Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to be back at Glen Iris for 2016 after a period of unexpected personal leave due to a family bereavement. I was delighted to see the children and classrooms working hard and operating so effectively. My thanks to Robyn Floyd, Shelley Morrison and all the staff for their dedication, understanding and support. What would I do without them?

A special welcome to our 2016 Preps and other families new to the school. I hope you are settling in and beginning to feel part of the GIPS family. Please contact me or your class teachers if we can assist in any way.

Family Fiesta
This Friday evening, we are all looking forward to the Parents' Association Family Fiesta to welcome everyone back to GIPS for the school year. Face painting and music will be provided for the children while parents catch up on the holiday news with friends and teachers. Sausages, cold drinks and icy poles will be on sale. Thank you to Jacqui Brown and Jane Lukins for their organisation and effort to provide a great social evening for our community. Looking forward to seeing you there.

School Council Nominations Close on Monday
Nominations are currently open to fill four Parent Vacancies on School Council. These vacancies are for a two year term – 2016 and 2017. This group meets on the third Wednesday of each month and guides policy and budgetary decision making in the school. Whilst it is an important part of school operations, School Council members do not need any special expertise, experience or skills. The most important thing is that you want to contribute to continually improving learning opportunities for all children at Glen Iris. Nomination forms are available on the website in the Notices section, or at the office, and must be received at the school office by 4pm on Monday, February 22nd.

District Swimming Carnival
On Monday, February 15th, 32 Glen Iris children represented our school at the District Swimming Carnival. Finishing in an admirable 3rd place overall, the team displayed endeavour, spirit and sportsmanship as they all tried their best. There were many fine personal achievements on the day and a respectable number of swimmers qualified for the Divisional Championships. Thank you to PE Teacher, Nathan Gilliland, for his efforts in organising and training the team. Thanks also to the numerous parents and wellwishers that came along to cheer, especially Amanda Parsons, Kristen Meachem, Kristy Howes and Rod Lawson who were valuable assistants with the team.

Getting To Know You Meetings / Class Information Nights
It’s that time of year when teachers are keen to find out all there is to know about the children in their classes and to get to know the families as well.

Last Tuesday, February 16th, Class Information Nights were held for all grade levels. Efforts were made to spread the various grade levels to try to accommodate the majority of families without asking people to come out on more than one night.

Next Wednesday, February 24th, parents are invited to meet their class teachers for 2016 for a chat about the year ahead and to share any relevant information. The purpose of these meetings is for teachers to gain a better understanding of each child in their care. This is a vital student wellbeing event which underpins successful learning throughout the year ahead. Bookings for appointments to meet the teacher can be made on Compass. If any families are unable to attend on Wednesday, please contact your class teacher to make arrangements to meet at an alternate time.

Special Religious Instruction (SRI) - Jewish
The State Government and Department of Education have announced changes in policy that governs the delivery of Special Religious Instruction in government schools. Accredited community groups wishing to offer SRI at Glen Iris Primary School will provide notices at the school office asking interested families to express interest. Instruction will be offered outside regular lesson times such as at lunchtime. We will announce in the newsletter if there is new information.
available at the Office for various groups offering these programs. To date, we have information offering Jewish Special Religious Instruction. Should your family be interested, please collect a flyer from the Office or call and we will send one home with your child.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher

PREP WELCOME BBQ

Last Tuesday the Prep families enjoyed their welcome BBQ at GIPS. The sun was shining, the playground was full and the sausages were sizzling. There was a great turn out and lots of full and happy children. The Prep teachers would like to thank Flip Connell, Nigel Suckling, Chris Dellios, Lise Allen and Anthony Hotchin for all of their help on the day. Thank you also to Shelley Morrison and Robyn Floyd for assisting with the preparation and cleaning up at the end of the evening.

Barb Maclarn, Brodee Goldman and Claire Sutherland
Prep Team

Bonjour!

We are delighted to welcome our new French Assistant! Perle will be sharing her time between Glen Iris Primary School and Camberwell High School this year. Every class will see her every fortnight. She will be taking small groups for extra oral practice or introducing new topics with me for the whole class. Perle will also prepare cultural documents in relation to themes we are studying in each class, and help out with making new resources. It is really great to have her on board!

Madame Barré

SunSmart

Dear Parents

As a Sunsmart school we would like to give some timely reminders regarding keeping our children safe from over exposure to the sun.

- Please ensure your child brings their GIPS broad brimmed hat daily.
- Please encourage your child to apply sunscreen before leaving home each morning.
- Please be aware that the provision of sunscreen is the responsibility of the parents and we encourage families to send sunscreen with their child to school if deemed necessary.

Sport and Physical Education sessions will be held in the morning whenever possible or provide shade relief for students during the afternoon.

