From The Principal

Dear Parents,

How lovely to be enjoying the promise of some Spring weather this week. The chilly mornings are easier to face when there is a sunny day to look forward to.

Hats On!
A reminder to parents that the warmer weather is the time to pay particular attention to SunSmart behaviours. From September 1st, all students are required to be wearing their school hat for all outdoor activity. The staff also don their brimmed hats and I would encourage parents, especially if involved with school activities, to help us set a good example to the children. A positive role model is the best teacher.

Curriculum Day – Wednesday, September 17th – Pupil Free Day
A Curriculum Day will be held on Wednesday, September 17th to focus on the use of technology in our school and Kids Matter, a student wellbeing framework. Children do not attend school on this day.

Art Auction
As a final congratulations to our Art Auction organisers, The Parents’ Association, I am pleased to announce a total of $9,708 was raised through this event. These funds will assist us in the development of the new Grade 5/6 play equipment, as outlined further in my article.

Father’s Day Breakfast and Stall
On Monday morning, Dads and Kids enjoyed an early start to this year’s Father’s Day celebrations. More than 350 pancakes were devoured by an enthusiastic group of children and almost as enthusiastic dads on their way to work. Thank you to Anna Tomlinson for her excellent organisation of the Father’s Day breakfast and to all the mums who contributed so early on Monday morning. Special thanks to Liz Devenish from the Office who assists in many ways, including unlocking the school and locating everything needed to have the arrangements in place for the breakfast.

Yesterday, the children enjoyed shopping for dad at the annual Father’s Day stall. Mums, Pip Young and Sharon Van Doornum, have worked for months to put together an amazing array of gifts for the children to select. I will be surprised if some of the littlies can keep a secret for more than a week, such was their excitement. Thank you to the Parents’ Association and the many helpers who assisted at both the Father’s Day events.

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**Staffing News**

Over the next week, we farewell two staff members as they commence an important stage of their lives welcoming their first child.

Nikki Szwarcbard (5/6S), commences Maternity Leave tomorrow. We wish Nikki and her husband, Josh, all the very best in the coming weeks as the arrival of baby Szwarcbard approaches and we are looking forward to meeting the new arrival soon. Grade 5/6S will be taught by Mr Ian Box for the remainder of the year. Ian joined our staff this week to get to know the students and our school. Welcome, Ian!

Next Friday, September 5th, Natasha Black (Physical Education / Gr 1N) will commence Maternity Leave. Best wishes to Natasha and her husband, Daniel, as they await the arrival of their baby and set up their new home in Geelong. Natasha commenced teaching at Glen Iris in 2008 and has taught Preps, Grade 1 and PE. She has made a significant contribution to many aspects of the program in our school over this time, especially the continuing development of the Sustainability program throughout this time. We look forward to meeting Baby Black and hope it is not too far to travel up the Geelong Road to introduce the baby to all at Glen Iris.

Miss Michelle Vincitorio will teach Physical Education and Grade 1LN on Fridays for the remainder of the year. Michelle has spent several days getting to know Glen Iris and will be a valuable addition to our staff. Welcome, Michelle!

**Play Equipment**

The final design and arrangements for the new Grade 5/6 play equipment will be in place in the coming weeks. Working with students in the SRC, a design has been developed taking into account the ideas of the students, the available space and a feasible budget. I anticipate the installation of the new equipment in the coming school holiday period or early in Term 4. Funds raised at the Art Auction will support the redevelopment of this play space for the children to enjoy.

**Grade 5/6 Sustainability Convention**

On Tuesday, September 9th, the Grade 5/6 students will display and share their research and designs they have completed as part of their Term 3 unit of work on Sustainability. Parents are invited to view the work and discuss it with the students in the Library building from 2:00 pm. I am always impressed by the ingenuity, knowledge and skill the students demonstrate on such occasions.

**Grades 3 & 4 Camps**

Next week, the grade 3 and 4 classes will be participating in their camp at Arrabri Lodge, Warburton East. For the Grade 3 children, this will be their first school camp, which I know they are anticipating with both excitement and just a few butterflies. From experience, I know how well cared for the children always are when on camps at Glen Iris and how much they gain from the experience. This can also be an anxious time for parents. I am confident the teachers will look after all the children’s needs and return them tired and suitably grubby at the end of camp. The school keeps in daily contact with the camp to monitor how everyone is going and has a plan for any eventuality. We will announce updates regarding the campers through the week at school.

Thank you to the staff and parents who are volunteering their time to accompany the children to camp: Barbara Maclarn, Christine Hallam, Rebecca Givogue, Lucy Gargano, Carrie Butler, Tanya Tomic, Lee Laier, Robyn Campbell, Darren Garrett, David Lancaster, James Pangrazio, Stephen Boyd, Warren Wood, Stuart Mackie, Glenn Talbot and Andrea Itowski.

