Dear Parents,

The Resilience Project – Save The Date – Monday, May 9th – 7pm
You have probably realised by now that I am very excited about the Resilience Project program we are introducing at Glen Iris this year. Families have received a range of information and now our Parent Night is only days away. If there is only one school event you can find time for this year, make it this one! I cannot recommend it more highly and, I am sure, you will find it enlightening for your family.

The Resilience Project is based on the philosophy of positive psychology and the research of Martin Seligman. It aims to help young people develop positive mental health. The program will incorporate sessions for staff, students and parents, conducted by Hugh van Cuylenburg, and follow up activities in classrooms. The session for parents will be conducted on Monday, May 9th from 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the library. For further details, check out the program website. [http://theresilienceproject.com.au/](http://theresilienceproject.com.au/)

Celebrating STEM - Education Week for the GIPS community – Tuesday, May 17th 6:00pm
As we celebrate Education Week in 2016, the focus is directed to active, hands-on learning in the area of STEM, linking science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Our families are invited to join in our Forensic Science evening and help solve the crime. I wonder … “who dun it?”

Education Week 2016 / Preps 2017
Some special events are planned during Education Week (May 16 – May 20) to introduce our school to prospective families for 2017 and for our current families to celebrate their children’s learning. The key dates are:

- **Open Day:** Wed May 18th 9:30 – 10:30am and 2:00 – 3:00pm
- **Prep 2017 Information Night:** Mon May 23rd 7:00pm—8:00pm

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• Prep Fire Brigade Visit 
• Gr 2 Living Eggs (May 2 to May 13) |
| Tues 3 | • House Cross Country (9-12)  
• Gr 1 Healesville Excursion |
| Thurs 5 | • 5/6 Winter Sport Rd 2 (Home) |
| Fri 6  | • Mother’s Day Pamper Morning  
• Mother’s Day Stall  
• Assembly |
| Mon 9  | • Prep Fire Brigade Visit  
• Resilience Information Session for parents (7pm-8.30pm in Library) |
| Tues 10 | • Naplan |
| Wed 11 | • Naplan |
| Thurs 12 | • Naplan |
| Fri 13 | • Gr 4 History Box Incursion |
| Sat 14 | • Working Bee—12.30pm-3.30pm |

- **Family Learning Night:** Tuesday, May 17th – Forensic Science Program 6pm–7pm

**Prep Enrolments 2016 / Storytime @ Glen Iris**
If you have a 2017 Prep child who will be attending Glen Iris or you know of a local family considering schools for next year, I suggest you look carefully at the range of events on offer to help parents find out all about our school and activities for pre-schoolers highlighted on our website. “Storytime @ Glen Iris” is a literacy program for preschoolers that begins on Friday, May 27th and will be conducted fortnightly. Pre-schoolers are welcome to visit the school with parents on Open Day, May 18th, and visit the prep classrooms and specialist classes. Our popular
Storytime sessions are limited in numbers and require bookings at the Office. Further details are available at www.gips.vic.edu.au. Enrolments for 2017 are now open.

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.

First Working Bee 2016 – REMINDER
The working bee for Term 2 is set for from 12:30 until 3:30pm on Saturday, May 14th. Please mark this on your calendar and come along to help out with a range of tasks that will enhance our school for the children.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher

CHURCH CAR PARK

Please note that this car park is not to be used by GIPS staff and families. It is only available for Kinder families during Kinder sessions and otherwise only for people attending the church hall for various activities.

Thankyou for your assistance in this matter.

Church Admin

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Christianity SRI will now be offered during Monday lunchtimes 1.00-1.30 in the Meeting Room, providing sufficient numbers enrol, 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.

The Prep children have been learning about people in our community and how they help. We had a visit from Andrew, our school crossing supervisor. He spoke to us about how he keeps the children safe when crossing the road. We loved having him visit us in our classroom.

Prep S, Prep G, Prep M

OUR NEW HEN NEEDS A NAME!

Submit your suggestions now in the box located at the front office.
A Day with Degas

A celebration of the life and artwork of French artist, Edgar Degas, was the focus for Glen Iris Primary School whole school Art/French experience at the end of 2015.

The students recognised his bronze sculpture, *The Little Dancer Aged Fourteen*, and his numerous paintings of ballerinas in rehearsals or backstage before a performance.

During French classes, the students were immersed in language relating to Degas as well as movements in ballet. During Art sessions, they viewed many of his artworks and explored different art techniques and styles used by Degas throughout his life.

Five enthusiastic students in Grade 4 made a replica of the ‘Dancers’ during their lunchtime! A mixture of bronzed and golden fabrics adorn her figure.