All students are encouraged to bring a water bottle when attending outdoor activities.

Shelley Morrison

HATS

Bonjour!

My name is Perle Mboyo, I am twenty four years old. I will be the new French assistant this year at Glen Iris. I will assist Madame Barré twice a week in class, working with the children on their oral skills.

I was born and raised in France. Before moving to Melbourne, I was living in Paris where I studied French History at Paris Diderot University.

As a real lover of art and music my main goal this year will be to introduce the children to French art and French music.
The PA held our first meeting last Monday evening. A big thanks to those who came along. Information about the PA and planned events for 2016 has been updated with a new look Parents Association page on the GIPS website under the Parents tab. You can find out all about the PA, our various Administration and Committee roles including Class Rep information, who is who on the PA and our Calendar of planned events for the year.

The many school and PA events are also listed on the Calendar under the Newsletters tab for anyone that hasn’t found this fabulous resource yet.

We are looking for a new Secretary for the PA this year. Huge thanks to Danielle Czapnik, Zayd and Noah’s Mum for doing this role in 2015. Please contact me if you would be interested in taking on this role for the remainder of this year.

A reminder about the Family Fiesta, at school tomorrow evening, Friday 19th February. It promises to be a fun event and I hope to see you there. Many thanks to Jacqui Brown for coordinating and the many parent volunteers who have signed up for duty. Don’t forget your coins for the sausage sizzle, canteen and face painting and your dance shoes for Robert from Charisma Dance!

Also, the Ashburton ‘til Twillight Community Festival will be held on Sunday, 28th February from 12pm – 7pm.

- GIPS is planning to hold a stall which will have a focus on our exciting 150th Anniversary celebrations. We will be selling our coffee table books, excursion and shopping bags, badges and tattoos. We will also be offering “old fashioned games” to the festival patrons and we would very much appreciate your assistance to help man the stall on the day.

- Please fill out the notice or email me jane@lukins.id.au if you can help out.

- Don’t forget to BUY YOUR KIDS an UNLIMITED RIDE WRISTBAND, at the GIPS office NOW for $25. Get them before Wednesday 24th February, save $5 & fundraise for school at the same time!

Lastly, plans are already underway for the PA’s Main Fundraising and Social Event of 2016, it promises to be even bigger than last year!

- SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 20th August, 7pm
- Thank you to Debbie Pratt and Susan Mateer who have volunteered to coordinate the event.

Jane Lukins - Mum of Emily (5/6H) and Daniel (3TJ)

President GIPS PA 2016
Buy your wristbands at the GIPS Office NOW, cash preferred.
On sale until Wednesday 24th Feb.

UNLIMITED CARNIVAL RIDES WRISTBANDS for
Ashburton 'til Twilight
February 28th 2016
12 - 7pm

SAVE $5
Buy your Festival UNLIMITED RIDE wristband NOW
Pay just $25 ($30 on the Day) for 7 hours
(12-7pm) of Unlimited Carnival Rides

Rides available include:
- UFO Thrill ride
- Spin Out thrill ride
- Surf Shack Slide
- Chair ‘o’ Swing
- Thomas Jumping Castle
- Junior Pirate Ship
- Thomas the Tank Train
- Egyptian Play House
- Hi Striker
and lots more........

Our organisation gets $5 per wristband as well!
We both win!

Join us at the Community Centre at the Ashburton Twilight Festival
MARKET DAY
Sunday 28 February 2016 12pm - 4pm
Including African Dance performances at 1pm and 3pm

pop ups with purpose
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Dear Parents

Just a reminder that children will be supervised in the yard from 8.45am and until 3.45pm.

Children should not be in the school ground without adult supervision outside these hours.

Please arrange with our Camp Australia program if you require assistance with child supervision at school.

Anaphylaxis Policy update

We are currently reviewing this policy. We remind parents that we are a nut-aware school but also have a number of students with food allergies. If you are bringing party food to celebrate your child's birthday you will need to check with the class teacher about potential allergies before bringing the food to school.

Church Admin

Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!

This week’s notices:

- Glen Iris Basketball Club
  Registrations for the Winter 2016 season are now open till Wed 24 Feb 2016

- Futures Tennis
  Tennis Coaching at GIPS
  Thursday morning before school

- TEM Hockey Club
  Coaching Programs and Vacancies for players aged 6-16

Please CONSIDER THE NEIGHBOURS when parking around the school, especially in Glen Iris Road. We acknowledge it can be extremely busy and crowded at times but ask that you do not park across the driveways blocking the owners from having easy access to enter or leave their properties.

CHURCH CAR PARK

Please note that this car park is not to be used by GIPS staff and families. It is only available for Kinder families during Kinder sessions and otherwise only for people attending the church hall for various activities.

