Dear Parents,

Student Art Auction
Last Saturday evening, approximately 250 parents and staff enjoyed a fundraising and social occasion to celebrate the children’s works of art. The crowd viewed the artworks, all celebrating “Alice in Wonderland”, beautifully displayed by a host of volunteers; caught up with friends; devoured delicious treats provided by “My Kitchen Table” and watched the eager bidding to purchase the various pieces.

Our gratitude and admiration must go to our visionary art teacher, Michele Freeland-Small, whose good ideas are only matched by her drive and dedication. Through her art room program, Michele has inspired the children to have a go and delight in all things magical, imaginative and creative. Congratulations to the children who have taken up the challenge of a trip into Wonderland so enthusiastically and produced such an incredible range of artwork. Thank you to our Parents’ Association for their organisation and coordination of the event, in particular, Alex Goldhagen, Penny Ashby, Carolyn Currie, Jacqui Brown, Rachael Thomson, Jane Lukins and Irene Brumen.

An army of other parents supported the event in so many ways: setting up, catering, art room assistance, advertising, hampers, raffles, silent auction are just some of the many tasks. Thanks to Cass Mastoris, Kylie Carnegie, Kelly Hopkins, Emily Watson, Anne Sharpin, Katie De Valle, Megan Bennett, Kristin Meachem, Kelly Blue, Gavin Blue, Sarah Sherson, Elisa Olsen, grandmas Jean and Margaret, Natalie Jefferson, Kevin Wheeler, Ginny Robinson, Peter Holmes, Amanda Parsons, Pip Young, Kiah Wildoer, Karen Paton, Peter Wells and Garry Bennett.

Special appreciation to our volunteer auctioneers from Jellis Craig Real Estate, Andrew Wilkie and Ryan Currie, who donated their time to conduct the proceedings in, what was at times, a noisy and energetic atmosphere.

At school, our Office staff, Kaye, Liz, Kathy and Rose, have provided all sorts of advice and answers to queries; Library staff, Kay and Cheryl, offered their assistance and ideas and the staff as a whole, who have encouraged, supported and accommodated the numerous challenges such a huge project creates. All in all, a wonderful community effort from “Team GIPS!”

Stay tuned for the total raised in the next newsletter.

From The Principal

August 2014

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Visitors from India
On Monday, August 11th, Glen Iris hosted a delegation of educationalists from The University of Melbourne and Katha, their partner schools that services the slums of Delhi. Our Grade 2 teacher, Alex Schifter, spent her Christmas break volunteering at a Katha school in Delhi and this was an opportunity to welcome their representatives to an Australian school. Not surprisingly, the differences were easy for our visitors to spot, however, they also recognised the similarities in the interests and needs of students from both schools. The visitors were impressed by the confidence of our student tour guides and the attractive displays of student work throughout the school. The link below will offer more information regarding the Katha schools.

http://www.katha.org/site/what-we-do/education/our-schools

Athletics Carnival – No Assembly this Friday.
Tomorrow, Friday, August 15th, the children in Grades 3 – 6 will participate in the annual House Athletics Carnival at Bill Sewart Athletics Track, Nunawading. The children will participate in a full range of track and field events following their focus on these skills in recent physical education lessons. Thanks to Natasha Black and her many parent helpers for the thorough organisation and management of the day. Now all we need is some favourable weather – something we haven’t had much luck with for similar occasions in recent times. The forecast looks positive, however, it will be chilly outside so please send children warmly dressed for the times when they are not competing.

Junior Cross Country and Athletics
On Wednesday, August 13th, children from Prep to Grade 2 participated in a combined cross country run and mini athletics morning. The children participated in their Houses in the events planned and organised by our Grade 5/6 Health and PE Student Action Leadership Team (SALT). The SALT Team, Keegan, Ella, Lucy, Sam, Sienna, Angus and Emily, are to be congratulated on their excellent organisation and planning. Thank you to Natasha Black and Nathan Gilliland who assisted and supported the student leaders.

Watch out for other SALT Team projects in the weeks ahead. The Wellbeing Team have been trained to conduct Peer Mediation and will soon launch that program at GIPS. The Performing Arts Team are arranging “GIPS’Got Talent” to be conducted in early September.

Curriculum Day
Wednesday, September 17th – Pupil Free Day
A Curriculum Day is proposed for Wednesday, September 17th focusing on the use of technology in our school and Kids Matter, a student wellbeing framework. Children do not attend school on this day.

Three Way Conferences
Last week, Three Way Conferences were conducted at all grade levels. Parents, teachers and children met to discuss student progress in first semester and goals for the remainder of the year. Many parents have commented on the positive experience these meetings were for all involved and I know students felt very proud to share their learning and participate in such an important meeting. If there were matters parents felt were not covered in the conference, please feel free to discuss these with teachers by personal appointment or telephone.

