**From The Principal**

Dear Parents,

With a few sunny days being enjoyed, it is starting to feel like spring is just around the corner.

This week is **Education Support Staff Week**. Thanks to Mel, Kathy, Sally, Clare, Catriona, Carolyn, Nicky, Krista and Peter, our Office, Integration, Library and Maintenance staff, for all they do for GIPS. We really appreciate all your efforts.

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION MAIN EVENT TRIVIA NIGHT**

I am sure many parents are eagerly looking forward to this Saturday’s Trivia Night at Phoenix Park organised by our Parents Association. These events are always loads of fun and an important social and fundraising night for the school. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our intrepid organisers, Susan Mateer and Debbie Pratt, who are masterminding the whole event. The James Bond theme is fantastic! Thanks also to Corrie Shrimpton, Wendy Clarke and Kate Ventor for their work in organising the Silent Auction, including our online eBay items. Overall, there are a huge number of parents who have helped in the preparation for the **Trivia Night** in so many different ways. Our school community is grateful to you all for taking on these tasks that will benefit all of the GIPS children.

**NAPLAN 2016**

The 2016 Naplan results will arrive in schools next week. Once they arrive, they will be forwarded to parents after school-based processing. Parents are welcome to meet with class teachers or the Assistant Principals if they are concerned about their child’s results. Glen Iris is one of a small number of schools trialling the NAPLAN online program in preparation for a national launch in 2017. Next week, Year 3 and 5 children will complete a trial of the tests on computer so that feedback can be provided for the developers. These trial tests in no way impact on children’s NAPLAN results. In 2017, it is anticipated all children will complete the tests online.

**HOUSE ATHLETICS**

Last Friday, all children from Year 3 – 6 participated in the House Athletics Carnival at East Burwood. The children all tried their very best at each event. Thanks to the many parents who worked so hard on the day to help supervise and conduct the events. Special acknowledgement goes to Nathan Gilliland for his excellent organisation and management of the carnival. Once again, Gavin Blue has provided us with a fabulous collection of photos from the Carnival which are displayed on the foyer screen near the Office and will be live on Zenfolio soon.

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**TERM 3: CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**AUGUST**

- Wed 17: PA Gourmet Hamper Helpers workshops
- Fri 19: Prep - Farm Excursion
- Sat 20: Assembly, 2.40pm
- Thurs 25: TRIVIA NIGHT!! 7pm—11pm
- Fri 26: Senior ‘Hoop Time’, 9.30am—2.30pm
- Mon 29: Fathers’ Day Stall
- Tues 30: Year 3 Camp departs
- Wed 31: Year 4 Camp departs
- **SEPT**
  - Fri 2: Assembly, 2.40pm
  - Tues 6: Year 4 -The Polly Woodside and Captain Cook’s Cottage Excursion
  - Wed 7: District Athletics
  - Fri 9: Year 4 Camp arrive back
- Tues 13: Cake and Produce Stall
- Fri 16: French Day
- School finishes -2.30pm

**END OF TERM**
YEAR 3 AND 4 CAMP
In the week commencing 29 August, Year 3 and 4 children will all enjoy two nights on camp - Year 3 from Monday through to Wednesday and Year 4 from Wednesday to Friday. I know it is an exciting and anxious time for the children and some parents as children head off on their first school camp. Arrabri, at Warburton, is an ideal venue for children of this age and both the school staff and camp staff are very experienced in conducting these activities. Thanks to the staff and parents who have volunteered to attend the camp: Tanya Tomic, Jessa Amedo, Clare Sutherland, Sophie McKernan, Lucy Gargano, Belinda Hartung, Rebecca Givogue, Alex Goldhagen, Craig Ots-Maher, Mark Robinson, Steve Andrinos, Scott McKernan, David Freemantle and Sampath Dassanayake. I hope everyone has a great time!

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM
A professional learning community is a group of educational professionals who meet regularly and work as a community to share expertise and learn from each other. The Department of Education is trialling a model of this process to be implemented across Victoria. Glen Iris has been invited to be one of 60 schools to undertake advanced training in these processes based on the extensive work our school has already done to build a professional learning community culture. Five classroom teachers and the school leadership will attend training days between now and the end of the year. This program is fully departmentally funded and is a privilege and an honour for our school and staff to be involved. In 2017, Glen Iris will trial the new PLC model.

ENROLMENTS 2017
We are currently finalising staffing and arrangements for the 2017 school year. If your children will not return to Glen Iris in 2017, please advise the Office in writing.

