



## Principal's Report

28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Term 1 2024

In what has been an incredibly busy term for all members of our community, it is important to remember and acknowledge some of the wonderful achievements and successes throughout this term. I would like to extend a huge thank you, to our wonderful community members, for your participation and support of the events and celebrations held this term. I would also like to sincerely thank the staff at GWSPS for their dedication and commitment for providing a dynamic and engaging curriculum, focused on student wellbeing.

The following is a list of some of our events and celebrations this term:

- Our 'Learning How to Learn' program
- Swimming trials
- Meet & Greet parent nights (via WebEx)
- Student badge presentations
- Levels 5/6 Sport Gala Day
- Harmony Day
- NAPLAN
- Levels 5/6 Science Works excursion
- Level 1/2 CERES excursion
- Levels 3/4 Cranbourne Botanical Gardens excursion
- Foundation students attending school full time
- District and Divisional Swimming Carnivals
- Junior School Council fundraising events
- Twilight Sports event
- House Cross Country event
- GRIP Student Leadership Conference

### School Council

Last Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, we presented our Annual Report to the Community, which enabled us to celebrate the many successes of the 2023 school year and highlight the opportunities for future focuses. We also held our first School Council meeting with the new membership. I would like to officially welcome our newest parent representatives, Marco Borsato and Nirmal Rajamohan and all returning members to the School Council committee. We are also delighted to welcome our newest co-opted member of School Council, Paul Berry, who is filling in a 1-year vacancy as a Parent representative. Welcome Paul! Congratulations to the following people who have been nominated and have accepted office-bearing positions: Alec Yankos – School Council President, Nirmal Rajamohan – School Council Vice President, Paul Berry – Treasurer, and Sherryn Davies – Minute taker. Please see the table below for all School Council representatives for 2024.



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Parent Representatives	Tenure	DET Representatives	Tenure
Alec Yankos (SC President)	2024-2026	Con Vellios (Executive)	NA
Nirmal Rajamohan (SC Vice Pres.)	2024-2026	Elise Vaudeau	2024-2025
Paul Berry (Treasurer)	2024-2025	Sherryn Davies	2023-2025
Vaishali Bhand	2024-2026		
Marco Borsato	2024-2026		
<i>Casual Vacancy available (1 year)</i>	2024-2025		
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As you can see above, we have 2 casual vacancies to fill if anyone is interested in joining/being co-opted into the School Council. Please contact the office for more information.

At our first meeting for 2024, the new School Council committee –

- Endorsed the Volunteer Approval list for 2024
- Endorsed the 2024 Standing Orders
- Endorsed the 2024 Sub Committees
- Agreed to co-opt Paul Berry into one of the vacant Parent Rep positions on School Council
- Approved the fundraising events listed for the 2023 school year
- Endorsed the following policies
  - *Cash Handling Policy*
  - *Refund Policy*
- And passed a motion to endorse the 2023 Annual Report to the School Community. For more information, you will be able to access the report shortly on our school website.

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

While on the topic of School Council, I would like to strongly encourage people to consider joining one of our sub committees, which play a major role in influencing School Council decisions. We desperately need members for our Outside School Hours Care and Student Learning and Wellbeing subcommittees in particular but would welcome members on all committees. Here is a list of all sub committees and their roles.

### **Fundraising Subcommittee**

The committee considers options for fundraising, planning, communicating and resourcing agreed activities. Items for the school such as air conditioners and an electronic scoreboard for the basketball court are examples of funds raised by the school community in the past. The committee makes recommendations to School Council on these matters.

### **Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Subcommittee**

The committee deals with planning, staffing, communications, management and finances relating to the OSHC program. The OSHC committee makes recommendations to School Council on these matters.

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## Student Learning and Wellbeing Subcommittee

The committee works with the school in developing educational policy, including camps and excursions. It is also an important committee for parents so they can develop a strong understanding of the student learning program at GWSPS and communicate this to other school community members. The committee makes recommendations to School Council in these areas.

