Dear Parents,

Cold, wintery weather has hit with vengeance in the past couple of weeks and the beginning of the school holiday period seems likely to bring plenty of ice and snow for those planning a ski trip in the holidays.

After a longer term, teachers and I have been reviewing how our school has travelled in the first half of the year. In short, we are thrilled with the positive and enthusiastic way our Glen Iris students are approaching learning and their time at school. The children are an absolute delight and a wonderful reflection on their families, school and community. Congratulations “kids” on a fantastic term; learning, getting along and looking out for others!

Sad Farewells
We are very sad to be farewelling two members of staff as the term draws to a close: Liz Devenish and Fiona Kelly.

Liz has been a Glen Iris stalwart for at least twenty years. As well as working in both the library and office, Liz was originally a Glen Iris parent with both her children, Laura and Tim, attending our school. Don’t be fooled by her quiet demeanour! Those of us who have worked with Liz for many years know of her mischievous ways only too well. Shelley Morrison reminded us of the many times, when she was the Phys. Ed teacher, the automatic sprinkler located exactly where she was standing would suddenly come on. Shelley would turn to see Liz’s grin from inside the building where the controls were located. Truly, as a staff, we cannot imagine Glen Iris without Liz. To the teachers, children and many parents, she is the person we all turn to, to solve our multitude of dilemmas. Liz has an uncanny knack of knowing everything that is going on – sometimes even before it happens! She knows where to find all the strange items we might suddenly need at a moment’s notice. Liz wore the special key for our 140th anniversary time capsule around her neck for ten years! She is simultaneously our mum, nursemaid, Mrs. Fix It and all round Super Woman. In short, totally irreplaceable!

As we farewell Liz, we want to thank her for all she has done and meant to everyone, past and present, at Glen Iris Primary School. Her commitment, energy, efficiency and excellence in all that she does has been amazing. Liz, we wish you all the very best in your retirement and hope you and David enjoy some well-deserved time to do the things you love. Please drop in to see us now and again, Liz – and we promise not to ask you to unblock a toilet or find some long lost item of significance! You will be so missed by us all.

Tomorrow, we will also farewell Fiona Kelly, class teacher of Grade 5/6F. Unfortunately, Fiona has decided to resign to enable her to attend to some important health issues. Although Fiona has only been at Glen Iris for a relatively short time; about a year, she has become a much loved and respected member of staff. Fiona’s unswerving care and commitment to her students is extensive and her gentle, kind manner is greatly admired. I know the children and families from her class will be sorry to see her go. All the very best, Fiona, and we hope to see you back at GIPS in the future. Ms. Lyndsey Cullen will commence teaching Gr 5/6F in Term 3.

Student Reporting
Yesterday, student mid-year reports were released on Compass. If you have not had a chance to view your child’s reports yet, please find time to review this
important document and celebrate the children’s achievements. Remember to view the Report which includes the Insights page. If your require assistance to access the reports, please feel free to contact the Office or your class teacher.

Mid Year Soiree
On Monday night, it was my pleasure to attend the first of our musical Soirees for 2016. Approximately 150 instrumental music students and ensembles performed for their families and friends. Some children were very new to their instruments and others very accomplished, but each did a wonderful job displaying their skills and preforming for an audience- quite a daunting experience. Thank you to our Performing Arts and Instrumental teachers for their efforts in preparing the children and organising the event: Danniel Smith, Niki Judd, Vince Hopkins, Jill Schofield, Lilla Fabrik, Clare Airs, Bianca Goldenberg, Hugh Matthews and Ruby Wilson.

Singing Group News
Commencing early in Term 3, we will be establishing a new singing group, in place of our previous Grade 3 – 6 choir program. Vocal teacher, Ruby, will lead interested students to form a different styled vocal performance group. With Ruby, the children will be involved in naming the group, selecting their songs and even planning some performance outfits. Singing is a great way to build optimism and positive emotions for the singers and the audience. We are hoping to see a larger group of children enjoying singing as a group and benefiting from a sense of belonging and having fun. A notice will be sent home so families can indicate their interest next term.

Mr Smith will continue to conduct the Junior Choir.

Grade 5/6 Camp
In the first week of Term 3, the Grade 5/6 students will go on camp to Anglesea. The children will participate in an active outdoor education program including surfing, canoeing, rock climbing and the giant swing. I plan to visit the group during their stay. Thank you to the teachers and parents who are giving up their time to accompany the children and enabling our camping program to continue: Shanae Hill, Amy Kopciewicz, Christine Hallam, Lyndsey Cullen, Emily Choo, Lee Laier, Nathan Gilliland, Danniel Smith, Andrea Itowski, Robyn Campbell, Warren Wood, Brad Mason, James Pangrazio and Tim Jessen.

