



01/08/2024

Principal's Report

Whole School Production

Thank you once again to all our wonderful community members who attended our Whole School Production of 'Weird Tales' last week. We are blown away by the support, and positive feedback we have received. The show was an outstanding success, and we are so grateful to our talented Performing Arts teacher, Mr Peter Jenkins for making it come to life – thank you Peter! We hope all the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of performing on stage!

Qantem Multimedia has professionally filmed GWSPS's production of WEIRD TALES on the 23rd of July 2024. Here is the link for ordering USBs and MP4 file downloads of the School Production: <https://www.trybooking.com/CTRCX>

Please note that ordering will close on **Friday 16th August** at midnight. The following week, everyone will receive their orders. MP4 Links will be emailed directly to the email address supplied when ordering and USB copies will be delivered directly to the school.

Prices:

- USB & a downloadable MP4 file of Weird Tales (HD MP4 file) - \$25.00
- Downloadable MP4 file (HD) of Weird Tales - \$15.00

Qantem Multimedia will kindly be donating a portion of each sale to the school.

School Review and Parent Forum

All government schools are required to undertake a School Review. This process provides an opportunity to reflect on the school's performance over the past 4 years, and set new directions through a Strategic Plan.

We will be holding a parent forum on Friday the 9th of August at 9am in the OSH area. As part of our school review process we would appreciate your participation in a forum to discuss school performance over the past 4 years. We value your input, whether you are new to the school or a long-standing community member. This is also an opportunity for parents to socialise and meet other families across the school. There will be tea, coffee and light refreshments provided for all to enjoy.

If you would like to attend, please register using this link: <https://forms.gle/e5piVekhGvc8gpNs8>
We would love to see as many parents/carers attend as possible!

Thirty years of GWSPS!

This year marks a very special year for Glen Waverley South Primary School – 30 years of excellence in education! In 1994, Brentwood Primary School merged with Coinda Primary School to establish Glen Waverley South Primary School. We want to take this opportunity to celebrate this milestone in conjunction with the opening of our brand-new learning spaces in Term 4. Stay tuned for more information about the upcoming celebrations!



Principal's Report cont..

Child Safety

Glen Waverley South Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. GWSPS has a commitment to **zero tolerance of child abuse**. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. GWSPS is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people feel safe, and their voices are heard when decisions are made that affect their lives. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability. We want all children at this school to be safe, happy and empowered. Every person involved in GWSPS has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play, individually and collectively, to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make. We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety.

You can access the following policies that link to Child Safety on our school website:

- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child Safe Policy
- Child Safe Standards Risk Register
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy & Procedures
- Complaints Policy
- Visitors Policy
- Volunteers Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

At GWSPS we value suggestions and ideas for future planning and improvement and encourage all families to provide feedback to our school so that we can continue to provide an engaging learning environment and extra-curricular opportunities for our students.

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will have received an invitation via compass to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 29th July to Friday 30th August**. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 15-20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.



Principal's Report cont..

Swimming

The 2-week whole school swimming program is set to begin on Monday the 12th of August and will run until Friday the 23rd of August. Level 5/6 students will complete 10 days of the program, Monday-Friday both weeks. Students in Levels 1-4 will complete 8 days of the program, Monday-Thursday both weeks.

Swimming and water safety is a vital part of your child's education and is included in the Health and Physical Education curriculum from Foundation – Level 10. This requires schools to ensure that they are implementing a swimming and water safety program that meets the requirements of the curriculum.

We encourage all students to participate in this program. Please provide consent & payment on Compass by the due date. If you do not wish your child to participate in the swimming program, please contact your child's teacher directly via email to inform us.

Foundation 100 Days of School

Our Foundation students will reach their 100th day of school during Week 5 of this term! This milestone will be celebrated on Friday 16th of August, with students participating in a variety of activities based around the number '100'. Thank you to Mrs Lawrence for organising the activities on this special occasion!

We congratulate all our wonderful Foundation students and acknowledge the efforts of Mrs Lawrence, and our amazing staff who have supported and nurtured our students throughout this early part of their schooling, setting up a solid foundation for their ongoing learning and wellbeing.

Illnesses

We are currently experiencing a number of illnesses within our school. To minimise the transmission of these illnesses, we ask that you please keep your child/ren home if they are sick.