This subcommittee also has an important role in fostering:

- **Connectedness:** Building a strong bond between all school community members (students, parents and staff) and our wider community.
- **Relationships:** The better that people know each other, the more aligned their expectations become.
- **Harmony:** Most conflict is caused by differences in perception. Our children will be safer and happier if we are able to connect with each other.
- **Values:** When our school values of R.E.S.P.E.C.T. are shared and lived by us as adults in our school community they will be transmitted to the children of our school community. **R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Relationships, Excellence, Support, Passion, Engagement, Choice, Trust and Honesty.**
- Our actions and interactions show children what we value.
- **Civics and Citizenship:** Children who see their parents making positive contributions to society are much more likely to do so themselves.

The role of this committee is to foster community relationships, engagement, and support the health and wellbeing of students, staff and their families. Its work also includes communications and marketing, uniform policy, student code of behaviour, healthy food initiatives, Kids Hope Mentors and other wellbeing related topics. The committee makes recommendations to School Council on these matters.

## Finance Subcommittee

The committee deals with the finances of the school, purchasing decisions, budgeting and planning major investments. The committee makes recommendations to School Council on these matters as well as overseeing the monthly accounts, which are reviewed by School Council as part of normal business.

## Sustainability Subcommittee

The committee assists to develop an environmentally conscious culture at GWSPS and encourages maintenance of daily sustainable practices. They will develop the 'Community Garden' program and assist with increasing the biodiversity of the school yard in order to support local flora and fauna. This will be achieved by identifying areas for improvement, hands on work and organisation of other members of the school community to assist. At times it may involve organising community social networking (eg. morning/afternoon tea functions) and working in conjunction with the fundraising committee on specific sustainability related fundraisers.

## Facilities

- All of the roofing works in the South Building have now been attended to, following leaks identified in the summer holiday break.
- Works on some of the cubicle locks in the south building toilets should be completed this week. While we're on the subject of toilets, can I please remind everyone that student toilets are solely for use of GWSPS students. If you need to use facilities while you are at school, or you need to attend to a younger sibling who needs to use the toilet, please approach the office and you will be directed to the staff toilet in the gym. We thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.



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- We are still waiting on some of the mould affected areas in the South Learning Studio to be re-instated. I am yet to learn when this will take place. Please be assured that, of the two areas where mould has been identified, one of the areas has been covered to contain any potential spread and the other has had the mould cut out. Hopefully this will be sorted out over the holiday period. (Note: All roof leaks which have contributed to the mould issues have been rectified)
- We are still waiting on the shade sail over the F-2 playground, and the fence bordering the kindergarten to be replaced.

### Cross-Country

Today we held our House Cross Country event. Another fantastic community gathering with the kids having a great time. Many thanks to all who attended and to Mr. Matt Young for organising this event.

### Happy Holidays!

After a very busy and productive term, we hope you can find time to relax and enjoy the company of your family and friends. It is important to remember to be there for our loved ones and spend quality time with them. For everyone who celebrates Easter, we wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter and we wish all who are observing Ramadan, which will conclude on 9<sup>th</sup> April, a Happy and Blessed Ramadan! Many of our community members also celebrate Holi, which was observed on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. We wish all of our Hindu community a Happy Holi. We look forward to seeing you all back for Term 2.

#### Last Day of Term1, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

9:00 am	Cross Country
11:00 am	Recess
11:30 am	Learning Session
12:15 pm	Learning Session
1:00 pm	Eating time
1:10 pm	Lunch time play
1:45 pm	End of lunch time play
2:00 pm	Assembly
2:30 pm	School ends



**Con Vellios**  
Principal

# Maths Matters

## Mathletics

We encourage all students to access their Mathletics account at home or at school. It is a great resource to help students practise their Maths skills in an interactive way using technology. If your child does not have access to the internet at home to use Mathletics, arrangements can be made with your child's teacher so they can access Mathletics at school.

Certificates are awarded automatically through the Mathletics system and are awarded fortnightly at Friday assemblies.

This year students will be awarded their first gold certificate of the year at assembly, after that they will be awarded their first Emerald and Legend certificates of the year at assembly. This is due to Mathletics changing how they award certificates compared to previous years.



## Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES	
Class	Activity Points
5/6R	48,100
5/6N	37,550
5/6D	33,950
3/4P	18,470
3/4E	17,200

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Aarav B, 3/4D	12,200
Tyson T, 5/6R	11,300
Hayley C, 3/4E	5,800
Dane C, 5/6N	5,400
Ahad C, 3/4D	4,700



**Matt Young**  
Numeracy Leader

## YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION

In Week 1 of Term 2, the Department of Education (DE), will release the: **Year 6-7 placement information packs: Guidance for Parents and Carers.** This information will be communicated to parents of Year 6 students via a Compass post.

We will also distribute the **Application for Year 7 Placement 2025** form to all families of Year 6 students in Week 1 of next term. These forms are due back by Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May.

For more information about this process please see the Department of Education (DE) link:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/enrolment/guidance/year-6-to-7-placement#placement-timeline-for-2024-to-2025>



**Debbie Dimas**  
Year 6-7 Transition  
Coordinator



# NAPLAN, ICAS, STUDENT ENRICHMENT AND EXCELLENCE PROGRAM & SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR ABILITY STUDENTS



## NAPLAN 2024: A Journey of Achievement

NAPLAN 2024 has come to an end, marking an important moment in our students' learning journey. As we pause to reflect, we are genuinely impressed by the students' readiness to participate in these assessments, approaching them with a calm and non-stressful demeanour.

We are now eagerly awaiting the results, which we will be receiving early in Term 3.

## ICAS 2024



Just a friendly reminder that ICAS 2024 enrolment is **now open!**

Provide your child with the opportunity to showcase their skills and knowledge by participating in this competition.

For administrative and organisational purposes, registrations will close on **Monday, July 22nd, 2024.**

**HOW TO ENROL:** Visit the website to access and purchase test papers.

1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices **here:** ([icasassessments.com/products-icas/](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/))
2. Read the Privacy Collection Statement below.
3. Read the terms and conditions **here:** ([icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs\\_S2023.V6-1.pdf](https://icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf))
4. Go to Parent Portal to purchase tests **here:** ([shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps))
5. Enter our school's access code – NNP951
6. Enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

## Student Enrichment and Excellence Program

This year, the Student Excellence Program continues to offer various initiatives aimed at supporting government schools in creating a dynamic learning environment and enhancing teacher capacity to nurture and challenge high-ability students. At Glen Waverley South Primary School, we are dedicated to fostering the growth of our students academically and socially.

Throughout the year, selected students will have the opportunity to participate in the Victorian High-Ability Program, an initiative coordinated by the Department. This program caters to high-ability students in Years 5 to 8, providing them with access to 10-week online extension and enrichment courses in English and Mathematics. Delivered by Virtual School Victoria, the virtual program aims to expand and enhance students' skills in these key subjects.



The selection process for the Victorian High-Ability Program is overseen by the Department, focusing on students' academic performance. Parents of selected students will receive further details about the program from the school.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to participate in the Maths Victorian High-Ability program next term:

Anvay A 5/6D  
Skye K 5/6D  
Ken P 5/6R  
Tyson T 5/6R  
Jasleen S 5/6R  
Arya O 5/6N  
Julian K 5/6N

I will be providing further details about the Student Enrichment and Excellence Program in upcoming newsletters.

## **LEGO® Robotics School Holiday Program**

High ability students from government schools are invited to book into the State Library's free school holiday **LEGO® workshops** funded by the **Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series**.

In these workshops, primary school students (ages 5 to 8) with a passion for LEGO® brick building will create and code a LEGO® brick robot while learning about the Library's collection items.

The LEGO® Robotics program is available onsite at State Library Victoria.

For more information or to book a free program, email [education@slv.vic.gov.au](mailto:education@slv.vic.gov.au) or call (03) 8664 7478.



