Dear Parents,

The winter weather is certainly here today as I sit watching the rain and hail out the window. It’s time to make sure children come to school dressed for the weather. From time to time, parents mention to me that their children complain about wearing jumpers, jackets and coats in the cold weather. There seems to be a fashion amongst the children for wearing shorts and tee shirts all year round. Whilst our classrooms are well heated and ventilated, please encourage children to dress for the conditions.

Education Week Family Night
Yesterday, all families received a reminder about our special Family Night to celebrate Education Week next Monday, May 18th. In previous years, we have enjoyed evenings focussing on maths, writing, the arts and science. This year, classrooms will be open from 6:00 – 7:00pm for families to participate in a range of classroom activities highlighting the inclusion of computers and technology in learning. The children will demonstrate to you the various skills they are developing, especially with the inclusion of the iPads this year. Students will also present some special programs such as Lego Robotics which is fascinating to see. Children can try to “Crack the Code” in their Grade level and go in the draw for a small prize. This year, given the use of technology, we ask children to visit their own classrooms and those of their siblings with their parents. In some classrooms, individual children have access to particular devices and these will not be available for use by different students.

I ask that, on the evening, children remain under parent supervision inside the buildings rather than explore the darkened playground. We are looking forward to a fun evening.

Other highlights of Education Week Include:

- **Open Day**: Wed May 20th 9:30 – 10:30am and 2:00 – 3:00pm. Prospective parents visit the school to take tours, meet staff and find out about what our school has to offer. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to assist with catering and school tours. A few more parents to offer a school tour with one of our student leaders would be a great help.

- **Prep 2016 Information Night**: Mon May 25th 7:00 – 8:00pm. Prospective parents are invited to an Information Session where features of our school and programs are outlined.

If you have family, friends or neighbours who are considering enrolling their child at GIPS in 2016, please encourage them to attend our events. Current families with 2016 Prep students are encouraged to confirm their enrolment as soon as possible to assist our planning.
Building Development Proposal – 197 Glen Iris Rd
I wish to draw to your attention an Application for a Planning Permit that has been lodged for a residential property opposite the school to be used as a medical centre. At last night’s School Council meeting, this application was discussed to consider any implications for Glen Iris Primary School. The Council noted a number of concerns that it intends to raise with Boroondara Council. Objections must be lodged by Wednesday, May 20th. Documentation outlining the development can be viewed at http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/planning-register. The application details can be located by searching the address.

Interested parents who would like to understand our concerns or make suggestions are welcome to contact me at the school. Other concerned residents may wish to consider lodging their own objections should they see fit.

House Cross Country
On Monday, May 4th, children in Grades 3-6 competed in the House Cross Country at Nettleton Reserve. In perfect weather, the children all tried their hardest to complete the course, ranging from 1 -3 kilometres depending on the age group, to the best of their ability. Thank you to PE teacher, Nathan Gilliland, and his many helpers for ensuring the event ran smoothly and the children were able to participate safely. The parents lining the course offered every child great encouragement and support. From this event, a school team has been selected to compete in the Glen Iris District Cross Country on Friday, May 22nd.

Grade 3and 4 Camps
The Grade 3 and 4 classes will attend Camp Manyung in the week commencing Monday, May 25th – Friday, May 29th. All staffing and arrangements are in place for an exciting week for the children. Thank you to the teachers and parents who have offered their time to enable the camping program to go ahead: Emily Burgess, Lucy Gargano, Carrie Butler, Lee Laier, Mary Anne Jansen, Tanya Tomic, Rebecca Givogue, Niki Judd, Meagan Cofield and volunteer parents: Robyn Campbell (Bailey 4E), Rob Fisher (Natalie 4G), James Saunders (Annabel 4B), Chris Janka (Isabella 4G & Sophia 4B), Tony Dimopoulos (Isabella 3J), David Humphrey (Daniel 3G), Neil Hodgson (Lachlan 3J) and Frank Athanasopoulos (Mia 4B). Have fun Grades 3 and 4 children!

New Carpet coming soon!
Arrangements are in place to commence the installation of new carpet in the following classrooms in the coming weeks: 3TJ, 4B, 4G, 4E, 5/6K, 5/6H and 5/6S. The Grades 3 and 4 rooms will be carpeted during the approaching camp week and will require each classroom to be completely emptied and then re-established. Teachers are working to pack up books and classroom materials. Assistance will be required with the furniture removal which will be primarily tables and chairs. A notice will be sent home outlining the plans to manage this and any help will be a great assistance. The Grade 5/6 classrooms will be carpeted during the June / July holidays and similar assistance will be requested. Without community assistance, it will be necessary to contract furniture removalists.

