From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Finally, this week, the sun has shone a little bit and the days haven’t felt quite as cold.

No Assembly this week
There will be no whole school assembly on Friday this week due to the House Athletics Carnival. Any items planned for this assembly will be presented on Friday, August 28th.

Curriculum Day – Monday, August 31st.
A Curriculum Day will be held on Monday, August 31st. On this day, teachers will undertake professional learning to support their teaching in Information and Communication Technology; The Effective Teaching of Writing and Student Wellbeing.

No students attend school on this day.

150th Anniversary
I hope all our Glen Iris families are eagerly anticipating our 150th Anniversary celebrations later this month. In the week commencing Monday, August 24th, there will be a series of special occasions culminating in an Open Day with fun for all ages on Sunday, August 30th. A detailed program of events will be distributed very soon. It would be a shame for you and your children to miss the fun: displays, opening of the time capsule, food, refreshments, music, games, paper plane competition, Flash Mob, fireworks and more.

I would like to acknowledge the amazing work of our Assistant Principal, Robyn Floyd and her committee on dedicated parents who have planned such a wonderful occasion for our school community past, present and future.

Mosaic Mural
An important feature of the 150th Anniversary celebrations has been the creation of the huge mosaic mural produced by the children in the artroom. This beautiful piece, representing all things Glen Iris, has been the brainwave of the ever inspirational, Michele Freeland-Small, our Art Teacher. With a huge crew of GIPS parents, staff and every student, Michele has brought the mosaic to life over many months of arduous work. The mural is now mounted on the eastern wall of the Grade 2 classrooms for all to enjoy in the years to come. Thanks Michele and her dedicated team.

Three Way Conferences
Next week, all families will have the chance to meet with their class teachers and children to discuss the child’s achievements so far this year and goals for the remainder of the year. From input to our Assessment and Reporting survey earlier in the year, we appreciate this new way of communicating student progress has some challenges. Teachers expect that most topics and situations can be raised and discussed in these meetings in a constructive and respectful way. If teachers feel important information is not being covered, they will certainly raise it or contact families to fill any gaps. In our experience, with guidance, children are usually very accurate about their strengths and areas for improvement. In fact, often they are harder on themselves than teachers would be. I recommend parents consider any awkward topics they feel need discussion and think about how they may be able to raise it sensitively. Recently, I spoke with a parent concerned that their child sought more assistance with homework than they felt should be necessary. We discussed, rather than bluntly stating this in the three way conference, it could be raised as a question from the parent to the teacher. For instance, “Mrs. Carracher, how do you think the Grade 5 children should be approaching their homework at this stage of the year?” Usually, with some thought and planning, all parties can gain the information they want from the meeting and the children benefit from the opportunity to be involved and learn.

House Athletics Carnival
Good luck to all our Grade 3 – 6 athletes when they compete in the House Athletics Carnival this Friday at East Burwood. The children will compete in a range of track and field events over the course of the day with the focus on trying hard, doing your best and having fun. Thank you to Physical Education teacher,
Nathan Gilliland, for his planning and preparation for the day. Thanks also to the many parents who have offered to support the program. The weather seems likely to be at least reasonably fine, however, it will definitely be cold and muddy. Please make sure the children are suitably prepared with appropriate clothing for the events and to keep warm and dry. In the unhappy event that we are forced to postpone the carnival, an announcement will be made by Kids Connect and on the website late on Thursday afternoon after consulting the weather report for Friday.

Staffing News

- This week, we will farewell Mrs. Carrie Butler as she commences Maternity Leave to await the birth of her baby. Best wishes Carrie and Darren at this exciting time. Carrie will be greatly missed at Glen Iris and especially by her class 4B.
- Welcome to Mrs. Belinda Hartung, who will commence teaching Grade 4B on Monday, August 17th.
- Welcome to Mrs. Carolyn Blackwell. Carolyn will commence work as a classroom assistant in Grade 1LG on Monday, August 17th.

Congratulations Sienna

Congratulations to Sienna Dalla Riva 4K for her success in reaching the finals of the Ballet Teachers Workshop competition. Sienna is one of 22 dancers from around Victoria who will perform in this competition. What a great achievement, Sienna!

