

# 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024

# Principal's Report

# Staffing

It's nice to be back after an extended leave period. I'd like to thank Miss Vaudeau and Mrs Streets for stepping into the Acting Principal and Acting Assistant Principal roles in my absence and doing a great job over the past 6 weeks. We also welcome back Ms Peng after her short leave period last week and thank Mrs Freeman for filling in during her absence.

In some very sad news, we extend our deepest condolences and sympathies to our dear colleagues, Mrs Debbie Dimas and Miss Francene Tsoumas, following the recent passing of Debbie's dear father, and Francene's dear grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Dimas, Miss Tsoumas and their respective families during this difficult time. Mrs Dimas will continue to be on leave till further notice.

# School Council

At our School Council meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, we approved and endorsed the following items:

- Child Safety Risk Register
- Child Safety Code of Conduct Policy
- Level 3/4 School Camp

As well as this, the following policies have been updated, thanks to Mrs Dimas, and added to our school website, which can be found here: <u>https://www.gwsps.vic.edu.au/school-policies</u>

- Attendance
- Child Safety and Wellbeing
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Visitors
- Volunteers
- Yard Duty and Supervision
- Duty of Care
- First Aid
- Curriculum Framework
- Bullying Prevention
- Child Safety Responding and Reporting Policies and Procedures
- Complaints
- Digital Learning
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement

We invite all community members to provide feedback and/or comment on any of the above policies by contacting our school office.



# Principal's Report cont...

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 5:30pm. If you would like to attend as a visitor, please contact the office to express your interest.

### No Hat, No Play

Please be reminded that the 'No Hat No Play' policy commences from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

### **Book Week Character Parade and Book Fair**

Our book week character parade was held yesterday. It was a marvellous parade with all the children being engaged and having lots of fun. It was also great to see so many members of the community present. Thank you to Ms Cook and the Library Captains for organising and promoting this event. A big thank you to Ms Cook for also organising the Book Fair and to Miss Cakar for supporting and organising parent helpers. Thank you to the following parents who assisted in this successful event:

- Monique M
- Emily W
- Aidah M
- Anu C
- Connie AB
- Helen R
- Van D
- Aileen T
- Nidhi S

### Father's Day Stall & Morning

Many thanks to our Fundraising Committee for running the Father's Day stall for all students today. Thank you:

- Emily W
- Kelly S
- Aileen T
- Connie AB
- Nimmi K
- Youmi (Dane)
- Vaishali B
- Youmi L
- Aidah M

A reminder that tomorrow, 30<sup>th</sup> August, we 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. 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.

Many thanks to Miss Cakar for organising these special events!

#### Wishing all Dads a Happy Father's Day for Sunday 1st September!



# Principal's Report cont...

## **Planning Week**

Staff will be working together throughout the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> September, to plan and organise teaching and learning for Term 4. Students will have all of their specialist classes on their level's planning day.

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September Levels 5/6
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September Specialists
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September Levels 3/4
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September Levels F & 1/2

# **New Building Update**

I'm sure you're all getting very excited about the new building nearing completion as indeed we are. A lot of progress has been made since I went on leave. As reported in an earlier edition of our newsletter, we were expecting handover tomorrow, however, this has now been revised to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The issue being the need to get a final inspection approved by the FRV (Fire Rescue Victoria). This has been delayed. Once we do get handover, we will start the process of relocating into the new building. We also have to allow some time for joinery to be installed. This is a self (school) – funded project which we anticipate will be completed by the end of the term 3 school holidays. In the meantime, we will start relocating once the handover is official, and we will be seeking volunteers to assist, so please stay tuned for the invitation to assist, which will be forthcoming in the very near future. As always, we thank you for your patience and your unwavering support regarding this project, which is nearing completion.

# Level 5/6 Camp

Finally, wishing our Level 5/6 students and staff and parent helpers all the very best on their Waratah Bay 3day camp commencing Monday! I look forward to visiting the campsite on Tuesday.

### **Student Achievements**

Last week Zoe L from 5/6R represented Victoria in the State School Sport Victoria Hockey U/12 team at a tournament in Cairns, and won a Gold medal. She scored 6 goals in the tournament. Zoe has also been selected to represent the U/14 State Hockey team for Hockey Victoria as an underage representative, and will be competing in another tournament in 5 weeks' time. This is yet another great achievement from our very own Zoe. Congratulations Zoe, and we wish you many more successes with your Hockey career.







Con Vellios Principal



# **School Saving Bonus**

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

#### Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about <u>Enrolling in School</u>.
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the <u>School Saving Bonus Information sheet for</u> government school parents and carers or visit <u>vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus</u>.



Sherryn Davies Business Manager



# **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	Ian L 5/6N & Eden K 1/2T.

# **Mathletics Top 5s**

TOP 5 CLASSES			TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Class	Activity Points	•	Student	Activity Points
5/6N	31,068		Angel N, 3/4D	5,397
5/6R	22,409		Ryan S, 3/4P	4,890
5/6D	18,439		Eunice S, 3/4T	4,465
3/4T	16,602		Seesh I, 5/6R	4,340
3/4D	16,350		Zen T, 5/6N	4,050



Matt Young Numeracy Leader





# **Student of the Week**



FL	Jemima M	For always sharing her great ideas during class discussions.
1/2C	Mitansh G	For his excellent knowledge of times tables to solve multiplication problems.
1/2T	Trisha P	For working very hard to solve challenging multiplication problems in Maths.
3/4D	Khadija A	For working collaboratively with a peer to explore the different forces in Inquiry. Good work.
3/4E	Clifford A	For writing and publishing a creative and engaging picture story book.
3/4T	Nathan K	For showing his understanding of rounding and estimating to solve multiplication problems. Well done!
3/4P	Ryan S	For demonstrating his understanding of rounding and estimating in Maths!
5/6D	Duke R	For working hard during our writing session to develop an interesting news article!
5/6N	lan L	For being an exemplary role model in the classroom. Well done lan!
5/6R	Jasleen S	For demonstrating leadership and being a confident problem solver during our Voice meeting.
Japanese	Avani S	For challenging and using important sentences during the speaking activity. Keep up the good work, Avani!
Japanese	Rishab M	For being a risk taker and using important sentences during speaking activities.
Visual Arts	Aleksander N	For using digital software to create a detailed silhouette portrait.
Visual Arts	Shravya V	For sketching objects with detail, using focus and perseverance.

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# **Dates to Remember**

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# August 2024

Friday

Father's Day morning at 8.45am – 9.30am (families welcome)

# September 2024

	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>			
Lv 5/6 Warratah Beach Camp				
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Olympiad Contest 4 (selected students)		
		JSC Sports Lunch		
		Foundation Teddy Bear Picnic		
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lv 3-6 District Athletics (selected students)		
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Lv 3/4 Bush Foods Cooking Class		
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Day – students do not attend school		
		OSH unavailable on this day, please make alternative arrangements		
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Practice Day – students do not attend school		
		OSH unavailable on this day, please make alternative arrangements		
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation – first firefighter visit		
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Footy Colours Day		
		Last Day of Term 3 – school finishes 2.30pm!		

## October 2024

Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	First day of term 4	
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Lv 3-6 Division Athletics (selected students)	
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Swimming Lessons	
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Australian Girls Choir Workshop	
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	JSC - PJ & Pancake Day	
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Swimming Lessons	
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	2025 Foundation Transition Session 1	
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Swimming Lessons	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>			
Lv 1/2 Sleepover			
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	Foundation Swimming Lessons	







