Dear Parents,

The atmosphere around the school is a little less frenetic this week now that our concert “Possum Magic – GIPS Style” is over. I think the staff and children have enjoyed reflecting on the experience and reliving the excitement of the night. We hope it was an equally enjoyable evening for the audience. Apart from the fine performances by every grade level, the teachers were full of admiration for the way the children conducted themselves like real troopers backstage, waiting patiently and trying so hard to keep quiet so as not to disturb the show. In the next few days, I will send home a link to the Zenfolio site where you will be able to view an amazing collection of photos provided by Gavin Blue, dad of Harry (3M) and Archie (1J). The photos are truly wonderful. Of course, the concert required a huge number of people to bring it all together. Thank you to the following people for their contribution: Kate Stanford: Choreography; Kate Van der Jagt and Susie Walton: Production and Direction; Michele Freeland-Small, Kelly Hopkins and Kylie Carnegie: Costumes; Penny Ashby, Liz Lockwood, Elisa Olsen, Jo Lawson, Viv Mason, Carina Martin, Karen Paton, Meredith Dahlsen, Megan Bennett and Amanda Parsons: Footy Banners; Amy Kopciewicz, Chrissy Downes, Mia Sargeant and Tahj Seelig-Schattner: Script; Shanae Hill: Concert Rehearsal; Emily Watson: Vocal Training and the Office Staff for the assistance with ticketing and publishing. Now we can pack away our concert folder until 2016!

**Tournament of Minds Australasian Pacific Final**

Last Saturday, October 18th, The Social Sciences TOM Team represented Victoria in the Australasian Pacific Final at La Trobe University. This is a great achievement for the team to reach this level from an initial field of 50,000 students. The team attended an Opening Ceremony and Welcome event at the State Netball and Hockey Centre and Melbourne Zoo on Friday, October 17th. On Saturday, October 18th, the team competed in the competition and judging. Well done to Matthew Hobbs, Matthew Litchfield, Olivia Whitford, Jasmine Yze, Anna Versecky, Ben Robinson, Ayva Dimopoulos and teacher, Amy Kopciewicz.
Some Sad News
At GIPS, we are very fond of our lovely oak trees and enjoy the amenity they offer in our school ground. An Arborist has prepared a report on one of our trees and, sadly, the oak tree beside our front gate is diseased. It will need to be removed as it will become a safety hazard. This work will be undertaken very soon. The area will be prepared for the planting of a new oak tree as part of the school’s 150th Anniversary celebrations in 2015. Removal of such a significant tree is not a decision that I would reach lightly, however, in the interests of safety, there is no other choice.

Divisional and Regional Athletics Carnival
Recently, approximately 20 Glen Iris students represented the District Association in the Divisional Athletics carnival. Based on their success at that level, three students, Hannah Griffiths, Harry Parsons and Finn Jessen, qualified for the Regional Carnival. Congratulations to all competitors and Phys Ed teacher, Michelle Vincitorio, for her excellent organisation of the team.

Divisional Softball Final
Yesterday, our Grade 5/6 Interschool Softball team competed in the Divisional Final at Balwyn North. Well done to the team.

Social Media
I draw your attention to the information regarding an upcoming Cyber bullying event here at Glen Iris on November 12th. One of our teachers, Claire Sutherland is completing her PhD research in this area and has been invited to speak at a conference in Sydney next year. Claire and eSmart Coordinator, Alex Schifter will present valuable information for every parent that is pertinent and relevant to our Glen Iris students.

Class Placement 2015
Shortly, teachers will begin the lengthy process of developing well-balanced classes for optimal learning in 2015. 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 7th. 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 7th, 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”.

Regards
Meredith Carracher

Tea Pot Morning Tea
Mrs Carracher enjoyed chocolate cake, strawberries and cordial with Ben 4TH, Sam 56K, Eliza 2B, Charles PG, Revaant 1H, Jeyhan 4B, Ella 4B, Maude 1H, Harry 56N and Lachlan 3M.

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

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.
From the Assistant Principal

What are our kids doing in cyberspace?

