From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope all of our families have enjoyed a relaxing break and managed to brave some of the very cold days we have had of late.

**Welcome New Staff**

I am pleased to welcome and introduce three new staff to Glen Iris. Two new Office Admin staff, Sally Pace and Clare Castle (pictured right), have commenced work last week. Sally works on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Clare works on Wednesdays and Fridays. Both ladies are settling in well and will be great assets to the school assuming a range of duties. Both Sally and Clare have already impressed us with their conscientiousness and initiative.

Grade 5/6F have a new teacher this semester following the departure of Fiona Kelly. Ms. Lyndsey Cullen (pictured left) commenced teaching the class at the start of term, attending the Grade 5/6 camp at Anglesea in her first week at Glen Iris. That’s one tough way to start a new job – 24 hours a day!

A big GIPS welcome to these three ladies. I know all the community will make them very welcome.

**Teapot Morning Tea**

In the last week of Term 2, I was pleased to host a Teapot Morning Tea. Congratulations to this group of children and I look forward to hosting some other children very soon. We always do our best to accommodate those who are unable to attend on their designated occasion, if for some reason they are away on the day.

**Grade 5/6 Camp**

Last week, the Grade 5/6 students attended camp at Anglesea. Despite extremely cold weather, the full program of activities were able to be conducted, including canoeing, surfing, the giant swing and the Vertical Challenge. The children were absolutely fabulous and the staff thoroughly enjoyed spending time with them. Thank you to the staff and parents who attended: Shanae Hill, Amy Kopciewicz, Christine Hallam, Emily Choo, Lyndsey Cullen, Lee Laier, Danniell Smith, Nathan Gilliland, Tim Jessen, Brad Mason, Warren Wood, James Pangrazio, Andrea Itowski and Robyn Campbell.

**Glen Iris Uniting Church – Car Parking**

As a school, we are always proud of our positive sense of community and welcome that emanates from GIPS. Please abide by the instructions related to parking near the school. The church car park is not available for school parking. This area is private property and for the use of people attending the Kinder or Church facilities.

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### TERM 3: CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**CURRICULUM DAY NEXT WEEK**

Wednesday 27 July 2016

*Children do not attend school on this day*
Storytime
Last week we held Storytime in the Library for future Prep children (pictured right). It was lovely to meet the children and their parents.

Assessment and Reporting – Student Reports/
Three Way Conferences
The middle of the year is a significant point to reflect on the progress children have made in their learning since the beginning of the year. Student Mid Year reports were distributed in the last week of Term 2. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss learning progress with teachers and students next week. Three Way Conferences are scheduled for next week, July 25th and 26th. Bookings are open on Compass.

I have noticed some families are yet to access their children’s report. If you are having difficulty accessing the reports, please contact the school office for assistance.

Curriculum Day
Next Wednesday 27 July the staff will work with consultant, Tracey Ezard, to contribute to the school’s four-yearly Self Evaluation. In the months ahead, parents and students will also have opportunities to reflect on the successes of our school and the opportunities of improvement. Please note this is a student free day.

Bi-Annual School Concert – Save the Date
The bi-annual school concert is in planning and will be staged on Friday 14 October at The Besen Centre. Classes are about to commence rehearsals to prepare a wonderful evening for their families. Make sure this date is marked on your calendar.

Yours Sincerely
Meredith Carracher

Free Dress Friday!
Help support the School on Friday 5 August by sending your child(ren) to school in free dress, along with a gourmet item for the Trivia Evening hamper.

Some hamper item suggestions that could be gifted include:

Food: savoury crackers, nibbles, sweet biscuits, nougats, chocolate, jams, chutneys, gourmet pastas, oils, balsamic vinegar

Drinks: coffee, tea selection, gourmet cordials

Pamper: candles, diffusers, soaps, hand creams, body lotions

Hamper: basket, tissue paper, tissues, cellophane

Please note alcoholic drinks such as wine, champagne, craft beer should NOT be brought to school by children, but would be gratefully accepted if parents can deliver them directly to the office.