Thankyou for your assistance in this matter.

Church Admin
PRESHIL Secondary School OPEN DAY

22 MARCH 2016
11.00 - 1.00pm

For further information please contact the
Registrar on 9885 6822 or fres@preshil.vic.edu.au

Inner East Community Health- Ashburton
Community Dental Services
7 Samarinda Avenue, Ashburton
Call 9885 6822 to arrange an appointment

Smile

FREE Dental checkups and general treatment for eligible children and teenagers.
FREE 6 – 17yrs for holders or dependants of Health Care Cards or Pensioner Concession Card
FREE No Gap Bulk Billed Checkups and general dental treatment for children and teenagers 2yrs – 17yrs eligible for Medicare Child Dental Benefits Voucher
$32.00 FEE applies for non-eligible children 0yrs – 12yrs for checkups and general dental treatment

ST DOMINIC’S PRIMARY SCHOOL 145 HIGHFIELD ROAD, CAMBERWELL

ITALIAN FESTA

5 MARCH 2016

www.stdomsfsa.com

2pm TO 6pm

FOOD & WINE – RIDES – STALLS – ENTERTAINMENT

The 11th Boroondara VOLUNTEER EXPO

Wednesday
16 March 2016
1pm to 6pm

Discover how YOU can make a difference.
Talk to community organisations about the volunteer opportunities available to you.

Main Hall, Hawthorn Arts Centre
300 Burwood Road, Hawthorn
(Melway 15 B10)

No RSVP necessary - just come along on the day
2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Please come and visit us in the 2nd hand uniform shop. We have been inundated with donations and have a lot of stock to clear. All clothing is $5. We also have a lot of school bags for $10.

We are open every Friday from 3.15pm till 3.45pm. Also feel free to clean out your cupboards and bring in donations, however only good quality—no rips or paint stains please.

Thankyou
Kim Green & Katrina Hrelja.

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.

Our School Values

Achievement

Doing your best

Resilience

BOUNCING BACK

Honesty

truthfulness

Respect

consideration

Empathy

caring

2016 TERM DATES

Term 1: 29 Jan to 24 March
Term 2: 11 April to 24 June
Term 3: 11 July to 16 September
Term 4: 3 October to 20 December
Mums and Dads! Do you want to volunteer in your community but are time poor? Casserole Club may just be perfect for you!

Casserole Club allows its volunteers to assist in their community using as minimal time possible whilst still creating a big impact from the work they do.

We match people in the Boroondara area who would like to share an extra portion of their home cooked meal with an older person in their neighbourhood who may not be able to cook for themselves regularly.

This is a great opportunity to assist in your community, meet new and interesting people and to show your children the value of volunteering.

To find out more information please go to www.casseroleclub.com.au or call Lana Barnett at the City of Boroondara on 03 92784777.
**Lego Club**

Love Lego? Love creating?

A club for building and playing with Lego for primary school-aged children.

**Ashburton Library**
154 High Street, Ashburton
On the following Wednesdays at 4pm:

**Camberwell Library**
340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell
On the following Tuesdays at 4pm:

**Kew Library**
Corner Catherine Road and Chris Oake
On the following Wednesdays at 4pm:
- 15 February, 15 March, 29 April, 23 May, 20 June, 24 July, 20 August, 14 September, 19 October, 16 November.

Everything is awesome!
No bookings required.

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**Raise a Reader**

Monday 29 February at 7pm, Ashburton Library

An information session for parents/carers of babies, preschoolers and early primary aged children.

This session will provide useful tips regarding development of early literacy skills as well as encouraging a love of reading. Suitable books for different age groups will be discussed and a copy of the Disney film ‘Raise a Reader’ will be given to each participant.

Please note, this is not a session about teaching your child how to read.

Free event, bookings essential.
Light refreshments will be available.
Book online at: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/libraries

If alternative childcare arrangements cannot be made, children can be accommodated.

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**Crafternoon**

Fold, cut, glue, paint and decorate. Creative craft sessions for primary school aged children, using our materials and your imagination.

**Ashburton Library**
154 High Street, Ashburton
On the following Wednesdays at 4pm:
- 9 March, 13 May, 17 July, 7 September, 8 November.

**Hawthorn Library**
554 Glenferna Road, Hawthorn
On the following Tuesdays at 4pm:
- 15 February, 19 April, 16 June, 16 August, 11 October.

No bookings required, just come along and create!
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.

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.

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

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.

THE SWEDISH PILATES STUDIO

BIRGITTA THORBORG

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e: birgitta@newfitness.com.au
m: 0414 725 932

Shop 4, 108 Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris, 3146

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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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