Claire Sutherland (PhD research into Cyberbullying in Australian Schools) and Alex Schifter (GIPS eSmart Coordinator) will present a cybersafety night with a difference. It will be on Wednesday November 12. After collecting data about what students at GIPS are using at home, Claire and Alex will present the ‘what’ and ‘how’ of these programs and discuss strategies to support parents understand the best uses of these new worlds. Suitable for those with children in Prep, 1 & 2 and those with children in grades 3 to 6. Please book at the office for this once a year event.

Our student website

The Student Action Leadership ICT team has created a website for students and parents. Go to their Cybersafety page and click on the resources. The ICT Team LOVES feedback so please leave a comment. http://ictsalt.edublogs.org This is a secure site. Please use the password ictsaltview

150th ANNIVERSARY
20th August to 6th September 2015
150th Anniversary Blog

The Education and Community Partnerships Committee with the School Council has decided on dates for the 150th Anniversary in 2015. So pop these in your calendar.

28th August – Assembly & opening of the Time Capsule
4th September - Recent Schoolies (attended in the last ten-fifteen years) 4-6 pm. School Opened /Sausage sizzle.

Make my toenails twinkle

In the grade 5 and 6 classrooms a number of ‘poet-trees’ have sprung up. From their branches hang poems carefully crafted by students. While students often choose to write poems during their daily writing time, it seems that in 1989 our children also appreciated poetry. Children at Glen Iris contributed illustrations to a resource book for teachers by Moira Robinson called, 'Make my toenails twinkle'. I wonder if any ex-students have a copy of this book, or information about Moira Robinson.

Robyn Floyd
Assistant Principal

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

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.
To All GIPS Parents,

On behalf of the Parents’ Association, I encourage you to be personally involved in our plans for 2015, the 150th anniversary of Glen Iris Primary School.

It promises to be a historic year for the school and we are hoping to include as many families as possible to help plan and celebrate the occasion.

The next PA committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30pm, Monday, 27th October at the school. All GIPS parents are invited to attend as our special guests so please join us if you can. (Our meetings usually run for an hour or less.)

We hope to see you there.

Regards,

Alex Goldhagen,
President

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The GIPS Mango Drive is Here!

Quality Kensington Pride mangoes will be delivered direct from the farm in Queensland to GIPS.

- Mangoes are sold by the tray and each tray weighs approx 7kg (14-20 mangoes depending on size). The price per tray is $25.
  They should be ready for collection in the first week of December.

- Ripe mangoes keep in the fridge for a couple of weeks and can also be frozen so you can enjoy them all year round!

Don’t forget to also offer this to your family, friends and neighbours: A tray of mangoes makes a great early Christmas gift!

All orders are due by MONDAY 27 OCTOBER. NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Anna Tomlinson - Parents’ Association
On Friday the 31st of October 2014 Glen Iris Primary School will be celebrating Green Day!

On this day you can drop off any unwanted IT Equipment and it will be safely recycled by ECOACTIV. Some older equipment can contain hazardous materials and we want to keep them out of landfill.

We are collecting the following:

- LCD and CRT monitors
- Laptops/PC/Desktops/Tower Servers
- Copiers/Fax machines/Printers
- Desk phones and Mobile phones

Please bring them to the Grade 2C classroom (near the coloured squares) between 8am and 9am on Friday the 31st of October.

Thank you

GIPS

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Somers School Camp 2015

An outdoor and environmental experience for Year 5 & 6 students.

Dear Parents,

This year’s Grade 4 & 5 students have the opportunity to participate in the annual Somers Camp in Feb 2015!

The 9 day camp aims to increase confidence and independence, with a focus on the outdoors. For more details please visit [http://www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au/](http://www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au/)

If your child is interested in attending Somers Camp, please send an expression of interest to glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au attention Tanya Tomic.

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From September, 5 things to remember

Slip! Stop! Slap! Seek! Slide!