WORKING BEE
Our Term 3 Working Bee is being held this Saturday from 12:30pm - 3:30pm. We hope many parents can spare some time to help with some maintenance tasks that will make the school attractive and safe for the children. One task will be the laying of the family pavers from last year’s 150th anniversary. If the Working Bee needs to be postponed due to inclement weather, a notice will sent out via Compass notifying parents.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS
On Saturday, three teams of Year 5/6 students will compete in Tournament of Minds at Deakin University. The competition poses creative and critical thinking problems to teams of 7 students who must work quickly and demonstrate highly developed collaborative teamwork to offer solutions to the problems. Thank you to Amy Kopciewicz, Year 5/6 Team Leader and TOM facilitator for all her work in supporting the teams. Good luck TOM teams. I look forward to seeing your presentations.

SUN SMART PROGRAM - hats on 1 September
Thursday 1 September is the Cancer Council's official "Hats On" day. Just like the hat our model Scarlet is wearing (pictured right), all children will be required to wear an approved sun smart school hat for all outdoor activities and play. This season we are offering an additional school hat option - a bucket hat - which some families may prefer. These hats will be available, along with our other hats, from the Uniform store at school and also the PSW store in Mt Waverley.

Yours Sincerely
Meredith Carracher

GIPS WORKING BEE
We would love you to come and join us for the next Working Bee on Saturday 20th August at 12.30pm - 3.30pm.
If you can you assist, please email glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au, stating your name, phone number, eldest child and Year level.
We will have some afternoon tea following the Working Bee. Children are very welcome.

Our key tasks for this working bee will be:
150th Anniversary Pavers: a very exciting little project for this Working Bee! We are hoping to install the engraved pavers from last year’s anniversary.
Metal Recycling: There are a number of old metal items that need to be recycled. We are still working on the logistics for this as it may need to be transported? Please let me know if you have a trailer that could be used on the day?
General grounds keeping: Cleaning up litter, collecting leaf litter, cleaning drains, sweeping sand, cleaning the oval, raking wood chip under play areas
If you are unable to attend this time, please keep in mind our final Working Bee in Rerm 4 is on Sunday 23 October 9am - 12pm.
GIPS MAIN EVENT “Dressed to Kill” TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 20 August
A huge thanks to Deb Pratt, Susan Mateer and their team!
Thanks to all the kids who came in Free Dress and brought along wonderful donations for the Trivia Night’s Gourmet Hamper Raffle. Thanks also to Julia Greene, Narani Smythe and their team who will be putting the Hampers together for the event.

WHAT TO BRING ON THE NIGHT:
- Tickets
- Credit Card details for Live and Silent Auction
- Cash for bar and raffle tickets
- Gold coins for games and photo booth
- Snacks to share for your table
- Each table will be responsible for their own rubbish removal

OTHER LAST MINUTE DETAILS:
Doors open at 6.30pm. Please consider carpooling or catching a cab to Phoenix Park.
Corie and Wendy are doing a fabulous job with organisation of the Silent Auction. Browse the Silent Auction Items on the GIPS website – 50 to choose from!
Thanks to all families who have contributed and to Jellis Craig for supporting us as our major sponsor.
Thanks also to Kate Venter for designing the amazing fliers and Michelle Freeland- Small for behind the scenes help.
We also have 2 Very Special Trivia Night Auction items listed on eBay

OFFICIAL AFL HAWTHORN FOOTBALL CLUB 2016 SIGNED GUERNSEY!!!
Professionally framed by FrameSpot in Malvern East, this official Adidas AFL home guernsey has been signed by the 2016 Hawthorn players. A Certificate of Authenticity signed by Hawthorn’s assistant coach is also included.

CRICKET AUSTRALIA SIGNED KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE CRICKET BAT 2015/2016
One of only twelve in existence, this genuine Kookaburra cricket bat has been signed by the team Captains of the KFC BBL06 season 2015/2016 and has been generously donated by Cricket Australia for the Main Event fundraising efforts.
A Certificate of Authenticity is included.

Father’s Day Stall will be on Friday 26th August:
Thanks to Ann Mullins and Fi Freemantle for organising. Kids bring along your pocket money to buy Dad a wonderful gift and don’t forget a bag to take home your treasures!

Father’s Day Breakfast will be on Tuesday 30th August before school.
ORDERS due this FRIDAY.
### 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 3.15-3.45. It would involve getting the key and the second hand money float from the office on arrival and then being present in the shop to assist with any sales/enquires. Also putting away any good quality current school uniform that has arrived during the week. All clothing in the shop is $5 and the school bags are $10.

If you can assist, please complete the form below and return to school by Friday the 26th of August. A roster will then be provided to each of the volunteers for the rest of the school year.

Please note that a current Working with Children’s Check is required.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Katrina (0410336045) or Kim (0400 655 651).

Thank-you.