Donation baskets will be located at the GIPS office and outside classrooms on 5th August 2016.

Any queries, please email the GIPS Parents’ Association: Julia Greene (juliachristinegreene@hotmail.com) or Narani Smyth (naraniv@gmail.com)

Gourmet Hamper Helpers Needed!
The Parents’ Association is holding a workshop to put hampers together on Wednesday 17th August 2016, from 9am - 11am and 2pm - 3.30pm. If you are available to be a hamper helper please email your preferred times by the 5th August to Julia Greene (juliachristinegreene@hotmail.com) or Narani Smyth(naraniv@gmail.com).

ICYPOL E HELPERS REQUIRED!
One parent helper is needed each Friday to assist and supervise with the selling of icy poles. It is a simple task requiring only half an hour of your time on a FRIDAY between 12.45pm – 1:15pm.

If you can assist please book online at carebookings.com.au using the booking code BMTGG. If you are unable to book online please contact me and I will arrange.

Please try to find a spare lunchtime as your children would love to see you and note that a Working With Children’s Check is required.

With thanks
Emma Verge
M: 0402 057 056  E: emma_verge@bigpond.com
On behalf of the GIPS Parent’s Association
Welcome back to Term 3 at school!
This term is going to be heaps of fun with many events to look forward to and brighten up the cold weather. Our preparations for the GIPS Main Event Trivia Night are in full swing along with a few other PA events. Here’s a snapshot for the term:

Monday 18 July, 7.30pm: Parents’ Association Meeting
Thanks to those able to come along. The minutes will be circulated soon.

Saturday 20 August: THE GIPS MAIN EVENT TRIVIA NIGHT
HURRY!!! There are only 10 tickets remaining (on 3 different tables) Call the office NOW to secure your seats at this NOT TO BE MISSED event!

FINAL CALL for Silent Auction Items
Please pass on any more ideas / donations to Corie (0428 730 335) or Wendy (0409 803 926), especially if you have access to, or connections within, the hospitality industry (food/wine, accommodation, travel), retail, car, fashion, interior design, entertainment (sport, music, film), health and beauty industries. Donation of items or services is a terrific way to market a business as well as helping the GIPS community. Thank you in advance for your support.

Friday 5th August: Free Dress Day
Bring a donation for the Trivia Night’s Gourmet Hamper Raffle

Friday 26th August: Father’s Day Stall

Tuesday 30th August: Father’s Day Breakfast Please contact me, Jacqui or Jade Paynter if you can assist with the preparations

Friday 9th September: Term 3 Cake and Produce Stall

Tuesday 13th September: Special Lunch day
Helpers will be needed, so please look out for the notices & emails and get involved!

On behalf of the PA and parent community, I would like to extend a warm welcome to 2 new office admin staff, Sally Pace and Clare Castle and to a new 5/6 teacher, Ms Lyndsey Cullen.

Thanks again to Jacqui Brown for covering for me in Term 2, it’s good to be getting back into the swing of things at GIPS after our fabulous holiday.

Jane Lukins, mother of Emily (5/6H) and Daniel (3TJ) President GIPS PA 2016
jane@lukins.id.au

TRIVIA NIGHT 2016: JELLIS CRAIG MAJOR SPONSOR
The Glen Iris Primary school Parents’ Association is proud to announce that Melbourne’s leading real estate agency, Jellis Craig, has joined GIPS as the major sponsor for this year’s Trivia Night & Auction; Dressed to Kill.

Jellis Craig have forged strong ties within our local community through their support for a number of local schools, sporting and community groups. We are delighted to have them on board.

On the evening of the event a representative from Jellis Craig will conduct a live auction of the following fabulous items:

A Luxury weekend Away Package: Two nights accommodation in the stunning Victorian High Country, plus a Lexus SUV with a full tank of petrol for the weekend;
Madison Time Square King Size Mattress and Foundation - Pure Indulgence: Available at your local Snooze store
Personal Styling Package

More details to come!

