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From The Office of the Principal

This week the atmosphere around the school has been full of anticipation and excitement as we prepare for the Concert on Friday night. Danniell Smith and Niki Judd, our performing arts teachers put on their directors’ hats with energy and verve, and with Kate Stanford, teachers and students they have demonstrated that we ‘Aim High’. Behind the scenes, as always, we have had staff and parents working hard to produce stage props and costumes. A team of students have been writing the script for the concert and I am always impressed, and proud, that our students can produce work of such a high standard. We look forward to enjoying this night with you and appreciate that it is an opportunity to showcases our students’ ability to work collaboratively to a high standard.

Meredith will be taking leave for the next month and during that time Shelley and I will continue to work closely together supported by the Leadership Team and the staff. If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to ring or make an appointment to see us through the Office.

Plans for 2017
Preparations for the 2017 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 2017, could you assist by advising the Office and soon as your plans are known. We work on the assumption that children will return to the school unless we hear otherwise.

Learning at home
This week we introduce another column initiated by the Education and Community Partnerships Committee which will offer some suggestions for helping your student at home. There is also a notice about an online Mathematics Challenge for families, with students in Years 5 and 6 developed by the Department of Education and Training. Don’t forget to read Claire Sutherland’s Cybersafety column. We also congratulate Claire who will be working, in a voluntary capacity, for the eSafety Commission during January.

Class Placement 2017
Shortly, teachers will begin the lengthy process of developing well-balanced classes for optimal learning in 2017. Input from class teachers, parents and children are taken into account in conjunction with learning, social and personality considerations. Parents with particular information they would like to be considered during this process may put their request in writing no later than Friday 4th November. Requests relating to individual teachers will not be considered. If you would like to discuss your request, please feel free to make an appointment by Friday 4th November to ensure your request can be considered in the timeframe for the class placement process. By following this process, we are best able to meet your request. In the event that we are unable to meet any requests, parents will be contacted prior to classes being announced. Late requests will not be accepted. Requests may be forwarded to the office in writing or by email to the school address glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with the subject line, “Class Placement Request”.

Robyn Floyd & Shelley Morrison, Assistant Principal
EXTRA CURRICULA: ENRICHMENT & INSPIRATION

With the new term our school begins its 151st year. I expect to be the one eating the scones, jam and cream and reminiscing at the 160th and not organising it ... so I have spent the last month carefully storing the archival material from the 150th Anniversary. I was thrilled when I found this photo of our students in 1903 that had been overlooked. This is the oldest class photo we have.

Just before this photo was taken in 1902, the first wave of curriculum reform in the new state of Victoria was initiated. Frank Tate broadened the primary curriculum offered to students to include the manual arts, elementary science (nature study), music, literature, history and physical education. Our Enrichment, Inspiration and extra curricula programs aim to stretch and extend our students in areas that interest them. I think Frank, who fought hard to make learning hands-on and relevant to real-life, would be impressed.

Three Enrichment Programs are organised each semester for small groups of students with an interest or passion in a specific area. Students are selected so they work with like-minded peers. These programs are presented by our teachers and offer opportunities beyond the regular curriculum during a session each week.

The Inspiration Program is a program developed by the Assistant Principals from Glen Iris, Ashburton and Solway Primaries. Six students from each school are chosen to attend a half or one-day activity together each term. There are between three and six programs offered each term. For example, in term 2 some year 1 and year 2 students participated in a Bucket Band program. Students learnt drumbeats on buckets and then performed for parents. In term 3 we offered STEM activities including robotics and mathematical origami. In term 4 we will have a Performing Arts focus. There is no cost for this program.

External providers also cater for students with other interests. Michele Freeland-Small manages the GATEWAYS program that is heavily subscribed and parents need to book quickly. Michele often manages to find extra places for our students. These include Kelly Sports after school, TechKids and Tai Kwon Doh at lunchtime, Kate Standford’s dance classes before school and at lunchtime. The variety of musical instruments students can learn during school time has also increased. A highlight of each semester is the Soiree where students who learn an instrument have the opportunity to perform.

Our Student Action Leadership Teams (SALT) have a myriad of good ideas, and often organise lunchtime sporting events or other activities like the recent origami club.

Finally, Perle, our language assistant, is offering afterschool parent/child themed French lessons next term for six weeks on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is an opportunity to brush up your French and have some family fun. You can sign up at the General Office.

Robyn Floyd
Assistant Principal
The Victorian Maths Challenge is now open and we are encouraging families with children in Years 5 to 8 to join in the fun.

