Dear Parents,

It has been another busy time at Glen Iris. Amongst other events, this week we have enjoyed the Grade 1 classes being visited by their grandparents and the Grade 5/6 Sustainability Expo. Thank you to the many families who supported these events that are important concluding activities to the term units of study.

Quality Learning Through ICT
Curriculum Day September 17th

Next Wednesday, September 17th, the staff will attend a professional learning day focussed on the further growth of enhancing learning with Information and Communications Technologies (ICT). Led by a digital learning expert, Jo Blennin, the staff will consider the latest directions in using technologies in schools. At Glen Iris, our core premise is that technology must improve teaching and learning, leading to increased levels of student achievement and engagement. We want learning to be powerful, challenging, diverse and able to occur anytime and anywhere. These goals will drive our planning for the implementation of significant ICT resources at Glen Iris in the remainder of 2014 and the beginning of 2015.

Children do not attend school on this day.

Grade 5/6 Open Morning

Last Friday, Grade 3 and 4 parents were invited to an Open Morning to view the Grade 5/6 classes in action. Following a brief introduction, the group visited each of the five classrooms seeing students involved in Maths, Reading, Writing, Project Presentations and Socratics Seminars. One parent who attended was prompted to send me the following comments.

“...Thank you so much for this morning's informative, demystifying and enlightening session. I came away with a strong sense that being a senior at GIPS is a 2 year experience and one that's a special journey, packed with essential life skills for the children to learn and build on in their next chapters. How pleasing to see the comprehensive real-life focus at the 5/6 level. Building leadership, developing communication skills (and self-confidence) through constructing persuasive argument, refining opinion, and the coaching in delivering it within, and to, a group, fostering creativity and encouraging responsibility. These examples of learning are what I saw this morning. Most impressive...”

I look forward to offering further such opportunities to parents in the future.

Grades 3 and 4 Camps
Arrabri Lodge, Warburton East
September 1 – 3 and September 3-5

Successful camps were conducted at Arrabri Lodge for Grades 3 and 4 children last week. Despite some inclement weather early in the week, all the activities were completed and a good time was had by all. I understand the Giant Swing, Flying Fox and a ride
on Puffing Billy were particular highlights. Thank you to the staff and parents who accompanied the students, making the camp possible: Barbara Maclarn, Christine Hallam, Rebecca Givogue, Lucy Gargano, Carrie Butler, Tanya Tomic, Claire Sutherland, Robyn Campbell, Darren Garrett, David Lancaster, James Pangrazio, Stephen Boyd, Warren Wood, Stuart Mackie, Glenn Talbot and Andrea Itowski.

**Grade 5/6 Play Equipment**

Following consultation with representatives from the SRC, a final design for the Grade 5/6 play equipment has been agreed upon. The equipment has been ordered and should be installed in 4 – 6 weeks. Our thanks to the Parents’ Association, and our school community, for their fundraising efforts at the 2013 Twilight Market, Art Auction and other events for providing the finance for the new playground facilities.

**Tournament of Minds 2014**

Recently, The Grade 5/6 Social Sciences Tournament of Minds Team won the Regional competition and will now compete in the State competition on Sunday, September 14th at La Trobe University. This weekend’s competition involves the team being given a new, complex problem to solve. They will be provided with the necessary materials and three hours in a “lock down” situation to produce a creative, 10 minute response that they must then present before an audience and judges. Thanks to Grade 5/6 teacher, Amy Kopciewicz, who facilitates the team. Good luck to our 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 Sunday.

**District Athletics Carnival**

Yesterday, more than 80 students from Grades 3 – 6 competed in the Glen Iris District Athletics Carnival. This is a considerable number in comparison to previous years. Successful students will move on to the Divisional competition. Thank you to Physical Education teachers, Natasha Black and Michelle Vincitorio, for their efforts in organising the team, and to the many staff and parents who assisted.

**Zenfolio Photography site**

Glen Iris Primary School has established a service for families where photographs taken at school events are available to parents through an online storage site, Zenfolio. Parents of students at the school are provided with a link and password to the site. It would then be possible to both browse and download the photos. Photos of school events such as the concert, class performances, sporting programs and community functions could be included.

This opportunity has become available as a new parent to our school, Gavin Blue, a professional photographer, has offered to assist us to establish this service to families, including providing many of the photographs at no charge. The quality of the photographs is excellent.

The site address is [http://www.zenfolio.com/](http://www.zenfolio.com/) if you would care to look at the site. The password and log in details will be forwarded to families shortly.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher

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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.

**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.](http://www.gipsws.com/newsletter.html)
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

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.

SHOE SALE—BARGAIN FOOTWEAR!

Hi everyone, I’m Maddy from 5/6GJ.

Some of you may have heard about or participated in the recent “Ice Bucket Challenge”. But do you actually know what this is all about? The challenge was created to raise awareness for an incurable disease called Motor Neurone Disease. My grandpa died from this disease and I was hoping to find a way to raise money to help people living with this and most importantly find a cure. Motor Neurone Disease doesn’t get a lot of awareness or funding so it would be incredible if we could help them out as two people die from MND every day.