**Plans for 2015**

Preparations for the 2015 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 2015, 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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**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

150th ANNIVERSARY
20th August to 6th September 2015

Thanks to all our parents who have strolled through the sunshine and delivered 150th postcards. The supply is exhausted. We will need to print more. The response has been brilliant! It has been delightful meeting people who have come to the Office and shared their joy at remembering their school days and brought memorabilia or emailed. One lady remembered the excitement of being able to borrow from the school library at the cost of 1d. When she was on School Council when her children attended the school they built a new library and it was free.

Last newsletter I talked about 'real-life' maths so that when I picked up this Maths book, written for teachers teaching the 'New Curriculum' of 1902, I was intrigued to see how the author attempted to interest students with references to their own lives. How relevant to our children are counting rabbits, horns on cows?

Robyn Floyd
Assistant Principal

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.

THANKYOU

GIPS would like to thank Peter Wells from Friends Pharmacy in Ashburton. The pharmacy kindly donated some supplies to our First Aid room and it is much appreciated.

School banking coordinator

A volunteer is required to take over as school banking coordinator for 2015 (with handover period in term 4 this year). Minimal work involved, but does include weekly collection of school bank books from the office, processing deposits and banking in Ashburton. Please contact the office if you are able to take on this role.

Australian Girls' Choir

The AGC will be visiting our school on Monday 8th September to audition girls from Grade 1-6 who are interested in joining. If your daughter is interested, she must collect a permission form, from the school office, and return it to Mrs Van der Jagt on, or before, Monday 8th September. Only girls who have returned this form will be able to audition on the day.

Thanks
Mrs Van der Jagt and Mrs Walton (Performing Arts)
Dear Parents,

The Parent’s Association extends a heartfelt “thank you” to everyone who played any part in the Father’s Day events this week. We attribute the success of the breakfast and stalls, as always, to the generosity and school spirit of our parent community.

Once again, the annual Father’s Day Breakfast proved to be a popular, well-attended occasion this year. This event requires above-and-beyond commitment from our parent volunteers who sacrifice their time (and sleep) to arrive at the school in the early-morning hours to set up the dining area, brew the coffee, work the registration tables, organise the breakfast… and afterwards, help to quickly restore the entire setup to the normal school environment.

Thanks to Anna Tomlinson and Petra Remmen who, once again, oversaw the organisation of Monday morning’s event. As usual, Anna and Petra had the assistance of many parent helpers… far too many to name without leaving out someone.

The Parents’ Association is also appreciative of the efforts of Liz Devenish, from the front office, for opening up the school early and taking care of many of these finer details that allow the event to run smoothly.

From a personal perspective, I would also like to acknowledge the participation of all GIPS office staff and teachers who were also in attendance on the day. We are fortunate to have such an enthusiastic group of people who participate in these events each year. As a guest, the hard work that goes into making this event such a special time for the GIPS dads can go unnoticed at the time. Nevertheless, it is greatly appreciated by all of us.

Additionally, we want to thank Sharon van Doornum and Pip Young for coordinating the Father’s Day stall on Wednesday. As usual, the students appeared to enjoy shopping for their dads and, thanks to Sharon and Pip, had a wide range of special gifts to choose from. Thanks also to all other parents who volunteered to work the stalls and help our children with their purchases.

The next Parents’ Association meeting is scheduled for Monday, 15th September at 9:00 am (after morning drop-offs) in the GIPS Staff Room. In addition to finalising details for the remainder of this year’s fundraising activities, we will be making early plans and taking nominations for committee roles for 2015. Please mark your calendars and join us if you can… we’d love to see you there.

Kind regards to all,

Alex Goldhagen,
President
A BIG THANKYOU

To all the following people, clubs and organisations for their very generous donations towards our Art Auction:

- Cassandra Mastoris - “Mad Hatter’s Tea Party” on Canvas
- Ashburton United Soccer Club
- Artist Photographer, Richmond
- Eckersley’s Art & Craft, Hawthorn
- Zart Art, Box Hill
- Art’Scool for Kids by Terry Taylor, Glen Iris
- Box Hill Community Arts Centre
- Value Arts & Crafts, Ashburton
Hello Happy Readers!

There is one day to go for this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge.

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/prc/](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/), so they can be verified.

In order to complete the challenge:

Students from Prep-2 are required to read 30 books
(20 or more must be from the ‘Challenge List’ - see website).
You may read by yourself or with an adult or friend.

Students from 3-6 are required to read 15 books
(10 or more must be from the ‘Challenge List’ - see website).

Good luck

Brodee Goldman

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**RESILIENCE**

What is resilience? Where does it come from?

- Do you want your kids to have "bounce-back-ability"?
- Can we teach our children to be resilient?
- Come share your ideas, skills and solutions at this workshop

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**Community Noticeboard**

**GLEN IRIS CRICKET CLUB**

Season 2014/15 Junior Registration Day
Sat 6 Sep 9-12

**GLEN IRIS SCORPIONS BASKETBALL CLUB**

Registrations are now open for the 2014/15 summer season
U8-U16

More details on website under community noticeboard
Thank you to all those wonderful families who have already helped in the Library/Playground this year!
We are still seeking extra parent helpers to assist at lunchtimes this term. Please email me if/when you are free to help out! Together with the Yard Duty teachers the Lunchtime Duty Parent/s will supervise the library space or alternatively be in the playground.

