Dear Parents,

First term is quickly drawing to a close. It has been a busy year with many events and achievements: 71 new preps settled into school; 265 new iPads in use in classrooms; Swimming Carnivals; Parent Teacher meetings and Information Nights; School Council elections; Family Fiesta; Prep Welcome Barbeque to name a few.

School Council Election Results
In recent weeks we have been finalising our School Council composition for 2015. At the close of the ballot for the School Council election, the following three people were elected:

- Phillip Connell
- Lisa Waddell
- Carolyn Brumley

Thank you to all the candidates for their keen interest in our school and to all the parents who voted in the election.

Compass – Student Management Software
In Term 2, the school will introduce a Student Management Software system called Compass. Compass is a comprehensive suite of integrated web-based software modules used widely in Victorian schools. The first modules to be implemented at Glen Iris will be Student Attendance; Student Reporting; updates via a News Feed and Newsletter distribution. Parents will have electronic access to the child/ren’s data and have direct means of contact with teachers. Mid-year reports will be distributed through Compass. Next week, families will be provided with login details which will be password protected for each family. Over time, a range of other services and features will be incorporated through Compass such as Excursion Consent and Payment; Parent Teacher Interview bookings; Student Learning and Wellbeing Information and much more. Whilst there will be an extended period of transition to enable us all to become familiar with the new system, I believe there will be many benefits for all in the school community. Of course, the Office will continue to be available to assist parents at all the regular times.

Coming Attractions:
Some things to look forward to in the coming week and in Term 2:

Cake and Produce Stall
Tomorrow, Friday, March 20th, the Parents’ Association will conduct their first Cake and Produce stall here at school. Thanks to a brainwave from Kelly Blue, mum of Harry, Archie and Felix, the stalls will be a feature each term with different classes asked to lend a hand with baking and manning the stall. Kelly, her organising team and the families from Prep G, 2B, 4B and 5/6 K have spent many hours preparing treats for us all to enjoy. There will be goodies to take home and small treats to eat for afternoon tea from 3:10pm – 3:50pm. Children will be able to visit the stall at the end of school tomorrow if families choose to provide a small amount of spending money. Parents can visit the stall more peacefully from 3:10 until 3:30pm.

Easter Special Lunch
Next Tuesday, March 24th, the children may enjoy a special Easter lunch arranged by the Parents’ Association. Thanks to Rachael Thompson and her team for their work in providing something yummy for the children. Final orders must be placed by this Sunday on Trybooking.

150th Anniversary School Photo
Next Thursday, March 26th, we have arranged a whole school photograph to be taken as a memento of the school’s 150th Anniversary. Gavin Blue, our volunteer photographer, will capture the students and staff arranged in “150” formation. It would be great to have as many of the children in attendance as possible.

Education Week 2015 / Preps 2016
Some special events are planned during Education Week (May 18 – May 22) to celebrate State Education and to introduce our school to prospective families for 2016. The key dates are:

- Open Day: Wed May 20 9:30 – 10:30am and 2:00 – 3:00pm
- Prep 2016 Information Night: Mon May 25th

ANZAC Day:
A special Anzac Service assembly will be held on Friday, April 24th at 2:45pm. In commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Gallipoli this year, I have been reflecting on the history of our school. The fact that we will celebrate the school’s 150th Anniversary is indeed an impressive achievement.

I wish all the Glen Iris families a great holiday break and enjoyable Easter. I look forward to welcoming back all our community on Monday April, 13th.

Sincerely,

[Miscellaneous signature]
From the Assistant Principal

One hundred and fifty years is a long time. What events were unfolding as our school began?

1865

- 26 January – Bushrangers Ben Hall, Johnny Gilbert and John Dunn hold up Kimberley's Inn in the town of Collector, New South Wales. Dunn shoots and kills the local police officer, Constable Samuel Nelson.[1]

- 8 April – Bushranger Dan Morgan is shot dead by a stockman during a police siege at Wangaratta, Victoria.

- 5 May – Bushranger Ben Hall is shot dead by police at Goobang Creek in New South Wales.

- Arnott's Biscuits is founded by Scottish baker William Arnott.

- Football is called the Challenge Cup and they played Intercolonial Football (Inter-colony!)

- Toryboy wins the Melbourne Cup. A trophy is awarded for the first time.[2]

And later!

1886

- An Indigenous Australian cricket team became the first Australian sports team to tour overseas.

- Abraham Lincoln is assassinated

- The Civil War ends

1923

- Vegemite*, a spread from brewer’s yeast developed by Cyril P Callister of Fred Walker Cheese Company, goes on sale.

- [Trade Mark Kraft Foods

1928

- Speedo produced its first swimsuit

- Aeroplane Jelly was launched.

Robyn Floyd - Assistant Principal

150th Anniversary Blog

The PA met on Monday 16th March, great to have an excellent turn out. Among other business, it was decided we will have a Trivia Night as our main fundraising event this year. It will be on Saturday 13th June, so save the date!