My mum works for a company called Omni Footwear who have generously donated boxes of sample shoes they have recently received from China which range from Prep size all the way up to older kids and some adult sizes. These are mostly made in comfortable shoes and some sneakers, made of woven elastic. They are all samples, not faulty pairs and the best news is we will be selling them for only $5 a pair!

I will be showing some samples of the shoes at assembly this Friday and next week we will be holding a shoe stall on the coloured squares Tuesday, September 16 and Thursday September 18 from 3.30 til 4.15.

All money raised will go to Motor Neurone Australia. Hope to see you at our stall!

Thank you,
Maddy
To All GIPS Parents,

With the Term 3 holidays less than a fortnight away, the Parents’ Association is focused on planning our last few events of CY’14:

Special Lunch, Tuesday, 16th September, as part of French Day at the school (notices were sent to families this week)
our annual Mango Drive in November (details to be provided early next term)
Ashburton Festival. The date for the “Ashy Fest” has been confirmed as Sunday, 23rd November. The organisers have changed the timing of the festival from February 2015 to take advantage of better weather conditions and early Christmas shopping opportunities. We are actively looking for a volunteer to coordinate the event, so please contact us if you are interested in helping out… it’s an easy way of getting involved.
Special Christmas Lunch (December date to be confirmed).

Equally important are our plans to confirm Parents’ Association members for 2015 as soon as possible. Several key members of our committee will not be able to continue in their roles next year so we are hoping to enlist the help of other GIPS parents, particularly those who are relatively new to the school, to take their places.

There are a variety of roles to be filled, so please don’t miss out on the opportunity to get involved in some capacity. Speaking from personal experience, the rewards far outweigh the sacrifice… ultimately, it is your children who will benefit most from your involvement.

To this end, please join us at our next meeting on Monday, 15th September at 9:00 am (after morning drop-offs) in the GIPS Staff Room. It’s a great opportunity to learn more about what we do and which roles best suit your personal interests and circumstances.

We look forward to seeing you there as our special guest.

Regards,

Alex Goldhagen,
President
MOONCAKE FESTIVAL
Ashburton Support Services
Sunday 14th September
11.00 AM—2.30 PM

ST DOMINIC’S TENNIS CLUB
Free trial lesson 4-7 year old age group
Tues 7th October.

More details on website under community noticeboard
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. A notice was sent home yesterday. Together with the Yard Duty teachers the Lunchtime Duty Parent/s will supervise the library space or alternatively be in the playground.

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.

FOOTY CARD TRADING

FOOTY CARD CLUB is still continuing on Wednesdays at lunchtime.

Students at Glen Iris Primary School have the opportunity to join in a supervised lunchtime club that allows students to trade collectible cards.

Guidance will be given to students to ensure, as far as possible, trades are fair and equitable and support will be given to students to develop good strategies for negotiation and fair play. The program has been expanded to include Preps and Year 1s. Students who choose to join this lunchtime club do so with the understanding that trades agreed upon in the session cannot be disputed once outside the group.

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 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.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser

The Entertainment Book fundraiser has now ended. A total of 49 books were sold to GIPS families and friends resulting in $637 of extra funds available for our school. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser and remember to keep enjoying the bargains and discounts through to 1st June 2015!

Your local Neighbourhood and Learning Centre is running an Introduction to Excel 4 day intensive course from Tuesday September 23 to Friday September 26, 9.30am to 3pm.

ALSO

A Free Information session for parents with children in years 5 and 6 transitioning from primary to secondary on Thursday September 11 12.30 to 2pm.

This session is run by Inner Eastern Local Learning and Employment Network.

Please ring or email us to for further information or to enrol.

Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre
49 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton, 3147
Phone: 98859401
(Located opposite Alamein Railway station)
Email: admin@alameinnlc.com.au
Website: www.alameinnlc.com.au
Parenting Anxious Children

Community Education Seminar
Wednesday 8th October, 7pm-9pm
Eltham Library (Multi-Purpose Room)
Panther Place, Eltham

This seminar is designed for parents of pre & primary school age children. Topics to be covered include:

- Anxiety and normal childhood development
- How personality and environment contribute
- The signs and symptoms associated with anxiety in children
- Helpful ways to support your child
- Tips on building resilience
- Where to go for more information/help

Course Cost: $50 / $30 ARCvic Members

Seminar notes and light refreshments will be provided.

For further information or to register contact ARCvic on gc@arcvic.org.au or visit the website www.arcvic.org.au

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Cool Kids

The group aims to:
1. Provide a safe place for children to explore feelings and emotions.
2. Understand health and how to manage thoughts and feelings.
3. Help them through creative arts, games and discussions.

The program is for children of primary age whose parents/guardians are supporting the family.

MORE INFO

For more information or to be referred please contact Fiona at Camcare on 98099310.

