Dear Parents,

Our week of celebrations has finally arrived! The school is looking marvellous – bright, cheerful and sparkling. The children’s wonderful mosaic is on display for all to see. Social media is buzzing with news of events. The book outlining the history of Glen Iris Primary School is ready for launch. “Secret” flash mob practices have been held at all hours of the day and night. Sshhhhh! Visitors and messages have been arriving from far and wide – local, national and international. It has really been a week of “Let the fun begin!” Now we count down to Sunday for our Open Day extravaganza: 10, 9, 8, 7 ……. I know it will all go off with a bang!

Our school opened in 1865, the year the Civil War in America was concluding. Throughout the life of our school, the world has endured two World Wars; Man has walked on the Moon; technology has produced the telephone, television, computers and the motor car. People have learned to fly and to travel under the sea. Humanity has survived flood, famine and unimaginable natural disasters. We have lived through the best and worst of human endeavour. Australia has grown from a collection of colonies to a Federation of States – a nation with an international profile. That nation has cheered Bradman, Laver, Betty Cuthbert, Margaret Court, the America’s Cup, and Phar Lap. It has proudly saluted its high achievers in many fields: Dame Nellie Melba, Fred Hollows, Banjo Patterson, Sir Douglas Mawson, Nancy Wake, AC/DC, Vincent Lingiari, Saint Mary Mackillop, Jim Stynes, Albert Namatjira, Sir Weary Dunlop and more.

The week commenced with a Monday morning assembly, circa 1924 and 1945. One visitor, Andrea Carlton, represented her grandfather, William Eddy, Principal at Glen Iris from 1920 – 1950. Andrea, herself, was a student at GIPS – 1965, at the base of the flagpole, standing on the cold asphalt. Aahh, the good old days! Children sang “God Save the Queen” and boys saluted the flag. Visitors at the assembly included many past teaching staff and former principals of the school. One visitor, Andrea Carlton, represented her grandmother, William Eddy, Principal at Glen Iris from 1920 – 1924 and 1945 – 1950. Andrea, herself, was a student at GIPS in 1959. Former principal, Sue Collins, opened the time capsule created in 2005 as part of the 140th celebrations. There are so many wonderful stories to hear.

Throughout the week, the children have participated in tree-related activities on Arbour Day; old-fashioned games; Galaxy and art activities. Tomorrow, the classes will dress up to represent a different decade of the 1900’s.

On Sunday, August 30th, from 3:00pm – 6:30pm, there will be activities for everyone here at the school: historic displays, food, refreshments, entertainment, fireworks. Students past and present are invited to join us to reminisce about their school days and mark this momentous occasion as we look to the next 150 years for Glen Iris Primary School. I wonder what the staff, students and community of the future will think when they look back at the GIPS of today.

Contributors to the 150th Anniversary activities have been many – staff and community members. It would be impossible to mention each one. However, I would like to acknowledge some key contributors and thank each person for their tireless efforts and commitment:

- 150th Convenor: Robyn Floyd
- Event Management: Dana Barry
- The History of GIPS: Peter Holmes
- Kylie Carnegie
- Gavin Blue
- The GIPS Mosaic: Michele Freeland-Small
- Anne Sharplin
- Natalie Jefferson
- Kevin Wheeler
- Wendy Clark
- Katie De Vallee
- Julie Gray
- Angie Tassell
- A multitude of other parents.
- The 150th Committee: Staff and parents
- Alumni database: Trish Burrows

Curriculum Day – Monday, August 31st.
A Curriculum Day will be held on Monday, August 31st. On this day, teachers will undertake professional learning to support their teaching in Information and Communication Technology; The Effective Teaching of Writing and Student Wellbeing.
No students attend school on this day.
Father’s Day Stall and Breakfast
Just to show nothing gets in the way of us honouring our beloved Dads at Glen Iris, despite a very busy anniversary week, the Father’s Day stall will go ahead on Wednesday, September 2nd. Thanks to Pip Young and Sharon Van Doornum for once again coordinating this event and the many parents who offer their help on the day.

