

Dear Parents,

With the end of Term 3 not far away it is a good time to reflect on the many highlights of an action packed 10 weeks. Over the winter months, the students have been working extremely hard in their classrooms, and each of our year levels have been involved in excursions and incursions throughout the term.

The community involvement has also been another highlight of this term. Our Parents Association have worked incredibly hard behind the scenes culminating in the hugely successful Prom Night. We are lucky to have such an energetic and active parent community.

POP UP ART GALLERY MORNING TEA

Thanks to the organisation of Michele Freeland-Small, our Art teacher, and Krista Morris, our librarian, we had a very successful pop-up Art Gallery last week. Over 50 parents dropped in to the library last week to share a “cuppa” and viewed the amazing artwork made by our students.

WORKING BEE

Thanks to Craig Ots-Maher, our Buildings and Grounds convenor, for organising the working bee last Saturday and to the many parents who helped to make it a very successful one. Our grounds look sensational! A special mention to Kelly Mrocki who successfully applied for a grant to create a new addition to our school grounds – a bird garden. The bird garden features Australian native plants and can be found along our northern fence line (pictured below). Also a huge thanks to Jon Greaves, father of Charlie in 2A and Fred in Prep G, who provided the skill and earth moving equipment on the day.



STAFF MATHS PD

Yesterday a Maths consultant, Michael Ymer, came to the school to work with the teachers. Each classroom teacher was released to watch Michael deliver a Maths lesson to students in Years 5/6, Year 4 and Year 1. The teachers then reflected on the lesson with a focus on catering for all students in an open-ended Maths task.

VISIT BY GRAHAM WATT MP

Last Friday I hosted the local Member for Burwood, Mr Graham Watt, as part of the Principal for a Day program. Principal for a Day aims to increase understanding and awareness between schools, business and the wider community, and provide business and community leaders with an insight into how schools operate. Graham met with the teaching staff, addressed the school assembly and spoke with students during his visit. He was particularly impressed with the articulate and confident students from our Year 5/6 SALT teams and the leadership roles they have undertaken this year.

LIFE ED VAN

The visit from the Life Ed Van last week was extremely well received by teachers and students. The program, based around health education, helped promote relationship skills, positive communication and decision making skills. We featured on Channel Nine's News last Wednesday night and will appear in the local Leader News in an upcoming edition.

GIDSSA ATHLETICS

Today, eighty-four of our budding athletes represented Glen Iris at the District Athletics carnival at Bill Sewart Reserve in East Burwood. These students have been selected based on their performance at our House Athletics a few weeks ago. I know all the competitors will try their very best and should feel proud of their achievements. Thank you to Nathan Gilliland for his efforts in organising and supervising the athletics team and thank you to the parents and other staff who have assisted.

TERM 3 CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL

This Friday will see the third for this year of the very popular and successful Cake and Produce stalls. Thank you to the classes and others who are providing the yummy treats on this occasion. I know they will be much enjoyed. Proceeds from the stalls to date have provided wonderful classroom resources for the school. Thanks again to Kelly Blue for this great addition to our school and the significant funds it contributes to benefit all the children.

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

A reminder that Friday 22 September is the last day of Term 3 and students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2.30pm. Assembly on the day will be held at 1.50pm. The first day back for Term 4 is Monday 9 October.

I hope everyone gets a chance to take some "time out" during the upcoming holidays and share some quality time with their families.

Have a great break!

Garry Collins