2014 Swimming Program
The Swimming Program for 2014 will commence next week for all grade levels. Grades 5/6 students will attend their Swim Safety sessions on Monday and Tuesday, whilst the Prep – Grade 4 swimming lessons will operate from Wednesday, August 20th – Thursday, August 28th inclusive. Swimming is a core component of the AusVELS curriculum in Victorian schools.
Throughout the swimming program, teachers notice children become tired and the regular classroom program is varied to accommodate the time commitment to swimming and children’s capacity to concentrate. Whilst some aspects of the children’s usual program may be postponed during the swimming program, teachers will ensure quality literacy and numeracy programs continue albeit in a different format.

Plans for 2015
Preparations for the 2015 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 2015, could you assist by advising the Office as soon as your plans are known? We work on the assumption that children will return to the school unless we hear otherwise.

Yours Sincerely
Meredith Carracher
I was working with some students using shopping lists as different way of practising addition and subtraction when one turned to me and said, 'Well, that's my 'real-life' learning for today!' On reports often parents are encouraged to involve their child in 'real-life' numeracy. What does that really mean and should it be an onerous task for parents? Numeracy is usually defined as the ability to use maths at the level needed to get by in everyday life. Here are some ideas that might make maths fun at your house. Talk to your children about:

1. Sport: scoring, ladders, payments to players, reading information/data from statistic charts (number, pattern and relationship, data)
2. Food and Cooking: health, cooking and recipes, eating out (number, measurement, space and shape)
3. Signs – road signs, safety signs, (space and shape)
4. Reading and understanding newspaper articles that incorporate numbers/data/graphics (data, number)
5. Shopping: Costs, Packaging, Weights (number, measurement, shape)

Just for fun: How much is your name worth? (Students, pop in to my office and tell me)

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**150th ANNIVERSARY**
20th August to 6th September 2015

We will be asking for parent volunteers to letter-box drop our 150th Anniversary postcards around the Glen Iris area. If you can do a letter-box drop in surrounding streets please call in to the Office from next Tuesday. We are not asking students to letterbox drop for safety reasons.

**A glimpse of the past...**

Our Tournament of Minds Team goes off to challenge other schools on the weekend. In the 1920s I wondered what kind of competitions our students competed in. It is interesting to compare similar events like our Education Week Literacy night (2014) and the Glen Iris State school Literary Competition (1927).

**Literary Competition.**

*In accordance with its policy of fostering Australian ideals and sentiment, the Glen Iris branch of the Australian Natives' Association conducted an Australian authors' night at Glen Iris State school on Monday evening. There was a special competition for recitation and reading conducted for the children attending the State school, and a short lecturette was given by a noted Australian author on 'Why We Should Read the Works of Australian Authors and Poets.' Arrangements were made, through the cooperation of the head teacher and teaching staff of the school, for an essay to be written by senior scholars (on a date to be fixed) on this subject. Prizes were awarded.*

Robyn Floyd
Assistant Principal
To all members of the GIPS community,

For those of you who were able to join us last Saturday at the Student Art Exhibit, I hope you will agree that we succeeded in showcasing not only the amazing talent of our children, but also the remarkable spirit of our families. Speaking for the Parents’ Association, I am enormously proud of both.

For those of you who weren’t able to make it, I want to take this opportunity to re-extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sacrificed their time and energy in the planning and running of the event. It is impossible to name everyone who contributed without leaving out a few, but I suspect that those who did were, true to form, never in it for the recognition anyway.

That said, I want to publically acknowledge the tireless work and unbridled imagination of Michele Freeland-Small. The exhibit was nothing less than inspired… our library magically transformed into a proud and meaningful demonstration of children’s art at its finest.

Equally, I want to personally thank Penny Ashby for her unbelievable commitment to making the event as successful as we could have hoped for. There was not a single aspect of the planning in which Penny was not closely involved. We didn’t make a big deal about this on the night knowing that Penny wouldn’t want to steal the limelight… at least not until the disco got into full swing!

As for upcoming events, please recall that our annual Father’s Day Breakfast is scheduled for Monday, 25th August and that bookings are due by this Friday, 15th August. The Father’s Day stall will be open on Wednesday, 27th August. We’ve moved these events up a bit earlier this year so as not to exclude those Grade 3 and 4 students and families who will be attending the school camp during the week prior to Father’s Day.

Meanwhile, please join us next Monday (18th August) at the next PA meeting. We’ll be meeting in the GIPS Staff Room from 7:30pm and should be finished by 8:30pm. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

Kind regards,

Alex Goldhagen, President
A BIG THANKYOU

To all the following people, clubs and organisations for their very generous donations towards our Art Auction:

- Cassandra Mastoris - “Mad Hatter’s Tea Party” on Canvas
- Ashburton United Soccer Club
- Artist Photographer, Richmond
- Eckersley’s Art & Craft, Hawthorn
- Zart Art, Box Hill
- Art’Scool for Kids by Terry Taylor, Glen Iris
- Box Hill Community Arts Centre
- Value Arts & Crafts, Ashburton
Hello Happy Readers!

There are two weeks to go for this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge.

The CLOSING DATE is Friday AUGUST 29TH, 2014.