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

Last Reminder to Purchase your 2014/2015 Entertainment Book Membership
Buy your Membership for just $65, you'll discover hundreds of valuable offers from many of the city's most popular restaurants, arts attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more. The best part is you’ll be helping us fundraise with $13 from every Membership sold contributing to our fundraising, and the FREE delivery offer has been extended so anyone purchasing online can have the book delivered to their door for FREE!
Order online: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/187w900
OR
Click the link provided on our GIPS website under FUNDRAISING.

FOOTY CARD TRADING

FOOTY CARD CLUB is still continuing on Wednesdays at lunchtime.

Students at Glen Iris Primary School have the opportunity to join in a supervised lunchtime club that allows students to trade collectible cards.

Guidance will be given to students to ensure, as far as possible, trades are fair and equitable and support will be given to students to develop good strategies for negotiation and fair play. The program has been expanded to include Preps and Year 1s. Students who choose to join this lunchtime club do so with the understanding that trades agreed upon in the session cannot be disputed once outside the group.

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.

Thank you for your consideration

Your local Neighbourhood and Learning Centre is running an Introduction to Excel 4 day intensive course from Tuesday September 23 to Friday September 26, 9.30am to 3pm. ALSO

A Free Information session for parents with children in years 5 and 6 transitioning from primary to secondary on Thursday September 11 12.30 to 2pm.
This session is run by Inner Eastern Local Learning and Employment Network.
Please ring or email us to for further information or to enrol.
Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre
49 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton, 3147
Phone: 98859401
(Located opposite Alamein Railway station)
Email: admin@alameinnlc.com.au
Website: www.alameinnlc.com.au
From primary to secondary school:
How can I help my child?

Do you have a child in Year 5, 6 or 7?
Are you worried about how they will cope in secondary school?

Come to a free workshop to hear helpful advice and learn practical tips on how you can support your child and help them settle in.

The workshop is presented by Angie Wilcock, an expert in supporting parents and children through the changes that come with secondary school.

Angie will be answering questions like:
- How do we juggle school, homework and play/social time?
- How will my child cope with making new friends?
- How can I help my child prepare for exams and tests?
- Will there be peer pressure at secondary school?

Register to attend whichever workshop is most convenient for you!

Monday 8th September, 12.30pm - 2pm:
Port Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre,
Cnr of Lizard and Nott Streets, Port Melbourne.

Tuesday 9th September, 12.30pm - 2pm:
Horace Petty Estate (Community Room),
Cnr of Malvern Road and Surrey Road, South Yarra.

Monday 8th September, 6.30pm - 8pm:
CBC St Kilda (Multipurpose Room),
11 Westbury Street, St Kilda East.

Thursday 11th September, 12.30pm - 2pm:
Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning Centre,
49 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton.

To register please call Louise on 9510 5444 or email lnicholas@ielenn.org.au

Parents who attended last year said:

“Fantastic information that I believe is important for all parents!”

“I feel better equipped to handle letting my boy go to high school.”
We would love you to come and join us for the next Working & Library Bee.

BYO shovels, rakes & gloves for working in the grounds. We are also looking for any carpenters or handy people who can assist with building a 1.8m X 1.8m platform. There will also be lots of tasks for Library helpers. All assistance is most welcome and don’t forget that there will be refreshments to thank everyone for their efforts!

If you can assist please contact the school on glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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/

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.
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.

TAEKWONDO AT GLEN IRIS PRIMARY
We are now taking bookings for Term 3 for our ongoing Monday lunchtime program.
For more information email schoolstaekwondo@gmail.com.au

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.

2014 TERM DATES
Term 1 28 January to 4 April
Term 2 22 April to 27 June
Term 3 14 July to 19 September
Term 4 6 October to 19 December

2015 TERM DATES
Term 1 28 January to 27 March
Term 2 13 April to 26 June
Term 3 13 July to 18 September
Term 4 5 October to 18 December

School Holiday Program
Helping Children with Autism (FaCHSIA) funded with MUSIC THERAPY

** BAYSIDE SITE **
We have music therapist Sally Nguyen joining us for our school holiday program.

*** Book early to avoid disappointment ***

Cost: $700 or $140 a day
It is recommended children attend for at least 3 days to get the most out of the program.

EARTY BIRD SPECIAL – APPLICATIONS IN BY 30TH SEPTEMBER GO INTO THE DRAW FOR A $50 COLES VOUCHER

To assist therapy staff with planning, registrations MUST be in by the 13th September.
Questions? Please call Paula – 9701 1118
e-mail registrations to autism@irabina.com

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