The cost of the new carpet is in excess of $20,000. These funds have been sourced from the Buildings levy families.

Building Levy is $90 per family. The Working Bee levy is a different fund that supports working bee events.

Mother’s Day event
I hope all our mums enjoyed a lovely Mother’s Day with their families. The children loved shopping for mum at the Mother’s Day stall. Many thanks to Pip Young and Sharon Van Doornum for coordinating yet another fabulous stall and all their helpers on the day for assisting with the special purchases. Our apologies for the glitch with one of the gifts that has needed to be recalled for safety reasons.

We certainly enjoyed pampering the mums and other important ladies last Friday at the inaugural GIPS – Glamorous, Indulgent, Pampering Salon! The mums enjoyed the special attention from the children followed by a delicious morning tea and entertainment from Libbi Gore. A huge thank you to Gavin Blue and his band of intrepid dads for this “first” for our school. I know there was also some help from some mums behind the scenes, especially Kelly Blue and Kate Venter. Thanks ladies! What a great idea and terrific success! Gavin’s beautiful photos of the mums and children stole the show. The photos are on display in the school foyer and available on the Zenfolio site.

Curriculum Day
A reminder that Wednesday, June 3rd is a Curriculum Day at Glen Iris. Teachers will be working to prepare the student mid-year reports. No children attend school on this day.

Yours Sincerely

Glen Iris Primary School Office Hours
8.30am until 4.30pm

GIPS 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.
From the Assistant Principal

150th Update

Thanks to all those who have contributed to the Celebration book of 150 Years of quality teaching and learning, our GIPSStory, by writing a succinct history. Kylie Carnegie (a long but fascinating task) the valiant team of photo scanners, Jane Lukins, Julie Gray, Denise Garrett and Danielle Cpanzik and of course Peter Holmes who is in the design process at the moment. The book will be sold by pre-order closer to the end of term. Cost will be determined by the final design.

The School Teacher Team for the 150th has planned a week of events from the 24th August to the Open Day on the 30th August (3pm-7pm) focusing on exploring what it would have been like to be a student at GIPS in various eras. Apparently for those of us born back in the 20th century, the 80s and 90s, those eras constitute the ‘olden days’ for grade 1s. Grade levels will choose an era for dress-up day – might be the 1900s, the 40s, the 80s… or… More information on the school program will be given in the term 3 class notes.

The 150th Committee has sent out via the parent reps a detailed list of the activities on the Open Day. We have coordinators for most activities but there are still roles to fill. As we have over 300 people on our Alumni list as well as our own 429 students we are expecting a crowd and will need support.

Christmas Beetles at GISS.

My earliest memory is of my mother and I sitting in the long room on the south side – with the cantilevered divider to my schooling by the legendary Miss Loveridge, who had taught at least two generations of GISS people. The next memory is of the west playground and being down on the ground examining the little bits of life there….discovering the beauty of Christmas Beetles. These beetles lived beneath, and probably within, the row of fabulous eucalypts that then lined part of the school’s west boundary. Sandy McLaren.

And for those who have been following my PhD progress I am finally about to submit my 86000 words on early Australian fairy tales. Although it is focused on Australian children’s literature and the educational aspects of oral and literary storytelling it has given me a thirst for historical research which I am channelling into the blog.

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.

Education Week 2015
May 17-23
Crack the code @ GIPS

What’s on during Education Week @ GIPS

Mondays 10-7 pm
Family Learning Night
Join us to learn all about how ICT supports your curriculum programs.

Competitions for the whole family
Complete a facilitator and get your CODE card stamped to go into the entry in our FabLab.

Visit Classrooms and Learn How ICT Supports Learning
Visit ICT in the downstairs foyer.
Visit ICT in the hall between classes, check out new technologies in the Museum.
Visit ICT in the Grade 2 classrooms.
Visit ICT in the 3-4-year-old
Visit ICT in the classrooms of 4B-4A.
Visit ICT in the classroom of 504 (downstairs classroom rear out).

Lunch – Robotics Dance 12:00-1:30 with students from the 2014 Robotics Team.

Wednesdays 9-10 am and 2:00-3:00 School Tours Parent Tour Guides needed.

This is where we learn.
Please don’t smoke here.
I hope everyone had a lovely Mother’s Day on Sunday.