Please Consider Our Neighbours

Parking and traffic matters are always a challenge around schools. I have been contacted by neighbours of the school with complaints that parents stop to drop off and pick up children blocking their driveway. This is inconsiderate of our neighbours and not in keeping with our school values or the parking bylaws. I ask all members of the GIPS community to help us maintain positive relationships with people in our neighbourhood by treating their property respectfully.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher

Completed Earn and learn Sticker Sheets can be placed in the collection box located outside our school office or alternatively at your local Woolworths.
From the Assistant Principal

150th School Events

GIPS 150 Years
FAMILY FLASHMOB 2015

Rehearsal schedule - all rehearsals will be held in the Performing Arts room.

The following rehearsal times are a guide – you are welcome to attend any of the times depending on your availability. You will easily learn the dance in 1 or 2 x sessions ………. honestly!

Parents and special friends:
Monday 24th Aug 7.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday 27th Aug 2.15 - 3.15pm

Teachers, staff, X-curriculum teachers, and special friends of GIPS:
Thursday 27th Aug 8.00 - 8.45am

Robyn Floyd - Assistant Principal

150th Anniversary Blog

Badges for sale.
Four designs to collect.
$1.00 for small badges.
$2.00 for the large ones.

**Please see notice that went home for how to order .

** Orders MUST be received by 17 September. (2nd last day of Term)
3.00 pm
School open for Registration (Information Booth)
Older ex-students from the 1930s to 1990s collect your identity sticker from the booth
Collect a GIPS Scavenger Hunt entry form and tour the old buildings and Museum
(Classrooms close at 6pm). Win a family prize.
Create a Then & Now Photo with your mobile phone. Collect and return images to the Info Booth.

3.15
BELL RINGING
Official opening
Cr. Chow on behalf of Mayor of Boroondara- opens the event and presents the Sesquicentennial Mosaic
School Principal – Meredith Carracher
Choir – Sings the Anthem for our 150th by Dr. Colin Brumby (an ex-student)
Dance Group
Paper Planes Demo

4.00
‘Roll call’ of all former students and staff Decade Class (1930s-1990s) group photographs.
This will be via the Public Address System

4.45
FLASHMOB

5.00
Boroondara Symphonic Band
Old-fashioned Games (Oval)
World premiere of the GIPS History Documentary & other movies (Grade 3 & 4 Infill)

6.00
BELL RINGING
FLASHMOB reprisal
Thank you from John Campbell on behalf of Alumni
Marg Gleadall (former teacher) leads the community in the school song

Fireworks

- Information Booth (Uniform Shop)
- Classroom Photo Display in the Library
- The Popcorn Stand (Outside the ‘Movies’)
- The Catch-Up Café (Library)
- Sausage Sizzle (courtyard area), Drinks Stand (canteen) & a range of Food Vans (oval)
- Lucky Jars stall, Cupcake stall, GIPS Tattoos, Memorabilia & Book collection (Grade 2 rooms)
- The opened 2005 Time Capsule (Art Room).
- Museum (Grade 1/French Infill)
- Movies (Grade 3/4 infill)
- Old-fashioned games (Oval)
- Paper Planes (Basketball Court)

School Activities for current students

24th August - 1950s Assembly and former teachers return 9.30am
25th August - GALAXY Program
26th August - Arbour Day - individual class activities
27th August - Old-fashioned Art Activities in individual grade levels
28th August - Old-fashioned School Day - dress-up & Assembly. Guest Speaker Dr. Peter Abraham & Paper Plane making Demo

Preps – 1990s
Grade 1s - 1900s
Grade 2s 1960s
Grade 3s – 1980s
Grade 4s - 1970s
Grade 56 – 1950s
Up coming events:

1. **Next PA meeting** is Monday 17th August at 7.30pm in the Staffroom.

2. Our **150th Anniversary Celebrations** are just around the corner. Check out the amazing Mosaic which is now finished. Thanks to Michelle Freeland-Small, all the GIPS kids and the band of parent helpers listed, who have contributed their time and effort to have it completed before the sesquicentennial.
   