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Green Thumb’s School Holiday Programs

Runs 22.09.14 – 03.10.14 @ Fussy Pots Cafe.
799 high st Ashburton. Bookings via fussy@fussypots.com.au Ph: 9886 0439

Art – Craft – Photography – Drama

Duration: 1.5 hrs and 2 hrs. Minimum numbers: 6 and maximum: 20.

Includes: take-home craft piece, morning tea of mini muffins and a seasonal fruit plate and a yummy milkshake.

Hosted by a qualified drama and art teacher.

20% off lunch vouchers in the cafe for parents or carers upon booking.

Check in at FACEBOOK and we’ll shout you a coffee!

Week one

10.00-11.30pm Junior (5-10) 1.00-3.00pm Senior (10-15)

Mon: Improvisation Drama Class Part 1 $30 Digital Photography part 1- Introduction BYO $40
Tues: Tissue paper window art & stencils $30 Improvisation Drama Class Part 1 - Introduction $40
Wed: Paper flower making & arranging $30 Paper Beads and Jewellery making $50
Thurs: Pot Plant Pals - Grass heads $25 Mini Eco systems- indoor terrains $70
Fri: Fab T-shirt art designs (BYO T) $40 Quilting – paper cutting art $40

Week two

Mon: Improvisation Drama Class Part 2 $30 Digital Photo Part 2 – Macro Photography (BYO) $40
Tues: Candle creations $20 Improv Drama Class Part 2- Dramatic scripts $30
Wed: Paper wall art $30 Dynamic lamp shades $40
Thurs: Tutu Fairy Costume making $65 Beautiful Photo board creations $40
Fri: Flutter by. Butterfly tea candle holders $30 Tissue paper lighting creations $40

BOOKINGS TO BE MADE 7 DAYS BEFORE THE PROGRAM COMMENCES AS SPOTS ARE LIMITED. VISIT FB FOR EVENT INFORMATION AND BE SURE TO CHECK FOR BOOKING UPDATES.

Hawthorn Community House

Make, Bake & Decorate

“School Holiday Program”

Kids have fun while learning to bake chocolate chip cupcakes and pumpkin scones. Suitable for children aged 5 – 10 years.

Thursday 25 September, 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm.

$15/session. Bookings 9819 2629.

Hawthorn Community House - 32 Henry St, Hawthorn

(next to Rocket Gardens). www.hch.org.au

Hawthorn Community House

Bollywood Dancing!

“School Holiday Program”

A unique and special dance program for kids over the school holidays, for 5-15 year olds. Bollywood Dancing is to songs with meaningful lyrics, facial expressions and body movements.

Monday 29 September, 10am-12pm.


Hawthorn Community House - 32 Henry St, Hawthorn

(next to Rocket Gardens). www.hch.org.au
We would love you to come and join us for the next Working & Library Bee. BYO shovels, rakes & gloves for working in the grounds. We are also looking for any carpenters or handy people who can assist with building a 1.8m X 1.8m platform. There will also be lots of tasks for Library helpers. All assistance is most welcome and don’t forget that there will be refreshments to thank everyone for their efforts!

If you can assist please contact the school on glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Somers School Camp 2015

An outdoor and environmental experience for Year 5 & 6 students.

Dear Parents,

This year’s Grade 4 & 5 students have the opportunity to participate in the annual Somers Camp in Feb 2015! The 9 day camp aims to increase confidence and independence, with a focus on the outdoors.

For more details please visit http://www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au/

If your child is interested in attending Somers Camp, please send an expression of interest to glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au attention Tanya Tomic.
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
We are now taking bookings for Term 4 for our ongoing Monday lunchtime program. For more information email schoolstaekwondo@gmail.com.au

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.

School Holiday Program
Helping Children with Autism (FaCHSIA) funded with MUSIC THERAPY

Sept 22nd – Sept 26th
4 hours a day
9.30am – 1.30pm

** BAYSIDE SITE **
We have music therapist Sally Nguyen joining us for our school holiday program.

*** Book early to avoid disappointment***

Cost: $700 or $140 a day

It is recommended children attend for at least 3 days to get the most out of the program.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL – APPLICATIONS IN BY 18TH SEPTEMBER GO INTO THE DRAW FOR A $100 COLES VOUCHER

Volunteers are fully trained, accredited and supported by Australian Taxation Office

Camcare community volunteers provide a free and confidential service to help complete individual tax returns

- Are your tax affairs simple?
- Do you earn less than $50,000?
You could be eligible

To find out more contact TAX HELP at Camcare on 9831 1900
Mondays – Thursdays. 14 July to 31 October.
51 St John’s Avenue
Camberwell VIC 3134

2014 TERM DATES
Term 1 28 January to 4 April
Term 2 22 April to 27 June
Term 3 14 July to 19 September
Term 4 6 October to 19 December

2015 TERM DATES
Term 1 28 January to 27 March
Term 2 13 April to 26 June
Term 3 13 July to 18 September
Term 4 5 October to 18 December