Dear Parents,

When we look at the calendar of events for the Term ahead, we know the silly season is just around the corner! There are many worthwhile and enjoyable events scheduled across the school so I suggest we all pay close attention to the calendar and notices to remain well informed.

The Education State
This term, the Department of Education has launched its initiative to further drive improvement in the State Education system. Principals have attended briefings outlining the key implications for schools. Some of the changes relate to the funding to schools being much more closely tied to community need and disadvantage: an approach I certainly support. Whilst Glen Iris hasn't gained significantly from this model, neither have we experienced any reduction in funding. An improvement I am very glad to see is the reinstatement of many of the supports that assist schools particularly at a Regional level. Schools will be able to avail themselves of expert curriculum advice to support our improvement agenda.

On Tuesday, Robyn Floyd and I attended a Question and Answer session on the future direction of government education in Victoria and participated in a presentation by Michael Fullan, a leading international expert in organizational improvement and change. If you would like to know more about the new direction for Government education, please visit this link and we will share further insights as the program evolves.


Congratulations Tahj
Last Thursday, several Glen Iris students competed in the Regional Athletics carnival. Well done to the students who participated: Lola Simmons, Erica Brown-Yamada, Helena Apostoli, Hannah Griffiths, Jess Mackie, Tahj Seelig-Schattner and Finn Jessen. Tahj Seelig-Schattner (5/6H) was placed second in the 12 year old girls' high jump competition and will now compete in the State Championships. Tahj exhibits a natural gift for this sport, despite being relatively untrained, until recently. She is to be congratulated for her fine achievement in reaching this stage of the competition. Good Luck, Tahj! Thank you to Stuart Mackie and Nathan Gilliland for training and organising the team.

Well Done Softballers!
On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of seeing our Girls' Softball Team in action in the Regional final at North Balwyn. The team won the opportunity to compete in this event by being the most successful team in the Glen Iris district Interschool Sport. The team have been training keenly before school for several weeks under the instruction of "Coach Hill". I was impressed by the girls' team spirit, sportsmanship and capacity to adapt to unfamiliar playing conditions - all with smiles on their faces. Well done to the team and Miss Hill.

Transition at GIPS
Throughout the remainder of Term 4, a range of transition programs will be conducted to familiarise and prepare children for their 2016 learning environment. Experts contend that changing grades is a similar experience to starting a new job. I recall what a challenge that can be! Children who are adaptable, resilient and informed are best prepared for the new class. Teachers will be working with the children across the school to build their readiness for change. Parents can also assist by:

- Being well informed about the programs and features of the new class. This can be managed by attending information sessions, reading the newsletter to see what is happening in other areas of the school and checking out the website. Talk to the staff. If you have family friends with an older child, perhaps they can share some information too.
- Taking your child for a walk around that area of the school.
All students are required to be wearing their school hat for all outdoor activities this term.

Our programs include:

- Kinder – Prep 2016 Transition – “Take Off” – commences on Friday, November 6th and runs for 4 weeks including a Parent Information Session on Wed Nov 25th
- Prep 2015 – Gr 5 Transition – “Transition Up” – commences in November and includes several sessions including guest speakers from the new grade level, visits to the classrooms and a “Meet The Teacher” session in December.
- Grade 6 – Year 7 – Statewide Orientation Day for Government Schools Tuesday, December 8th; Classroom based Personal Development program including adolescence, change.

If you would like further advice, please feel free to speak with your class teacher or other members of staff.

French Day
Last week, the children enjoyed a day of art and culture on French Day. In their Galaxy groups, children learned more about the French artist, Degas, famous for his paintings and sculpture of ballerinas. A highlight of the day was the ballet performance by dancers from Glen Iris School of Dance which was even better as we knew the dancers, ex-GIPS students Maddie Currie, Grace Hrelja, Cara O'Sullivan and Emily Tomlinson. The girls wowed us all and generously donated their time for the day, as did their teacher, Miss Amber Hobson. Congratulations and thank you to Madame Barre and Michele Freehand-Small for their organization of the day. Thank you, also, to the many parent helpers who ensured the day ran smoothly. There is a collection of beautiful photos taken on the day on display on the foyer screen and Zenfolio site.

Class Placement 2016
Shortly, teachers will begin the lengthy process of developing well-balanced classes for optimal learning in 2016. Input from class teachers, parents and children are taken into account in conjunction with learning, social and personality considerations.