**Elly Datsopoulos**  
NAPLAN  
ICAS Coordinator &  
High Abilities Practice Leader

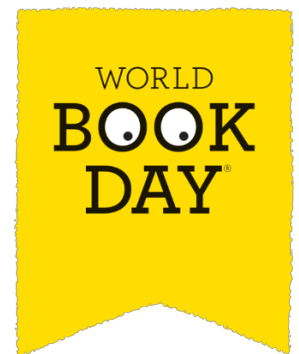


## LIBRARY NEWS

To celebrate World Book Day, students in Years 3 to 6 had the opportunity to take part in a virtual workshop that was presented by Liz Pichon, author of the ever-popular “Tom Gates” series. Students enjoyed learning how to draw in her distinctive style.

Our Foundation students have come and enjoyed their first lunchtime library activities, including listening to a story read by the Library captains and an activity to match.

We have also acknowledged the beginning of Ramadan and students in some classes read stories about this special time of year observed by many families within our school. They also completed a simple craft activity. We will be ending the term by learning more about Holi and Easter.



Over the next few weeks, many new books will be added to the library or displayed differently, in preparation for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Special stickers will help students quickly identify which books are part of the challenge to make participating and completing the challenge that little bit easier!



During the holidays, there are many fun activities on offer at your local library. Take a look at the Monash Libraries website to see what's on offer, from nature craft, to Mario Kart, right through to author workshops. many of these activities are free but numbers are also limited so if you are interested then book soon! <https://www.monlib.vic.gov.au/Children-and-Youth/School-Holiday-Program>

I'd like to finish with a reminder about our new library catalogue. As many families will have noticed by now, reminder emails are sent from Libib 2 days before books are due. If these books are not returned, overdue reminders are sent automatically 1, 5, and 14 days after the books are due. These emails are a courtesy reminder only and should not be a cause for concern. These automated reminders have proven useful for many families and we have had far fewer overdue books this term than in the past. Books are only counted as returned when scanned in to the library, so students who have returned their books to the classroom but not to the library may still receive reminder emails.

Happy reading!



**Bron Cook**  
**STEAM Coordinator**



## STEAM News

Throughout this term, the STEAM Captains have run activities during Tuesday lunch times. Students from Foundation to Year 6 have participated in a variety of STEAM activities such as Garage Band and coding, finishing off the term with a Paper Tower Challenge.

Students worked in groups with students in the upper years making sure our enthusiastic Foundation students had lots of support. It was interesting to see so many designs and the different ways students worked together to build their towers.

Take a look below at some of the finished products. We are looking forward to seeing what the STEAM Captains have planned for Term Two!



**Bron Cook**  
Critical Literacy



## Student of the Week



FL	Maddy L	For always being a patient, kind, calm and quietly helpful friend. Such a bucket filler!
1/2S	Ashri M	For noticing interesting vocabulary to use in her writing.
1/2T	Flynn M	For always demonstrating respect by using beautiful manners. Well done!
3/4D	Shravani	For writing a great Diary Entry on the perspective of a child convict from the First Fleet as part of our Inquiry unit. Well done!
3/4E	Babina S	For always offering a helpful hand and showing our RESPECT values.
3/4T	Austin S	For completing a descriptive writing piece which included interesting adjectives and verbs. Keep up the great work!
3/4P	Myra P	For her detailed and descriptive Diary Entry written from the perspective of a historical character.
5/6D	Ishaan B	For his explicit and detailed explanation of how power is generated.
5/6R	Haru Y	For presenting his Inquiry in front of the whole class with confidence.
5/6N	Aleksander N	For being a great role model in the classroom for his peers. Well done Aleks!
Japanese	Stephanie A	For showing a good understanding of important sentences during Japanese class.
Japanese	Leon J	For being engaged and showing a good understanding of the facts of Japan.
Japanese	Oli L	For sharing the easy ways to remember the words for body parts.
Performing Arts	Nathan K	For excellent focus when playing the C, F and G7 chords on ukulele.
Performing Arts	Ilyna H	For confidently leading the class in singing and playing an instrument.
Sports	Armin A	For excellent effort and sportsmanship during interschool sport kickball!
Sports	Hridhaan C	For great effort and improvement during interschool sport tennis!