From September, Victoria’s UV levels are on the rise, so it’s time to dust off the sun protection gear and Slip, Stop, Slap, Seek, Slide whenever you are outside. Check the SunSmart UV Alert for daily sun protection times – you can find it on the free SunSmart app, online [sunsmart.on.a.au](http://sunsmart.on.a.au), or in the weather section of newspapers, or as a free widget. If you can’t check the UV Alert each day, make sure you use sun protection every day from September to the end of April in Victoria. Don’t just wait for hot, sunny days.

Remember these 5 SunSmart steps during the sun protection times, even if it’s cool or cloudy:

1. **Slip on covering clothing.** If you can see skin, UV can reach it. Is your child’s skin covered with cool clothing today?
2. **Stop on SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum sunscreen.** Apply sunscreen before going outdoors and reapply every two hours. One application is not enough. Has your child had sunscreen applied and reapplied today?
3. **Slap on a sun protective hat.** The best hat shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck. Does your child’s hat protect all of these areas?
4. **Seek shade.** Shady spaces help block some of the sun’s UV but not all so you still need to wear hats, clothing and sunscreen even in the shade. Does your child have shady places to play?
5. **Slide on sunglasses labelled AS 1067.** If practical, help protect your child’s eyes with sunglasses. Are your child’s eyes safe in the sun?

A note about vitamin D

The sun’s UV is the best natural source of vitamin D.

From September to April in Victoria, most people need just a few minutes of sun exposure mid-morning or mid-afternoon on most days of the week to help with vitamin D. Even with sunscreen you can still get some vitamin D. Sun safe outdoor play throughout the day should not put your child at risk of low vitamin D.

Children with naturally very dark skin need even more sun exposure to help with vitamin D and don’t usually don’t need to apply sunscreen. However ALL children should still use the other SunSmart steps during sun protection times.

For further information contact:

SunSmart:

**Ph:** 9514 6419
**Email:** sunsmart@cancer.vic.org.au
**Web:** sunsmart.com.au
**After School Programs**

At the Ashburton Community Centre

**Art & Craft**
- Drawing
- Galactic Crafts
- Storytelling
- Homework: 3:30pm - 5:30pm
- Craft: 7:30pm

**Cooking**
- Tuesdays 3:50pm - 4:30pm
- 12+ year olds

**Kid’s Clay Play**
- Play with your imagination and kids of quality clay modeling with clay helps to develop fine motor skills and imagination.
- For ages 3 to 12 year olds.
- Wednesdays 3:30 - 5pm

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**Cudgee Primary 150th Anniversary 2014**

You are warmly invited to a Celebratory Morning Tea

Sunday November 30, 2014 at 10am

for the 150th anniversary of Cudgee Primary School

Please RSVP to the school by November 15th

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**ROWEN ST KINDERGARTEN**

**FUN DAY**

26 October 2014

10am to 3pm

Treasure Dig ~ Glitter Cave ~ Sausage Sizzle

Craft Activities ~ Smoothie Cycle ~ Rides

Face Painting ~ Home Baked Goods

Second Hand Children’s Toys and Books

27 Rowen St, Glen Iris

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**THOMAS & FRIENDS**

Let the Kids Join in the Fun

Sunday 23rd November 2014

Puffing Billy Railway
Station Gembrook

Children aged 3 to 12 years get the chance to run with Thomas the Tank Engine and Puffing Billy

For more information and registration go to:

www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au

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**I love ST. CECILIA’S School Fair**

Saturday 25th October 2014

11 to 4pm

4 Van Ness Ave

Glen Iris

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**Your local Neighbourhood and Learning Centre new Term 4 2014 brochure is out. We have great classes if you are thinking of getting back into work like:**

- English for Customer Service
- Pathways to Employment
- Introduction to Retail
- also great class on how marketing your business or organisation, called Marketing through digital media, Social Media Strategy, 3D printing

For more information please contact us

Ashburton Neighbourhood and Learning Centre
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Phone: 18005406
(located opposite Ashburton Railway station)
Email: admin@alametnic.com.au
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Beginners aged 5-12

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Boys aged 10, 11 and 12

RIVERSDALE SOCCER CLUB
Expressions of interest—junior 2015 programme

GLEN IRIS VALLEY TENNIS CLUB
Free Tennis Intro Lessons - Term 4 2014

MALVERN BASEBALL CLUB
Registrations Open

More details on website under community noticeboard
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.

