Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a happy Easter break and that all the children are ready for a busy term’s work.

The Resilience Project – Save The Date – Monday, May 9th

In 2016, Glen Iris will offer The Resilience Project as part of our student wellbeing program from Prep – Grade 6. The Resilience Project is based on the philosophy of positive psychology and the research of Martin Seligman. It aims to help young people develop positive mental health. The program will incorporate sessions for staff, students and parents conducted by Hugh Van Cuylenberg on April 20th, and follow up activities in classrooms. The session for parents will be conducted on Monday, May 9th from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. This session will be an important evening for all parents and valuable for both school and family life. I urge all families to attend. The cost of the program is included in the excursion levy. For further details, check out the program website. [http://theresilienceproject.com.au/](http://theresilienceproject.com.au/)

I am sure every parent will benefit from this session and I urge you not to miss this opportunity. Having attended the program a number of times, I have found it invaluable as a parent and a professional.

Farewell Rose

Later this month, we will farewell Rose Gropel from our Office Admin team. Rose has worked at GIPS for the past five years and brought many positive attributes to our school. Rose is moving to live in Bendigo and she will be much missed by us all. Thank you and good luck, Rose.

Welcome Krista!

I am pleased to introduce Krista Morris who has joined the Glen Iris staff this week to fill the role of Library Technician. Krista will work in the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is great to have her join our school. Welcome Krista!

Anzac Service – Friday, April 22nd

A special Anzac Service assembly will be held on Friday, April 22 at 2:45pm. Parents are welcome to join the children for the Anzac service.

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.

First Working Bee 2016 – CHANGE OF DATE

In the previous Newsletter I announced the incorrect date for our first working bee for 2016. The working bee for Term 2 is set from 12:30 until 3:30pm on Saturday, May 14th. Please mark this on your calendar and come along to help out with a range of tasks that will enhance our school for the children.

Welcome Krista!
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 2017 / 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 pre-schoolers 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.

**Education Week for the GIPS community – Tuesday, May 17th 6:00pm**

We always like to celebrate our children’s learning and success at GIPS, especially during Education Week. As a community, we all work hard to offer great educational opportunities and the GIPS children do their utmost to make the most of these opportunities. This year, we are offering a special family learning night somewhat different to those conducted in recent years. Families are invited to come along to school and participate in a hands-on Forensic Science program led by facilitators from Education Interactive. Will your family be able to unravel the clues and solve the crime? Save the date: Tuesday, May 17th

Yours Sincerely

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**TEA POT MORNING TEA**

There were plenty of smiles as the children enjoyed chocolate cake, strawberries and cordial with Mrs Carracher and Mrs Morrison at the teapot morning tea in the last week of Term 1.

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**CHURCH CAR PARK**

Please note that this car park is not to be used by GIPS staff and families. It is only available for Kinder families during Kinder sessions and otherwise only for people attending the church hall for various activities.

Thankyou for your assistance in this matter.

Church Admin
Here are the first two profiles:

Name: Alex Goldhagen
Children and their grade level: Mitchell Brooks Goldhagen (4R) and Joel Alexander Goldhagen (2C).
Reason for joining School Council: I have always believed that it’s better to invest time getting involved in “stuff” rather than to waste time complaining about it from the fringe. I also believe that children benefit from their parents’ direct involvement in their educational journey, not just at home, but at school as well. Getting involved in School Council is ideal in both respects... and it’s a great way to meet a lot of dedicated, like minded people.
Hobbies and interests:
Pre-child: competitive tennis, non-competitive golf, chess, cryptic crosswords, reading, creative writing, philosophy, music (most genres... listening only, not playing), film, flying, cooking, stand-up comedy and politics (not to be confused with stand-up comedy).
Post-child: all of the above, except for the tennis, golf and flying (not enough time now), plus: quality time with the boys, being involved at GIPS and indulging in savoury visions of retirement.
Favourite football team: Georgia Tech (my alma mater “Go Jackets!”... although this was probably meant to be an AFL question, in which case, Carlton... primarily because John Elliott was Club President at the time I arrived in Australia and was told to pick a team and stick with ‘em. Sadly, it’s going to be a long and painful wait before the Navy Blues don’t absolutely stink anymore... unless they bring Elliott back and the AFL reconsiders its salary cap policy).
Favourite travel destination: Atlanta, Georgia... my hometown and where my family still live.
Favourite movie: Two questions, really. (1) Favourites: “Miller’s Crossing” and “The Castle”. (2) Best: “The Godfather” and “The Sting”.
The best thing about Glen Iris Primary School: The people... everyone, across the board.

Name: Craig Ots-Maher
Children and their grade level: Kieran (3A), Claire (1LG), Zachary (Prep 2020)
Reason for joining School Council: Our family will have the pleasure of 14 years of schooling at GIPS this is a practical way of helping out and being involved. Plus, now I get to go to all the working bees!
Hobbies and interests: Cycling, technology and other general tinkering
Favourite football team: Hawthorn
Favourite travel destination: Fiji
Favourite movie: The Shawshank Redemption, Lord of the Rings series
The best thing about Glen Iris Primary School: Our kids love coming to school here.
Welcome back to school, I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and the Easter break.

**Term 2** will be a busy term for the PA with many activities to join in:

- **Monday 18\(^{th}\) April** – Parent’s Association meeting in GIPS staffroom 7.30pm
  All welcome, come along to join in the fun!
  Desperately seeking **PA Secretary……anyone…..**?

