



Principal's Report

15/08/2024

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 20th August. Any parents/carers are welcome to attend as guests. Please register your interest at the office.

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.

Uniform

We have recently noticed that many of our students are out of uniform on a regular basis.

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code. School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

I'd like to draw your attention to the following, taken from our [Uniform Policy](#):

- The dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.



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- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Religious jewellery may be worn under clothing. Smart watches may be worn to school, but the school does not take responsibility for these.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: bleached, green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Hair accessories other than headbands/scrunchies/clips that match the school uniform are not permitted.
- Acceptable shoes must be black leather school shoes or black runners.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.
- Students out of uniform are expected to bring a letter from their parent/guardian explaining the reason for the breach of dress code.

Student Accident and Private Property Insurance

Please be aware that the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is assessed that it is likely, that the Department is liable for negligent (careless) acts or omissions of its staff/volunteers. For more information about the claims process please go to:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/Pages/claimsprocess.aspx>

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students. The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy/ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that parents seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage.

Book Character Parade & Book Fair

Our annual Book Character Parade will be held on Wednesday 28th August at 9:15am on the netball court, weather permitting. Families are welcome to attend! On this same day, we will be holding a Book Fair, please see Ms Bron Cook's information about this event on Compass, and in the section below.

Foundation 100 Days of School

Our Foundation students will reach their 100th day of school tomorrow! This milestone will be celebrated, 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.



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Father's Day Stall & Morning

On Thursday 29th August, our Fundraising committee will be running a Father's Day stall for all students to have the opportunity to purchase a gift and/or card for their dad, or another special person. There will be a notice distributed early next week with further details.

Thank you to the Fundraising committee for making this event possible!

On Friday the 30th August, GWSPS will be holding an event from 8:45am-9:30am to celebrate Father's Day. We encourage students to bring their Dads, or another special person, before school to participate in a range of activities. An order form has been sent home for families to order donut/s, which will be available for collection on the day. Please make sure these order forms are returned to the office by 4pm Wednesday 21st August. A self-serve tea and coffee station will be available on the day for adults to enjoy with their donut. With the environment in mind, we ask that you please bring along a keep cup on the morning as we will not have any disposable cups available.

Japanese Speech Competition

Congratulations to Annie X, Abby L, Mahima A, Sophie X, Nia H, Tania B, and Haru Y for their involvement in the 2024 JLTAV Inc. Junior Speech Competition on Sunday 11th August. We are so proud of our students! See Mrs Manzaki's report below for more details!

No Hat, No Play

Please be reminded that the 'No Hat No Play' policy commences from the 1st September. All students will be required to wear a School Council approved hat while outdoors. Students without a school hat will be limited to play in areas covered by shade covers. School hats are available from PSW Glen Waverley, 342-350 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley (Behind Officeworks).

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 means 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

All families of Year 6 students have been informed of their child's Year 7 placement offer for the 2025 school year. All acceptance forms have been returned and the relevant secondary schools have been informed of their acceptance. 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

Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Premiers' Reading Challenge will close on the 6th of September 2024.

Please remember to help your child log in to their PRC account and record all the books they have read. You will not have access to the account once the challenge closes. If you have any challenge related questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on

nive.dsouza@education.vic.gov.au



Guitar News

I wish to congratulate the following students for passing their Reading Books and Excellent Progress.

3/4D Zahra P	Exc Prog
3/4D Tempeste M	Exc Prog
5/6D Armin A	Exc Prog
5/6R Julian M	Exc Prog
3/4T Ilias K	Exc Prog

Reading notation is a very important part of learning music as it is a universal language that is transferred to most instruments.

Albert Axiag
Ass. Dip. of Edu. (Music)
Bachelor of Arts (Music)



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	Demira S 3/4P, Prenjal P 3/4T, Ahad C 3/4D, Shravya V 1/2C, Anson K 1/2C, Haru Y 5/6R, Vishruth P 1/2T.
EMERALD	Ryan S 3/4P, Sera S 5/6N, Zen T 5/6N.

Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES	
Class	Activity Points
5/6N	29,540
3/4T	25,475
3/4P	24,469
5/6R	23,655
5/6D	22,763

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
George H, 3/4P	6,160
Vishruth P, 1/2T	5,420
Ryan S, 3/4P	4,380
Kavya P, 3/4P	3,870
Sera S, 5/6N	3,830



Matt Young
Numeracy Leader

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!

Word of the week : たのしいね (ta no shi i ne!), this means "It's fun, isn't it?." eg. When you are having a good time with your family, you can say to your child/children "たのしいね (ta no shi i ne!)."

2024 JLTAV Inc. Junior Speech Competition

The Junior Speech Competition was held on Sunday 11th August, organised by the Japanese Language Teachers' Association of Victoria (JLTAV). Seven Level 5/6 students from our school participated in the competition and presented their Japanese speech alongside other students from across the state, who study Japanese just like us at GWSPS. I am delighted to inform you that some of our students won prizes!

Participation Award: Annie X, Abby L, Mahima A, Sophie X, Nia H, Tania B and Haru Y

Year 5&6 Open Division 1st Prize: Haru Y

Year 5&6 Pair Division 2nd Prize: Mahima A and Sophie X

Year 5&6 Individual Division 3rd Prize: Abby L

Congratulations to all the students for their fantastic effort and dedication in their rehearsals for the competition.



Miyuki Manzaki
Japanese Teacher

Father's Day Morning

Friday 30th August 2024

8:45 am - 9:30 am

We will have.....

- Activities to do
- Coffee and tea available (*please bring a reusable cup*)
- Donuts for those who have pre-ordered

All of the family is invited to celebrate Dads and other special people



Father's Day Stall

Father's Day is fast approaching, and we are holding our annual Father's Day stall on Thursday 29th August 2024. There will be lots of exciting gifts to choose from for Dad, Grandpa or a special person. Gifts will be priced from \$1 to \$10.

Students will need to bring their money to school on the day of the stall. There will be a limit of **2** gifts per student, however there will also be the opportunity to purchase any remaining gifts after school from 3:30pm – 3:45pm. Please don't forget to send your child/ren to school with a bag to carry their purchases home so they can keep the gifts a surprise!

Emily Widjaja - Fundraising Committee
Filiz Cakar – Community Engagement Coordinator



In less than two weeks we will be celebrating Children's Book Week here at Glen Waverley South. More information regarding our celebrations has been published on Compass. The highlights are the Character Parade on the morning of the 28th of August, and the Book Fair which takes place throughout the same day.

All classes have been reading books nominated in the Early Childhood, Picture Book of the Year and Non-Fiction Book of the Year categories and will soon vote for their favourites. We look forward to the winners being announced and celebrated in lessons throughout the week.

We have received so many wonderful donations from generous families and I'd like to take this opportunity to offer heartfelt thanks. Sharing the gift of reading is priceless!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Character Parade!



Bron Cook
Library & Critical
Literacy Coordinator

Children's Book week®

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17-23 August 2024



Wednesday, August 28th

Character Parade - 9 am

Come dressed as your favourite character or other book-inspired costume!

Book Fair - 8.30 am until 4 pm

All classes will visit the fair during the day
Students can visit before and after school if accompanied by a responsible adult

All Week

Classes will celebrate the winning books in each category during their library lessons



Glen Waverley South PS



Collect your coins and come to our Book Fair!

4 for \$1

3 for \$1

2 for \$1

\$1

and individually priced special items

August 28th

8.30-8.50 and 3.30-4.00

Students visiting the Book Fair before or after school
must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

All classes will attend the Book Fair during the day.



Indigenous Literacy Day is held each year on the first Wednesday in September. It is an annual celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Stories, Cultures, and Languages. This year's live event from the Sydney Opera House will visit Cunnamulla in Queensland, Vincentia in New South Wales and the Tiwi Islands in the Northern Territory. Also featured are ILF Ambassadors and superstars: Jessica Mauboy, Bianca Hunt, Justine Clarke, Josh Pyke, and more!