Tomorrow we are looking forward to the inaugural Cake and Produce Stall from 3.10 – 3.50pm, on the coloured squares. Thanks to Kelly Blue, Kate Venter, Lisa Waddell and Carolyn Currie for coordinating, Natalie Jefferson for lending her expertise and to Prep G, 2B, 4B and 5/6K for hosting, baking and making. Please support the school by sending along some gold coins with your kids for Friday afternoon and buying some goodies to stock the pantry for the weekend!

Two other reminders:

- Easter Special Lunch is on next Tuesday 24th March so get your orders in to Classroom Cuisine by 5pm Sunday. Thanks Rachael Thomson for coordinating.

- Ash Mrocki has set up the GIPS 2015 Footy Tipping Comp again, you’ve got to be in it to win it!

I can’t believe there’s only one week of Term 1 left! Hope you all have a great Easter break.

Jane Lukins - Mum of Emily (4E) and Daniel (2C)
President GIPS PA 2015
jane@lukins.id.au

Parents of students in grade 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who have paid the $10 subscription for SRI have now had that amount refunded to them. This was sent home yesterday.

Family receipts for students 2015 levies have also been sent home with the children in the last week.
GET INVOLVED NOW!

LUNCHTIME LIBRARY / YARD DUTY
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Book online at carebookings.com.au
Code: BMTGG

THE VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is here again!
The VicPrem is a great opportunity for children to read as many books as they
can throughout Term Two and Term Three. Last year GIPS students read a
total of 4,672 books! This year we are going to try and beat that record!

If you wish to enrol in the challenge (it is optional) please complete the
consent form (sent home on Friday 13th March) and return it to your
classroom teacher by Friday, 20th March. Any late forms will not be able to be
enrolled.

All instructions, usernames and passwords will be distributed once the forms
have been processed.

All information for the challenge can be found on the website:

The GIPS 2015 Footy Tipping Competition is now up and
running.

Join at www.footytips.com.au

- Under the Comps menu enter:-
  “GIPS 2015 Footy Tipping Comp”.

- Password: - GIPS2015 (case sensitive)

Entry is $10.00. Your payment can be made in person at the GIPS
office or online using Trybookings.com

Round 1 starts on Thursday 2nd April, so register ASAP.

If you have any questions prior to or during the comp, please
contact the GIPS Footy Tipping Administrator at:
Ashley@chadwickmerch.com.au

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING AND BEST OF LUCK TO ALL TIPSTERS!!!

PSW

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the uniform
shop will be closed on Tuesday 24th March.
In lieu of this the shop will now be open
on the last Friday of term
27th March from 2.00-3.00pm.

EASTER SPECIAL LUNCH

Tuesday 24th March 2015

To Register and Order Online go to www.classroomcuisine.com.au.

GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION

CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL

THIS FRIDAY!
20TH MARCH
3:10 - 3:50 PM

FRESH & DELICIOUS
HMMHMM

ON THE
COLOURED
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2015

Dates

1st Sat 18th April 10.00am-1.00pm
2nd Sat 30th May 10.00am-1.00pm
3rd Sat 15th August 10.00am-1.00pm
(2 weeks before 150th celebrations)
4th Sat 14th November 3.00pm-6.00pm
We are seeking parent helpers to assist in the library at lunchtimes to oversee board games and quiet reading, or roam the playground.

Please log onto www.carebookings.com.au and use booking code BMTGG to book your place on the roster now.

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
On behalf of Parents Association.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
CREATIVE MOVEMENT, DANCE AND YOGA
Thursday 2nd April
9:30am to 10:15am (3 to 5 years)
10:30am to 11:15am (5 to 7 Years)
CHOCOLATE MAKING AND EATING
THURSDAY 9th April 9:30am to 12:30pm (Primary Age)
CUP CAKE MAKING AND DECORATING
FRIDAY 10th April 9:30am to 12:30pm (Primary Age)
@ Bowen Street Community Centre, Camberwell
9889 0791
www.bowenstreet.org.au

CAMBERWELL HIGH SCHOOL
2015 Open Evening
Tuesday 21st of April @ 6.00pm
(Principal Address 7.30pm)

Choosing the right educational environment for your child is an important decision and can only be made after viewing a prospective school in action. To facilitate this, Camberwell High School offers regular school tours and holds an Open Night each year in Term 2. Our students volunteer to be tour leaders on this open evening and represent their school with honesty and pride. Please contact the Junior School office on 9831 8333 for further information.
Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!

Future Tennis
Holiday Programs
East Malvern Tennis Club

Hookin2Hockey
Beginner Program—Ages 5-12—Thursday 26th March
Toorak East Malvern

Need a Nanny
Available Mon-Fri
DANCE CLUB at GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL
For Years 1 and 2

A brand new Junior Dance Club is starting at Glen Iris Primary School. The sessions will be held before school on Tuesday mornings for all interested pupils in years 1 and 2. The classes are designed to suit a wide range of abilities and styled appropriately for the age of its members. After a funky warm-up the children will learn the steps to a choreographed dance with optional performances within the school community.