Thanks to Sharon Van Doornum and Pip Young for coordinating the Mother’s Day Stall and to all those who helped out; Justine Moore, Susan Perry, Pam Smith, Fiona White, Jane Hughes, Dimitra Soulemezis, Katrina Standen, Natalie Jefferisen, Nicola Thomas, Verity Bright, Toni Wright, Julie Gray, Wendy Conway, Kelly Blue, Sam Turcinovic, Pip Low, Rachael Thomson, Rebecca Zhao, Carolyn Currie, Kathy Rush, Andrea Itowski, Debbie Graham, Desi Giannopoulos, Craig Mills, Katy de Valле, Kate Carey, Jacqui Graham and Tammy Vandersteen.

I know I was pretty spoilt with the goodies I received! Overall, the stall was a great success and the kids loved it as always.

There has been a problem, however, with one of the items, which has been recalled (see below). Our sincerest apologies to all families affected.

A HUGE thanks to Gavin Blue for coordinating the very successful GIPS Glamorous, Indulgent, Pampering Salon and Dad Café. I think all the Mums really enjoyed the special pampering time with their kids, a great chance to catch up over some tea/coffee and yummy treats and a laugh with Libbi Gorr while the guys were donning the purple and gold aprons! Also thanks to all the kids who did the pampering and to those who donated a gold coin, this helped cover our costs for the event, and special thanks to:

Kate Venter for flyer design and donating the thank you bags
Justin & Susan Perry for donating beautiful product for giveaways
Pete & Karen Wells for also donating product giveaways
Francis Catterall for organising the Aesop hamper door prize
Meredith Carracher for saying yes to the idea and coming up with the clever name.
Libbi Gorr for generously entertaining the mums
Glen Iris Uniting Church for providing the hall and kitchen facilities
Tim Callaghan for running the Dad’s Cafe
The bakers for the Dads Cafe - Fiona, Janine, Alexandra, Eve, Andrea, Kev, Tim and David.
And the dads who helped make the day so great including David Hobbs, Alex Goldhagen, Mike Nimco, James Merrett, Mal Osborne-Smith (great job on the photo booth), Justin Perry, Flip Connell, Mark Franklin,

Gavin’s amazing photos are available to view and download on a web gallery, the link and password will be sent via email from your class reps.

Monday 18th May – Parent’s Association meeting in GIPS staffroom 7.30pm, all welcome to attend.

The GIPS PA’s main fundraising and social event of 2015 is only 1 month away. The Trivia Night will be held at St Oswald’s Church hall and the theme is Back in Time to loosely tie in with the school’s sesquicentennial. So save the date, Saturday 13th June and book the babysitter now! More details will be available soon and tickets will go on sale next week.

Can you help?

To Sponsor a Table or contribute to the Silent Auction, please contact Carolyn Ryan carolynbattryan@icloud.com or Fiona Freemantle fionafr@bigpond.net.au

Jane Lukins
President GIPS PA 2015

Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!
We have had fantastic support from the community for our Trivia Night Fundraiser, and would like to thank the following new sponsors:

**MAJOR SPONSOR:** Back in Motion – Camberwell branch ([www.backinmotion.com.au](http://www.backinmotion.com.au)). Back in Motion is a physio practice used by a number of GIPS families, and is generously sponsoring six tables at the Trivia Night. Keep an eye out for their business cards on the night and if you need a physio, you know where to go! They also offer Clinical Pilates and Personal Training Services. PH: 9889-3903.

**TABLE SPONSORS:** Step Into Life Glen Iris, Noel Jones Glen Iris, Marshall White
(nb We are still looking for table sponsors. For just $100, this provides a great opportunity to market your business to our school community. Please contact us if you or one of your contacts would like to sponsor a table)

**AUCTION AND RAFFLE DONATIONS:** Friends Pharmacy, Bluethumb Art and artist Ron Brown, Good Room Interiors, Luna Park, Mind Games, Hawthorn Football Club, Geelong Football Club, Inside Edge, Jazzercise, ABody Wellness Studio, Step Into Life Glen Iris, Uplift beauty, Red Carpet Face Spa, Silver Maple, Happy Kids Photography, Bake Boss, the Corner Deli, Platform Espresso, Glen Iris Pantry, Robyn McKern, Messy Faces, Mint Dental, Silver Maple, Futures Tennis Academy, Inside Edge Focus, Lise Allen Personal Styling, CycleInn, the Corrigan Family/Priceline Mt Waverley, Chadstone Shopping Centre, Larder Provisions & Café, Orrong Pharmacy, Strathmore Pharmacy, Meredith Lee Interior Designer and the Happy Christmas Co, Theodora Keramidas, Camberwell Pilates & Yoga.

