

Dear Parents,

Excitement is building for our school concert on Tuesday 11 September. Tickets for this much-anticipated event will go on sale in the upcoming weeks.

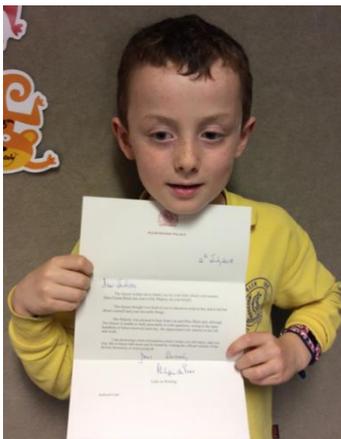
### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to one of our students, Lachie H (pictured right), who has been selected for the State Schools Victoria under 12 Hockey Team.

Lachie will compete in Newcastle later this month. His achievements were highlighted at our Assembly last Friday. To help with the costs of representing Victoria, Lachie is selling raffle tickets. First prize is a Kia Cerato. If you would like to support Lachie in his endeavours, \$2.00 raffle tickets are now available at the school office.



### **GIPS' ROYAL CORRESPONDENT**



As part of our writing program, earlier this year Jackson C (pictured left) in 2B chose to write a letter to the Queen in England.

After drafting, editing, conferencing and finally publishing his letter we posted it. It was a long wait but he was excited to receive a reply last week from one of the Queen's Ladies in Waiting thanking Jackson for his letter and giving him more information about the Queen. Well done Jackson on an excellent letter and congratulations on getting a reply. We hope this encourages you and others to write more letters to lots of different people.

### **PARENT OPINION SURVEY**

The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Wednesday 1st August to Sunday 26th August. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

## BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS



With our school goal on Reading this year, we are highlighting the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book Week on 18th to 24th August. This year's theme allows us to explore books, or the stories in books, as treasure.

Our librarian, Krista Morris, has created a fantastic display in the library. We would love our students and their families to contribute to this display by sharing with us their treasured books, and/or treasured reading experiences. More details can be found [here](#).

### HOUSE ATHLETICS - HOUSE T-SHIRTS

Mr Gilliland is currently planning our House Athletics Carnival, to be held on Friday 17th August. The Year 3 to 6 classes are all refining their track and field event skills and we are looking forward to a great day of friendly competition and participation.

The Parents' Association has organised to have GIPS House T-Shirts available for purchase by parents. This exciting initiative will help promote our House colours for the upcoming House Athletics and for future House events. The purchase of House T-shirts will be \$15 but it is optional. More details and ordering information can be found at [this link](#).



### **GOLDEN TICKET AFTERNOON TEA**

Congratulations to the 19 students who received a lucky “Golden Ticket” as part of our recent Communication Survey promotion. The “Golden Ticket” afternoon tea was held last Wednesday and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

Thanks again to all those who responded to the survey.

The Communications Sub-Committee is currently analysing the survey data and working through over 1000 free-text comments. A report will be submitted to School Council later in Term 3. The Survey results and an associated action plan will be shared with the school community later this year.

### **FREE DRESS - FUNDRAISER**

There will be a Free Dress Day on Monday 13 August to help our Gourmet Hamper Raffle to support our Spectacular Main Event. The Parents' Association would be extremely grateful for donations from GIPS families. Students are able to come to school in Free Dress and bring along an item for our Hampers. Some suggestions of items that could be included are:

- **Food** – Gourmet chocolates & nougats/Crackers & Biscuits/Nibbles/Jams & Chutneys/Gourmet pastas & rice/Oils & vinegars...
- **Drink** – Coffee/Tea selections/Tea cups and mugs/Infusers/Gourmet cordials & mixers/Barware/Glassware...
- **Pamper** - Candles/Diffusers/Soaps/Face and Body care/Hair care/Pet care...
- **Entertainment** – DVDs/iTunes Cards/Movie vouchers/Books and Games/Magazine subscriptions/Family Attraction passes/Kids activities...

Please note: Alcoholic drinks such as Wine/Champagne/Craft beer will be gratefully accepted! However, we request parents deliver them directly to the office as they should NOT be brought to school by children. Donation baskets will be located at the GIPS office and outside classrooms from Monday 13th August.

Any queries please direct to Jane Lukins: [jane@lukins.id.au](mailto:jane@lukins.id.au)

### **PARKING AROUND SCHOOL**

In the interests of children’s safety, please refrain from double parking, over staying parking limits, parking across neighbour’s driveways and performing U-turns in the congested traffic near our school. The entrance at Gladstone St. is of particular concern with cars parking in the area in front of the dumper, limiting the visibility to traffic for parents and students. Also, the small school car park off Glen Iris Rd 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.

**Garry Collins**

**Principal**