The Challenge provides a range of hands-on, open-ended and interactive activities that promote problem solving. Whether it’s erecting a paper tower in the Eureka Challenge, making estimations in the Paper Planes Challenge or building and keeping a boat afloat in the Titanic Challenge, there is a challenge to interest everyone in the family.

With eight exciting challenges to choose from, each with videos and instructions to help families succeed, it’s easy to get started. Each challenge has been designed to provide a relevant industry and careers context and links to the Victorian Curriculum.

The Victorian Maths Challenge aims to increase confidence and engagement in mathematics by encouraging families to explore and discuss maths concepts every day. Family participation in learning is one of the most accurate predictors of a child’s success in school and beyond.

The Victorian Maths Challenge schools section has been created in partnership with the Mathematical Association of Victoria, who will moderate the site.

Running until 29 November 2016, families can take on as many of the challenges as they like and share their experiences online, through photos, video or personal stories.

For more information about the Challenge or to get started, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/vmc

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**DIVISIONAL ATHLETICS TRIALS**

Congratulations to the following students who represented G.I.P.S at the Division Athletics Carnival last Wednesday 5 October:

**12/13 Girls**
- Emily Mackie – High Jump; Jemma Porter – Shot Put

**12/13 Boys**
- Finn Jessen – Long Jump, Triple Jump and Relay; Hugo Dickson – Relay;
- Ben Grayson – Relay; Joel Tyquin

**11 Year Old Boys**
- Ned Sargeant – 800m

**9/10 Year Old Girls**
- Natalie Fisher – Shot Put

**9/10 Year Old Boys**
- Noah Yze – 800m; Noah Shinnick – Triple Jump

All students should be very proud of their efforts, a fantastic achievement to represent your school at divisional level. A special mention to Noah Yze 3rd (800m), Finn Jessen 2nd (triple jump), Natalie Fisher 2nd (shot put) and the boys (12/13 relay team) 3rd. Natalie and Finn will now go onto represent G.I.P.S at the Regional Carnival on Thursday 13 October.

Go G.I.P.S!! Mr. Gilliland
On Tuesday 13 September, the whole school celebrated French Artist Henri Matisse. All classes had previously learned about Matisse’s life and artwork in French and Art classes, and this day was the final part to our combined French/Art unit of work.

It was great to see students arriving dressed up and excited for this very special day at Glen Iris Primary School!

Placed in their multi-age “Galaxy groups”, they were offered four different workshops through the morning, with hands on drawing, cutting and pasting colourful cut outs inspired by Matisse’s artwork.

To add more fun to this special day, students attended a performance with “Philippe”. The musician made them sing and dance traditional and regional French songs and dances to the sound of accordion, fife, drum, tambourine and “bombarde”, a very old wind instrument. A big “merci” to all our parent helpers (24 in total!), the 7 students from Ashwood High school and their French teachers who came to help for the day, the front office ladies, and all teachers for their help and participation throughout the day! Please come and admire our budding artists artwork exhibited on the library wall!

Laurence Barre and Michele Freeland-Small
French and Art Teachers
Dear Claire,
My daughter spends time over the weekend chatting with friends online in group chats. She has had a few problems where girls say hurtful things or ignore her. Do you have any tips for dealing with these situations?

GIPS Parent

Dear Parent,

Thanks for getting in touch. Group chat is very popular with young girls as they can continue discussions started at school during the evening and on the weekend. Young people often use a range of messaging services to talk with each other depending on the purpose. The common apps include WhatsApp, Kik, iMessage, Instagram and Twitter. It is important that everyone understands and uses positive behaviour when in group chats as other people can see what you are saying and comment on it. A good idea would be to sit your daughter down and discuss the etiquette for group chat. Remember that most of the group chat/Social Networking Apps are for children aged 13 years and over, if you are happy for her to participate in group chats then I recommend that you monitor their chats too.

Group Chat Advice

- Together look into the blocking and deleting options in the App they are using beforehand. This will give them strategies in advance.
- Turn off the notifications alert otherwise their phone will be beeping constantly.
- Tell your child that you will have access to their group chat.
- Openly discuss how they would respond if someone said something hurtful.
- Ensure that your child only talks to people that they know well (or in person) and there are no strangers in their chat group (they don’t have to be added by them, other people can add strangers).
- Remind your child never to give out any personal information online.
- Make them aware that everyone can see what is being said. Remind them to only say something online that they would be willing to say in person. Messages can be screenshot or copied and shared. Once you type it and send it there is no way of knowing where it may end up.
- Encourage your child to be confident in leaving a chat group if something happens that they do not like.
- As a parent, don’t overreact if your child comes to you and tells you that someone said something to upset them, listen to their story, find out what happened before, what they would like you to do and let your child be part of the solution. We have to guide and support them not solve the problems for them.
GREEN DAY!!!