Katrina Hrelja and Kim Green
On behalf of GIPS Parents’ Association

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### House Athletics 2016

Last Friday, Year 3 - 6 participated in the House Athletics at the Burwood East Athletics Track. Although a cold day all students were full of enthusiasm and were determined to do their best.

Congratulations to Ferndale House for accumulating the most overall points on the day!

A big thank you to all parent helpers who made the day a huge success!

All the best to all our students who have qualified for the District Athletics Carnival on the 7th of September.

Nathan Gilliland, Physical Education Teacher

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### Junior Cross Country 2016

On Friday the 5th of August the grades from Prep to Two participated in the Junior Cross Country. Everyone had the time of their lives and gave it a go. The day was a huge success and a big thank you to everyone who helped out on the day. The results are as follows: in fourth place was Raven on 384, there was a draw between Ferndale and Nettleton on 411 and the overall winner was Gardiner on 469! We would like to thank all the children who came along and had a go.

Written by Lucy Parsons and Ella Xerri, 5/6E
ART EXCURSION

Seven students were invited to see the Degas Exhibition at the NGV because of their amazing ‘Fourteen Year Old Dancer’, which they had previously shown the Gallery. The Senior Education Officer, Michele Stockley, gave them a special tour!

“Thank you for taking us on such a memorable journey through the amazing world of Degas. You explained everything so thoroughly and we received a months worth of information in one hour! You listened to all our questions and statements with lots of attentive interest too... His artworks were phenomenal... We were all spellbound by the artworks and loved hearing the interesting stories behind each piece. We learned about a whole new generation of Art, finding out about the life of Degas, his family and his work. We are so thankful for the breath taking experience you gave us!”

Mia A, Trinity, Nicola, Alannah, Chloe, Mia R, Mikayla, Michele Freeland and Perle

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST

Tuesday 30 August 7.30am—8.45am

Fathers or special friends are invited to come and enjoy a fabulous pancake or muffin breakfast to celebrate Fathers’ Day!

Breakfast options are now available for online ordering at https://www.trybooking.com/12867 or via the school office

Pancake option (pancake, cereal and juice, tea/coffee) $9
Muffin option (Brumby’s muffin, cereal and juice, tea/coffee $6

Bookings close this Friday 19 August - no late bookings accepted
STEM fun at GIPS

You have probably heard the terms STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) and STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Maths) mentioned in the media. So what’s STEAMing along at Glen Iris?

Our focus is on using digital technologies to enhance learning and allow students the choice of a range of tools to work with. Meagan Cofield, our ICT Coordinator, has sourced coding and robotics apps for our iPads which include Daisy the Dino, Scratch Jnr and Lego Mindstorms. As a beginner coder I am enjoying Daisy the Dino and proudly showed off my skills to my children. They were impressed but my 4 year old grandson mastered the basics in a couple of minutes.

In Terms 2 and 3, interested Year 5 students joined the Dance Robotics Challenge with me at lunchtimes. Their task was to choose 45 seconds of music, build a robot and program some dance moves. This has proved popular with both girls and boys and I am looking forward to the Dance-Off in a few weeks. The obstacle challenge will begin on Fridays after the Dance-Off has concluded. All grade 5 students are welcome to join.

Our 3 school Inspiration Program involved eighteen students from Year 3 & 4 spend the morning undertaking collaborative robotics challenges. In one task all student teams received the same number and type of lego pieces and a motor. In one hour they were asked to build an object that reminded them of school life. The object was programmed to move and make sounds. Our girls and boys enjoyed working with like-minded peers. Three members of our 2015 Robotics Team, David, Peter and Jackson participated as roving mentors.

Tech Kids has successfully presented a parent funded robotics course for students in Year 3 and 4 on Wednesday lunchtimes. Of course Science Week is coming up soon so watch out for more information about class activities.

Robyn Floyd
Assistant Principal - Specialist Curriculum Writer

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 at 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 is 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.
How do I get my child to balance their time online?

Did you know for children aged 5-11 years old, devices are bought by parents for education and entertainment purposes at home, however after 6 months only 14% of the time spent on it is for educational purposes?

Kids love technology. I can only imagine how tempting it is to let children go online for a large period of time, especially on the weekend or during school holidays. It means quiet time for parents and they are entertained. However, too much time online does have negative impacts. The negative effects include sleep deprivation, agitated/angry when asked to come off it, addiction, reluctance to go outdoors and social problems.

So how do you manage your child’s time online without the screaming matches and temper tantrums?