By this date all books need to be uploaded onto the website, www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/, so they can be verified.

In order to complete the challenge:

Students from Prep-2 are required to read 30 books (20 or more must be from the ‘Challenge List’ - see website). You may read by yourself or with an adult or friend.

Students from 3-6 are required to read 15 books (10 or more must be from the ‘Challenge List’ - see website).

Good luck

Brodee Goldman

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RESILIENCE

What is resilience? Where does it come from?

- Do you want your kids to have "bounce-back-ability"?
- Can we teach our children to be resilient?
- Come share your ideas, skills and solutions at this workshop

WHERE: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School
32 Deepdene Road, Deepdene

WHEN: Thursday 11th September
9:30am to 11:00am

WHO: Mums, Dads, Grandparents & Carers of children under 12 yrs

COST: FREE (bookings essential)

CONTACT: Helena @ Parentzone
03 9735 6134 or 0498 501 204

Community Noticeboard

ASHBURTON UNITED SC
Summer Girls Futsal U9-U16 Sep 2014-March 2015

10TH MALVERN SCOUT GROUP
Join Cub Scouts Age 8-10, Scouts Age 11-14

SCORPIONS GLEN IRIS BASKETBALL CLUB
Registrations are now open for the 2014/15 season

MALVERN BASEBALL CLUB
Summer Baseball—Junior Come n try day

More details on website under community noticeboard

Parentzone
anglicarevic.org.au
Thank you to all those wonderful families who have already helped in the Library/Playground this year! We are still seeking extra parent helpers to assist at lunchtimes this term. Please email me if/when you are free to help out! Together with the Yard Duty teachers the Lunchtime Duty Parent/s will supervise the library space or alternatively be in the playground.

Please try to find a spare lunchtime, as your children would love to see you.

Remember you will need a current Working With Children Check to participate.

Thank you.
Justine Moore (9889 9547)
Justine3146@gmail.com

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Order online: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/187w900
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Click the link provided on our GIPS website under FUNDRAISING.

FOOTY CARD TRADING

FOOTY CARD CLUB is still continuing on Wednesdays at lunchtime.

Students at Glen Iris Primary School have the opportunity to join in a supervised lunchtime club that allows students to trade collectible cards.

Guidance will be given to students to ensure, as far as possible, trades are fair and equitable and support will be given to students to develop good strategies for negotiation and fair play. The program has been expanded to include Preps and Year 1s. Students who choose to join this lunchtime club do so with the understanding that trades agreed upon in the session cannot be disputed once outside the group.

SCHOOL PICKUP

Just a reminder to all parents picking up their children after school to please 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.

Thank you for your consideration

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

MONDAY 25TH AUGUST 2014
7.30 AM — 8.45 AM AT GIPS

Fathers or special friends are invited to come and enjoy a fabulous pancake or muffin breakfast to celebrate Fathers’ Day. Please see notice that went home with your child for further details. Don’t forget to order one for Dad and one for your child!

Bookings can be made through TryBooking.
From primary to secondary school:
How can I help my child?

Do you have a child in Year 5, 6 or 7?
Are you worried about how they will cope in secondary school?

Come to a free workshop to hear helpful advice and learn practical tips on how you can support your child and help them settle in.

The workshop is presented by Angie Wilcock, an expert in supporting parents and children through the changes that come with secondary school.

Angie will be answering questions like:
- How do we juggle school, homework and play/social time?
- How will my child cope with making new friends?
- How can I help my child prepare for exams and tests?
- Will there be peer pressure at secondary school?

Register to attend whichever workshop is most convenient for you!

Monday 8th September, 12.30pm - 2pm:
Port Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre,
Cnr of Liardet and Nott Streets, Port Melbourne.

Tuesday 9th September, 12.30pm - 2pm:
Horace Petty Estate (Community Room),
Cnr of Malvern Road and Surrey Road, South Yarra.

Monday 8th September, 6.30pm - 8pm:
CBC St Kilda (Multipurpose Room),
11 Westbury Street, St Kilda East.

Thursday 11th September, 12.30pm - 2pm:
Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning Centre,
49 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton.

To register please call Louise on 9510 5444 or email lnicholas@iellen.org.au

Parents who attended last year said:

“Fantastic information that I believe is important for all parents!”

“I feel better equipped to handle letting my boy go to high school.”

These events are hosted by the Inner Eastern Local Learning and Employment Network in partnership with local stakeholders.
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COMMUNITY NOTICES
Just a reminder to all to keep checking our community noticeboard on our website. There is new information every fortnight that many of you may be interested in.

TAEKWONDO AT GLEN IRIS PRIMARY
We are now taking bookings for Term 3 for our ongoing Monday lunchtime program.
For more information email schoolstaekwondo@gmail.com.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.

2014 TERM DATES
Term 1 28 January to 4 April
Term 2 22 April to 27 June
Term 3 14 July to 19 September
Term 4 6 October to 19 December

2015 TERM DATES
Term 1 28 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

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