Next Thursday, the children will be looking forward to treating Dad at the annual Father’s Day breakfast. What better reason to start the day with pancakes and ice cream! Thank you to Jade Paynter and her team of helpers for working with a very crowded school calendar to make this year’s breakfast possible.

Team Holiday – Holiday Program
By now, I hope all families know we will launch a school holiday program at Glen Iris for the approaching September holidays. Conducted by “Team Holiday”, the program will be run daily. If your family is in need of childcare, or even just some entertaining, through the holidays I urge you to give Team Holiday a go. We hope to offer the program in future school holidays and this will become a valuable service to our community. Check the school website homepage for further information or go directly to http://www.teamholiday.com.au/.

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
Meredith Carracher

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Racing regular savers
with amazing prizes.

Stawell Racing Club are rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.

In announcing the exciting news that our regular savers have appointed the Stawell Savings, giving us all the savings and good reasons to continue to save with the Stawell Savings.

Join today and enjoy the following amazing savings:

• 7% interest per annum on savers
• 2% cashback on all stage relief

To celebrate our regular savers, Stawell Racing Club is proud to announce our amazing savings to encourage our members to continue to enjoy the benefits of savings.

Win books for your school library

Check our website regularly for news and updates about the Stawell Savings program and other related opportunities.

For more information, visit www.stawellsavings.com.au/assetsites/a.png

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

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From the Assistant Principal

Open Day 30th August Last Minute Details

- We have included a map of events so that you can plan your day.
- We have been granted a Council-approved Drop-off zone as we know that obtaining parking close to the school will be an issue. A parent volunteer will man the zone from 3-5 and then at the end of the day so that elderly former students can be supported to alight from cars.
- The area in which the fireworks will be set up will be cordoned off for the whole event. It will include the concreted area from the water tanks to the area in front of the chicken coop. The sandpit area is included. Muffin and Pepper will be having a well-earned holiday on the weekend.
- We appreciate smaller denominations of notes, if possible, in the stalls where the items are under $10.00.
- The School Office area will be locked for the day and accessible only to stall coordinators.

The idea for a celebration for the 150th began in an Education & Community Partnerships Meeting about 18 months ago. Our vision was to capture the past, send a message to our future and have some kind of day where old friendships could be rekindled and memories created. We aimed high!

Our beautifully designed book Glen Iris 1865 - 2015: 150 years of teaching and education presents our past and present in 88 pages of text and photos. To much excitement it arrived neatly packaged in 22 boxes on Friday. There is a small quantity available for purchase by those who did not pre-order. Our message to the future is our bright and colourful mosaic which highlights the icons of our present. Once again, all students contributed to this artwork. I have been privileged to have had a small glimpse of the joy and excitement of seeing old friends meet again at Museum openings, via comments on our blog or on our Facebook site. It should be a wonderful day.

There are so many members of our community including past parents and students, current families and staff who have contributed to making our Celebration Day a success. We want you to enjoy the day. Look at the old classroom photos (about 150 have been emailed or sent to us), wander through the Museum, visit the Movie Theatre to watch our History Documentary and other student videos, try to fly a paper plane as far as you can, join in the old-fashioned games or try a scavenger hunt. Maybe you can simply sit and chat with friends enjoying refreshments from a variety of food stalls listening to the Boroodanda Symphonic Band. One last reminder - watch out for a Flashmob.

Robyn Floyd - Assistant Principal

150th Anniversary Blog
SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST

3.00 pm
School open for Registration (Information Booth)
Older ex-students from the 1930s to 1990s collect your Identity sticker from the booth
Collect a GIPS Scavenger Hunt entry form and tour the old buildings and Museum
(Classrooms close at 6pm). Win a family prize.
Create a Then & Now Photo with your mobile phone. Collect and return images to the Info Booth.