If your child is absent from school for any medical reasons /medical appointments, we request that you please provide the school with a medical certificate or medical attendance notice. This can be uploaded directly to Compass when you are adding an attendance note or alternatively, you can email it to the office.

Reminder: Curriculum Day & Professional Practice Day – Term 3

A reminder that **Friday 13th September and Monday 16th September** have been allocated as a curriculum day and professional practice day respectively. Both of these days will be pupil free, which mean no students at school. We will be using these days to move into our wonderful new school buildings. We will be reaching out for parent helpers, so please stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the date.

Please be advised that the OSH program will NOT be running during the two pupil-free days mentioned above!

Once again, we appreciate your understanding and support regarding this matter. Once we do eventually move into the new buildings, we will be organising an official opening ceremony, which will take place sometime in Term 4.



Elise Vaudeau
Acting Principal

Year 6-7 Transition

On Wednesday 17th July, families of Year 6 students were informed of their child's Year 7 placement offer for the 2025 school year. Families can accept this offer or lodge an appeal with their preferred secondary school. The closing date for parents/carers to return their *Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip* is **Wednesday 7th August 2024**.

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>

Enquires can also be made to Lucy Trimmis and Debbie Dimas.

lucy.trimmis@education.vic.gov.au

debbie.dimas@education.vic.gov.au



Debbie Dimas
Year 6-7 Transition
Coordinator

Japanese

Word of the Week

This section introduces a Japanese phrase fortnightly. The Japanese captains introduce 'Word of the Week' to all students at assembly every Friday. Children are encouraged to use the word/phrase as much as possible during the following week. Each week students who have proved they can use the word of the week appropriately to either the Japanese captains or Manzaki Sensei will go into the draw to win a prize/house points.

By asking your child to tell you the 'Word of the Week' each week, you not only encourage him/her to use the Japanese language at home, but you also have the opportunity to learn part of the language!

the Week' this week: (sa mu i de su ne) which means 'It is cold, isn't it?' e.g. when you feel cold, you could say to your child/ren さむいですね。 **(sa mu i de su ne)**. It has been quite cold and wet this winter.

Looking forward to the warmer weather!



Miyuki Manzaki
Japanese Teacher



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.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved the gold certificate level this year. They will receive their certificate this week at assembly:

GOLD	Ayden M 1/2T, Sirisha P 3/4E, Ayaan A 3/4T, Eshan K 3/4D, Liam W 1/2S, Angel N 3/4D, Venkat S 1/2S, Seesh I 5/6R.
EMERALD	Nathan K 3/4T, Laura R 1/2T, Ashri M 1/2S, Romandeep M 1/2C.

Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES	
Class	Activity Points
5/6N	25,650
1/2C	16,180
5/6D	12,260
3/4P	12,200
3/4D	12,150

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Ryan S, 3/4P	4,510
Aarav B, 3/4D	4,060
Sera S, 5/6N	4,055
Niyanna I, 3/4T	3,760
Zen T, 5/6N	3,570



Matt Young
Numeracy Leader



Looking for a free fun way to celebrate National Science week with the family?

Join Melbourne Water to learn about the science and innovation underway at the Western Treatment Plant that ensures wildlife – including some of the world's rarest bird and frog species – will thrive for generations to come in Werribee.

Event details

From 10.30am on the day you'll have the opportunity to jump on a bus and join the Wonderful World of Water Site Tour or Grasslands Planting Tour. There will also be digital games, face painting, food trucks and kid's activities.

A shuttle will be running from Werribee Station to the Western Treatment Plant.

For a detailed program of events and to register, visit the Melbourne Water website: National Science Week comes to the Western Treatment Plant

<https://www.melbournewater.com.au/things-to-do/events/national-science-week-comes-western-treatment-plant> Free tickets available here

Virtual tour

Not able to attend on the day?

On 14 August 6-7pm, go on an online virtual tour of this amazing site. With a Q&A available at the end of the tour, you'll leave with a greater understanding of the science and innovation that happens on site, as well as an appreciation of the Western Treatment Plant as an incredibly unique place of beauty and biodiversity.