   **24th–30th August – 150th Celebrations Week**
   **Sunday 30th August – 150th Celebration Open School Event**

3. **Father’s Day Stall** will be Wednesday 2nd September, helpers will be needed to man the stall and make it a success, contact Pip Young or Sharon Van Doornum.

4. The famous GIPS **Father’s Day Breakfast** will be on again, Thursday 3rd September 7.30-8.45am. Celebrate with Dad or a special friend! Book your pancake or muffin breakfast online via the link on the school website. Bookings will close August 21st, so get in quick!

5. Inaugural **Men of Glen Iris Primary School** meeting will be held at the East Malvern RSL at 6pm on Thursday 10th September.

6. Term 3 **Cake and Produce stall** will be Friday 11th September, Prep M, 1 LG, 3J, 4G and 5/6N will be hosting.

Jane Lukins
President GIPS PA 2015
ROCK WITH HUGH  Rock/pop music classes are beginning this term at Glen Iris! New teachers Hugh, Liam and Kate are all set to begin classes!

Individual drum and vocal classes are available to students of all levels, as well as exciting band sessions with our experienced and dynamic staff.

Classes will run on Wednesdays. Forms will soon be available at the office and on the website.

ROCK ON!

LIBBI GORR presents Mummy Matters at the Melbourne Fringe Festival
Libbi came to speak at our Mothers Day morning tea

St Pauls Cricket Club
4 week Junior Masterclasses
Each Saturday in August—9.30am-11am

NetSetGo Program
 Registrations now open

Glen Iris Cricket Club
2015/16 Junior Registration is now open

Have you wondered how you can contribute to your local community but only have limited time available?

Opportunities are now available for School Crossing Supervisors in your local area and it’s a great opportunity to earn that extra cash you have been looking for.

These roles are for school terms only and require your commitment for 1 hour of a morning and afternoon (2 hours per day), 5 days per week.

Besides knowing you are assisting in the safety of local school children in crossing the road, you will also be rewarded with a good hourly rate ($22.10 per hour) with a full uniform provided.

You will be required to have a valid working with children check along with current police check which we will assist you in obtaining prior to commencing.

If you would like to know more about these opportunities, please contact our Sourcing Team on 1300 40 40 40 for further details.
Glen Iris Primary School mountain bike team???

Would you like to represent Glen Iris Primary School at the Victoria Schools Cycling Championship in a mountain bike event?

When – Sunday 16th August
Where – You Yang’s Regional Park
Under 11* starts at 9.30 and is a 5km, 2 lap course
Under 13 starts at 10am, and is a 7.5km, 2 lap course.

The cost is $20. Entries close 11.59pm Thursday 13 August

Entries and more information can be found here - http://vic.cycling.org.au/Events-Results/Event-Details/vssc.mtb-west

Please contact me if you would like any more information or if you would like assistance getting bikes / kids to the event. Nicola Thomas – sandnthomas@gmail.com, 0409 962 989

* to ride in the under 11 category you must be at least 8 by the 31st December 2015
Scot Gardner
An event for students aged 10+
Parents, carers and teachers are also welcome.

Award winning author Scot Gardner has written numerous novels, ranging from absurd fantasy for children to gritty realism and tragic-comedy for young adults.

Join Scot to find out why he loves writing and what inspires him to write for young people.

Tuesday 25 August
7pm
Kew Library
Cor Cotham Road & Civic Drive, Kew

Snacks provided
Free event, bookings essential.
Contact the library on 9278 4656 to book a place.

Get free help with your tax return from a Tax Help volunteer

• Are your tax affairs simple?
• Do you earn around $50,000 or less?

To find out more, contact:
Camcare
P: 9831 1900
E: camcare@camcare.org.au

Create your myGov account and link to the ATO before your Tax Help appointment.
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

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.

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

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.
**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.

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**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.

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**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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**2015 TERM DATES**

| Term 1 | 30 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 |

**2016 TERM DATES**

| Term 1 | 27 Jan (teachers) to 24 March |
| Term 2 | 11 April to 24 June |
| Term 3 | 11 July to 16 September |
| Term 4 | 3 October to 20 December |