Dear Parents,

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone in the GIPS community for their efforts and contribution to the school throughout 2015. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the School Council, Parents’ Association and Staff for their tireless efforts on behalf of the children.

**Staffing News**

There will be a number of staffing changes as we move into 2016. These changes come around due to family and personal reasons. Each of these staff members have been valued members of the professional team at GIPS, contributing much through their efforts. On behalf of the school community, I wish them all well and thank them for their efforts for the benefit of the children at our school. In some instances, we will see these staff members make a welcome return to Glen Iris in the time ahead.

Susie Walton will commence Family Leave at the end of term to await the arrival of a new addition to her family. Whatever the role, Susie is a first class operator offering leadership, knowledge, commitment and endeavor. In particular, in 2015, Susie has been instrumental in the implementation of the iPad program which has been a resounding success across the school. Thank you, Susie! We look forward to hearing some news later in January when Susie, Matt and Tilly welcome another Walton to the clan.

Kay Borrow has been involved with Glen Iris for many years - at least 8 years that I can attest to. In recent times, Kay has filled the role of Library Technician and how fortunate we have been to have a fully qualified Teacher Librarian on our staff. This is a rarity in primary schools today. I am sure we will still see Kay at Glen Iris from time to time but in a less formal role.

Alex Schifter, class teacher Grade 2S, has been appointed to Kew Primary School for 2016 to be closer to home. Thank you Alex for your work in Grade 2, working to ensure the best opportunities for all students.

Ian Box, class teacher Grade 5/6S, has secured a teaching position in the UK in 2016. Thank you to Ian for his care and contribution to the children’s learning this year. Good luck, Ian!

Sarah Hunting will resume Family Leave, returning to GIPS in the future. Thanks Sarah for stepping in to Grade 5/6 in term 4 and ensuring the children’s year has finished on a high!

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**The Latest Staffing News**

On Monday, we were advised that our Assistant Principal, Robyn Floyd, has been seconded to the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority part time in 2016 as a curriculum writer for the new Victorian Curriculum. This is a wonderful acknowledgement of Robyn’s professional expertise and regard. As a result of this appointment it has been necessary to make some adjustments to classroom teaching positions for 2016. Consequently, Shelley Morrison will fill 0.5 Assistant Principal role and Additional Assistance for the remainder of her workload. Robyn will remain as our Assistant Principal for the other 0.5. Nikki Zwarbord and Kate Van der Jagt will teach the grade 1 class that Shelley had been allocated. Arrangements are currently being made to appoint a Performing Arts teacher to fill the role that Nikki had previously been assigned. We are fortunate to have such a talented and adaptable staff.

**Principal For The Day**

On Wednesday, December 9th, Riley and Lincoln Hill acted as Principals for the Day, following their parents successful bid at the Silent Auction at the Trivia Night in June. Riley and Lincoln decreed free icy poles for all, extended play time and lunch time and special classroom activities. Thank you boys, for arranging such a happy day for all the boys and girls at GIPS!

**Vandalism at Glen Iris – How You Can Help.**

Many families will be aware that the school has experienced several acts of vandalism in recent weeks, including tearing out of the vegetable gardens and painting obscene words on the synthetic turf area. Working with the Boroondara Police and Education...
Department Security Services Unit, the school has taken steps to increase security measures at the school including the installation of a CCTV system to monitor inappropriate activity in the grounds in the future.

The school welcomes members of the local community to make use of the facilities out of school hours for informal family and recreational use. Please feel welcome to enjoy the grounds for positive purposes. All we ask is that people leave the area in the condition in which they found it.

With the school holiday period approaching, the school will be unattended for an extended period of time. If you notice or suspect any inappropriate or suspicious behaviour in or around the school, please call and report this to the Police on “000” immediately.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher

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.
Season’s Greetings!
I hope that you and your families have enjoyed the school year and that you are now looking forward to a well-deserved break.

The Parents’ Association wishes all the grade six children best of luck with their transition to high school in 2016. Also, fond farewells to any other children, families or staff leaving GIPS this year.

As we look to planning for next year, please consider volunteering to be a Class Rep. This is a really important duty which the kids and their teachers appreciate and which is a great way to be involved with the school, especially with meeting other parents. Traditionally there are two parents per class. So please fill out the Nomination form that was emailed earlier this week and return to the office or via email to Nicola Thomas, the 2016 Class Rep Coordinator gipscc@gmail.com Also contact Nic if you have any queries regarding the role.

Mangos have arrived this Tuesday, if you are yet to collect them your box will be waiting for you in the Multipurpose room, make sure you get your name marked off the list. Thanks heaps to Julie Gray and Jackie Brown for coordinating at this busy time of year.

