Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has enjoyed an extra day with their family over the Long Weekend.

Student Mid-Year Reports

Teachers are working harder than ever at the moment preparing mid-year reports for all students. Parents will see their children’s progress presented in a different format to previous years based on community input and feedback from earlier in the year. Whilst it is not possible to take up all suggestions in this first cycle, we are hopeful parents find the reports even more enlightening than previous reports. Our aim with this cycle of reports has been to make the reports as meaningful and informative to parents as possible, including additional explicit information for each child; reducing use of ambiguous language and repetition. Further improvements will be made in future reporting cycles.

This year, we are following new processes to provide reports electronically for all families. Families will receive a detailed letter outlining how and when to locate the reports on Compass. I strongly suggest families take the time to log into Compass to familiarise themselves with this new resource if they haven’t already done so.

Parents’ Association Trivia Night

Many of us are looking forward to the Trivia Night this Saturday with tables representing many of the decades since GIPS has been in existence. As the main fundraising event for 2015, we are hoping for a great result with funds raised contributing to further recarpeting and redevelopment of the Grade 1 and 2 play equipment.

Thanks to Jane Lukins, Ginny Robinson, Fiona Freemantle, Carolyn Ryan and other helpers for their work in organising the Trivia Night.

Voluntary Levies Survey

Each year, the School Council asks parents to consider a contribution to some funds that then resource school programs and facilities. The funds are the Building and Grounds fund, Library and ICT fund and Working Bee levy. In recent years, the proportion of families contributing to these funds have declined quite significantly with some grade levels showing less than 50% of families making these contributions. In an effort to understand the reasons for this reduction in voluntary contributions, the School Council Finance sub-committee is asking families to respond to a brief, written survey. The survey was distributed in yesterday’s Notice folder and is also available in the “Notices” section of the website. Your input will assist the school’s future planning and budgeting for the effective resourcing of school programs within the available financial resources.
Kids Hope Mentoring Program

For several years, students at Glen Iris have benefited from the KIDS HOPE AUS program. Kids Hope is a student Wellbeing initiative in partnership with World Vision Australia. Teachers and families have seen first-hand the impact that mentors from Kids Hope have on the lives of some of our children. This worthwhile program is experiencing significant demand in regional and remote areas of Australia and efforts are being made to provide access to Kids Hope mentors in these areas through online services.

To launch the Kids Hope Online Mentoring Development Initiative, $20,000 is required to ensure its ongoing sustainability. Kids Hope has launched an online crowd-funding campaign to achieve this funding goal. Should you wish to support this effort you may consider a tax-deductible donation via https://chuffed.org/project/kidshope.

Story Time @ GIPS

“Story Time @ Glen Iris” is an informal opportunity to familiarise parents and children with our school environment and facilities. We endeavour to provide an enjoyable introduction for your child and a smooth beginning to their years at primary school. The “Story Time @ Glen Iris” program offers children a story telling and activity session with one of our Prep teachers or other staff in our state-of-the art library space. Children in both 3 and 4 year old kinder are welcome to attend “Story Time” with a parent or carer. Siblings are welcome too.

Because we aim to make these sessions interactive, numbers are limited to those who have booked in advance at the school Office (9885 3624)

“Story Time” will be held fortnightly, from 2:30 – 3:15pm, on Friday afternoons in 2015 on the following dates:
Term 2: June 19th
Term 3: July 24th, August 7th, September 11th

Prep Enrolment for 2016

Now is the time to submit enrolment applications for Preps for 2016. If you, family, friends or neighbours are considering enrolling children at GIPS in 2016, 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.

Congratulations, Robyn Floyd!

Congratulations to our Assistant Principal, Robyn Floyd, on the recent submission of her Ph.D thesis on Australian Fairytales. Robyn has been working towards her Ph.D for the past six years and has submitted her research this week. Soon, we will be calling her Doctor Floyd!

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR

To those parents who would still like to make tax deductible payments to our Library/ICT Fund and/or Building Funds, the cut off date is Friday 26th June at 3pm.

Thankyou for your contributions.

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.
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
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
From the Assistant Principal

Museum Opening was a great event.

On Tuesday ex-students attended the opening of the Museum which is crammed with artefacts found in our cellar, storeroom, donated and loaned to us. The 5/6 students who are making the GIPS documentary took the opportunity to interview them, video them and our Alumni even airdropped ‘pages’ documents they’d written to our students. We learned about the air-raid shelters on the oval, the games played, chocolate flavoured straws to make the school milk taste better and which teachers were the best! Over a cuppa and an Arnotts biscuit (Yes, Arnotts is 150 year old this year too) they met old friends and made some new ones. All are looking forward to our 150th in August.

Robyn Floyd - Assistant Principal

150th Anniversary Blog

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Robyn Floyd on 9885-3624 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419

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.

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
The GIPS **Back in Time** Trivia Night is only 2 sleeps away!

Thanks for your amazing support of our sell out event.