For more information about the Virtual WTP Tour, visit the Melbourne Water website: National Science Week comes to the Western Treatment Plant (Virtually!) <https://www.melbournewater.com.au/things-to-do/events/explore-western-treatment-plant-virtually-national-science-week>



Suyin Anson
Sustainability Leader





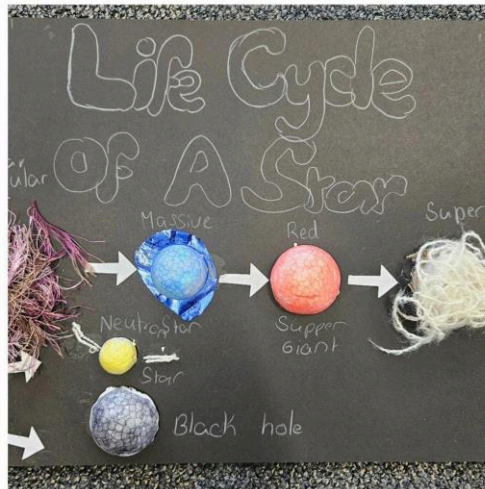
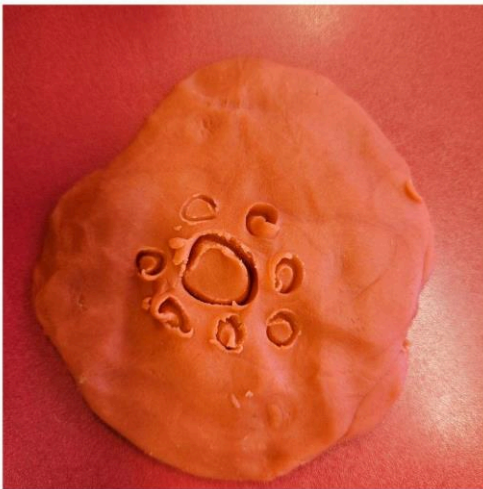
KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD

7-14 JULY 2024

During the first week of Term Three, students across the school celebrated NAIDOC Week through a variety of activities.

Students in Levels 3-6 read excerpts from "This Book Thinks Ya Deadly" one of the Non-Fiction Book of the Year Nominations in this year's Book Week awards.

During STEM lessons, students explored symbol making, fish trap engineering, and astronomical knowledge and learned about the scientific achievements of some First Nations Australians. Photos from these activities have been shared on the school Facebook page.



