NEWSLETTER

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From The Principal’s Office

The last week of term has been exciting!

French Day
On Tuesday the school was awash with red, white and blue and various French characters as students participated in French Art activities in their GALAXY groups. Thanks to Laurence Barre and Michele Freeland-Small for their organisation of this event. Magnifique! We also appreciate the large group of parents, and the Year 8 students from Ashwood High School who volunteered to help with activities.

Framework for Improved Student Outcomes (FISO)
On Wednesday 8th September we were visited by a group of teachers, Assistant Principals and Principals from local schools (Hartwell, Ashburton, Solway and Camberwell South) who are being trained to undertake school observations and provide valuable and professional feedback. This strategy, evidenced in Richard Elmore’s text, “Instructional Rounds in Education” is an internationally recognised method of increasing high quality instruction. The feedback we gained was extremely valuable.

Congratulations
We all wish Brodee Goldman and her husband-to-be Daniel all the best for their upcoming nuptials.

Wishing every-one a very safe and happy holidays.

Robyn Floyd & Shelley Morrison, Assistant Principals

PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY

Dear Parents,
This Friday 16th September, Lenny and Nicholas Giannopoulos will be the Principals for the Day at Glen Iris Primary School. The Principal for the Day opportunity was a Silent Auction item at the Trivia Night earlier in the year. As Principals, they are able to make some special decrees!

Principal Lenny and Nicholas decree that:
• Children may choose to wear sporting gear and free dress to school, in conjunction with the SRC, on Friday 16th September.
• Free icy poles will be distributed to all children. Please advise your class teacher if you would prefer that your child not have an icy pole.

They will have some special announcements at Assembly.

Yours sincerely,
Meredith Carracher, Principal

FREE DRESS DAY
Friday 16th September 2016

Term 3 is coming to an end!
To commemorate the closing ceremony of the Rio Olympics, you are welcome to come to school dressed as your favourite sports star or team!

Bring along a gold coin donation. We will be donating the money raised to the RSPCA.

On behalf of the SRC, we can’t wait to see you in your sporty outfits! AUSSIE, AUSSIE, AUSSIE. Oi, Oi, Oi!!!

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GIPS SALE!

GIPS 150th Anniversary Books: NOW $30
GIPS History Books: NOW $5
GIPS Excursion Bags: NOW $7.50
Please inquire at the GIPS Office
Year 4: Excursion to the Polly Woodside

Last week the Year 4 students visited the Polly Woodside in the CBD, Melbourne. We learned about how big the ship is and were shocked - it is 3 times the size of a First Fleet ship! We also learned that children in England at the age of 10 had to have a job and that boys at this age would likely work on a ship. We experienced first hand what these jobs would entail - scrubbing the deck and ringing the ship’s bell to alert of trouble.

It was surprisingly hard work. We also went below deck and learned that they stored coal and bird poo in there! Finally we went to the museum where we watched part of a video that showed the amount of pressure that was put on the workers on the ship.

If we ever get the chance I would like to take my parents to the Polly Woodside because it is a very interesting place and I know they would definitely enjoy it.

Sarah P, 4G

On Tuesday 6th September the Year 4 students visited Captain Cook’s Cottage (known as “Cook’s Cottage”, as it was owned by Captain Cook’s parents) and to the Polly Woodside.

At Cook’s Cottage we split into two groups—one for boys and one for girls. We were then given some cards that had a person on it, which showed what they would be doing back in Captain Cook days, and you needed to find what they used.

At the Polly Woodside we got into our grades and split off into different directions. One group was ringing a bell to say which way to go at the front of the boat, another group was steering the wheel at the back. The last group was watching a movie about what it was like on the ship. All the year 4 students and teachers loved going on this excursion and would love to go again!

Noah Y, 4G
**5/6 Sustainability Expo**

At 2pm on Friday 9th September, the Year 5/6s participated in the Sustainability Expo.

During Term 3, the Year 5/6 cohort had to choose a current sustainability issue. Then they had to come up with an invention to help reduce it, make people aware of it or stop it. At the Expo there were many different ideas; everything from injections to robots.

Parents, teachers and students where all involved in the Expo. Everyone went around to the different stalls and listened to the 5/6s share their ideas. There was a voting system and they had to choose the most eligible ideas for 3 categories which were for what idea is most sustainable, which idea is most creative and which idea is most likely to be a part of everyday life in 2050.

Some of the 5/6s said that they enjoyed the Expo because of the atmosphere and anyone could go anywhere everybody had unique ideas and people really put a great deal of thought into their products.

Maybe there's a future Steve Jobs among us!

*Trinity Meachem and Benny Grayson, 5/6K*

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**PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Can anyone believe it’s the last week of Term 3? What a busy term it has been!