**Want to know what is happening at GWSPS?**

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Welcome to another year of Fundraising at GWSPS!

There are many fun activities planned this year to raise funds for the school including Twilight Sports, Bunning BBQ's, Trivia Nights and Hot Chocolate Mornings. The Fundraising Committee is always in need of helpers for our various events, both during school hours and occasionally after hours and weekends. If you would like to be added to the Fundraising Helpers List, please contact either myself directly on 0459 221 002, or let the school know you are happy to be contacted.

Any help is appreciated.

Emily Widjaja

Fundraising Committee

PH: 0459 221 002

# GLEN WAVERLEY SOUTH PS PHOTO DAY



## TUESDAY 30TH APRIL 2024

Orders can now be made through your Compass Portal via your email link or under the **COMMUNITY** tab

**PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW TO ENSURE OUR BEST PRICES!**

### FAMILY PHOTOS



Family/Sibling photos are available for students attending school. Orders must be placed by **11:59PM** the day before photo day.

Parents with 3 or more children can receive a concession with our **Premium** or **Classic** packs. To take up this offer, please contact us prior to photo day.

### GROUP STYLE



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8x10"

Traditional Class Photo

8x10"

Composite Class Photo

**We're here to help.**

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# Dates to Remember



## March 2024

Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	House Cross Country <b>Last Day of Term 1 – school finishes 2.30pm!</b> <b>OSH is available on this day from 2.30pm. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.</b>
Student School Holidays Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)		

## April 2024

Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First Day of Term 2</b> <b>2025 Enrolment Applications for Foundation open</b>
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation school nurse visit
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation school nurse visit
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day Public Holiday – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. <b>OSH unavailable on this day, please make alternative arrangements.</b>
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	School photos

## May 2024

Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Round 1 - 5/6 Interschool Sports
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	House Athletics
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Stall
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	District Cross Country Mother's Day morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	House Athletics / Coach Approach
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Education Week Celebration Day
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Round 2 - 5/6 Interschool Sports
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Division Cross Country
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup>	Round 3 – 5/6 Interschool Sports



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## MILLENNIUM TENNIS ACADEMY



### 2024 MARCH/APRIL HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAMS



**WHITES LANE MULGRAVE TENNIS CLUB**



**WHITES LANE BETWEEN MT VIEW & WATSONS RD - GLEN WAVERLEY**

#### ADULT TENNIS PROGRAMS

DESIGNED FOR BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE LEVELS

(ALL LEVELS) 6.30PM TO 7.30PM

PROGRAM 1	MON 8TH APRIL
PROGRAM 2	WED 10TH APRIL
PROGRAM 3	FRI 12TH APRIL

**\$30 FOR ONE PROGRAM    \$55 FOR TWO PROGRAMS**

**\$75 FOR ALL THREE PROGRAMS**

#### JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAMS

DESIGNED FOR BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE LEVELS

(5-8 YO) 8.30AM TO 10.30AM	(9-16 YO) 10.30AM TO 12.30PM
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PROGRAM 1    MON 8TH - WED 10TH APRIL

**\$60 PER DAY    \$140 FOR ALL 3 DAYS**

#### PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM

FAST TRACK YOUR TENNIS

3X WEEKLY PRIVATE LESSONS

PROGRAM 1

TUE 2ND - SAT 6TH APRIL

PROGRAM 2

MON 8TH - FRI 12TH APRIL

3 Lesson package must be completed within the program week specified.

**3 X 45MIN \$210    3 X 60MIN \$270**

#### FREE TENNIS LESSON TRY OUT SESSIONS

FREE COME & TRY TENNIS TO SEE IF YOU LIKE IT!

JUNIOR

MARCH/APRIL FREE TENNIS LESSONS

SAT 16TH OR 23RD MARCH

SAT 6TH OR 13TH APRIL

JUNIORS - 5 TO 16YRS - 9AM TO 9.45AM

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE ABOVE DATES, WE CAN ARRANGE ANOTHER DAY & TIME FOR YOU.



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