Parents with particular information they would like to be considered during this process may put their request in writing to me no later than Friday, November 6th. Requests may relate to social, family or learning matters. Requests relating to individual teachers will not be considered. If you would like to discuss your request, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with Robyn Floyd or me by Friday, November 6th, to ensure your request can be considered in the timeframe for the class placement process. By following this process, we are best able to meet your request. In the event that we are unable to meet any requests, parents will be contacted prior to classes being announced. Late requests will not be accepted. Requests may be forwarded to the office in writing or by email to the school address glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with the subject line “Class Placement Request”.

Plans for 2016
Preparations for the 2016 school year have commenced and our Workforce Management strategy is closely aligned to the number of students in the school. If your family plans mean your children will not return to Glen Iris Primary School in 2016, could you assist by advising the Office as soon as your plans are known? We work on the assumption that children will return to the school unless we hear otherwise.

Yours Sincerely

FRIENDLY REMINDER

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.

HATS ON REMINDER

All students are required to be wearing their school hat for all outdoor activities this term.
Wow, what a day! Thank you to all the parents who participated in our incursion, assisting the students and being a fabulous support to the staff.

We really enjoyed exploring the famous French impressionist artist, Edgar Degas throughout the morning, making wire sculptures imitating the bronze stature 'The Fourteen Year Old Dancer’, looking at his drawings of ballerinas and making our own sketches of the dancers in pose and sewing buttons, sequins and petals using a variety of stitches onto fabrics for the tutu.

The highlight of the morning was the ballet performance by past students: Maddy Currie, Cara Sullivan, Emily Thomlinson and Grace Hrelja who are currently at the Glen Iris School of Dance. Their teacher, Amber Hobson led them through a specially choreographed dance. Our students were thoroughly engaged as they practised various exercises and routines under Amber’s guidance. We were all spellbound and hugely excited!

A very special thank you to Amber for sharing her expertise and for her kindness in supporting the French / Art Day last week.

Grade 4 students are working together to sew the 500 pieces of decorated fabrics to make the tutu for The Fourteen Year Old Dancer. Also watch out for the drawings and sculptures made on the day.

Michele Freeland-Small - Visual Arts
Laurence Barre - French LOTE

From the Assistant Principal

School Policy Updates

The Education and Community Partnerships Committee oversees the updating of school policies on a three year cycle in consultation with parents. This year we will be updating our First Aid, Anaphylaxis, Occupational Health and Safety, Homework and Technologies policies to Departmental Guidelines. These will be available for parent consideration Friday 23rd October from the General Office. School Council will ratify them at the November meeting.

150th Anniversary Excursion Bags – some still available
Support sustainability at Glen Iris Primary School and purchase an excursion bag. On excursions we ask students to bring drinks and lunches in light plastic bags. These are difficult to tie and untie and create waste. Our excursion bags have an easy draw-string and can be reused again and again. They could also be used as a library bag!

Special deal until sold out. Purchase an excursion bag for $10 and you’ll find a 150th badge and washable tattoos inside.

Christmas hamper idea
Buy a 150th shopping bag for $8 and fill it with goodies. (Yes, rather than using a hamper basket… that’s my brilliant Christmas idea this year for all my relies!)

Robyn Floyd
With Term 4 now underway, here’s an update:

**Walk-A-Thon:** Thanks to Fiona Freemantle and Kristin Meachem for organising this event and to all families for accommodating the last minute changes due to the warm weather. Congratulations to the grade 3-6 children for their laps achieved, please make sure you return your sponsorship forms and payment by Thursday 29th October. I am sure the grade Prep – 2 children are looking forward to having their turn next Monday 26th October.

The **2015 signed Hawks Footy Jumper** fundraiser is currently happening and bidding on eBay is heating up. Feel free to get your footy fanatic friends and family to bid before time runs out this Sunday 25th October at 9pm!

The **Mango Drive** is on again! Thanks to Julie Gray and Jacqui Brown for helping to coordinate. $25 for a 7kg tray. Orders are due by Monday 26th October, they will arrive at school for pick up in early December.

Please check the [GIPS website](http://gips.org) for further details on these activities and more.

Jane Lukins
President GIPS PA 2015
LEAVING GIPS ???

If your family plans mean that your children will not return to Glen Iris Primary School in 2016, could you assist by advising the Office as soon as your plans are known. We work on the assumption that children will return to the school unless we hear otherwise.

Thankyou—Office Staff

DOES THIS BIKE BELONG TO YOU??

