the stall and treat him to a pancake breakfast. Once again, both events were well patronised and well-organised. Thanks to Pip Young and Sharon Van Doornum for their efforts in arranging the Father’s Day stall and to Jade Paynter and her crew of helpers for their early start to arrange the pancake breakfast. Fortunately, the weather held and everyone ate well, even if there was quite a wait as the morning progressed. I hope all the dads had a great time last Sunday.

Tournament of Minds
On Saturday, August 29th, three teams of Glen Iris students presented their creative thinking solutions in the schools’ problem solving competition, Tournament of Minds, at Deakin University. All three teams, comprising twenty-one students performed excellently with one team being awarded Honours by the judges. Congratulations to all the students and special thanks to Grade 5/6 teacher, Amy Kopciewicz.

District Athletics Carnival
In recent weeks, children have been training for the District Athletics Carnival. A total of 68 students qualified to represent the school against other local primary schools. Thank you to PE teacher, Nathan Gilliland, for his preparation of the students and to the teachers and parents who supported them at the event.

The Term 3 Cake and Produce Stall
Tomorrow, Friday, September 11th, will see the third of the very popular and successful Cake and Produce stalls. Thank you to the classes and others who are providing the yummy treats on this occasion. I know they will be much enjoyed. I understand there will be some produce for sale from our own veggie garden too. Proceeds from the stalls to date have provided wonderful classroom resources for the school including Apple TV and an upgrade to the Grade ½ play equipment in the near future. Thanks again to Kelly Blue for this great addition to our school and the significant funds it contributes to benefit all the children.

Team Holiday – Holiday Program
By now, I hope all families know we will launch a school holiday program at Glen Iris for the approaching September holidays. Conducted by “Team Holiday”, the program will be run daily. If your family is in need of childcare, or even just some entertaining, through the holidays I urge you to give Team Holiday a go. We hope to offer the program in future school holidays and this will become a valuable service to our community. Check the school website homepage for further information or go directly to http://www.teamholiday.com.au/.

Naplan Results
The Naplan results for Grade 3 and Grade 5 were distributed last week. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any queries regarding Naplan.

Plans for 2016
Preparations for the 2016 school year have commenced and our Workforce Management strategy is closely aligned to the number of students in the school. If your family plans mean your children will not return to Glen Iris Primary School in 2016, could you assist by advising the Office as soon as your plans are known? We work on the assumption that children will return to the school unless we hear otherwise.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher
**HATS ON REMINDER**

From September 1st, all students are required to be wearing their school hat for all outdoor activity.

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**FRIENDLY REMINDER**

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.

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**Signature Engraving**

As part of Glen Iris Primary School’s 150 year celebrations, we are offering families a wonderful opportunity to have their name recorded in the history of the school by purchasing a commemorative paver.

We are pleased to align with Signature Engraving, an Australian owned paving company. Signature Engraving offers a range of the highest quality engraved bricks and pavers, all Australian owned, and ethically and environmentally sound. The pavers will be located in the area outside the Grade 56 room near the oval and Pavilion. It is anticipated that the pavers will be installed later in Term 4 2015.

Glen Iris Primary School is pleased to offer two options: Names engraved onto a brick paver, or a hand-drawn image engraved onto the paver.

**PRODUCTS AVAILABLE**

**Hand Drawn Image - $50 each**

Names or images are hand drawn onto single pavers that are then incorporated into the area (pavers 230 x 115 x 90mm). No computer images, text or logos are allowed. Must be in black ink. Two colours allowed. Maximum of 3 lines per paver.

**Hand Drawn Image - $50 each**

Names or messages are permanently engraved into single pavers that are then incorporated into the area (pavers 230 x 115 x 90mm). A maximum of 3 lines are available per paver (can contain up to 80 characters per line).

**Please see notice that went home for how to order.**

**Orders MUST be received by 17 September. (2nd last day of Term)**

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Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.
Father's Day Stall Helpers Thank You!!

A huge thank you to all the parents who generously gave their time to assist at the recent Father's Day Stall: Toni Wright, Kelly Mrocki, Verity Bright, Joanne Stanley Wood, Pam Smith, Kathy Morris, Phillipa Low, Amanda Parsons, Lise Allen, Michelle Dellios, Jenny Trytell, Nia Toshniwal, Denise Garrett, Ness Hassan, Natalie Dance, Allison Grant, Andrea Itowski, Katy de Valle, Mike Lukins, Kelly Blue, Penny Ashby, Carolyn Currie and Vanessa Mackie.

Sincere apologies if I have forgotten to mention anyone.

As always the children had a wonderful time selecting and purchasing their gifts. The stall couldn't be the success that it is without the assistance of the parents so thank you again!

Pip Young and Sharon Van Doornum

Chicken Care

We would love you to help us to look after Pepper and Muffin, the school chickens, over the Sep/Oct 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 Tuesday 15th Sep. Please give the dates you are available, email address and a phone contact.

Note: Orders due by tomorrow 5pm
How fabulous were our **150th Anniversary Celebrations**! Congratulations to Robyn Floyd and all the helpers for making it such a memorable occasion.

