Dear Parents,

I have just returned from watching some of our Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport teams in action this morning. It was great to watch the children’s enjoyment of such a simple pleasure – playing a game with their friends. Of course, winning convincingly helped too! I was struck by the camaraderie, team spirit and sportsmanship that was evident amongst the group. The players were a mixed group of Grade 5 and 6 boys and girls. They agreeably took turns when it was time to sub on or off and were generous in their praise and encouragement to their team mates. I thoroughly enjoyed a break from “the office” and felt immensely proud of the way in which our GIPS students and staff conducted themselves. Well done Gr 5/6s!

Progress Leader Grant
Vote For Glen Iris

I am very pleased to advise that Glen Iris Primary School was successful in winning the $1,000 Progress Leader grant to support our reinstatement and maintenance of play equipment. Thank you to Carolyn Ryan who initiated and produced the grant proposal and to all those in the community who took the time to vote for us. I am told we won by more than 500 votes! Go GIPS! Look out for another article and photo in the Progress Leader soon. The funds have gone towards the recently installed new slide in the Grade 1 and 2 playground.

Student Mid-Year Reports
Wednesday, June 25th

Teachers have finalised students' mid-year reports and these are currently being prepared for distribution. The reporting format is a mandated format for Victorian schools. Teachers aim to provide an informative summary of each student's achievements and progress over the first semester within this format. Whilst we are always interested in the grading a student receives on their report, of equal importance, I believe, are the gradings for "Effort" and "Classroom Behaviour". These areas indicate whether a student is working to their maximum potential. The A - E gradings are not included on the Prep / Foundation reports.
in Semester 1. There are plans within the Department of Education and Childhood Development to revise the reporting format with more flexibility for schools to introduce a format that meets the needs of their school community. There will be more information about this process in the future and I look forward to working with our families to consider the kind of report that best meets our needs. Student Reports will be sent home next Wednesday, June 25th.

**Staffing**

I have recently been informed our Physical Education teacher, Mrs Natasha Black, will be taking Maternity Leave from Monday September 8th. Congratulations to Natasha and Daniel as they await the birth of their first child. Arrangements are underway to select a teacher to replace Natasha for the later part of the year.

**Prep Enrolments – Please enrol now.**

We have had strong interest for enrolment for Preps in 2015. I would ask current families with Prep children for next year to submit your enrolment form at the office as soon as possible to support our planning. If you know of other local families with children beginning school who intend to attend Glen Iris in 2015, could you please encourage them to also enrol as soon as possible. In the near future, I will be determining if we are able to offer Prep enrolments to families for whom Glen Iris is not their nearest school. This is dependent on the demand from our immediate neighbours. Families are always welcome to make an appointment with me for a school tour or to discuss their child's educational needs and many local families have taken up this opportunity in recent months.

**Working Bee**

Last Saturday, an energetic band of workers from almost 20 families attended the Term 2 Working Bee. The group cleaned drains, weeded gardens, cleaned external walls and generally tidied up the grounds making us look much better as a result. Thank you to all the families who attended, especially our Buildings and Environment Convenor, Gary Bennett.

**Art Auction
Don’t’ be late for a very important date!**

I hope everyone has Saturday, August 9th clearly marked on their calendar and is keeping it free to attend our Student Art Auction. Working on an “Alice in Wonderland” theme, the children, under the guidance of our amazing art teacher, Michele Freeland-Small, have produced both individual and class pieces. All works will be exhibited on the night and in the lead up to the event. The 20 class pieces will be offered for auction. The Art Auction is our major fundraiser for 2014 and is always a fun night. We hope to see as many of our GIPS parents and friends as possible support the event organised by our Parents’ Association.

On Friday, August 8th, the children throughout the school will enjoy their own Mad Hatter’s Tea Party when they can wear a special hat, enjoy a tasty treat and inspect the exhibition. More details will be given closer to the date.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing term break at the end of next week.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher
From the Assistant Principal

AP Matters:

Building resilience: learning to negotiate.

My daughter Belinda collected Tazos, not footy cards, so I don’t pretend to have any first-hand knowledge of trading. One Year 1 student looked at me incredulously last week when I confessed I didn’t have a Footy Card Album. Despite this, I supervise Footy Card trading on Wednesdays in the Performing Arts Room from 1.00-1.35 with help from willing parents who do have Footy Card experience.

Students come in bursting to show off, talk about, and trade their precious card collections. It’s a noisy, exciting place to be. Some students bring ‘swap - only’ albums or separate packs of the cards they have discussed with their parents as ‘good to swap’. We encourage parents to talk with their child about what they want to swap and if they want to swap ‘gold’ or ‘hard to get’ cards.

According to author Michael Grose, footy card trading offers students real-life social lessons that include avoiding conflict, handling disappointment and negotiating better outcomes. He makes the point that ‘kids need some freedom to negotiate their own interactions and to learn from those experiences both good and bad’. Read more about developing resilience at: http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/resilience

To trade, students need to have the signed ‘I can trade’ permission form (on the website) and have it glued into the front of their Footy Card Album. If you’d like to help out one lunch time please let me know.

As for the Tazo Album- apparently there is niche market for tazos on eBay so I might have a small goldmine on my bookshelf!

Robyn Floyd

150th ANNIVERSARY
20 August to 6th September 2015

Searching for past students.
Do you know some-one who attended Glen Iris Primary School? Please collect a name/email/year attended postcard from the Office to fill in. We aim to reach as many past students as possible. Perhaps you could you drop off a bundle of twenty postcards to a local shop, community group, kinder, elderly cits etc?