If so please contact the school office

THE FINAL WORKING BEE FOR 2015

Sat 14th November 3.00pm-6.00pm

GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

YOUR UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS HAVE CHANGED FOR NOVEMBER ONLY

TRADING HOURS

TUESDAY: 2.30pm - 3.30pm
FRIDAY: 8.30am - 9.30am

NORMAL TRADING HOURS WILL RESUME AT THE START OF DECEMBER

YOUR UNIFORM IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE PSW MOUNT WAVERLEY STORE

288-290 Stephensons Road,
Mount Waverley VIC 3149,
Phone: 03 9768 0335

www.psw.com.au

#STUDIOKIDS CHOIR@ABC

singing our stories
respectful inclusive playful songs
from rich traditions

quality music
working together
building vibrant healthy communities

for children in grade 2-6
starting OCTOBER 14

Lauren Molloy
Karen McCalland

hosted by Ashburton Baptist Church
in partnership with Netwell Church of Christ
8Y street Ashburton

Wednesdays 4-5, 15pm
cost per term $75

to enrol or request further information
please email studiokidsartista@gmail.com
check out www.facebook.com/studiokidsartista or phone Karen 9865 8219

UNIFORM SALE!

5% OFF UNIFORMS
25% OFF ALL SCHOOL SHOES

FROM MON 9 NOV TO FRI 19 DEC 2015

PLUS EXCLUSIVE LAY-BY UNTIL 27TH JANUARY 2016

Your school uniform is available online and at the PSW store in MOUNT WAVERLEY.

288-290 Stephensons Road, Mount Waverley VIC 3149
Phone: 03 9768 0335

UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2016

www.psw.com.au Save Time, Shop Online
Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program provider for children and teens across Melbourne and greater Victoria and are now starting up at Glen Iris. We provide full-day activities to over 35,000 children aged 5-15 every year. Our programs are perfect for working families or for kids who are just looking for fun activities to do during their holiday break.

95% of families rate Team Holiday as the better than any other program they’ve ever used.

Fast Facts:

• Our service is fully approved for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebates.
• We provide a huge variety of theme days and activities Monday to Friday throughout all school holiday periods.
• We open at 8 am and close at 6 pm, however you can drop off as late as 9.30 and pickups as early as 3.30pm (provided we’re not on an excursion!). We do not offer half days.
• Activities include sports clinics, swimming, cooking, giant outdoor games, pamper princess days, scooter riding days, arts and crafts, loads of incursions and excursion and much, much more! Check our website out for upcoming themes www.teamholiday.com.au
• We provide two programs: a 5-12 year old program and a 10-15 year old program.
• Team Holiday only employs fully qualified staff, all with working with children checks, first aid, anaphylaxis training, asthma training, Lifeguard/Aquatics certificates and are either qualified teachers, studying in the field or coaches in specialist fields.
• Team Holiday welcomes all children from any school. You can choose to enrol into as many, or few days as you like.
• For more information, please visit www.teamholiday.com.au or call 03 9532 0366 to speak to one of our friendly team members.

CANTERBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fair 2015

SUNDAY 25 OCT 10AM - 4PM
MOLESWORTH ST, CANTERBURY

COME & ENJOY A FABULOUS
FAMILY DAY OUT
Rides, Food Stalls, Coke Stalls, Second Hand Stalls, Jams and Relishes, Face Painting, Plants and loads more!
Free Entertainment All Day

Entry is Free
Pre-purchase your kids wildcard at
www.cpsfair.com

Celebrating 140 Years

SCHOOL FAIR
MALVERN GARDENS, HIGH ST, MALVERN
Sunday 25 October
10am-4pm
Matt Preston Cup Cake Competition
Special Guest Carolyn Creswell
Farm Animals & Face Painting
Chutneys, Jams & Biscuits, Rides & Showbags
Fun for the whole family!

Major Sponsor
RT Edgar
reidedge.com.au
RESILIENCE, SELF-ESTEEM AND INDEPENDENCE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Parent Information Session

Resilience, self-esteem and independence are key skills all children need in order to thrive. When developing these skills, we encourage children to learn how to deal with feel good feelings and hard feelings. Feel good feelings encourage children to try new things and to be adventurous, while hard feelings can be important because they help children know how to respond when they are not doing well. Feel good feelings can be rewarded with praise, while hard feelings can be used to learn how to strengthen skills and respond better in the future.

When
Tuesday 10 November
Time
7am to 9pm
Where
Parosso Room (entrance to St Bede's School)

You can book online at https://resilience toreage.eventbrite.com.au
Phone 9380 4588 or email youngadults@stbedes.vic.edu.au

TALKING TEENS

AN OPPORTUNITY TO CALL IN, ASK QUESTIONS, MEET OTHER PARENTS AND LEARN IDEAS THAT WORK!

Do you wonder why they aren’t listening to you or how to deal with their anger?
How do we talk so they will listen?
Do you want to maintain a connection while they are going through their hormones?
Take some time out for parents.