Congratulations once again to KellyBlue, Kate Venter and Debbie Graham for their superb effort with the Christmas Cake and Produce stall and to 2C, 2S, 3TJ and 5/6S for stocking and manning the stall which raised $2,107.45 (for more details see main article).

Early next year we will be looking for helpers with the Family Fiesta, scheduled for Friday 19th February. We need some willing people to coordinate the Sausage sizzle roster or the Canteen roster which will sell drinks and icy-poles, email me if you could take on either of these roles.

Finally, on behalf of the Parents’ Association, we wish you all a happy, safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Jane Lukins
Jane@lukins.id.au
President GIPS PA 2015-2016

2015 Cake & Produce Stalls

The Christmas Cake & Produce Stall held on Friday 4 December was another fabulous success with the amount of $2,107.45 raised.

This is something we as a school community can all be very proud of. As well as being a fundraising activity for the school, this is a really fun event for the children.

The intention of the Cake & Produce stall is that the proceeds go towards purchasing specific items the school and students need. The proceeds of this stall are dedicated towards purchasing new furniture and equipment for the in-fill learning spaces. The funds raised make a significant contribution.

2C, 2S, 3TJ and 5/6S were invited to stock and man this stall. They did an incredible job, and also assisted with set up, selling and running of the stall (including making the ice chocolates and home-made lemonade), as well as pack up. A very big thank you to class reps Flo Weaver, Miranda Forehan, Kelly Mrocki, Draza Baxter, Pip Young and Megan Bennett for encouraging and facilitating participation from their classes, to all parents who donned the purple and gold aprons, and to everyone who baked and/or contributed produce. We have some amazing bakers and makers amongst us.

Special thanks to Natalie Jefferson and Our Kitchen Table, Wendy Clark, Corie Hill & Julie Gray for their contributions to the cake stall this year.

This year the Cake & Produce stall raised $7,532.05, which was used to purchase Apple TV units for prep to grade 4 classes, as well as making a significant contribution to the upgrade of the grade 1/2 playground. This is the result of your enthusiasm, contribution & participation. We hope the stall continues to grow as a school community event and fundraiser each term. Here’s to more fun and successful cake stalls next year!

With Many Thanks, Kelly Blue, Kate Venter & Debbie Graham
Cake & Produce Stall Coordinators
BIKE ED PICS

Are you interested in starting a string instrument in 2016?

Biana Goldenberg teaches strings at GIPS on Thursdays. She is experienced and highly qualified teacher and player. Biana's family goes back four generations of professional musicians in her family who have been playing and teaching around the world and she plays with a number of professional orchestras. She teaches violin, viola and cello.

There is opportunity for a few students to commence lessons with Biana in 2016. Please contact her on 0432 571 407 or by email on ygolden@walla.com. If you are interested in lessons, or finding out more information. Instruments hire can be arranged. Enrolment form are also available at the school office.
Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program provider for children and teens across Melbourne and greater Victoria and are now starting up at Glen Iris. We provide full-day activities to over 35,000 children aged 5-15 every year. Our programs are perfect for working families or for kids who are just looking for fun activities to do during their holiday break.

95% of families rate Team Holiday as the better than any other program they've ever used.

Fast Facts:

- Our service is fully approved for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebates.
- We provide a huge variety of days and activities Monday to Friday throughout most school holiday periods.
- We open at 8am and close at 6pm, however you can drop off as late as 9.30 and pickup as early as 3.30pm (provided we’re not on an excursion!). We do not offer half days.
- Activities include sports clinics, swimming, cooking, giant outdoor games, pamper princess days, scooter riding days, arts and crafts, loads of incursions and excursions and much, much more! Check our website out for upcoming themes www.teamholiday.com.au
- We provide two programs: a 5-12 year old program and a 10-15 year old program.
- Team Holiday only employs fully qualified staff, all with working with children checks, first aid, anaphylaxis training, asthma training, lifeguard/australian certificate and are either qualified teachers, studying in the field or coaches in specialist fields.
- Team Holiday welcomes all children from any school. You can choose to enrol into as many, or few days as you like.
- For more information, please visit www.teamholiday.com.au or call 03 9532 2036 to speak to one of our friendly team members.

Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!
This week’s notices:

Futures Tennis—Holiday Programs

SPECIAL OFFER GLEN IRIS PRIMARY STUDENTS

8 weeks free in Term 1
Monday Lunchtimes

FOR BOOKINGS CALL administration on 9500 2068 or email head office mailroom@Backwards.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.

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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.

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**THE SWEDISH PILATES STUDIO**

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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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