From The Assistant Principal

Unfortunately Meredith will not be returning to Glen Iris Primary School in Term 4 and will continue to take Carer’s Leave to support a family member. Our best wishes are with her and her family and we look forward to seeing Meredith back at the helm in 2013.

Robyn Floyd, Assistant Principal
Jack Risos, President School Council

Although I have enjoyed being Principal, my passion is for working with students to develop their full potential, and with teachers on curriculum that supports quality education. Next year implementation of the new AusVELS begins and as Term 4 is a crucial one for making sure our teaching teams are ready to teach and resource the new content and achievement standards in English, Mathematics, Science and History, I have decided not to take the Acting Principal role in Term 4. An Acting Principal will be appointed by our Regional Director Jeremy Beard and I look forward to returning to my Assistant Principal role. I will be meeting with the new Principal during the term break to ensure a smooth transition. I would like to thank Jenni DeVilla and Andrew Cavell for undertaking the Assistant Principal role with enthusiasm and professionalism.

Congratulations to Andrew Cavell who is taking a new role in Term 4. Grade 3M are pleased that he will be their new class teacher while Barb Maclarn takes some well deserved Long Service Leave. I’m sure they are hoping for some extra ‘games’ as part of the regular classroom program. Jamie Davis, who replaced Andrew while he was Acting Assistant Principal, will join us as our PE teacher.

This term we have farewelled Anthony, a teacher aide who was with us for three terms, welcomed Belinda Hartung as a teacher aide and Brodee Goldman as the new teacher for 2H. We wish Sarah Hunting all the best as she eagerly awaits the arrival of baby Hunting.

Robyn Floyd

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PLANNING FOR 2013

We are currently making plans for 2013. If your family is thinking of leaving GIPS at the end of 2012 please notify the school office ASAP.

Join us at our Spring 2012 Working Bee

TERM 3 Working Bee
SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
9.00am–12.30pm

To help with the smooth running of the morning please RSVP as soon as possible.

Reply by email to Ilias Mastoris at: mastoris1@bigpond.com (preferable)

Or drop in the reply slip sent home with the eldest to the office

Work boots are encouraged. Outdoor brooms, spades & wheelbarrows are always welcome.

Don’t forget there will also be a sausage sizzle for the hard workers!
A note on the new AusVELS

In 2013 Government and Catholic sector schools will use AusVELS for curriculum planning, assessment and reporting for F - 10 (Foundation = Preps). This will be the current VELS (Victorian Essential Learning Standards) curriculum with the Learning Focus and Standards for English, Mathematics, Science and History replaced by the respective Australian Curriculum Content Descriptions and Achievement Standards. We will place regular updates in the newsletter.

Robyn Floyd

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be sorted on Friday (named items returned) and those unnamed placed in the Multi-purpose Room next Monday 17 between 2.40 & 3.30pm for parents to check for their children’s clothing. Any unnamed, uncollected items will be washed and donated to the Second Hand Uniform Shop.

A very big thank you to Jane O'Dwyer for organising a wonderful Father's Day stall for the students. Jane, we all realize the huge amount of work that you put in to make this happen and are very thankful to you for all of your hard work. The stall raised an amazing $1500 in profit! Thanks also to the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to help run the stall on the day and to Ginny Robinson who took my place welcoming the children as I was unable to be there due to work commitments. All in all, a fantastic outcome!

Once again the Dads of GIPS enjoyed a lovely Father's Day breakfast on what was a bit of a chilly morning. Huge thanks to Anna Tomlinson and Petra Remmen for organising this event so as the children could have a special morning at school with their Dads or special person in their lives. Thank you to all of the helpers who got out of bed early to set up and make for smooth running of this annual event. We are sure the Dads and kids had a great time.

Keep a look out for our next fundraiser, which will be a Mango Drive, run by Anna Tomlinson. This will be run in term 4 and the mangoes will be $24 a tray. Thank you Anna!

We have some tasty chocolates left over from the Father's Day Stall which we were unable to sell as they contain nuts. If anyone would like to purchase some, they are available from the school office at the wholesale cost of $2 per item. (Rocky Road and chocolate mixed nuts). I must stress however that these items must only be purchased from the office by parents and under no circumstances must be eaten in the school grounds as we are a “nut aware” school and have anaphylactic children who may be at risk if these items are opened on school property. Save the office staff from eating any more of them and help us out!

As always, if you have any queries, please give me a call.

Liz Fowler,
President
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2012 TERM DATES
Term 1  3 February to 30 March
Term 2  16 April to 29 June
Term 3  16 July to 21 September
Term 4  8 October to 21 December

2013 TERM DATES
Term 1  30 January to 28 March
Term 2  15 April to 28 June
Term 3  15 July to 20 September
Term 4  7 October to 20 December