WHERE: Mulgrave
National Bowl, Newitt St, Mulgrave

WHEN: Wednesday, 21 Nov, 7-9pm (4 sessions)

WHO: Debra, Mary & Guys of teenagers 12-18 yrs

COST: $12 per session ( Ask to attend)

CONTACT: Helena at Parentzone 9733 8124 or 9809 561 264

National Novel Writing Month 1 to 30 November

Young Writers: Can you complete a novel in just one month? A national writing challenge for young writers aged 8-17 years.

Writer’s block designation will be available on 10, 17 and 24 November

We will help with editing, brainstorming and problems, provide inspiration and the opportunity for new writers a writing environment.

Bedtime Storytime

Join us for a
Teddy Bears Picnic!

The whole family is welcome.

Monday 9 November at 6.30pm
Ashburton Library

International Games Day

AS YOUR LIBRARY

GAME ON!

Join in the fun from 10am to 5pm. Free event, no bookings required.

Asskleton Library
Carderowel Library
Hawthorn Library
154 High St
Ashburton
340 Carderowel Rd
Hawthorn
P 584 Glenferrie Rd
Hawthorn
GETTING A HANDLE ON STRESS
practical strategies for dealing with the pressures of parenting

Parent information session
Getting a handle on stress: practical strategies for dealing with the pressures of parenting with Karen Gehl

When
Tuesday 27 October
Time
7pm to 8pm
Where
Humeless Beam (next to Combined 1 Library)
Car Carpooling Notes

$10

You can book online at https://parent-stress.eventbrite.com.au or from the QN. For more information, contact Clare YB 9275 4456 or clarey@boorondara.vic.gov.au

Flexible Roles Available
in Community Care

Do you have a bit of spare time on your hands now the kids are in school? Or are you looking for something that can work around your availability? If so, we want to hear from you.

Prestige Inhome Care is seeking applicants with the right attitude to join our team of casual care staff, to assist with work in your area.

To be successful in this role, you will have:
• A caring attitude;
• A current driver's licence, a reliable and worthy vehicle;
• & ability to clear a Police Check.

This role will suit someone who has had experience caring for an elderly person (e.g., Family/parents) or a qualification in Aged Care or Disability (not compulsory).

We provide our clients with dedicated, professional care workers committed to helping people stay in their own homes. We are passionate about investing in our staffing teams through a comprehensive induction and training program, together with above award wages.

Contact Sophie O'Kill on Sophie@prestigeinhomecare.com.au or 03 8587 7900 with any questions.

What's your asthma story?
Asthma impacts one in 19 children in Australia and remains a leading cause of school absenteeism. As a parent/carer of a child with asthma you want them to be safe and well and so does Asthma Australia.

The "You Care We Care" Campaign asks parents/carers to share their stories. During National Asthma Week 2015 your stories will be published as an digital story book and will be presented to the Prime Minister as well as each State and Territory Premier or Chief Minister and their respective Ministers for Health.

All stories are welcome
We want to hear all different types of stories, tell us about:
• The good times - has your child done well at sport, or received outstanding positive feedback?
• The bad times - has your child been hospitalised, missed time at school or work?
• The frustrating parts - has your child had to face additional challenges because of their asthma or struggled to get the support they needed to reach their full potential?
• The sad moments - has your child recorded their feelings or thoughts about their asthma and how it affects them?

Share your story - #MyAsthmaStory
To share your story use the #MyAsthmaStory hashtag on Facebook, Twitter or by completing our online form at asthmaaustralia.org.au/story

No story should be no longer than 100 words and include photo where possible.

Auburn High School
Principal's morning tea and tour

27 October, 9.15am
Prospective families are invited to join our Principal for morning tea, followed by a tour.

Bookings essential. Please phone 9822 3247

Auburn High School
Indian Hill
Tuesday 10th November
6.15 - 8pm

Free Internet safety awareness presentation for parents and guardians

Bookings essential
Ph: 8822 3247

Australian Government
Office of the Children’s Safety Commissioner

Internet safety

Free Internet safety awareness presentation for parents and guardians

Tuesday 10th November
6.15 - 8pm
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.

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

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.

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.

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.
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.

---

**2015 TERM DATES**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term 1</th>
<th>30 January to 27 March</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Term 2</td>
<td>13 April to 26 June</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 3</td>
<td>13 July to 18 September</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 4</td>
<td>5 October to 18 December</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**2016 TERM DATES**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term 1</th>
<th>27 Jan (teachers) to 24 March</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Term 2</td>
<td>11 April to 24 June</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 3</td>
<td>11 July to 16 September</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 4</td>
<td>3 October to 20 December</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>