On Friday 21st October, Glen Iris Primary School will be taking part in GREEN DAY. The SRC asks students come to school in green clothing and bring a gold coin donation. The donation will go to Global Gardens of Peace. (G.G.O.P), a charity that raises money to make more safe spaces where kids who don’t have as many healthy green places to play as us can play.

Lachlan H, Hailey K and Charlie M from the SRC!!!

WALKATHON 2016

It is that time of year for all to get their walking shoes on and walk, walk, walk! Prep to Grade 2 students will walk laps of the school grounds, whilst Grades 3 - 6 will walk around the oval at Ferndale Park.

To support the school and your child/children, we ask parents, family members and friends to either sponsor your child/children per lap, or alternatively, give a donation. The money raised will go towards the school fundraising “wish list”, which can be viewed on the website.

To help keep track of laps we will be marking tags to be carried by each child. Each time a child walks past their teacher, a lap will be recorded.

We thank you for your support with this annual event and we do request the help of school parents to help coordinate the day. Please see your Class Rep if you are able to help.

Date: Friday 28th October 2016
Time: 10.50am – Prep to Grade 2
Location: School Grounds
Time: 10.50am – Grade 3 to Grade 6
Location: Ferndale Park

Fiona Freemantle and KristIn Meachem

Safety in the Playground

The playgrounds in our school are specifically designed for different ages groups. Students are restricted to these playgrounds during school hours due to safety concerns. To keep every-one safe we encourage parents to ensure their children play on the appropriate playground before and after school.

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4, hope everyone had a great holiday and that you are all looking forward to the school concert this Friday!

Term 4 promises to be another busy term with the following PA activities planned in the next few weeks:

- PA meeting is on Monday 17th October 7.30pm in the staff room.
- The Walkathon is now planned for Friday 28th October, helpers will be needed, thanks to Fi Fremantle and Kristen Meachem for coordinating.
- The Mango Fundraiser is on again! Order your mangos via the link on the GIPS website by 1st November. Thanks again to Julie Grey for coordinating. The funds raised will help contribute towards the upgrade of our oval pavilion.
- We will be holding a Second Hand Bookstall on Friday 4th November at school pick up. Look out for more details on this new event coming soon. Thanks to Lise Allen for helping to get this idea up and running.

Jane Lukins, President GIPS PA 2016
jane@lukins.id.au
BOOK CLUB – 2016 Term 4

ORDERS MUST BE MADE ONLINE OR RETURNED TO YOUR TEACHER BY Monday 24th October, 2016. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.

ONE CATALOGUE FOR ALL CLASSES Prep through 6. Class groups are indicated and colour-coded as before, but any child may order any book(s) from the catalogue

THREE WAYS TO ORDER: CREDIT CARD (LOOP), CASH, OR CHEQUE.

If you are paying by credit card (LOOP):
We are enrolled in scholastic’s Linked Online Ordering & Payment (LOOP) system. For families ordering by credit card LOOP is the closest thing scholastic has to the kind of online ordering you are used to. The only real difference is that the books get delivered to your child’s classroom as before, not to your home. Go to http://scholastic.com.au or use the app if you’ve downloaded it.
In the upper right corner of the screen, click on Parent Payments. On the next screen under Book Clubs, click on Pay Now Select state (VIC) and School (Glen Iris Primary School). Close the popup telling you GIPS is enrolled in LOOP, and you will be redirected to the LOOP instruction page. Follow the instructions.
When order is completed, you’re done. No need to fill out and return the order form!
Under Help on the top menu, you can also access a video on how to order using LOOP
And if you like, you can download the LOOP app for iOS or Android devices.
If you are paying by cash or cheque, fill out the order form in the catalogue.

BEFORE YOU RETURN YOUR FORM PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:
Child’s Name, Class and Phone Number are filled in on top of the form
Check that the Quantity and Amount Due columns add up
In the ‘Total Qty’ box, fill in the number of items you have ordered
In the Total Cost box, enter the total amount for your order
In the Payment To School box, enter the amount you are paying for that catalogue.
Please ensure correct payment is included as no change will be given.
If paying by cash please ensure the envelope ends are taped up. Orders with coins missing will be returned and not processed. including coins in your payment

FAMILIES WITH SIBLINGS NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT A SEPARATE PAYMENT AND ORDER FORM FOR EACH CHILD - NOT ONE FOR EACH FAMILY, AND PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S ORDER IF LETTING THEM FILL IT OUT BY THEMSELVES.