Numbers are limited to the first 20 children.

No previous experience is required.
There are no auditions, competitions or exams.
The children dance purely for fun.

The informality of the class gives the children an opportunity to 'have a go' and experience the art of Dance in a fun, friendly and familiar environment.

Where: Glen Iris Primary School Performing Arts room
When: Tuesday mornings 8.15 – 8.45
Starting Tuesday 21st April 2015
What to wear: School uniform
The cost: $5 per session - payment by term $45.00
Enquiries to: Kate Stanford

Kate

Please complete the tear off slip and return to school reception
or 6 Iris Road Glen Iris Vic 3146

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DANCECLUB at GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

My son/daughter ........................................................ Class ............
would like to attend Junior DanceClub at GIPS 2015 Term 2

I enclose $45.00 cash / cheque / EFT
To K L Stanford BSB 633000 Acc No 139422695 dated .....................

Parent Signature ........................................Parent Print .................

Contact Details (if new this term) ..................................................
(Please deduct fees for any classes missed due to holidays/appointments etc)

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Kate Stanford
Choreographer - Dance Teacher - Dance Coach
0417 545 024 / kate.danceclub@gmail.com
April 2015
School Holiday Program
20 hours of Intensive Intervention!
Helping Children with Autism (FaHCSIA)

Funded

April 7th – 10th 2015
4 hours a day 9.30am – 1.30pm

** Bayswater & Officer site **

*** Book early to avoid disappointment ***

Cost: $600 for the 4 day program

** MINDFULNESS MEDITATION **

EVENING GROUP

An 8-week program that combines meditation with therapy for people who have a child with autism and have experienced depression or chronic unhappiness

This group teaches a range of exercises and skills based on Meditation and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, a type of therapy which helps people to change unhealthy thinking patterns and behaviours.

- Learn gentle and effective techniques that help maintain clarity and well being.
- Learn about the patterns of the mind, how to recognise when your mood is sliding to sink and how best to respond.
- Learn the practice of mindfulness meditation by listening to it in classes and at home.
- Help break the link between periods of sadness and negative or self critical thinking

DATES
Monday Evenings
April 20 - June 8 (8 weeks)

TIME
6:30pm - 8:30pm

VENUE
IRABINA Officer Branch
546 Princess Highway, Officer VIC 3805

COST
FREE - This program has been kindly supported through the Cardinia Local Council Minor Community Support Grants. Participant will need to pay $60 for program materials.

ENQUIRIES
For more information please contact Louise Moore on 9727 9694 or via email irabina@irabina.com

Book your place at www.irabina.com Training and Development - Mindfulness

School Holiday Program
March 31st – April 2nd 2015

** Lego Club **

Helping Children with Autism (FaHCSIA) funded

Group 1: Prep-Grade 2
9.30am – 11.00am

Group 2: Grade 3- Grade 6
1.00pm – 2.30pm

Cost: $250 for a 3 day program

Our program is based on the Lego Therapy model.

The idea behind Lego Therapy is to motivate children to work together in pairs and small groups on specific projects. For part of the program, children will be assigned different roles in structured play. Other parts of the program will be less structured and we will work with the children to apply some of the problem solving and interaction skills they have learned through the structured play.

The program allows children to practice joint problem solving, listening, and general social communication skills, and will be supported by a multidisciplinary team of therapists.

Questions? Please call Bessie (Manager Clinical Services) - 9727 1118
e-mail registrations to autism@irabina.com

3 day Aquatic OT Intensive

School Holiday Program – for 3 to 6 year olds

$285

Helping Children with Autism (FaHCSIA) funded

Mar 31st – April 2nd

3 day Aquatic OT Intensive

Supports sensory processing

Promotes self care skills such as tooth brushing and toilet training

Develops basic independent swimming skills with a goal of transitioning into classes at community pools

Develops social interaction, play and communication skills

Limited places – register SOON to assist therapy staff with planning, registrations MUST be filled in by the 27th March. E-mail registrations to autism@irabina.com or hand them to Wendy in main reception.
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

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.

FAMILY DETAILS

Have any of your family details changed recently? Can’t remember? Don’t worry we all have those moments. Call in to the School Office or give us a ring if you would like to check the information we have on file. If you have changed address, phone numbers, emergency contact details and email addresses - ring, call in to the Office or send a note requesting a “Change of Student Information” form be sent home with your child.

It is very important to keep your details up-to-date.

Kaye, Liz, Kathy and Rose
GIPS Office Staff

HOURS OF SUPERVISION

Please note that students are supervised in the yard before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm.

GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

8.30am until 4.30pm

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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.
- 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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