Dear Parents,

In line with our focus on resilience, I am concentrating on what’s going well at Glen Iris and all the things I have to be grateful for. Things that are going well include the great sense of community that exists in our school; the wide range of learning experiences I see the children benefit from each week and the kindness and generosity I see demonstrated by the children, staff and families in our school. All these small things lead to a warm and supportive learning environment for the children and, we know, this is when children learn best.

Each night, I have set myself a goal to write down three things that went well that day or that I am grateful for. The “big ticket items” are easy: family, friends, good health and a secure job I love. I know I am guilty of nit picking over things that are not how I would like and I miss seeing all I have to be grateful for. Some “Dis” moments for me this week:

- The delight of the Prep children when the firemen visited – not to mention the Prep teachers!
- Meeting the mother of one of our teachers who is now a regular classroom volunteer at school. Thanks, Myra Goldman, mum of Prep teacher, Brodee Goldman.
- Hearing Estelle, 3TJ, read her persuasive writing piece titled “Why School Uniform Should Be Banned.”

It takes practise to recognise the small, special things that happen each day. Have you had a “Dis” moment at GIPS recently and, if so, did you tell someone about it? Let’s all work to focus on the positive and find proactive ways to address the negatives.

The Resilience Project

On Monday, more than 230 parents joined us to hear more about the Resilience Project – a new program for Glen Iris Primary School. What a great turnout – that’s more than last year’s Trivia Night! The evening presented by Hugo Van Cuylenburg, Founding Director of The Resilience Project, entertained and enlightened all who attended. Some of the comments from attendees included:

- “Loved it!” “Awesome!” “Fab. Funny and Inspiring.”
- “Amazing!! Thank you so much Hugh” – a mother of an anxious child who now has more hope x
- “Absolutely fantastic evening for the school parent community. Wonderful for parents to understand what is being done at school so we can do it together at home. Thank you.”
- “I can’t wait to start this with my family.”
- “So proud of GIPS for doing this program. Excellent speaker.”
- “Excellent program. My Grade 6 daughter has talked endlessly about the session that she had with Hugh. Thank you.”

Now that students, staff and parents have all had the chance to find out about this valuable program, it will be a regular part of school life at Glen Iris. We hope to see evidence of increased gratitude, mindfulness, empathy and emotional literacy leading to robust mental health for the children.

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If you missed the session and would like to see for yourself what it was all about, Hugh will present a public talk at ACMI on Thursday, June 9th. Tickets are available at http://theresilienceproject.com.au/public-talks/

Mother’s Day Events

Last week, the children – and hopefully our mums and special visitors – loved celebrating Mother’s Day. The Pampering session, Mother’s Day stall and Special Event were all much appreciated and enjoyed – definitely “Dis” moments! Our special thanks to the coordinators of these events: Ann Mullins, Fiona Freemantle and Kerryn Aikman – Mother’s Day stall and Gavin Blue and Mal Osbourne-Smith for the Pampering session, morning tea and ‘surprise’ fashion parade. Thanks to the other parents who supported these activities, in particular, Bernie Currie and Lise Allen for being our MCs at the Special Event and Draza Baxter for organising the Fashion Parade. What about those gorgeous models who paraded the latest kids’ fashions for winter? They were amazing! Thanks Monty, Henry, and Eloise: Prep S; Scarlett: 1M; Phoebe, Lenny, Felix and Max: 1LG; Amelia: 2C; Lily, Archie and Tyson: 3A; Claire, Charlie, Jada and Isla: 3TJ; Isabelle, Noah, Hamish and Lachie: 4R; Noah: 4G; Charlie: 5/6K; Hugo: 5/6E; and Harry: 5/6H.

Thanks to all at Glen Iris Road Uniting Church for making the Hall and Kitchen available to us for the event. Dads, it would seem all
those MoDEC meetings were worth every late night involved!

First Working Bee 2016 –
THIS SATURDAY 12:30 – 3:30PM
The working bee for Term 2 is set for from 12:30 until 3:30pm on Saturday, May 14th. Please come along to help out with a range of tasks that will enhance our school for the children. With our Education Week events approaching, we will be welcoming numerous visitors to the school in the days to follow so this working bee will be our chance to make sure we are spick and span. Thank you to new school councillor, Craig Ots – Maher for taking on the role of Buildings and Grounds convenor for 2016 and co-ordinating our working bee program. Children are welcome to come along to help. Hope to see you there.