As noted last newsletter we also have support from: Prahran Market, Miele, Stockland Tooronga, Charisma Dance, Melbourne Taekwondo Centre, The Enchanted Maze Garden, Big 4, Bounce, Sovereign Hill, Ashburton United Soccer Club, Style Staples and I Scream Nails.

Further donors will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.

Carolyn Ryan carolynbattryan@icloud.com
Fiona Freemantle fionafr@bigpond.net.au
2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Our 2nd hand uniform shop is overflowing with warm winter uniforms!!
Please come on Friday afternoons to top up on your winter uniform.
Everything is $5.
We are open every Friday from 3.15 to 3.45.

Please note:
Please do not bring in non school uniform items or items that have passed their use by date.

Thankyou
Kim Green and Katrina Hrelja.

GET INVOLVED NOW!

LUNCHTIME LIBRARY / YARD DUTY
ICY POLE HELPERS

Grandparents welcome!
Book online at carebookings.com.au
Code: BMTGG

Night Market at Chatham Primary

2015 Dates

1st Sat 18th April 10.00am-1.00pm
2nd Sat 30th May 10.00am-1.00pm
3rd Sat 15th August 10.00am-1.00pm
(2 weeks before 150th celebrations)
4th Sat 14th November 3.00pm-6.00pm

ANZAC BADGES

Thankyou to everyone who purchased one of the many different Anzac badges on sale.
We completely sold out and raised $368.10.

SRC TEAM

BULLYING: Prevention and coping skills for children and their parents
Examination of 23 prevention skills and 10 coping skills to empower you and your children

Wednesday 27 May at 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Location: Rosetrevor Hall, Brighton Grammar Old Middle School, entrance off Allee St, opposite the new Middle School and the Girrawheen Chapel
Presenter: Melissa Anderson – Director of SHINE Academy for Girls and LONGFORD & FRASER for boys, resilience coach, counsellor, pharmacist
Cost: Nil. A gold coin donation to a selected charity is warmly welcomed
Bookings: 9592 4948 or email your booking request: info@shineacademy.com.au
Managing your Asthma and Allergy: An Expert Panel Q&A

An opportunity for you to ask your asthma and allergy questions to Victoria’s top physicians.

Panelists include:
- A/Prof Sarah Ranganathan  Director of Respiratory Medicine, Royal Children's Hospital
- Dr Jo Harrison  Respiratory Physician, Royal Children's Hospital
- Prof Jo Douglass  Head, Immunology and Allergy Department, Royal Melbourne Hospital
- Dr Joanne Smart  Clinical Allergist & Immunologist, Royal Children's Hospital

Date: Sunday 28 June 2015
Time: 4pm – 6pm
Venue: Ella Latham Auditorium, Royal Children’s Hospital

To register visit asthma-and-allergy.eventbrite.com.au or contact the Asthma Foundation Victoria on advice@asthma.vic.gov.au or 03 9326 7088

Want to find the hidden you? Learn how......

I Speak I Move I Am
Free Drama class for Grade 4, 5 & 6
Tuesdays 4-6
Alamein Learning Centre

With Candlelight Productions and the Salves
Contact Norman Gale 9889 246

ATTENTION JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS
EASTERN RANGES
SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRAINING CAMP
IS HERE!

Join our School Holiday Training Camp!
July 3 9.30am - 3.00pm

The Eastern Ranges are holding a development and testing holiday program for all junior footballers aged between 12 and 15.

Program includes:
- High performance nutrition advice
- Injury prevention & recovery session with Eastern Ranges High Performance team member
- Talent pathways to the AFL discussed with Eastern Ranges Talent Manager, Len Villani
- Lunch, snacks and drinks provided

Details:
Date: July 3
Venue: Rowville Secondary College
Eastern Campus
Murphy's Way, Rowville 3178
Age: 12-15 year olds
Cost: $100 per player
Registrations close June 30

REGISTER HERE!
LIMITED CAPACITY

CONTACT THE CLUB
Ken O'Connell
Phone: 9726 6404
Mobile: 0429 285 285
Email: RowvilleRangesAFL@gmail.com

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Community Dental Services
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No Gap Bulk Billed Checkups and general dental treatment for children and teenagers 0yrs – 17yrs eligible for Medicare Child Dental Benefits Voucher

$11.50 FEE applies for non eligible children 0yrs – 12yrs for checkups and general dental treatment

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fordhamavekindergarten.org.au

OPEN DAY
Saturday 23 May 2015 10.30am to 12.30pm

Play
Chat with educators
Sausage Sizzle

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.
**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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