Bron Cook
Marrung Lead

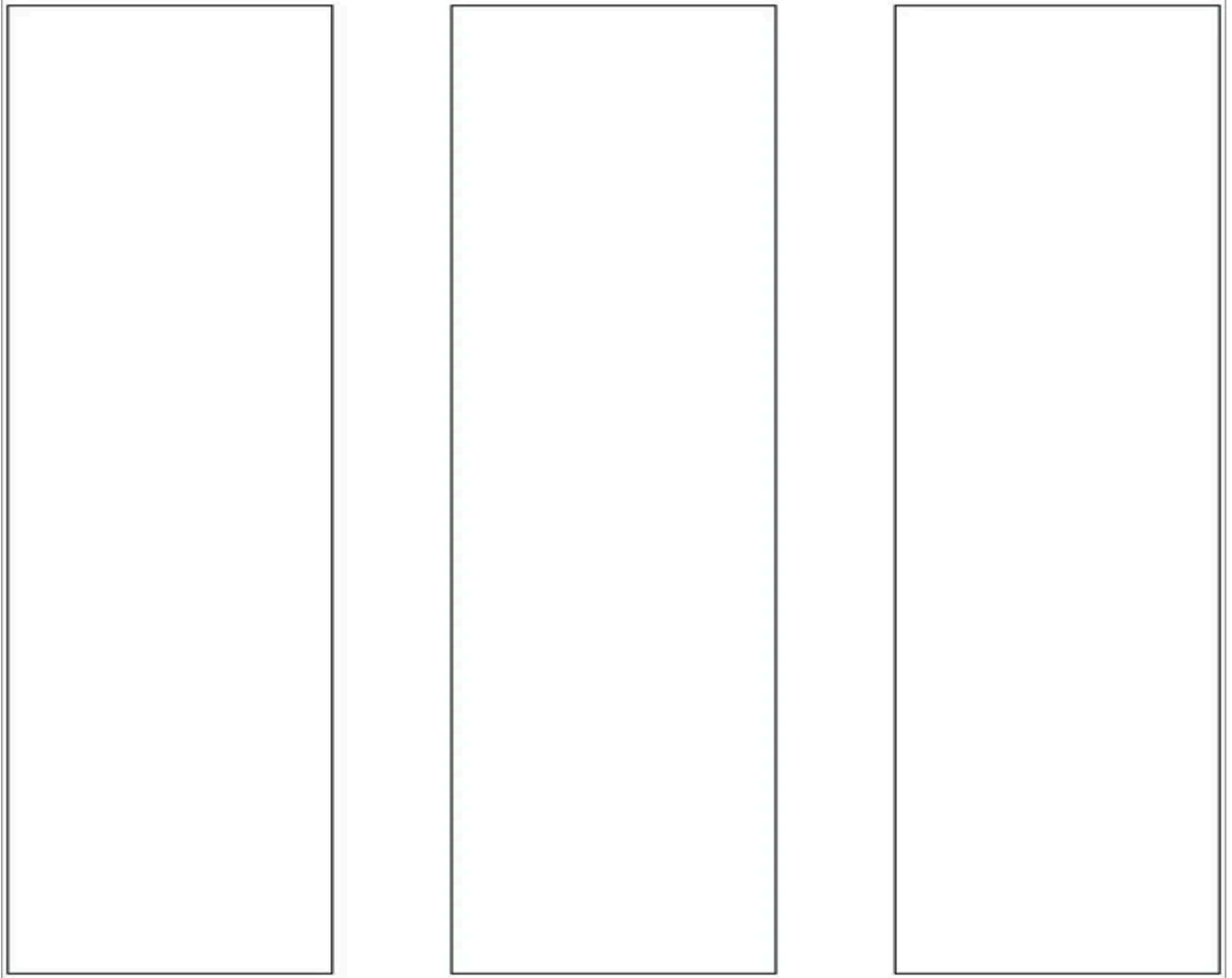


Term 3 Family Library Activity

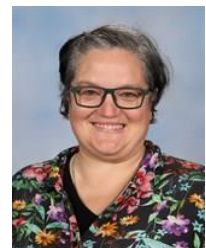
This term's Family Library Activity is to design a bookmark celebrating the magic of reading. There are three templates for you to try different designs.

Cut out the section below and return it to Ms Cook. All activities that are returned to school will be displayed in the library until the end of this term. If you need a hard copy of the activity, you can collect one from the office.

I look forward to seeing what your family will share with us! Your design might even be printed as a real bookmark!



NAME/S:



Bron Cook
Library & Critical
Literacy Coordinator



Book Donation

Donate your good-condition second-hand books for Primary School aged children to our Term 3 Book Week sale and help raise money for new books for our library and to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Books can be dropped off at the school office before or after school.

More information about our Book Week sale will be available in Term 3.

Thank you for your support!



Eastern Local Aboriginal Education
Consultative Group (LAECG) invites you to:

LAEC GATHERING

Come have a yarn
on all matters related to education



Come have a barista made coffee or a cuppa & yarn with fellow Koorie community members, parents, grandparents and carers of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students



Coffee van & morning tea provided!

Thursday 12 September 9:30am-10:30am

Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place
25-35 Lucknow St, Mitcham (Yarra Valley Water)

RSVP: To **Jessica Mobourne**,
North-East Victoria Marrung Facilitator
Ph. 0438 232 470 jessica@vaeai.org.au

Or **Lea Jones**, Eastern LAECG Chair
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The role of an LAECG

Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group
(LAECG)

Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups (LAECGs) are voluntary bodies made up of a broad range of local Koorie community members to provide advice on Koorie education matters from Early Years (Kinder) to Higher Education (University).

The role of LAECGs includes:

- Providing advice on all education and training matters that affect Koorie students.
- Monitoring the current trends in education and training that impact on all Koorie students.
- Providing an advocate role for Koorie students and their families with respect to education matters.
- Providing representation to local and regional committees and forums in relation to education and training. Providing representation to all VAEAI forums.
- Work in partnership with the Victorian Department of Education (DE) Koorie Education Workforce (such as KESOs) and many more Koorie Education stakeholders.
- Play a pivotal role in the implementation of the statewide Marrung Aboriginal Education Strategy.
- To connect and get to know other Koorie community members interested in education.