House Cross Country
It has been disappointing to need to postpone the House Cross Country event on two occasions in recent weeks due to inclement weather. We have our fingers crossed for better luck on Tuesday, May 17th when we will try for ‘third time lucky’! Apologies to those who have changed their plans to attend on the previous occasions and our thanks to the dedicated souls who are still offering their assistance in running the event.

Celebrating STEM - Education Week for the GIPS community – Tuesday, May 17th (see flyer on page 3)
As we celebrate Education Week in 2016, the focus is directed to active, hands-on learning in the area of STEM, linking science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Our families are invited to join in our Forensic Science evening and help solve the crime. I wonder … “who dun it?” Help Sherlock find out the answer!

Education Week 2016 / Preps 2017
Some special events are planned during Education Week (May 16 – May 20) to introduce our school to prospective families for 2017 and for our current families to celebrate their children’s learning. The key dates are:
- **Open Day:** Wed May 18th 9:30 – 10:30am and 2:00 – 3:00pm
- **Prep 2017 Information Night:** Mon May 23rd
- **Family Learning Night:** Tuesday, May 17th – Forensic Science Program

Prep Enrolments 2016 / Storytime @ Glen Iris
If you have a 2017 Prep child who will be attending Glen Iris or you know of a local family considering schools for next year, I suggest you look carefully at the range of events on offer to help parents find out all about our school and activities for pre-schoolers highlighted on our website. “Storytime @ Glen Iris” is a literacy program for preschoolers that begins on Friday, May 27th and will be conducted fortnightly. Pre-schoolers are welcome to visit the school with parents on Open Day, May 18th, and visit the prep classrooms and specialist classes. Our popular Storytime sessions are limited in numbers and require bookings at the Office. Further details are available at [www.gips.vic.edu.au](http://www.gips.vic.edu.au) Enrolments for 2017 are now open.

Pupil Free Days – Term 2
Just a reminder that children will not attend school on Wednesday, June 8th as this day has been designated as a Report Writing day for teachers. Our other Pupil Free Day date later in the year is Wednesday, July 27th. 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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INTRODUCING MARSHMALLOW

After 110 votes we have named our hen Marshmallow!

Thank you to everyone that voted.

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RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Christianity SRI is now being offered during Monday lunchtimes, 1.00-1.30 in the Meeting Room, at a cost of $10.

If you would like your child to attend please fill in the SRI parent consent form available at the General Office.
Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!
This week’s notices:

Join Warrior Princess in Ashburton
Thursday 2nd June—7pm

Australian Boys Choir Auditions
Sat 18th June - 10am-4pm - Boys aged 7-9

Waverley District Netball Association
Family Fun Day - Sunday 22nd May - 10am-2pm
I hope everyone had a lovely Mother’s Day last Sunday. We certainly had a busy time at GIPS celebrating last Friday!

- Our appreciation goes to Ann Mullins, Fiona Freemantle and Kerryn Aikman for coordinating the Mother’s Day Stall and to all those who assisted by setting up, helping with selection and payment or the pack up at the end of it! The stall provides the children with much anticipation and enjoyment in choosing a gift. As a mum, it is fun to discover what they have chosen, come Sunday morning. It is also a valuable opportunity for the younger children in particular, to practise decision making and budgeting!

- HUGE thanks to Gavin Blue and Mal Osborne-Smith for coordinating the amazing Mother’s Day Event; the GIPS Glamorous, Indulgent, Pampering Salon and Special Show...a Fashion Parade. The mums enjoyed the pampering time with their children, which was followed by a spectacular fashion parade modelled by many GIPS and soon-to-be GIPS talents. It was a great chance to catch up with other mums over morning tea and then enjoy the Fashion Parade commentary with the hugely entertaining MCs, Bernard Curry and Lise Allen!