Anyone can register to watch and classes will join live or later in the day depending on their timetables. if you would like to watch along at home you can register here

<https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/schools/digital-creative-learning/indigenous-literacy-day-2024>

A portion of the proceeds from our upcoming Book Fair will go towards supporting the goals of the ILF and providing books in language to First Nations children around Australia.




LAST CHANCE

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.

Thank you for your support!



WE'RE SUPPORTING
Indigenous Literacy Day
ilf.org.au/ILD



Bron Cook
Marrung Lead





Student of the Week



FL	Victoria Y	For always being a calm, kind and helpful friend. You are an excellent role model!
1/2C	Nihal R	For writing a very detailed retell about 'The Very Cranky Bear'.
1/2C	Michael A	For his hard work and determination to create and solve 'groups of' maths problems!
1/2S		
1/2T		
3/4D	Aryan S	For writing a great summary and effectively redesigning a front cover for our mentor text. Great work!
3/4E	Bishmeet D	For working hard to stay focused during independent learning time.
3/4T	Ruixi J	For writing a thoughtful review of our mentor text and creatively redesigning the front cover.
3/4P	Oliver H	For working hard on skip counting in maths. Keep up the great work Oliver!
5/6D	Panav N	For settling in well to GWSPS. Well done!
5/6N	Arya O	For taking the initiative and starting to focus well in the classroom. Well done!
5/6R	Graeme H	For engaging in his learning and showing interest and enthusiasm.
Japanese	Oliver H	For enjoying and singing the Japanese hiragana rap with good pronunciation. Keep up the good work, Oliver!
Japanese	Ruicheng J	For being engaged and showing his positive participation during Japanese class. Keep up the good work, Ruicheng!
Sports	Poppy M	For excellent effort and dribbling skills during District Basketball!
Sports	Jun You L	For fantastic effort and shooting skills during District Basketball!
STEM	Durga S	For her outstanding tennis Olympic Pictogram. So creative!
STEM	Rayyan D	For his creative thinking in following the design process to create an Olympic Torch.

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Dates to Remember



August 2024

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 Lv 3/4 ICAS Spelling Bee (selected students) Lv 5/6 ICAS Spelling Bee (selected students)
Thursday	22 nd	Lv 1-6 Swimming Lessons Lv 3/4 ICAS Science (selected students) Lv 5/6 ICAS Science (selected students)
Friday	23 rd	Lv 5/6 Swimming Lessons
Monday	26 th	Lv 3/4 ICAS Mathematics (selected students) Lv 5/6 ICAS Mathematics (selected students)
Tuesday	27 th	Lv 2 ICAS Mathematics (selected students)
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)

September 2024

Monday 2 nd – Wednesday 4 th Lv 5/6 Warratah Beach Camp		
Thursday	5 th	Maths Olympiad Contest 4 (selected students)
Friday	6 th	Lv 3-6 District Athletics (selected students)
Friday	13 th	Curriculum Day – students do not attend school OSH unavailable on this day, please make alternative arrangements
Monday	16 th	Professional Practice Day – students do not attend school OSH unavailable on this day, please make alternative arrangements
Tuesday	17 th	Foundation – first firefighter visit
Friday	20 th	Footy Colours Day Last Day of Term 3 – school finishes 2.30pm!



REGISTER NOW FOR THE SUMMER SEASON!

Games played on Saturdays

Beginners and experienced players welcome

Term 4 2024 & term 1 2025

***One hour training session per week at
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or Wheelers Hill Secondary School***



For further information contact
Mike Morrissey, President
Email: president@waverleyraiders.com.au
Or register at PlayHQ.com.au and search
for Waverley Raiders
Or use the link below
[Summer 2024-25 registration](#)





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Season 2024/25



All Ages Welcome

The Glen Waverley Hawks Cricket Club is looking for Boys, Girls, Men & Women of all ages & skill levels from ages 5-18+

Senior 2 day & 1 day Saturdays
Senior T20 Tuesdays - Junior Cricket on Friday Nights

Woolworths Blast cricket (kids under 7), Super 7's, Fast 9's, Under 12's, 14's, 16's, 18's and Seniors!

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gwhccjuniors@gmail.com





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