

SCHOOL CONCERT

What a fantastic night it was! It was great to see all the students up on stage enthusiastically performing in their year level. They were outstanding! Special mention to our school leaders, the Year 5/6 students, who enthusiastically took part in their last school concert. We hope it was an equally enjoyable evening for the audience. Such an event does not take place without many people helping behind the scenes. Congratulations to our Performing Arts teachers, Kate Van Der Jagt and Danniell Smith, for their inspiration, direction and organisation. The planning for this concert started early in Term 1 and they have spent many "extra" hours to ensure the concert was enjoyed by all students. A huge thank-you to the parents involved in the amazing costumes and props. It really made the night look visually stunning and added to the children's performance.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all our teachers. Their energy and enthusiasm in ensuring that all students were fully prepared and confident onstage made the concert one they will remember for years to come. It was a fantastic way to see out an action packed Term 3. I cannot wait to see the DVD! Ordering information is on the [website](#).

GIDSSA ATHLETICS

Today, seventy-six 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.

INSPIRE PROGRAM

INSPIRE is a joint project which began in 2008, between Glen Iris Primary School, Ashburton Primary School, and Solway Primary School, consisting of a series of short curriculum focussed programs being conducted throughout 2018. These programs are designed to cater for students who demonstrate a high degree of aptitude and passion for a particular area of the curriculum. Places are limited to six students per school.

The programs, held over the course of the year, vary in order to cater for students in the Year 5/6, Year 3/4 and Prep – 2 areas of the school, as well as covering a range of curriculum areas including English, Mathematics, Science and Information & Communications Technology. This term we offered DigiTech for Year 2s, Mindful Minecraft for Year 4s and Diving Drones for Years 5 & 6 students. We were pleased to see a gender balance in the groups selected in each school. Last term we focussed on the Arts.



NATIONAL eSMART WEEK

Last week was eSMART week, an initiative of the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation, with the aim of creating an Australia free of cyberbullying with informed digital citizens. We are an accredited eSMART school and all classes participated in discussion about cybersafety. Interested parents can access the resources on the Office of the eSafety Commissioner including eSafety information for parents about the latest games. It has useful tips and resources including videos that can be watched with your child: <https://esafety.gov.au/>

Lyn from local technology business *iT and Coffee* held another of her fascinating and informative practical workshops on how to use safety controls on the iPad and other ways to keep your children safe. Lyn is a regular presenter at GIPS and we appreciate her yearly updates as technology evolves so fast. The night was attended by 25 parents who left with their iPads much more secure and a wealth of information!

Next term Claire Sutherland will be speaking with all year 3 to 6 students about keeping themselves safe on the internet. Some of you will remember that Claire's PhD studies focussed on an analysis of internet behaviours and some of her research was conducted in our demographic so her talk will be targeted to our students.

WORKING BEE

Thanks to Craig Ots-Maher, our Buildings and Grounds convenor, for organising the working bee last Sunday, and to the many parents who helped to make it a very successful one. A number of important tasks were completed including the cleaning out of the pits and drains, cleaning of the coloured squares (pictured right), adding soil to the vegie gardens and painting of the chicken coop, topping up the Year 3/4 playground with 8 cubic metres of mulch (pictured below), removing graffiti from the Year 5/6 climbing wall, planting of shrubs along the front fence and a general tidy up of the paths and gardens. Our grounds look sensational!





NATIVE GARDEN

Many parents have commented positively about our new Native Garden recently installed at the Gladstone St. entrance (pictured left).

The plants are specially selected “edible” natives with information about each plant. This initiative is part of our grant from the Federal Government.

A special mention to Kelly Mrocki and her team of helpers who spent their weekend creating this garden for all of us to enjoy.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Well done to our Student Representative Council for the organisation of the footy colours day last Friday. It was a very successful day that raised \$428.00, which will go towards the Victorian representative team competing in the National Intellectual Disability Football Carnival. Jack Macrae, from the Western Bulldogs Football Club, came to our assembly to thank the students for taking part in this very worthy cause. He was interviewed at the assembly by two of our school leaders, Lachie H and Sophie P, who asked him some probing questions about life as an AFL footballer. Thank you to Mr Hosking for assisting with the organisation of the day.

Special mention to Katrina Standen and Shane Millar and their many helpers on the day that organised the pies, sausage rolls and lamingtons as part of the special “footy” lunch.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Thought it might be worth mentioning again that the school has a defibrillator. The defibrillator is located on the wall outside the First Aid room directly opposite the staffroom (see photo right).

Next term we are planning to run an information session for any interested parents on basic first-aid and how to use this device.



SCHOOL PROPERTY ON THE HOLIDAYS

A timely reminder that with the school holidays coming up that we encourage our community to enjoy our school ground facilities over the break. We would also appreciate it that if you notice any person on the school property engaging in high-risk behaviour or vandalism to please call the police immediately.

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

A reminder that Friday 21 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 8 October. I hope everyone gets a chance to take some “time out” during the upcoming holidays and share some quality time with their families.

Garry Collins

Principal