Thank you also to:

- Meredith Carracher and Staff, for their support of the event.
- Glen Iris Uniting Church for providing the hall and kitchen facilities
- Gavin Blue for coordinating with Mal and the lovely photographs
- all on the Mother's Day Event Committee (MODEC) team who contributed
- Bernard Curry and Lise Allen for being fabulous Fashion Parade MCs
- Drazza Baxter for being Fashion Parade organiser extraordinaire, putting together the many outfits from MYER and her beautiful flowers
- the talented models and other children helpers
- Dale Pope Events (Tyson Fernec's aunt) for the amazing decorations
- Danielle Pope for running the backstage and her crew
- Barb Baxter for helping behind the scenes
- Nicole McLoughlin for donating prizes
- Lise Allen for donating her door prize
- the team who set up the hall on Thursday night until late
- Ashley Fernec for the Music and dressing up in his dinner suit with Dave Allen
- Kelly Blue helping with organising and wrangling with the models backstage
- Brian Palmer for running the Photo Booth
- Tim Callaghan for serving tea and coffee all morning
- all those who provided the delicious morning tea
- all the children who helped to pamper their mum
- the Dads of Glen Iris who made it happen
- and all those who came and supported the event.

The next Parents’ Association meeting is on Monday 16th May in the GIPS staffroom at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The GIPS PA’s main fundraising and social event of 2016 is getting closer. The Trivia Night event, themed Dressed to Kill will be held at Phoenix Community Centre on Saturday 20th August! Save the date! More details will be available soon and tickets will go on sale in June.

Can you help?

- To contribute to the Silent Auction, please contact Corie Hill (madeinaustralia@gmail.com) or Wendy Clarke.

Finally, please come and help out at the GIPS Working Bee this coming Saturday 14 May from 12.30-3.30pm. There are lots of jobs to do, so we hope many families will come along. Thank you to Craig Ots-Maher (craig.otsmaher@gmail.com) for coordinating the Working Bees in his role on School Council Buildings and Environment Convenor.

Best wishes for the rest of this busy month of May.

Jacqui Brown, mother of Erica (5/6C), Angus (5/6K) and Kenrick (3TJ) on behalf of the GIPS PA 2016

brownjacqui@hotmail.com
**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**

A big thankyou to all the parents who gave up their time to help out on the stall. Also to the 5/6 helpers Alex and Ben who manned the raffle ticket stall for hours. A special thanks to Kerryn Aikman for filling in at the last minute to help with all the organisation of the day once Fiona was unavailable. The stall was very successful with lots of smiles on the children’s faces as they purchased that special gift for Mum. A profit of $1486.44 was made which is a great effort.

Ann Mullins & Fiona Freemantle

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**MAIN EVENT**

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**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 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.
From the Assistant Principal

Education and Community Partnerships Committee

The ECP Committee meets twice a term on a Thursday evening as an advisory body to the school council. The ECP reports, in writing, to the council and makes recommendations to the council. As subcommittees are open to non-school council members so members of the school community have a chance to get involved in school planning and council matters. The next meeting will be advertised in the school newsletter.

One of our roles is to review the School Policies over a three year period and write the draft for new policies as needed. The process is as follows:

1. Initial draft of new or reviewed policy is written by appropriate group.
2. Draft policy presented to Education and Community Partnerships Sub-Committee for consideration. If major changes required returned to working group. If no changes required, Education and Community Partnerships Sub-Committee endorses draft.
3. Policy distributed to wider school community through notification in the newsletter including School Council Members and Staff for input.
4. Education and Community Partnerships Sub-Committee makes appropriate modifications in light of school community feedback or refers to original committee for amendments.
5. Education and Community Partnerships Sub-Committee presents final draft to School Council for ratification and adoption as formal school policy.

A Copy of the ‘policies to be reviewed’ manual is available at the school office.

Robyn Floyd
Assistant Principal (Wed-Fri)
Glen Iris Primary School
170 Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris 3146
Phone: 03 98855624

SAFE CHAT by Claire Sutherland

Claire Sutherland answers your Cybersafety Questions

Since starting my PhD 4 years ago I had high hopes of developing an effective prevention program that was going to stop cyberbullying completely. Call me naive if you wish but I had a dream.

As my studies have developed and I have read article after article, ran study after study and engaged with students from both primary and secondary school, parents and teachers, I have realised that as with traditional bullying, it may not be possible to eradicate it completely. Saying that, it does not mean that traditional bullying or cyberbullying are acceptable or a rite of passage through school life.