Pupil Free Days – Term 3
Our final Pupil Free Day is on Wednesday, July 27th. Teachers will work with educator, Tracey Ezard to reflect on the strengths and opportunities for improvement they see in our learning programs in preparation for our 4 year school Review. The reason our Pupil Free Days are scheduled on Wednesdays is these dates enable the largest possible number of staff to participate in our professional learning program.

Have a happy and safe holiday break. School resumes on Monday, July 11th.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher

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.
Hi Claire,

Is Snapchat safe for young people to use?

From Anon.

Hi Anon,

Firstly, thank you for emailing me with a question for our column. As with many apps Snapchat has an age restriction. No-one under 13 years old is allowed to create an account and there are other features of this app which require the user to be 18 years old to use. The appeal of Snapchat is that any photo or video can be viewed for only 1-10 seconds (it is the sender’s choice) and then it disappears. So in theory, Tom can send John a photo and feel confident that John cannot save the photo or share it with others and no-one else can see the photo that Tom sent. However, in reality there is always a way around this. There are now apps out there which can save your Snapchat image or the receiver can take a screenshot of the Snapchat as they open it allowing it to be forwarded on to others or posted online. One downside with Snapchat is that young people think in the now and they don’t think about the consequences of their actions. They assume because an image can only be viewed for up to 10 seconds that it will never be viewed again and they are more willing to share inappropriate pictures. Another concern with Snapchat is that a group of friends can send a video full of hurtful comments which makes your child upset. If they come to you embarrassed and upset and want support they have no evidence to show you as it has gone. As a parent it is very difficult for you monitor what has been sent and received via Snapchat. Stick with the age guidelines given by the Apps, they are there for a reason and use your judgement about whether your teenager is mature enough to send appropriate Snaps to others and that they know what to do if they receive something that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Claire

Safechat

-safeChat welcomes your questions.
Email Claire at glentripley@gmail.vic.gov.au
or leave questions at the office.
Answers will be published in the newsletter.
MID-YEAR STUDENT REPORT SEMESTER ONE 2016

We wish to advise you that the Student Mid-Year Reports outlining children’s progress and achievements in first semester have now been completed by the class teachers and specialist teachers. The student reports will be available online on the Compass Portal on Wednesday 22nd June from 4.00pm. You will find the report filed within the Reports Folder on each child’s Compass Home Page. Early next term (25th & 26th July) a round of Three Way Conferences will be offered. These conferences will provide an opportunity for you, your child and your child’s teacher to openly discuss and celebrate the learning and progress your child has made throughout Semester One, and together positively discuss directions for their learning for the remainder of the year. Further information on these conferences will be sent home at the beginning of Term Three.

Barbara Maclaren - Assessment & Reporting Coordinator

LAST DAY TERM 2
FREE DRESS DAY
GOLD COIN DONATION
ASSEMBLY 1.30 pm
DISMISSAL 2.30 pm

I'm in ... for having lots of fun!

I'm in ... for denim cupcakes!

I'm in ...

Denim up & help cure childhood absence

Book Covering

The Library has acquired some fantastic new titles for our library collection, and some new class sets for the 5/6 Unit.

We need some help to get these covered so they can be borrowed. If you would like to help us cover the books either at school, or at home we would be very appreciative.

Please let the office know if you can help, and I will have a kit of books and covering supplies ready for you.

Thank you

Kirsta Moris

HELP WANTED
Thank you to everyone for the wonderful support of the Term 2 Cake and Produce Stall last Friday. The official funds raised totalled $2139.50 - a great result!

In particular, our appreciation goes to the Stall Coordinators Kelly Blue, Kate Venter, Debbie Graham and Class Hosts, Prep S, 1M, 3TJ, 4R and 5/6E and any other stall contributors for the lovely range of cakes, cookies, fresh produce and every-popular jelly cups and hot chocolate. We would also like to make special mention of the following people: Natalie Jefferson & Kevin Wheeler (“Our Kitchen Table”) for their generous contributions, Kristie Howes for the fresh produce from her garden (and helping with the GIPS veggie garden), Suzy Hotchins, Narani Smyth, Kelly Mrocki, Lise Allen, Wendy Clark and Gavin Blue for their help with setting or pack up and the many other helpers who were there.

Last Thursday morning tables-of-10 for the Main Event quickly sold out and only a few individual tickets remain. I again thank the Coordinators, Deb Pratt and Susan Mateer and other helpers for their enthusiasm and time spent planning this term and in anticipation of what they will do in the the holiday period! Our appreciation also goes to Liz Devenish in the office, for her assistance with TryBooking.

Thank you also to the Silent Auction Coordinators, Corie Shrimpton and Wendy Clarke for their work so far seeking sponsorship and donations. We are well underway with planning for this very important fun aspect of the night and fundraising for GIPS. We are still seeking your help in sourcing further items to put up for the Live Auction, Silent Auction or eBay auction. You should have received a notice about it this week. Please contact Corie, Wendy or myself if you can help. Your contribution can be big or small to cater for a range of interests and budgets!