Corie Shrimpton 0428 730 335
Year 5/6: Camp to Anglesea

On 11th July, Year 5/6, along with some very helpful parents, went to the YMCA Anglesea Recreation Camp. Everyone had a heap of fun and enjoyed every minute of their time away and all of the activities were amazingly fun!

For those that were scared of heights, the Giant Swing (18m high) and the Vertical Challenge (16m high) were extremely difficult and nerve-wracking, but everyone did their best and got to where they felt comfortable. The other activities were really enjoyable but still challenging. These activities were Orienteering, the Clifftop Walk, Kitchen Garden, Hut Building, Rock Climbing, Mountain-biking and Canoeing.

On Monday night we had a Trivia Night which consisted of four rounds of questions which related to entertainment, sport, geography and general knowledge. Throughout the night there were bonus activities which could earn you extra points for your team.

On Tuesday we had a movie night where we all watched a movie together in our sleeping bags. On Wednesday night, the Year 5/6s had a Lip Sync Battle. Everyone who wished to participate prepared a song to Lip Sync. Finn, Aden and Tim won with the song ‘Dance Off’ as well as Harvey and Harry singing ‘Hello’. Both of them stole the show with a perfect 50. The next night was a great disco. A big thanks to Mr Smith for DJ-ing the disco.

Surfing was an excellent challenge on Thursday with clear weather and sunshine. Many people gave it a go for the first time and were able to stand up!

This camp was filled with many memorable funny moments. Here are just a few:

- **Morning dances**: Every morning the Jarrosite block of cabins would wake to the lovely sound of Miss Hill and Miss Hallam singing and dancing along to a wide range of music.
- **Mr Gilliland’s bad puns**: no more needs to be said.
- **Fashion crime**: The mortification (every camp has at least one) of this camp was definitely Mr Smith wearing socks with his sandals, a shocking sight to anyone.
- **The Sledgehammer**: On her first official week as a teacher at GIPS, Miss Cullen has already made a name for herself ‘The Sledgehammer’ due to her harsh judging techniques at the lip sync battle.
- **DJ Choo**: excellent DJ-ing at the lip sync battle, many laughs.
- **Dessert disasters**: When we accidently used up our spoons during our dinner meal Mrs Laier made us all eat our ice cream with forks.

**Miss K and her team**: coming from behind to win the Adventure Race.

Many thanks to all the teachers and parents for giving up their time for a very successful camp. A special mention to Miss Hill for organizing it and Miss Hallam who was in charge of First Aid.

Aden S, Ben M and Finn J, Year 5/6 Students
Thinking of selling?

In addition to their support of the Main Event Trivia evening, Jellis Craig have structured a fantastic deal for GIPS families.

If your a home or investment property is listed and sold by the local Glen Iris office, 5% of the gross fee will be returned to the family and an additional 5% of the gross fee will be donated to the school. All GIPS families can take advantage of this offer and help the school at the same time.

A big thank you to the team at Jellis Craig, Glen Iris.

We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with sewing and the making of costumes for the upcoming School Concert. Please see Mr Smith if you can help!

JOIN THE RIDE

It’s a beautiful day outside
The birds are singing
My arms are swinging
It’s a beautiful day outside
The trees are breezing
I’m feeling pleased
And it’s a beautiful day outside
So why do you join the ride
Because you know it will be fun
And don’t worry, you’re not the only one

It’s a beautiful day outside
The birds are singing
I’m feeling pleased
And it’s a beautiful day outside
The trees are breezing
My arms are swinging
It’s a beautiful day outside
So why don’t you join the ride
Because you know it will be fun!
And don’t worry, you are not the only one
Cuz as long as the sun will shine
We probably will be fine

It’s a beautiful day outside
The birds are resting in the tree
Because that’s how they be
And now sadly
The day is almost over
But one thing I know every time
Tomorrow’s going to be a better day
As long as the sun will shine

A song by Bailey Campbell, 5/6F
I have spent the weekend playing “Pokémon Go!” in a bid to understand what all of the fuss is about. The speed at which this game has spread is extraordinary and I can understand why. As I was walking along the street I witnessed people stopping abruptly and suddenly changing direction, all in an attempt to catch the Pokémon which had appeared on their phone. The game itself is simple to pick up and play, there is no skill required, it is not taxing on the brain but there is a strange buzz when you find a Pokémon and you catch it. This buzz can be quite addictive.