On the day of the event, students rotated through several activities with great excitement; using oil pastels and watercolour paints to capture the grace and energy of ballerinas; making foil sculptures of dancers; decorating fabrics to make our own ‘Little Dancer’ and exploring movement and discipline through ballet.

Many parents, along with the teachers, supported us by assisting with the activities to make sure that they all ran seamlessly…which they did!

Turus and outfits in bleu, blanc and rouge (blue, white and red), the French national colours, adorned the playground.

The students worked in their “Galaxy” groups, a multi-age grouping used within our school. Materials for all activities were set up in each room with explicit instructions and examples provided for the class teachers to use. It was a most successful day with a great deal of excited chatter to follow in the weeks after. The students’ drawings were displayed around the school with mini ballerina sculptures dotted throughout.

Our model of *The Little Dancer Aged Fourteen* puts a smile on everyone’s face as they enter the school.

The images capturing the engagement and enthusiasm of the students are viewed time and time again; we really did ‘step’ into the world of Degas… for a day!

Michele Freeland-Small
VISUAL ARTS TEACHER
GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Textiles – The Tutu
Felting: dreadlocks and felted balls were made by using wet hands and soap to rub different pink merino wools together into long strands.

Printing: patterns and shapes were drawn onto white photocopy paper using fabric crayons. These were ironed onto polyester satin to transfer the design.

Sewing: tulle and muslin were decorated with sewn on beads, buttons and sequins. Felt flowers and magic clay petals were sewn on using metallic threads. All 450 pieces of beautifully decorated fabrics were cleverly sewn together to make a tutu.

Drawing – The Ballerina
Students looked at images of the degas ballerinas, taking note of the lines and patterns. With either grey lead pencils or black crayons, the students spent 15 minutes only on the sketch! They used Poster Colour paints to highlight their images.

Sculpture – Little Dancer Aged Fourteen
By manipulating armature wire and pipe cleaners, students made a ballerina. Polyballs were used for the head and coloured dispersing paper along with coffee filter bags became the tutu!

The Ballet
The highlight of the morning was the ballet performance by past students from our school who are currently at the Glen Iris School of dance. Their teacher led them through a specially choreographed dance. Our students were thoroughly engaged as they practised various exercises and routines under their instructor’s wonderful guidance. Everyone was spellbound!
I would like to take this opportunity to promote some upcoming School events:

**Mother's Day Activities on Friday 6th May**

- **The Mother’s Day Event**
  - Pampering from 8.30-9am
  - Followed by Morning Tea & a Special Event in the Church Hall from 9-10
  - Dads, please help volunteer so the Mum’s can attend the event.

- **The Mother’s Day Stall from 8.45 – 1.15**
  - Kids, don’t forget your pocket money to buy that special gift for your Mum!

**The Resilience Project Parent Session on Monday 9th May at 7pm**

A one off, not to be missed session to help our kids develop positive mental health
Please see the GIPS website [www.gips.vic.edu.au](http://www.gips.vic.edu.au) for more details.

A reminder - [Entertainment Books](#) are now available!
- click the link to order your 2016/2017 digital or hard copy and support our School
- or email Wendy Clark [pwchclark@bigpond.com](mailto:pwchclark@bigpond.com) for more information. Thanks Wendy.

Thank you to Kerryn Aikman, who has kindly taken on the role of PA Secretary and to Jacqui Brown, Vice President of the PA, who will be covering my role for the remainder of Term 2 while my family and I are travelling.

Happy Mother’s Day to all the Mums!!

Jane Lukins & Jacqui Brown

GIPS PA 2016
The Resilience Project
Parent Session
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm Monday 9 May 2016 - Library

Join Hugh van Cuylenburg as he explains how we can help young people develop positive mental health.
For further details, check the website - http://theresilienceproject.com.au

Pamper Mum
Celebrate Mother's Day at GIPS...

Friday
6th May 2016

8:30am to 9:00am - Mum Pampering "Salons" at the Coloured Squares & Pavilion
9:00am to 10:30am - Morning tea in the church hall at the Dad's Cafe
plus a Special Fashion Show
You Won't Want to Miss This!

brought to you by Mothers (Mothers Day Event Committee)

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

GIPS Mother's Day Stall - Friday 6 May 2016

Bring along your pocket money & buy your Mum a wonderful gift!
Prices range from 50c (raffles) to $5 - Remember to bring a bag to take home your treasures.
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
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Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?
Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2015/2016 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.
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.
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.

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.

Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!
This week’s notices:

Futures Tennis
Tennis Coaching at GIPS
Thursday morning before school

Our School Values

Achievement
Resilience
Honesty

Respect
Empathy

Doing your best
BOUNCING BACK
truthfulness
caring
consideration
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.

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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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