A glimpse of the past…
We appreciate the efforts of the Wastebusters Team and the way our students generally keep our school grounds very tidy. However, in the 1890s it seems our school grounds weren’t quite so clean. In September 1890 it was reported in the Australasian that when Melbourne Harriers went through Mr Woodman’s garden towards Glen Iris and rounded Glen Iris State School they had difficulty following the trail. Apparently the wind was very high and the quantity of paper strewn about by the children attending the school was very misleading. Read more:

Cybersafety

There are so many questions parents have about cybersafety. One of the best sites for parents of students in upper classes and those who’d like to know more is the site created by Ivanhoe Grammar. Scroll down the posts until you find one that is useful. http://icybersafe.com/

End of Financial Year

To those parents who would still like to make tax deductible payments to our Library/ICT Fund and/or Building Funds, the cut off date is Wednesday 25th June at 3pm.

Thankyou for your contributions.

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.

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.
**Education Maintenance Allowance 2014**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on **28 February 2014 for the first instalment** and **1 August 2014 for the second instalment**; and
3. You must apply by **28 February 2014 for the first instalment** and **1 August 2014 for the second instalment**: be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health care card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) HOLDER; or be a foster parent.
4. Submit your application to the school by the due date: **28 February 2014 for the first instalment**, **1 August 2014 for the second instalment**.
5. *Please note: you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.*

EMA application forms are available from the school office or from our website.

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**LUNCHTIME DUTY**

Thank you to all those wonderful volunteers who have helped in the Library/Playground this term! We are seeking parent helpers to assist again at lunchtimes in Term 3. Together with the Yard Duty teachers the Lunchtime Duty Parent/s will supervise the library space or alternatively be in the playground.

A notice has been sent home this week.

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.

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**PE/SPORT NEWS**

**BAT TENNIS**

The PE/SPORT NEWS feature is designed to promote physical activity and sports among students. This month, we are focusing on Bat Tennis, a fun and engaging activity that combines elements of tennis and baseball.

**Fun!**

*Image of children playing Bat Tennis.*
Hello to all GIPS families,

Just a few timely reminders as the end of Term 2 approaches:

Our next Special Lunch is scheduled for next Tuesday, 24th June. The deadline for ordering is this Friday so please don’t miss out.

Also, we are currently enlisting the help of parent volunteers for our next Sausage Sizzle which will be held at the Masters Home Improvement store at Tooronga on Sunday, 27th July. The Sausage Sizzles are one of our best fundraisers each year and they require only a small investment of time from a dozen or so parents. Please check out take home notices this week for further details and let us know if you are able to help on the day.

Lastly, the student Art Exhibit and Auction is shaping up to be a terrific event. Michele Freeland-Small and her devoted group of parent helpers have been working overtime with our students who are creating an impressive collection of “Wonderland” art. The event will not only showcase the artistic talents of our children, but it will also provide a unique opportunity for GIPS parents to socialize together in a festive setting on the night (Saturday, 9th August). Please check the website and take home notices for registration and other details.

With kind regards from all of us at the Parents’ Association,

Alex Goldhagen, President.

FABULOUS EFFORT

Just over $6500 was raised thanks to all those who participated in this wonderful event. Congratulations and thankyou again to everyone who was involved.

Donna Polkinghorne

SCHOOL PICKUP

Just a reminder to all parents picking up their children after school to please 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.

Thankyou for your consideration
At Glen Iris Primary School, things are getting curiouser and curiouser...

Presenting

The Wonderland Series
student art exhibition and auction

a special tribute to Lewis Carroll’s timeless classic ‘Alice in Wonderland’

So join us down the rabbit hole

$20 per ticket for finger food, music and curiousness!
Wine and beer on sale – Works of art to be auctioned

tickets: www.gips.vic.edu.au

Saturday 9th August 7.30pm @ GIPS
Calling Mount Waverley High,
Mount Waverley Secondary College
ex students & staff

Mount Waverley Secondary College turns 50 in 2014, and we are calling on alumni, ex-students and staff to help us celebrate. Our celebration is planned for October 11, and we will have reunions, memorabilia displays, a cocktail party and rooms themed for each decade.

Join our Facebook page to receive exciting updates or register on our website:
https://www.facebook.com/MountWaverleySecondaryCollegeAlumni
www.mwsc.vic.edu.au

TAEKWONDO AT GLEN IRIS PRIMARY

We are now taking bookings for Term 3 for our ongoing Monday lunchtime program.
For more information email schoolstaekwondo@gmail.com.au

Exciting news:
two of the GIPS Taekwondo Instructors recently won the Australian Taekwondo titles in Perth. They will be representing Australia at the Oceania Championships - Caroline Marton (Centre) and Jack Marton (Right).
COMMUNITY NOTICES
Just a reminder to all to keep checking our community noticeboard on our website. There is new information every fortnight that many of you may be interested in.

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.

FOOTY CARD TRADING

FOOTY CARD CLUB has begun on Wednesdays at lunchtime.

Students at Glen Iris Primary School have the opportunity to join in a supervised lunchtime club that allows students to trade collectible cards.

Guidance will be given to students to ensure, as far as possible, trades are fair and equitable and support will be given to students to develop good strategies for negotiation and fair play. The program has been expanded to include Preps and Year 1s. Students who chose to join this lunchtime club do so with the understanding that trades agreed upon in the session cannot be disputed once outside the group.

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