As a parent/carer you have to guide them. Firstly, have a family agreement which starts the conversation about technology use in your home. Work together to set a time limit but most importantly stick to it. Remind your child of the time limit before you give them the device. Lead by example, don’t spend all day with your mobile phone as an extension to your arm. Talk to your child or give them a book when out rather than your phone. Be aware of what they are doing online. Get involved in your child’s after school activities and do tasks which don’t involve technology. Unstructured free play is great for creativity and further developing verbal skills.

Here is a sample family online agreement from Childnet.com

www.childnet.com/have-a-conversation
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.

FRENCH ART INCURSION

journée française
TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

On 13 September we are going to celebrate the life and artworks of the famous French artist Henri Matisse, well known for his use of colour with his cut-outs and still life paintings.

The students will practice the French language relating to Matisse and explore different art techniques and styles.

The students will rotate through several activities, exploring the technique of ‘carving into colour’, creating bright, bold paper cut-outs, drawing reproductions of Matisse’s famous paintings and playing games using French vocabulary.

Students are encouraged to come to school as a famous French artist or wearing any French themed costume. They can also wear bleu, blanc, rouge (blue, white, red) the French national colours.

The cost of the event is $8.00 unless you have paid the excursion levy.

Students will also be able to order a special French lunch...déjeuner from Classroom Cuisine for that day. Please ensure to fill out the form which was sent home with your child today.

Laurence Barré
French Teacher

Michele Freeland-Small
Visual Arts Teacher
**MUSIC NEWS**

This term has been great fun so far, with students still feeling the excitement of last term’s soiree performance. It was very encouraging to see so many students step up to the stage. Well done to all involved! We are now in the process of learning new songs and techniques in anticipation for future opportunities to perform - everyone is progressing nicely!

There are some openings for anyone who wishes to learn a musical instrument - particularly looking for some trumpets, trombones and flutes. If you’re interested, feel free to grab a form from the school office or call Musicorp on 1300 858 911.

*Amber Wright*, National Education Co-ordinator, Polygon Group

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**GIPS WORKING BEE**

**Saturday 20 August 2016**

**12.30pm - 3.30pm**

We would love you to come and join us for the next working bee.

There will be refreshments to thank everyone for their efforts!

If you can assist please return the slip or contact the school on glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with the following details:

- Your Name: ____________________________
- Eldest Child & Year: ___________________
- Phone Contact: ________________________
- Email address: ________________________
- Yes, I can help with the Working Bee

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**CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL**

**Lemons are in season right now!**

*If you have any lemons, please let Kelly Blue (kellygavinblue.com) or Natalie Jefferson know - or there is a box in the office you can drop in.*

*Ready to be turned into delicious lemon curd or lemon syrup!* - Thank you.

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**Fathers’ Day Stall**

**Friday 26 August 2016**

Bring along your pocket money and buy your Dad a wonderful gift!

Prices range from 50c (raffles) - $6

Remember to bring a bag to take home your treasures!

**Calling for Fathers’ Day Stall Helpers!**

We would appreciate your help at the stall!

If you are available, please email us your preferred time slot (8:45am-10:45am or 11:15am-1:15pm) by 19 August 2016 to annmullins47@gmail.com or fionafr@bigpond.net.au

*Ann Mullins & Fiona Freemantle*, Parents Association

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**HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE!!**

We would love your help at the Fathers’ Day breakfast—we need many helpers to make our breakfast a success!!

If you are able to help please let us know via email to glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au, stating your name, contact number and time you are able to help:

- Setup 6.30am—7.30am
- Breakfast serving 7.30am—8.45am
- Clean up 8.45am—9.15am

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*Ann Mullins & Fiona Freemantle*, Parents Association
School Concert: GIPS WORLD TOUR 2016!

Coming soon to the Besen Centre

Friday 14th October

Performance times: (according to your surname)
M-Z at 6:30pm & A-L at 8pm

Tickets on sale in September via Try Booking

Stay tuned for more details!!!
Children’s Book Week 2016

Saturday Storytime
Saturday 20 August 2016
Ashburton Library
11am to 12noon
An interactive storyline for the whole family, with award winning picture books and badge making.

Book Week Lego Club
Tuesday 23 August 2016
Camberwell Library
4pm to 5pm
Join other Lego fans as they take inspiration from their favourite books to make Lego masterpieces. For primary school aged children.

Book Week Bedtime Storytime
Wednesday 24 August 2016
Balwyn Library
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Share stories and songs with the whole family. Wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite cuddly toy.

Family Book Afternoon
Friday 26 August 2016
Hawthorn Library
4pm to 6pm
Celebrate Book Week by helping to select new books for the Library. Join in the fun with children’s activities and light refreshments.

Boroondara Library Service
154 High Street, Ashburton
336 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn
340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell
584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn
Corner Cotham Road & Civic Drive, Kew
Phone: 9278 4666 | Web: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au

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