**What is Pokémon Go?**
When you start the app, you take on the role of Pokémon trainer. The aim of the game is for you, the trainer, to walk outside and catch the Pokémon. The app uses your GPS location settings and displays a map which shows randomly appearing Pokémon. To catch them you flick a Poké ball at it. The more you catch the greater a score you get as a trainer. Once you have the necessary skill level and experience you can visit ‘virtual gyms’. Here you use your Pokémon to fight other Pokémon characters.

As with any app there are pros and cons. I would suggest that children should not be playing this game alone. For parents with children in secondary school who have their own mobile phone I suggest you check their mobile for the app. If it is there have an open discussion about the negative things that can happen and reinforce their need to be aware of what is around them, not talking to strangers and importantly never meeting up with strangers.


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<td>Exercise. The app encourages people to get outside and walk. On top of this there have been suggested mental health benefits such as reducing depression and anxiety. (These are anecdotal comments. Nothing has been statistically proven as yet).</td>
<td>Playing the game can lead to injuries. People have fallen over and crashed their cars while playing the game. As the opening screen of the app states “be aware of your surroundings at all times”.</td>
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<td>The game brings people together. As someone said to me “I feel part of something”. There is definitely a feeling of connectedness while playing the game.</td>
<td>There is a possibility that ‘predators’ can lure people to a location. There have been reports of muggings and inappropriate behaviour through the use of this app. Most ‘gyms’ are in local open spaces, however others are in the homes of strangers. Be safe and use your common sense. Never forget stranger danger.</td>
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<td>Parents and children are engaging in the game together closing the digital divide!</td>
<td>The game is addictive. Some people have been going out in the early hours of the morning to catch Pokémon. You would never go for a walk at 2am alone and you certainly wouldn’t allow your child to do so alone.</td>
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Interschool Winter Sport: Divisional Soccer Finals

Congratulations to our Grade 5/6 Soccer team who made it through to the Divisional soccer finals on 19th July.

The students played at Hislop Park. We played four games against Kew P.S, Bialik P.S, Booroondara P.S and Sacred Heart P.S.

Although the results didn’t go our way we are very proud of their efforts. Go G.I.P.S!!!

Nathan

THREE WAY BOOKINGS ON COMPASS REMINDER!!

Bookings close this Friday
22 July at 5pm

Go to: Compass Home Page
Select: Parent/Teacher Conferences or go via Community – Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences.
Select the conference applicable to your child.
Follow the prompts
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.

Rivoli Cinemas: Disney Fairy Tale Festival

Rivoli Cinemas are bringing back all of your favourite Disney live action stories to the silver screen. Tickets are only $10, so it’s the perfect day out for the whole family! There will be face painting and colouring-in for the children. Tickets are available online at http://www.villageroadshow.com.au/

FESTIVAL FILMS AND DATES:

Sat 30th – Sun 31st July Maleficent
Sat 6 – Sun 7 Aug Enchanted
Sat 13 – Sun 14 Aug Into the Woods
Sat 20 – Sun 21 Aug Cinderella
Sat 27 – Sun 28 Aug Exclusive Sneak Previews – Pete’s Dragon

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.

Before and After School Supervision

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.

2016 TERM DATES

Term 3 11 July to 16 September
Term 4 3 October to 20 December

2017 TERM DATES

Term 1 30 Jan (Teachers) to 31 March
Term 2 18 April to 30 June
Term 3 17 July to 22 September
Term 4 9 October to 22 December
Bedtime Storytime
Jungle dreams...
Monday 8 August at 6.30pm
Ashburton Library
154 High Street, Ashburton
Phone 9278 4666
The whole family is welcome!
Wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite cuddly friend.

Lunchtime Duty
We are seeking parent helpers to either 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)
Justine314G@gmail.com
On behalf of Parents Association.