- **Friday 6\(^{th}\) May** will be the **Mothers’ Day Event and Mother’s Day Stall** – Calling all Dads to come and help out so the Mums can be pampered and enjoy morning tea! Volunteers will be needed so look out for the notices coming home soon. Thanks to **Ann Mullins** and **Fi Freemantle** for coordinating the stall and **Mal Osbourne-Smith** and **Gavin Blue** for coordinating the Morning tea event.

- The **GIPS 2016 Footy Tipping Comp** has started, it’s FREE to enter, good luck tipsters!

- **Entertainment Books** will be available again soon
  click the link to order your 2016/2017 digital or hard copy and support our School
  or email **Wendy Clark** pwchclark@bigpond.com for more information. Thanks Wendy for organising.

- **Lunchtime Duty – Volunteers needed for Term 2** - sign yourself up for a duty today!
  [www.carebookings.com.au](http://www.carebookings.com.au)  code is BMTGG

- **Icy-pole Fridays**: The weather has turned colder but we’re still selling, don’t forget your 50c!

- **Cake and Produce Stall** will be on again in June however, **huge thanks** must be given to **Kelly Blue, Kate Venter & Debbie Graham** for co-ordinating the **Term 1 Cake and Produce Stall** and to **1LG, 2J, 3B, 4G and 5/6C** for stocking and manning the stall, which was a great success with $1,524.60 raised (please see further details below).

**ADVANCED NOTIFICATION** – **GIPS main fundraising and social event** for 2016 will be in **TERM 3**.

- **Saturday 20\(^{th}\) August** - Save the date!
- Thanks to **Deb Pratt** and **Susan Mateer** are coordinating the event this year
- Thanks also to **Corie Hill** and **Wendy Clark** who have both agreed to coordinate the **Silent Auction** this year.
- Further details will follow

Jane Lukins - Mum of Emily (5/6H) and Daniel (3TJ)

President GIPS PA 2016

jane@lukins.id.au
THANK YOU
This email brings enormous thanks to you all for supporting last Friday’s Easter Cake & Produce Stall.

The stall was another fabulous success with the amount of $1,524.60 raised. This is a great result.

1LG, 2J, 3B, 4G and 5/6C were invited to stock and man the stall - they did an incredible job. Thank you to everyone who baked and/or contributed produce. We really appreciate the time you took to do this. There are some amazing bakers and makers amongst you. You stocked the stall with a wide variety of goods and delicious treats which were beautifully packaged, and well received by students, parents and teachers.

Thank you to your efforts with set up, selling and running of the stall (including making the jelly, hot chocolates and home-made lemonade), and to those who donned the purple and gold aprons.

A very big thank you Natalie Jefferson & Kevin Wheeler (owners of the gorgeous cafe "Our Kitchen Table") for their contributions and for making lemon syrup for the lemonade.

Thank you Kate Venter (www.sambellina.com.au) for donating all the beautiful plates and tags for the cake packs, and the bunting used to decorate the stall.

Thank you to the Waddell family for contributing the cellophane bags, and the cups for jelly and hot chocs.

We really appreciate your generous contributions.

The intention of the cake and produce stall is that the proceeds go towards purchasing specific items the school and students need. The proceeds of this cake & produce stall (along with the proceeds from our term 4 stall) are dedicated towards purchasing new furniture and equipment for the in-fill learning spaces. The funds raised from this stall make a significant contribution. The new furniture and equipment will be purchased shortly, and we will show you what is purchased from the Cake & Produce Stall funds soon.

With many thanks for your enthusiasm, contribution and participation,

Kelly Blue, Kate Venter & Debbie Graham
Cake & Produce Stall Coordinators
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
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School Crossings Victoria Inc.

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?
Nominated 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.
Mount Waverley Secondary College warmly invite you to join us for our

Open Day

Wednesday 20 April — 4.00pm to 7.30pm

Open Night Information Session & Tours
Junior Campus tours offered from 4.00pm
College Principal’s address at 5.00pm
Interactive displays, student-led tours and more.
These sessions held at the Junior Campus only.

Open Morning Tours — bookings are required and can
be made by visiting our website at www.mwsc.vic.edu.au
Junior Campus: 9:10am & 11:15am
Senior Campus: 9:15am & 11:15am
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.
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.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Accredited community groups are offering SRI during lunchtime at Glen Iris.

There are currently notices at the office if families wish to show their expression of interest.

To date we have Jewish SRI and Christian SRI on offer both on a Tuesday at lunchtime between 1pm—1.30pm.

Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!

This week’s notices:

Glen Iris Scorpions Ladies Monday Morning Basketball Team
Season commencing in April, start of Term 2
Register your interest now with Kristie Howes

Futures Tennis
Tennis Coaching at GIPS
Thursday morning before school

Ashy Redbacks Football Club
Register for 2016 now
Boys Under 8-17 Girls Under 12-18
Back to School asthma spike
Every year there is a well-documented rise in asthma flare-ups and hospitalisations when students return to school after the Christmas break. Asthma Australia has information for parents of students with asthma to help them prepare for school. Asthma Australia’s website and social media provide the latest information, including a checklist of what to do to help your child and a survey to complete to determine the impacts for parents/carers.

Asthma Australia recommends that you talk to school staff about your child’s asthma and the school’s medication policy, provide an Asthma Plan from the doctor and supply a spare reliever puffer and spacer for your child’s use at school.

For primary aged students:

Asthma Kids
Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester’s Asthma Trail. There are prizes to win too!

www.astmakids.org.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.

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.

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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