**Cake and Produce Stall - Term 3**

Thanks again to Kelly Blue, Kate Venter and Debbie Graham our illustrious Cake and Produce Stall Coordinators, and to the families of 1S/V, 2C, 5/6F and 5/6H for providing the goodies and manning last Friday’s stall. Thanks also to the extra help given by Nat Jefferson, Suzie Hotchin, Suzie Newport, Wendy Clark, and Kristen Jessen. The grey and rainy weather was perfect for the sale of hot chocolates which were very popular. All of the produce was sold and we raised $1,590. Well done everyone!

We are very pleased to announce that the money raised from the Term 2 Cake Stall was used to make the following purchases for our school:

- **Performing Arts**: 4 guitars and 2 amplifiers. Approximate value $1,000
- **Physical Education**: Softball equipment – bats, balls, helmets $200

**French Special Lunch**

Thanks also to Rachel Thompson for again co-ordinating the French Special Lunch for French Day yesterday.

**Term 4 – Advanced notification of PA activities for your diaries:**

**Next PA meeting** is on Monday 17th October at 7.30pm in the staff room.

We will be holding a **Second Hand Bookstall** on Friday 4th November at school pick up. If you happen to do any spring cleaning over the holiday period, keep good quality children and adults books in mind. Thanks to Lise Allen for helping to get this idea up and running.

The **Walkathon** is planned for Friday 11th November. Helpers will be needed. Thanks to Fi Fremantle and Kristen Meachem for coordinating.

I hope everyone has a great September holiday break and look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

*Jane Lukins, President GIPS PA 2016*

jane@lukins.id.au
Have you heard of the new app YELLOW??

The colour yellow is used for most caution and hazardous road signs...I would say this is symbolic of the new app Yellow which has been released. Use it with caution!

I’m sure many adults have heard of the app Tinder! Well last week I discovered an app which is similar to Tinder but for young people. It doesn’t specify that it is a dating app, rather it focusses on the ability to make more friends.

Yellow is a social networking app which is linked to your Snapchat account. I signed up to Yellow to discover how it works. I have since deleted it as I do not approve of this app for young people and I urge you to check if your child is using this.

Firstly the app is free to download, however it does require the user to have a Snapchat account. Once you download the app, you are asked to put in your mobile phone number and you are then sent a confirmation code. Upon adding this code it will ask you to enter your Snapchat Username. The next step in the registration asks you to put in your name (I guess you don’t have to put your real name), your age, gender and who you are looking for e.g. looking for boys, girls or both.

I flipped through the years in the DOB to see what age limit they allow to register and despite the app saying that it is for 17+ year olds, as long as you put your date of birth 2006 onwards you can get an account. For me I think this is scary. They are allowing 10 year olds to sign up to this! You then add a photo of yourself. The final step in your registration involves allowing Yellow to access your location. Despite the screen having the ‘Don’t Allow’ box (shown in the photo), it does not let you click on it. In order to proceed you MUST allow the app to use your location. Following this you are now a registered user and you can swipe left if you do not wish to be friends with the shown person, or you can swipe right if you do want to connect with the person. If you both swipe right and it is a match, then you can chat through Snapchat.

The potential risks involved with this app are huge. Young people are already faced with peer pressure regarding how many friends they have on Social Networking Site such as Facebook and they want to be socially accepted. With this app they can befriend complete strangers and share information with them via Snapchat believing that their conversation/videos/photos will only be available to the recipient for the time limit they have set. They may be unaware that they recipient can screenshot and share this information with others. I know it is the same with all apps that anyone of any age can be using it. As with all apps, it is not the app as such we need to be wary of but the potential users of it.

Be vigilant!
District Athletics

Congratulations to our Athletics team who competed at the District Athletics Carnival last Wednesday. We had a very strong team of 71 students who represented G.I.P.S, finishing 4th overall out of 9 schools.

Congratulations to Noah Y (800m), Noah S (Triple Jump), Natalie F (Shot Put), Ned S (800m), Finn J (Long Jump, Triple Jump & Relay), Hugo D (Relay), Ben G (Relay), Joel T (Relay), Emily M (High Jump) and Jemma P (Shot Put), all of who will be representing G.I.P.S at the Division Carnival on Wednesday 5th October.

Go G.I.P.S!!

Mr. Gilliland
FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST, 2016
Photos by Gavin Blue Photography
Glen Iris French Club!
Beginning after school, Term 4

My FrenchStory offers an after-school French club for Glen Iris Primary School students. There is no cost to this trial program for Glen Iris students and their parents.

Once a week, students learn and practise French in small groups. Held in the French Room from 3.45pm—4.45pm on either Wednesday or Thursday, they learn French through songs, role play and games. All the activities are designed to make French fun and accessible.

Parents are welcome to attend the workshops and learn with their children.

Please email glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to express your interest, stating your child's name, whether you would also like to attend, whether or not you speak any French and your preferred day (Wednesday or Thursday).

PLAY IT SAFE
Parent information session
Teenage parties get a lot of bad press but, they can be a positive aspect of your child's social life and development.