3.15
BELL RINGING
Official opening
Cr. Chow on behalf of Mayor of Boroondara- opens the event and presents the Sesquicentennial Mosaic
School Principal – Meredith Carracher
Choir – Sings the Anthem for our 150th by Dr. Colin Brumby (an ex-student)
Dance Group
Paper Planes Demo

4.00
‘Roll call’ of all former students and staff Decade Class (1930s-1990s) group photographs.
This will be via the Public Address System

4.45
FLASHMOB

5.00
Boroondara Symphonic Band
Old-fashioned Games (Oval)
World premiere of the GIPS History Documentary & other movies (Grade 3 & 4 Infill)

6.00
BELL RINGING
FLASHMOB reprisal
Thank you from John Campbell on behalf of Alumni
Marg Gleadall (former teacher) leads the community in the school song

Fireworks

- Information Booth (Uniform Shop)
- Classroom Photo Display in the Library
- The Popcorn Stand (Outside the ‘Movies’)
- The Catch-Up Café (Library)
- Sausage Sizzle (courtyard area), Drinks Stand (canteen) & a range of Food Vans (oval)
- Lucky Jars stall, Cupcake stall, GIPS Tattoos, Memorabilia & Book collection (Grade 2 rooms)
- The opened 2005 Time Capsule (Art Room).
- Museum (Grade 1/French Infill)
- Movies (Grade 3/4 infill)
- Old-fashioned games (Oval)
- Paper Planes (Basketball Court)

School Activities for current students

24th August - 1950s Assembly and former teachers return 9.30am
25th August - GALAXY Program
26th August - Arbor Day - individual class activities
27th August - Old-fashioned Art Activities in individual grade levels
28th August - Old-fashioned School Day - dress-up & Assembly. Guest Speaker Dr. Peter Abraham & Paper Plane making Demo
Preps – 1990s
Grade 1s- 1900s
Grade 2s 1960s
Grade 3s – 1980s
Grade 4s - 1970s
Grade 56 – 1950s
Happy Sesquicentennial! GIPS 150th Anniversary celebrations are in full swing!

Thank you to Vanessa Mackie and the grade 5/6H parents who helped out with the former staff morning tea on Monday.

We are all looking forward to Sunday’s Open School event. Thanks to everyone who has done the letter box drop, we have now covered all the streets needed. Thanks also to Robyn Floyd, her band of Co-ordinators and the many parent helpers who have volunteered to man the various stalls and activities. I can’t wait, it will be such an exciting event! We just need to cross our fingers for the rain to hold off on the day.

Tomorrow, Friday 28th August is also Principals’ Day. School council hosted a morning tea for Meredith and Robyn as a small celebration in order to thank and acknowledge the great work and everything they do for our kids and the school. There was a card signed by all of the kids in the school presented to each of them by Alex Goldhagen on behalf of the school community. If you see Meredith in the yard tomorrow, please stop to say Happy Principals Day.

And don’t forget next week we have Father’s Day celebrations:

The Father’s Day Stall will be Wednesday 2nd September, don’t forget to send the kids along with some money for goodies for Dad.

Then, the famous GIPS Father’s Day Breakfast will be on Thursday 3rd September 7.30-8.45am. Celebrate with Dad or a special friend!

Jane Lukins
President GIPS PA 2015
ROCK WITH HUGH  Rock/pop music classes are beginning this term at Glen Iris! New teachers Hugh, Liam and Kate are all set to begin classes!

Individual drum and vocal classes are available to students of all levels, as well as exciting band sessions with our experienced and dynamic staff.

Classes will run on Wednesdays. Forms will soon be available at the office and on the website.

ROCK ON!

Don’t forget to check Noticeboard on the GIPS website!