YOUR PURCHASES GENERATE REWARD POINTS THAT OUR TEACHERS AND THE SCHOOL USE TO BUY LIBRARY & CURRICULUM MATERIALS.

THANKS,
Flip Connell
0429 480 775
GIPS Concert reminders

With only 2 days until the concert there are a couple of things that you need to remember for Friday night!

Each child has made a flag for their country which has been sent home today (Wednesday 12 October). Please bring it along with you on the night so that you can wave it when your child’s dance is on.

Drop off times – Please meet your class teacher (who will be holding up a class sign) at the front of the theatre at the following times.

M-Z at 6:10pm and A-L at 7:40pm

It is important that you are there on time so that the teachers can take the kids back stage and get them ready.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all on Friday night.

Danniel Smith & Niki Judd

GIPS Concert Costumes

For the rehearsal tomorrow (Thursday 11th October), students should wear their full school uniform. Costumes are only required on the evening of the concert.

You should have received information about what each year level needs to come dressed in to the concert (parents to supply). This detailed information can be viewed on the GIPS website at http://www.gips.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/world_tour_costumes2016.pdf. Please scroll through this document for each year level.

The students will be given the additional items at the concert on the evening.

There is no expectation that students should come wearing makeup, unless otherwise discussed with the class teachers.

GIPS WORLD TOUR SCHOOL CONCERT:
DVD OR BLUE RAY ORDERS!!

The school concert is being professionally filmed. If you wish to order please logon to www.mobilevideoservices.com.au and then click on the ONLINE SHOP tab, scroll down to the Glen Iris Primary School tab and follow the prompts.

The prices are as follows: DVD $30 and Blue-ray $35. Orders can be placed from today until Friday 21 October.

They will be delivered to the school later in the term and class teachers will distribute to those who have purchased.
PRELOVED BOOK STALL SALE

On Friday 4 November we are holding a second hand book stall at 3.30pm. Please contribute by bringing in any books from home that you no longer need that are in good condition. We will have a “Parents and Friends” table so you can also bring books you think might appeal to grown ups.

“There is more treasure in books than in all the Pirate’s Loot on Treasure Island.” - Walt Disney

GLEN IRIS FRENCH CLUB!

Are you ready to laugh and have fun while learning French … because the Glen Iris after school French Club starts soon! The French Club will run for two weeks. Starting at 3.45pm and finishing at 4.45pm on either Wednesday or Thursday.

Week 1: Wed 26th and Thurs 27th October
Week 2: Wed 2nd and Thurs 3rd November
Perle will meet students and parents at the Prep area.

GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 4 - SIZZLING SPRING SPORTS

As the weather warms up join us for a great program to develop, challenge and improve your child’s motor and coordination skills.

Our experienced coaches aim to develop and enhance the wide range of sporting skills of your child, including catching, throwing and hitting. While also improving strength, flexibility, hand-eye co-ordination, spatial awareness, cooperative skills and teamwork, all within a fun and very safe environment.

Tuesday session - Cricket - Basketball - Tennis

Wednesday session - Cricket - Hockey - Tennis

Book online www.kellysports.com.au
Search for ‘Glen Iris’ or postcode 3146
Enquiries to Philip on 0408 379 543 or philip@kellysports.com.au
Fresh North Queensland Mangoes
Direct from the farm to you!

Support Our Mango Fundraiser

If you love mangoes, here’s your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest. Each tray weighs approx 7kg. The number of Mangoes per tray depends on the size of the fruit, and may vary from 12 large Mangoes up to 23 small Mangoes.

Cost per Tray is: $25

Place your order by: Tuesday 1st November via the TryBooking link on www.trybooking.com/107275.

Money raised will go towards items on the GLPS wish list, which can be viewed at http://www.glps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/pa_fundraising.pdf

For Further information, contact Julie Gray on 0411 110 537
CELEBRATE CHILDREN’S WEEK 2016 WITH A RANGE OF FREE ACTIVITIES

FAMILY FUN DAY
SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER, 10am to 2pm
Hawthorn Community House
and Central Gardens,
Henry Street, Hawthorn

SOCIAL PRAM WALK
THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER, 10am to 12pm
Meet at the Ashburton Maternal and
Child Health Centre and join in a social walk to
Ferndale and finish with a coffee at the
Ashburton Pool and Recreation Centre (YMCA)

RIDE ‘N’ SCOOT DAY
FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER
Kew Traffic School, Corner of Grange Road
and Cotham Road, Kew
Four sessions available
and bookings are essential:
https://childrens_week_kts.eventbrite.com.au

For more information contact Family Services on 9278 4613
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