Student of the Week



FL	Iktaj S	For using his letter-sound knowledge to write a great sentence about his weekend.
1/2C	Asmi K	For enthusiastically participating in the school production.
1/2C	Raahim N	For writing a great text to self reflection on his book 'The Accident'.
1/2S	Rory B	For correctly adding 'Because' to create more interesting sentences.
1/2T	Laura R	For making insightful text connections during Reading. Well done, Laura!
3/4D	Ahad C	For making good observations during our Inquiry session about gravity. Well done!
3/4E	Giselle N	For making a meaningful text-to-self connection based on our mentor text.
3/4T	Niyanna I	For accurately using quotation marks to show direct speech. Keep it up!
3/4P	Claire Q	For consistently completing her reading responses with detail and care. Well done Claire!
5/6D	Hin Hin K	For working hard on his homework tasks and achieving good results.
5/6N	Avani S	For making a fantastic start at GWSPS and being a valuable contributor to our classroom discussions.
5/6R	Mahima A	For consistently displaying RESPECT values and being a kind, friendly and welcoming classmate.
Japanese	Ken P	For making effective words during the Japanese shiritori game.
Japanese	Hridhaan C	For having a go and saying the action words correctly in front of the class. Keep up the good work, Hridhaan!
Visual Arts	Sirisha P	For producing a creative artwork from random lines and squiggles.
Visual Arts	Oliver H	For producing a creative artwork from random lines and squiggles.
Sports	Sera S	For great improvement when goal keeping during the Soccer Gala Day!
Sports	Araz S.M.	For fantastic defensive skills during the Soccer Gala Day!
STEM	Sastra H	For creative thinking when designing an Olympic Skate Park. Keep up the good work!
STEM	Grace W	For following the design process to create her own Olympic Pictogram. Great work!

Want to know what is happening at GWSPS?
Like us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/GWSPS>



Dates to Remember



Friday	2 nd	Consent/payment due for Lv F-2 Book week in live performance.
Monday	5 th	Consent/payment due for Lv 5/6 District Basketball Gala Day (selected students). Consent/payment due for Lv F-6 Swimming Lessons. ICAS testing window opens (selected students) ICAS Writing test
Tuesday	6 th	ICAS Digital Technologies test
Friday	9 th	Parent Forum at 9.00am in the OSH area Lv F-2 Book week in live performance Lv 5/6 District Basketball Gala day (selected students)
Sunday	11 th	Japanese Junior Speech Competition (selected students)
Monday	12 th	Lv 1-6 Swimming Lessons
Tuesday	13 th	Lv 1-6 Swimming Lessons
Wednesday	14 th	Lv 1-6 Swimming Lessons
Thursday	15 th	Lv 1-6 Swimming Lessons
Friday	16 th	Lv 5/6 Swimming Lessons Foundation 100 days of school celebration
Monday	19 th	Lv 1-6 Swimming Lessons
Tuesday	20 th	Lv 1-6 Swimming Lessons
Wednesday	21 st	Lv 1-6 Swimming Lessons
Thursday	22 nd	Lv 1-6 Swimming Lessons
Friday	23 rd	Lv 5/6 Swimming Lessons
Wednesday	28 th	Book Week Character Parade at 9.00am (families welcome) GWSPS Book fair
Thursday	29 th	Father's Day stall ICAS testing window closes (selected students – more details to come)
Friday	30 th	Father's Day morning at 8.45am – 9.30am (families welcome)

The school community would like to say a big thank you to Bakers Delight Wheelers Hill!

The store has kindly donated all the bread for our BBQ fundraisers this year.

We appreciate your ongoing support to our community!



Chandler Macleod

Hiring now!

School Crossing Supervisors*

Location: Monash Council



Help look after our kids' safety on the roads!

If your family and friends say you're reliable, have a friendly personality and great communication skills, our students need you!

This is your opportunity to give back to the community, look after children in a unique way and earn money on the side too!

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Email: president@waverleyraiders.com.au

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