Some other Fundraising reminders: the following organisations have agreed to contribute a percentage of their profits directly to GIPS, so it would be great if you could consider their products and mention GIPS when in store or online:

- **Entertainment Book or Digital Membership:** 20% of proceeds per membership to GIPS
- **Baker’s Delight** – Dough raiser Program – contribute 5% of sales when GIPS is mentioned.
- **Aussie Farmers Direct** – Enter Fundraiser Code 1404 when you sign up online

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the patient and efficient Liz Devenish for being a wonderful support to many members of the PA and the school community over many years in her role as Office Administrative Assistant. However, in addition to knowing everything about everything at GIPS, I also thank her for the encouraging way that she interacts with all our children when they visit the School Office for various errands! We wish you all the best, Liz, and will miss you!

In Term 3 we welcome back our President, Jane and family; Mike, Emily and Daniel, from their travels abroad. Meanwhile, I hope you all have a wonderful winter break. My family will be in Melbourne so I may see some of you at a local park or coffee shop!

I look forward to seeing you in Term 3 and at the ‘Dressed to Kill’ Main Event in August.

Regards,

Jacqui Brown, mother of Erica (5/6C), Angus (5/6K) and Kenrick (3TJ)
Vice President, GIPS PA 2016
brownjacqui@hotmail.com
Doors open 6.30 pm!

There were plenty of smiles as Hugo (1M), Hamish (1SV), Olivia (1SV), Isobel (2J), Mia (3A), Luke (4H), Daniel (4H), Jacob (4R), Amy (5/6C), Samantha (5/6C), Amelia (5/6K) and Bailey (5/6F) enjoyed chocolate cake, fruit and cordial with Mrs Carracher at the teapot morning tea yesterday.

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)  
Justine3146@gmail.com  
On behalf of Parents Association.
Holiday Program – Bookings Now Open

These holidays are going to be epic! We’re treating kids with a huge array of awesome activities to help keep them warm and entertained! Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program service operating at your school these holidays! We’ll be providing full day holiday programs for kids aged 5-12 each and every day of the school holiday break from 8am-6pm! All children from any school are welcome.

All programs are fully rebatable for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebates, which means you only pay half, if not less!

Staff are fully qualified, Working With Children Checked and are either teachers or studying in the field….not to mention great fun!

For more information, please visit www.teamholiday.com.au or call our friendly staff on 03 9532 0366.
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.

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

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.
Boroondara Youth Services are looking for young people aged 10-25 years to join the Boroondara Youth Reference Group. The BYRG are responsible for communicating the views of young people to Council. If you have a passion for giving young people a voice and connecting to your community then join this group. For more information please contact Clara Yip clara.yip@boroondara.vic.gov.au or 9278 4439. Meeting times and days are flexible.
THE COUNTRY WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA (CWA)
for country & city women

A new CWA night branch has started in Ashburton.

We are actively seeking new members from Ashburton and surrounding areas to create an inclusive and progressive branch of CWA Victoria.

Would you like to widen your social network?
Would you like to discover new skills & activities?
Would you like to contribute to your community?
Are you interested in women’s issues?

To learn more and help us shape the Ashburton branch of the CWA, we invite you to join us for our monthly meeting on

Tuesday July 5th, 7.00pm
The Craig Family Centre,
Samarinda Avenue, Ashburton

The CWA is open to women of all ages.
Enquiries: cwa.ashburton@gmail.com

Ex-GIPS student now studying Midwifery at ACU and seeking pregnant women.

I would love to support you through the journey and gain valuable experience to take with me into my profession as a midwife.

Google ‘ACU CEE program’ for more detail.

Student Midwife: Laura Larsen-Pope 20yo - lives locally

Please feel free to contact me with any queries at al0202391@myacu.edu.au

Glen Iris Road Kindergarten
Full day kindergarten for 4 year olds (8:30am - 4pm), plus a 3 year old program (Mon 9:30am - 2:30pm), with lovely facilities right next to the school. Applications for 2017 accepted now at Boroondara Kindergarten Central Enrolment Scheme. Visit http://www.glenirisuniting.org.au/the-kindergarten for details, or contact the enrolment officer (giruck.enrol@gmail.com).

INTENSIVE TENNIS CLINICS
VENUE: East Malvern TC - 22 Duncan St, East Malvern
WEEK 1: Mon 27 June - Fri 1 July
WEEK 2: Mon 4 July - Fri 8 July
DAILY: £80 Full day 9:30-3:30PM; £45 Half day 9:30-12:30PM
WEEK DISCOUNTS: £320 full day; £180 half day

BOOK NOW FOR TERM 3 COACHING!
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.
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.

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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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