We must start by educating students, parents and teachers and ensuring that everyone is on the page. I have learnt that there are some common questions parents want answers to. This section of the Glen Iris newsletter will hopefully provide the answers you are looking for, offer cybersafety advice and up-to-date information and give me an avenue for sharing my work with the school community. If you have any questions you’d like me to answer in the school newsletter please email them to:

glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Alternatively you can leave them at the Office

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Cybersafety Column
Question

Name (won’t be published)
Age of child/children
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
NOMINATIONS CLOSE

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2015/2016 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.
**Fordham Avenue Kindergarten**

**OPEN DAY**

Saturday 21st May 2016

10.30am to 12.30pm

24 Fordham Ave
Camberwell
9836 9341
fordhamavekindergarten.org.au

**Bedtime Storytime**

Star light, star bright...

Monday 6 June at 6.30pm
Ashburton Library
154 High Street, Ashburton
Phone 9278 4056

The whole family is welcomed!
Wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite cuddly friend.

**Parody Prom**

8th Annual Underage Dance Event

With DJ, Food, Photobooth, Games and Prizes (Inc. Best Dressed!!!)

Tickets: $10 available for pre-purchase or at the door
For more information please call 9839 7324
Tickets available at: www.hawthornartscentre.com.au

Friday 13 May 2016
7pm - 11pm
Hawthorn Arts Centre
360 Burwood Road Hawthorn

**PLUGGED IN: KEEPING YOUNG PEOPLE SCREEN SAFE**

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD GETS UP TO ONLINE?

Join three of Melbourne’s leading experts on cyber safety and learn tips on how to keep them safe.

This free forum will showcase:

**SUSAN MCLEAN:**
Expert in the area of cyber security.

**STEVEN DUPON:**
Exposes behind the scenes of cyber criminals.

**JEREMY SHUB:**
Australian young people and their families experiencing problematic technology use.

Where: Auburn High School, Burgees St, East Hawthorn

Tuesday 24 May 2016, 7pm to 8.30pm

Light refreshments will be served from 6.30pm onwards.

The night will conclude with an opportunity for questions.

Parents or young people who are struggling to understand technology are encouraged to attend.

To RSVP, please visit:
http://pluggedin.eventbrite.com.au

or contact the Community Services and Development Department

boroondara.vic.gov.au
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.

Lego Club
Love Lego? Love creating?

A club for building and playing with Lego for primary school aged children.

**Ashburton Library**
154 High Street, Ashburton
On the following Tuesdays at 4pm:
- 23 February, 2 March, 26 April, 24 May, 21 June, 26 July, 23 August, 13 September, 25 October, 29 November

**Camberwell Library**
240 Camberwell Road, Camberwell
On the following Tuesdays at 4pm:
- 23 February, 2 March, 26 April, 24 May, 21 June, 26 July, 23 August, 13 September, 25 October, 29 November

**Kew Library**
Corner Cotman Road and Civic Drive, Kew
On the following Tuesdays at 4pm:
- 23 February, 2 March, 26 April, 24 May, 21 June, 26 July, 23 August, 13 September, 25 October, 29 November

**Everything is awesome!**
No bookings required.

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**Tuning Into Teens Parenting Program**

Six week parenting program for parents of adolescents aged 10-18 years.

Would you like to learn how to:
- Be better at talking to your teen?
- Be better at understanding your teen?
- Help your teen to learn how to manage their emotions?
- Help prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- Teach your teen to deal with conflict?

A FREE COURSE to parents who are residing in Boroondara.
The program is commencing Wednesday 5th May 2020.

For more information and program details, please contact Vanessa Vigano on 9835 7824 or Vanessa.vigano@boroondara.vic.gov.au.

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**Upcoming Activities @ 360:**

Starting in May Boroondara Youth Services will be running be hosting regular weekly activities for young people aged 10-25 @ 360 Youth Resource Centre.

No need to register or enrol, just drop in and join us for:

- **Creative Arts** Mondays 3:30-5:30pm
- **Mid-Week Cook ups** Wednesdays 3:30-5:30pm

FREE!!!
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.

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.
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.

SWEDISH PILATES STUDIO

BIRGITTA THORBORG

w: theswedishpilatesstudio.com.au
e: birgitta@newfitness.com.au
m: 0414 725 932

Shop 4, 108 Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris, 3146

FREE BACK TO SCHOOL POSTURE ASSESSMENT FOR KIDS

Phone: (03) 9885 2600
Email: michael@neumode.com.au
Extensions, Renovations and New Homes

www.neumode.com.au
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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