There's no one right way to handle parties but, if you plan well and keep the lines of communication open, you can help your teenager stay safe—and have fun.

Join the Victorian Police and Access Health and Community to learn how to keep your young person safe during the party season.

The Victorian Police Party Safe Program is about increasing risks at parties such as violence, intoxicated guests, or gate crashers.

Alcohol and other drug counselling from Access Health and Community will speak about how to reduce the risks of alcohol and other drug use for young people, and how to have conversations with your teenager about looking after themselves and their friends at parties.

The session will include an opportunity for questions.

CHICKEN CARE!!
We would love you to help us to look after Pepper and Marshmallow the school chickens over the September school Holidays.

If you can come into the school for a few minutes over one or two days to replace water and top up food, then please email Helen Beggs on h.beggs@bom.gov.au by Thursday 8 September. Please give the dates you are available, email address and a phone contact.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop Helpers Required!
At GIPS we have a wonderful second hand uniform shop that is open every Friday afternoon from 3:15pm -3.45pm. We would love to have some volunteers during Term 4 to help run the shop on Friday afternoons at school pick up time. We require one parent helper to open the shop each FRIDAY from 3.15pm-3.45pm. All clothing in the shop is $5 and the school bags are $10.

If you can assist, please contact Katrina Hrelia(0410336045) or Kim Green (0400 655 651)
Building Bridges: A cross cultural parenting experience

- Are you from India or the South Asian region?
- Would you like to get a better understanding of parenting in a new country?
- Do you have young children?

Camcare in partnership with the City of Boroondara brings you
A SESSION ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT & PARENTING

- Learn about ages & stages of child development focusing on emotional intelligence
- Identify different parenting styles, including your own
- Explore how different cultural experiences influence parenting
- Find out how your parenting style impacts on your child’s experience at school
- An opportunity to discuss issues & share your experiences

When: Saturday 17th September, 2:00PM- 4.00 PM
Where: 1065, Toorak Road, Camberwell VIC 3125
(Rochiram Paramand Charitable Trust)
Parking along Toorak Road or Eddy Street
Cost: Free

Venue & Event sponsorship by Rochiram Paramand Charitable Trust

RSVP by 15th Sept via email: AKrishnan@camcare.org.au or call 0432 343 369

INTENSIVE TENNIS CLINICS

VENUE: East Malvern TC - 22 Dunlop St, East Malvern

WEEK 1: Mon 19 September - Fri 23 September 2016
WEEK 2: Mon 26 September - Thu 29 September 2016

DAILY: $80 Full day 9.30-3.30PM, $45 Half day 9.30-12.30pm
WEEK DISCOUNTS: $320 full day; $180 half day

BOOK NOW FOR TERM 4 COACHING!

Featuring:
US OPEN HOT SHOTS TOURNAMENT
Friday 23rd September
1 - 3.30pm
Tournament Entry: $45 per player
All players 6-14 years old
WELCOME!

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ACHIEVEMENT    RESILIENCE    HONESTY    RESPECT    EMPATHY
School Holiday ACTIVITIES

Age 10-15 years

ACHIEVEMENT RESILIENCE HONESTY RESPECT EMPATHY

WEEK 1
Cake Decorating
Make and decorate your own cake!
Tuesday 20th September 11:30am-2:30pm
FREE! Bookings are a must!

WEEK 2
Cooking
Enjoy cooking up a savory treat!
Tuesday 27th September 11:30am-2:30pm
FREE! Bookings are a must!

Ex-GIPS student now studying Midwifery at ACU and seeking pregnant women.

I would love to support you through the journey and gain valuable experience to take with me into my profession as a midwife.

Google ‘ACU CCE program’ for more details.

Student Midwife: Laura Larsen-Pope 20yo - lives locally

Please feel free to contact me with any queries
at s00202391@myacu.edu.au

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, co-operative skills and teamwork, all within a FUN and very SAFE environment.

Tuesday session - Cricket - Basketball - Tennis

When: Tuesday
Commencing: 11th Oct.
Concluding: 13th Dec.
Time: 3.40pm - 4.40pm
Year Levels: Prep - Gr. 4
Cost: $110 (10 weeks)

Wednesday session - Cricket - Hockey - Tennis

When: Wednesday
Commencing: 12th Oct.
Concluding: 14th Dec.
Time: 3.40pm - 4.40pm
Year Levels: Prep - Gr. 4
Cost: $110 (10 weeks)

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
DATE: Friday 14th October 2016
TIME: 6.30pm concert (Surnames M - Z & selected students)
      8pm concert (Surnames A - L & selected students)
WHERE: The Besen Centre
       85-87 Station St Burwood 3125
       (Parking is available on site)
TICKETS: Available via Trybooking: https://www.trybooking.com/3426
      $20 Adult
      $15 Child/Student
      $15 Concession (Pension or Healthcard holder)
      $75 Family (2 x Adult tickets, 3 x Child/Student tickets)
      Please note that GIPS students will NOT require a ticket for their own performance