TAEWONDO AT GLEN IRIS PRIMARY

Thank you for another successful Term 3 at Glen Iris Primary School.

Thank you for all the students who participated in the demonstration. We only had two weeks to prepare and all students showed great courage and fantastic skills on the day. If anyone has photos from the demonstration we would love to put them in the school newsletter (to show off a little).

Over this term two of our instructors Caroline Marton and her brother Jack Marton (aka Fish legs) both won the Oceania Championships last month held in Sydney in their respective weight classes. Hopefully in 2015 they will qualify for the Taekwondo Grand Prix which is the Olympic Selection pathway!

Term 4 payments of $160 are due second week of term 4!!

TERM 4
PROGRAM STARTS Monday 13 October
GRADING Monday 24 November
RESULTS Monday 1 December
LAST WEEK Monday 1 December

Thank you again for your support of the taekwondo program.

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.

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Family fun in the parks!

In October, bring along a rug, picnic and sun screen to celebrate National Children’s Week at a local park.

Tuesday 21 October – Canterbury Gardens, Canterbury Road, Canterbury
Wednesday 22 October – Anderson Park, Anderson Road, Hawthorn
Thursday 23 October – Ferndale Park, Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris
Saturday 25 October – Beckett Park, Perring Road, Balwyn

All sessions take place between 10am and 1pm
- Storytelling sessions by Council's librarians between 11am and 11.30am
- family story times
- Council and community health representatives available to answer questions
- performances by local groups.

Phone Family Services on 9278 4613 or visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au for full details.

This is an outdoor event and therefore could be subject to wet weather. In the event of extreme weather conditions the site becoming unsuitable, then the event will be cancelled.

This decision will be made by Council officers and the community will be notified via Council’s website.

This Children’s Week event is presented by the City of Boroondara in partnership with the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

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What's on in the Libraries?

Boroondara libraries run regular sessions for children, why not visit one during Children’s Week?

**Mad about... Animation**
(Suitable for children aged 7 years and over)
Monday 20 October, 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Camberwell Library

**Preschool Storytime**
(Suitable for children 2½ to 5 years)
All sessions 11am
Monday 20 October - Camberwell Library
Tuesday 21 October - Balwyn Library
Tuesday 21 October - Canterbury Gardens*
Wednesday 22 October - Kew Library
Wednesday 22 October - Anderson Park*
Thursday 23 October - Ashburton Library
Thursday 23 October - Ferndale Park*
Friday 24 October - Hawthorn Library
Saturday 25 October - Beckett Park*
*Outdoor event and is therefore weather dependent

**Tinytots Storytime**
(Suitable for children 12 months to 2½ years)
Wednesday 22 October, 10.30am
Hawthorn Library

Check out the Boroondara Libraries website for more information: www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/libraries

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Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre
157 Union Rd, Surrey Hills

Parent Led Playgroups
Playgroups are held in a large sunny room with a fantastic secure outdoor area. A great way to make new friends locally. Come and join in one of the popular playgroups.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings
9.30am to 11.30am
$45 for 10 weeks.

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Creative Dance for Children
Have fun with movement and music in this popular class by our experienced dance and yoga teacher, Karen. Moving the body with inspiring music, children are encouraged to think creatively, explore their surroundings and use their imagination to express themselves.
Weekly classes during term. Come and try a class for $14.

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**Market Family Day**
Visit Camberwell Fresh Food Market to sample fresh seasonal produce and fine gourmet food. Join in the fun with music and entertainment for the kids.
When: Saturday 25 October, 7am to 5pm
Where: Camberwell Fresh Food Market
519-525 Riversdale Road, Camberwell

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For more information on any of these events, please contact the Family, Youth and Recreation Department on 9278 4613 or email clara.ytp@boroondara.vic.gov.au
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