Happy Fathers Day to all the dads of the school community, I hope you were spoilt rotten!

Thanks again to Pip Young and Sharon Van Doornum for organising another successful **Fathers' Day Stall** and to the many parent helpers involved.

As you know, our GIPS **Fathers' Day Breakfast** was also held last week. Particular thanks must go to Jade Paynter and those that helped with the early morning set up, the serving and the pack up. It was a lovely morning despite the threat of rain.

Reminder that the inaugural **Men of Glen Iris Primary School** meeting will be held tonight.

Term 3 Cake and Produce stall will be Tomorrow, thanks to Kelly Blue for again coordinating and to Prep M, 1 LG, 3J, 4G and 5/6N who will be hosting.

Jane Lukins
President GIPS PA 2015

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**Parent News**

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**2015 Dates**

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**Community Noticeboard**

Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!

**Futures Tennis**

**September Holiday Programs**

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**Earn and Learn**

Earn 1 sticker for every $10 you spend.

**Earn and Learn has now finished.**

Thank you all for your efforts.

All stickers must be returned to office by **Monday 15th September**
Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program provider for children and teens across Melbourne and greater Victoria and is now starting up at Glen Iris. We provide full-day activities to over 35,000 children aged 5-15 every year. Our programs are perfect for working families or for kids who are just looking for fun activities to do during their holiday break.

95% of families rate Team Holiday as the better than any other program they’ve ever used.

Fact Facts:

- Our service is fully approved for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebates.
- We provide a huge variety of theme days and activities Monday to Friday throughout most school holiday periods.
- We open at 8am and close at 6pm, however you can drop off as late as 9.30 and pick up as early as 3.30pm (providing we are not on an excursion!). We do not offer half days.
- Activities include sports clinics, swimming, cooking, giant outdoor games, pamper princess days, scooter riding days, arts and crafts, loads of incursions and excursion and much, much more! Check our website out for upcoming themes: www.teambholiday.com.au
- We provide two programs: a 5-12 year old program and an 10-15 year old program.
- Team Holiday only employs fully qualified staff, all with working with children checks, first aid, anaphylaxis training, asthma training, lifeguard/aquaroom certificates and are either qualified teachers, studying in the field or coaches in specialist fields.
- Team Holiday welcomes all children from any school. You can choose to enrol into as many, or few days as you like.
- For more information, please visit www.teambholiday.com.au or call 03 9532 0366 to speak to one of our friendly team members.
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

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. The allowance will be 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 will be:
- $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

**Closing Date**
Applications are open until the end of term three (18 September 2019).

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Sherryl Clark
Author of the "Our Australian Girl" series

Is Rose your favourite "Our Australian Girl" heroine? Come and meet her creator, Sherryl Clark.

Sherryl is a very versatile author who has written over 40 books. Her writing ranges from picture books, through to verse novels and Young Adult fiction.

Wednesday 14 October
7pm
Hawthorn Library
584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn

For children aged 9+. Parents and carers are also welcome.
Free event, bookings essential. For bookings phone 9278 4666.

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School Holiday Activities
Age 10-18 years
22nd September to 11th October 2013

WEEK 1
Tuesday
24th September
10am
"Rose's Challenge" Stage Play

WEEK 2
Tuesday
23rd September
11 am
"Rose's Challenge" Stage Play

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Get free help with your tax return from a Tax Help volunteer

- Do you earn around $60,000 or less?
- To find out more, contact:
  - Phone: 1800 333 100
  - Email: taxhelp@camcare.org.au

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Asthma Kids

Hi, I'm Chester! Join me on the Asthma Trail at asthmakids.org.au

Our new Asthma Kids site helps children and their parents/carers learn more about asthma in a fun and engaging way.

Monthly prize draws!
Children's completion of the trail, children can enter a monthly prize draw to win a Get Scootin' scooter or a helmet or a vouch for Suncorp stationery!

To find out more, contact Asthma Foundation on 1800 033 666 (960 224 462) or Asthma Australia on 1300 657 666.

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Chandler MacLedd
Unleashing Potential

School Crossing Supervisors

Have you wondered how you can contribute to your local community but only have limited time available?

Opportunities are now available for School Crossing Supervisors in your local area and it's a great opportunity to earn that extra cash you have been looking for.

These roles are for school terms only and require your commitment for 1 hour of a morning and afternoon (2 hours per day); 9 days per week.

Besides knowing you are assisting in the safety of local school children in crossing the road, you will also be rewarded with a good hourly rate ($23.10 per hour) with a full uniform provided.

You will be required to have a valid working with children check along with current police check which we will assist you in obtaining prior to commencing.

If you would like to know more about these opportunities, please contact our Sourcing Team on 1300 40 40 49 for further details.
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.

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.

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.

COMPASS SCHOOL MANAGER

JUST A REMINDER

You can now log your child’s absence online through Compass. This allows their teacher to be immediately aware of their absence and also saves the hassle of having to ring the office.

If you are having difficulties with the process there is a Parent Guide with easy to follow steps on our website under notices.

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

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.
**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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**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.

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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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