From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Story Time @ GIPS starts on Friday, May 27th
“Story Time @ Glen Iris” is a literacy program for preschoolers that begins on Friday, May 27th and will be conducted fortnightly until the end of term 3. Our “Story Time @ Glen Iris” program is an informal opportunity to familiarise parents and children with our school environment and facilities. It provides an enjoyable introduction to school for your child and a smooth beginning to their years at primary school. Our “Story Time @ Glen Iris” program offers children the opportunity to experience a story telling and activity session with one of our Prep teachers or other staff in our library space. Children in both 3 and 4 year old kinder are welcome to attend “Story Time” with a parent or carer. Siblings are welcome too. Bookings should be made at the school Office (9885 3624).

“Story Time” will be held fortnightly on Friday afternoons from 2:30pm – 3:15pm on the following dates:
Term 2: May 27th and June 10th
Term 3: July 15th, July 29th, August 12th, August 26th, September 9th

Traffic Flow
In recent days I have been concerned about some of the driving practices of people dropping off and picking up children from school. In the interests of children’s safety, please refrain from double parking, over staying parking limits and performing U-turns in the congested traffic near our school crossing. Also, the small school car park is designated for staff parking only and is not available for dropping off and picking up children without permission. Lately, Traffic By-Laws Officers have been patrolling near the school and fines are issued for breaches of road and parking rules.

After School Arrangements for students
A reminder that playground supervision concludes at 3:45pm each day. Children who have not been collected by parents are supervised at the Office after this time whilst parents are called. Children who are walking home at home time are encouraged to leave school when they are dismissed and make their way directly home as expected by their parents. Recently, we have had worried parents and teachers searching for children who have not been at the designated pick up spot when expected. Please reinforce with the children the importance of making their way directly home or to the appointed location following an agreed route. We are noticing an increasing stream of children heading to milk bars and takeaway food businesses which delay them from getting home. This is entirely a family arrangement; however, it can be difficult for teachers to know if the “afternoon tea detour” is agreed to by parents.

Boroondara Principals’ Conference
On Thursday, May 26th, Robyn Floyd and I are attending the Boroondara Principals’ Conference at Marysville. The keynote presenter is Simon Breakspear. Simon is a learning strategist, researcher and innovator. He is recognised internationally as a leading thinker on educational reform and learning innovation. As the founder and CEO of the learning research and design agency “LearnLabs”, Simon works to help education leaders to design and deliver high-impact strategies to
enable deeper learning. He has worked with and spoken to leaders across Australia, New Zealand, the USA, Canada, the UK, Europe, Hong Kong and India. I look forward to the opportunity to consider further learning initiatives for Glen Iris through our participation in the conference program and professional dialogue with colleagues.

Yours Sincerely
Meredith Carracher

First Working Bee 2016

Thank you to the many families who attended the first working bee on May 14th. The industrious crew dug, swept, mulched and tidied until our school ground was fantastic. A special thanks to Craig Ots-Maher, Buildings and Grounds Convenor, for all his work in organising the working bee. Craig has also been invaluable in attending to many other projects to manage and support our facilities such as repairs to the water tanks and solar panels; refurbishment of the pavilion and quotes for new fencing on the western boundary. We look forward to seeing these works progress in the future.

House and District Cross Country

Please see the article from Mr Gilliland highlighting all the children’s great efforts in the cross country.

Celebrating STEM - Education Week for the GIPS community – Tuesday, May 17th 6:00pm

It was great to see so many families enjoying our Forensic Science night on Tuesday, May 17th. After setting the crime scene, the children finger printed, used infra-red light to read the secret messages, used the digital microscope to examine evidence and searched for visual clues to solve the crime. Thanks to Matthew Gr 5/6 and Anthony Gr 4 for their good humour at being uncovered as the “suspect”! Thanks to Shelley Morrison for her work in arranging this special activity.

Prep Enrolments 2017

Now is the time to submit enrolment applications for Preps for 2017. If you, family, friends or neighbours are considering enrolling children at GIPS in 2017, please forward enrolment forms to the Office as soon as possible to assist our planning. Any parent wishing to discuss their child’s education at Glen Iris is welcome to contact me to arrange an appointment and tour.

Pupil Free Days – Term 2

Just a reminder that children will not attend school on Wednesday, June 8th as this day has been designated as a Report Writing day for teachers. Our other Pupil Free Day date later in the year is Wednesday, July 27th. 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.

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.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Christianity SRI is now being offered during Monday lunchtimes, 1.00-1.30 in the Performing Arts Room, at a cost of $10.

If you would like your child to attend please fill in the SRI parent consent form available at the General Office.
Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!
This week’s notices:

Join Warrior Princess in Ashburton
Thursday 2nd June—7pm

Australian Boys Choir Auditions
Sat 18th June - 10am-4pm - Boys aged 7-9
It has been an eventful month for the school, the PA and community. Thank you to the many families who have assisted by attending one of the following events over the past fortnight.