Women Owning Wellness seminar
Proceeds to Jean Hailes Foundation Saturday 5th September

LIBBI GORR presents Mummy Matters at the Melbourne Fringe Festival
Libbi came to speak at our Mothers Day morning tea

St Pauls Cricket Club
4 week Junior Masterclasses
Each Saturday in August—9.30am-11am

NetSetGo Program
Registrations now open

Glen Iris Cricket Club
2015/16 Junior Registration is now open

Malvern Baseball Club
Come and try day—10am-12pm—Sunday 6th Sep

Caulfield Little Athletics
Registration/Info Day—1pm-4pm—Sat 5th Sep

AFL Victoria Holiday Programs
5-8 years  9-12 years

Completed Earn and learn Sticker Sheets can be placed in the collection box located outside our school office or alternatively at your local Woolworths
HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT GLEN IRIS PRIMARY!

Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program provider for children and teens across Melbourne and greater Victoria and is 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 Relates.
- We provide a huge variety of theme days and activities Mondays to Friday throughout most school holiday periods.
- We open at 8am and close at 6pm, however you can drop off as late as 9:30 and pick up as early as 3:30pm (providing we are 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](http://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, emergency training, swim training, lifeguard/aquarium 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](http://www.teamholiday.com.au) or call 03 9532 0366 to speak to one of our friendly team members.
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

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. The allowance will be 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 will be:

- $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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Closing Date
Applications are open until the end of term three (18 September 2015).

Hello Happy Readers!

This year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge is coming to an end. The CLOSING DATE is FRIDAY AUGUST 29TH, 2014. By this date all books need to be uploaded onto the website, www.education.vic.gov.au/reading so they can be verified.

Happy Reading!

Brooke Goldman

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**Young Writers Competition**

A SHORT STORY AND POETRY COMPETITION FOR YOUNG WRITERS WHO LIVE, WORK, OR STUDY IN BOROONDAIRA.

ENTRIES CLOSE 5PM, FRIDAY 26 AUGUST.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: BOROONDAIRA.VIC.AU/LITERARY-AWARDS

SUPPORTED BY: 

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**School Crossing Activities**

**WEEK 1**

**Tuesday**

22nd September
360 Metacentre
11.30am-3.30pm

**Wednesday**

23rd September
Movies, Hot Dogs & Popcorn
11.30am-3.30pm

**Thursday**

24th September
Movies, Hot Dogs & Popcorn
11.30am-3.30pm

**WEEK 2**

**Tuesday**

29th September
140 Metacentre
11.30am-3.30pm

**Thursday**

1st October
Movies, Hot Dogs & Popcorn
11.30am-3.30pm

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**School Crossing Supervisors**

Have you wondered how you can contribute to your local community but only have limited time available?

Opportunities are now available for School Crossing Supervisors in your local area and it’s a great opportunity to earn that extra cash you have been looking for.

These roles are for school terms only and require your commitment for 1 hour of a morning and afternoon (2 hours per day), 5 days per week.

Besides knowing you are assisting in the safety of local school children in crossing the road, you will also be rewarded with a good hourly rate ($23.10 per hour) with a full uniform provided.

You will be required to have a valid working with children check along with current police check which we will assist you in obtaining prior to commencing.

If you would like to know more about these opportunities, please contact our Recruiting Team on 1300 49 49 49 for further details.
**Bedtime Storytime**

Rocket to bed!

Monday 7 September 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.

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**Get free help with your tax return from a Tax Help volunteer**

- Are your tax affairs simple?
- Do you earn around $50,000 or less?

To find out more, contact:
Camcare
P: 9831 1900
E: camcare@camcare.org.au

Create your myGov account and link to the ATO before your Tax Help appointment.

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**JAZZ FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS**

FRI. 28th AUGUST
AT 7.00PM

Hosted by Glen Iris Road Uniting Church
in the GMUC Community Hall, 200 Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris

**Tickets** $20.00/$15.00 Concession

For tickets and to pre-book a choice platter go to
Trybooking:
http://www.trybooking.com/KSD
Or contact the office:
03 9885 8219
Email:
office@glenirisuniting.org.au

Wine, Beer and Soft beverages available on the night. (No BYO)
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

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.

HOURS OF SUPERVISION

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

GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE

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,

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Massage
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Back In Motion Camberwell
9889 3903
backinmotion.com.au
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.
- 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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