1. All funds raised from the Trivia Night will help contribute towards the school’s current "wish list" items (see the PA section of the school website). Funds are needed for ongoing re-carpeting in the upstairs grade 5/6 classrooms and for the foyer and office areas due to OH&S concerns. An upgrade of the Grade 1/2 playground is also a priority. So bring along your cash, coins and credit cards to support the school.

2. **Silent Auction**: There is a pre-bidding book at the office for anyone unable to attend the night. Get in quick with “Buy it NOW” deals too good to be missed! Carolyn Ryan and Fiona Freemantle have done a fabulous job of co-ordinating over 70 items. Thanks again to all our silent auction contributors and sponsors, especially our Major sponsor, Back in Motion and to Mum, Sarah Wilson (Stems of Melbourne) who will be putting together 10 amazing floral table pieces also up for the taking on the night.

3. The **Hampers** for the raffle & prizes are also looking amazing. Thanks to the students for embracing our Free Dress day last Friday and to all the families who made donations for the hampers or who helped Nic and Ash put them together.

4. Don’t forget to "like" our Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Glen-Iris-Primary-School/936628156383232](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Glen-Iris-Primary-School/936628156383232)

And next week…
**Monday 15th June**, 7.30pm – Parent’s Association Meeting
**Friday 19th June**, 3.15pm – Term 2 Cake and Produce Stall (Prep S, 1 MV, 3G, 4E and 5/6H hosting)

Jane Lukins  
President GIPS PA 2015  
jane@lukins.id.au
The donations have continued to stream in over the last few weeks and we would like to thank the following sponsors:

Cricket Australia, Clarks, the Collins family, the Jefferson family, Jane Jones Landscapes, Bounce Blackburn North, Kraftworks and Artist Photographer.

As noted in previous newsletters we also have support from: The Glen Iris Scorpions, Soccerwise, Kozen Yoga, Brown Brothers and Rachel Estlin, Waverley Gymnastics, Preserve Kitchen, Stems of Melbourne, Clip n Climb, Coles Chadstone, Top Tenn Tennis Academy, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Puffing Billy, Artist Photographer, Metafit, Prahran Market, Miele, Stockland Tooronga, Charisma Dance, Melbourne Taekwondo Centre, The Enchanted Maze Garden, Big 4, Bounce, Sovereign Hill, Ashburton United Soccer Club, Style Staples, I Scream Nails, Friends Pharmacy, Bluethumb Art and artist Ron Brown, Good Room Interiors, Luna Park, Mind Games, Hawthorn Football Club, Geelong Football Club, Inside Edge, Jazzercise, ABody, Step Into Life Glen Iris, Uplift beauty, Red Carpet Face Spa, Silver Maple, Happy Kids Photography, Bake Boss, the Corner Deli, Platform Espresso, Glen Iris Pantry, Robyn McKern, Mint Dental, Silver Maple, Futures Tennis Academy, Inside Edge Focus, Lise Allen Personal Styling, CycleInn, Chadstone Shopping Centre, Larder Provisions & Café, Orrong Pharmacy, Strathmore Pharmacy, Meredith Lee Interior Designer and the Happy Christmas Co, Theodora Keramidas, Camberwell Pilates & Yoga, Step Into Life Glen Iris, Noel Jones Glen Iris, Jellis Craig, Hocking Stuart and Marshall White.

MAJOR SPONSOR: Back in Motion – Camberwell branch (www.backinmotion.com.au). Back in Motion is a physio practice used by a number of GIPS families, and is generously sponsoring six tables at the Trivia Night. Keep an eye out for their business cards on the night and if you need a physio, you know where to go! They also offer Clinical Pilates and Personal Training Services. PH: 9889-3903.

TABLE SPONSORS: We are still looking for sponsors for a further 8 tables. If you would like to seize this opportunity to publicise your business (for $100 per table), please get in touch. It is also not too late to donate to the auction. Further donors will be acknowledged in the next newsletter. Thank you to all for their generosity.

Carolyn Ryan carolynbattryan@icloud.com
Fiona Freemantle fionafr@bigpond.net.au

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

Creative Immersion Playful Workshops 7-12 years old
School Holiday Program Mon July 6th 10am-5pm
Futures Tennis Holiday Programs
Chicken Care

We would love you to help us to look after Pepper and Muffin, the school chickens, over the June/July 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 19th June. Please give the dates you are available, email address and a phone contact.
A Big Thankyou to All Our Trivia Night Sponsors

Soccer Wise Holiday Program

Program Dates

| Monday  | 29 June
| Tuesday | 30 June
| Wednesday | 1 July
| Thursday | 2 July
| Friday  | 3 July
| Monday  | 6 July
| Tuesday | 7 July
| Wednesday | 8 July
| Thursday | 9 July
| Friday  | 10 July

Program Location
Bialik College
407 Tooronga Road
Hawthorn East

For Bookings
Mobile: 0419 253 837
Bookings@SoccerWise.com.au
www.SoccerWise.com.au

Back In Motion Camberwell
9889 3903
backinmotion.com.au

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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.

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.
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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