- Term 2 Working Bee - for the hard work on a Saturday afternoon to make our environment look great for the children and staff.
- Open Day Tours - for showing families around and serving refreshments.
- Prep 2017 Information Night - for providing or serving supper to prospective parents.

I would especially like to acknowledge all those who gave up their Saturday afternoon on **Saturday 14 May** to attend the **Term 2 GIPS Working Bee**. It was well attended and a lot of work was achieved. Thank you to **Craig Ots-Maher** for coordinating the many jobs that were completed and to the 30+ families who attended: Burns, Carnegie, Connell, Craven, Duprey /Calvert, Fisher /Brumley, Graham, Grant, Greene, Heverin, Hoban/Robertson, Holbeam, Howes, Itowski, Kelly, Merrett, Smythe, Palmer, Perkins/Trebath, Perry, McEven, McMeikan, Moore, Nelson, Ots-Maher, Phillips/Beggs, Swan, Varro, Weaver, Brown/Yamada. Thank you also to **Meredith Carracher** for serving afternoon tea!

The PA is now focussed on preparations for the **Main Event** to be held in Term 3. The GIPS PA’s **main fundraising and social event of 2016** is getting closer. The **Trivia Night** event, themed **Dressed to Kill** will be held at Phoenix Community Centre on **Saturday 20th August**. Book your babysitter now and save the date! Look out for more information coming soon about ticket sales which will go on sale in June.

- Thank you to **Debbie Pratt** and **Susan Mateer** for coordinating this event.
- Thank you also to **Corie Hill** and **Wendy Clarke**, who have taken on the coordination of the Silent Auction. If you have ideas regarding contributions for the **Silent Auction**, please contact **Corie Hill** (madeinaustralia@gmail.com).

The next **Parents' Association meeting** is on **Monday 6th June** in the GIPS staffroom at 7.30pm. This meeting is scheduled earlier than usual to accommodate the Queen's Birthday holiday and the Soiree. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Best wishes to all as we head into winter and some wet weather!**

Jacqui Brown, mother of Erica (5/6C), Angus (5/6K) and Kenrick (3TJ) on behalf of the GIPS PA 2016
brownjacqui@hotmail.com
CAKE STALL

Glen Iris Primary School Parents’ Association

Cake and Produce Stall

Friday 17th June
3:20 - 3:50 PM

Fresh & Delicious

...Yummmm

On the Coloured Squares

Prices start from 50c

Main Event

Glen Iris Primary presents the Main Event

Dressed to Kill

Save the Date!

Starring

Pussy Galore
James Bond

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.
**House Cross Country**

Congratulations to our grade 3-6 students for their enthusiasm and determination displayed at our house cross country on the 17th May. It was great to see all the students enjoying themselves after the unfortunate weather leading up to the event. The house spirit lead by our house leaders was outstanding!

**Results:**
1st – Ferndale  
2nd – Raven  
3rd – Nettleton  
4th – Gardiner  

House Spirit Award – Nettleton

Thank you to all of our parent helpers on the day who made the day such a success.

**District Cross Country**

We had 59 students go on to represent G.I.P.S at the District Cross Country last Friday 20th May. Overall, Glen Iris Primary school finished in 2nd place! What a fantastic team effort, all the training and hard work definitely paid off. It was a fantastic achievement and we are all very proud of our students who represented our school. Thanks again to our parent helpers.

**Division Cross Country**

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing G.I.P.S at the Divisional level on Thursday 2nd June;

9/10 yr boys – Adam S. and Will M.  
9/10 yr girls – Lucy P.  
11 yr girls – Millie H.  
12/13 yr boys – Colby G, Finn J. and Ben M.  
12/13 yr girls – Erica B.Y.  

We wish all our team all the best for next week and look forward to hearing the results.

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**Victorian Primary School Team Trials**

Congratulations to the following students who have been trialling for Victorian level teams this term.

Millie H. - Netball  
Preston B. – AFL  
Ben M. - AFL  
Angus P. - AFL  
Peter T. - Soccer  
Harvey M. – Basketball  
Emily M. - Soccer

"Mountain Bike Racing"

Congratulations to Emma T., Ben T., Alex H. and Matthew H. who successfully competed in the Otway Odyssey race at Forrest, Ocean Grove. Competing in the U’16 event, our students took it right up to their older competitors! We look forward to hearing future results. Keep up the great work.

**Go G.I.P.S!!**

Mr. Gilliland
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.

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.

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

CLOSING DATE
24TH JUNE
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.
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.
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 so long are:

- The six legs of a louse end in a claw, allowing them to grip the hair.
- They detect vibration and can hide.
- 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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