



12th September 2024

Principal's Report

Staffing News

Mrs Nive D'Souza will be on leave from Wednesday 18th September and will be replaced by Mrs Linda Freeman. We wish Mrs D'Souza all the very best on overseas trip and look forward to her return in Term 4.

2025 Class Placement Requests

We are about to start the process of making plans for teacher assignments and student placements in 2025. This is a complex process involving a range of factors and allocations. Student and teacher placements will not be finalised until late in the school year. Each year the staff work through a comprehensive process to form classes for the new year. Current teaching teams (including specialist teachers) develop prospective lists based on their knowledge of the students in relation to their academic, social/emotional and physical needs. We wish to offer parents an opportunity to provide, in writing, any special considerations in terms of any special educational needs their child/ren may have, in line with school policy. Please be aware that we will consider all requests but make **no guarantees** that all requests will be met. Once a placement is determined, it will be considered final.

Please note that specific request for teachers will not be considered. Any special requests from parents in regard to the placement of their child/ren must be in writing and emailed to the school at glen.waverley.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au, by no later than Friday 11th October 2024. It is essential to have requests in by this date to assist with planning, staffing and organisation.

Late requests will not be considered.

To further assist us in our planning for the 2025 school year it is imperative that we have as accurate a figure as possible of enrolments for 2025. If you have any kindergarten children ready for Foundation next year and you haven't yet enrolled them, please do so at your earliest convenience. Also, if you know anyone who is intending to enrol their child at GWSPS but hasn't done so already, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. If they are unsure about the process, please direct them to call the office for assistance. It is equally important to know if any families of children currently in Foundation to Level 5 are leaving GWSPS in 2025. If you are in this category, please inform the office staff using the form over the page.

School Council

At our last School Council meeting on Tuesday 10th September, we looked at the following updated policies, which are available to see on our website:

- Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures 2024
- Bullying Prevention 2024
- Complaints Policy 2024
- Digital Learning Policy 2024
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy 2024

We also approved the Level 1/2 Sleepover.



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R U OK?

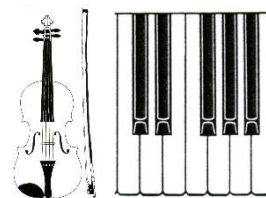
Today is 'R U OK? Day', reminding us it is an important time to check in with friends and families. The 'R U OK?' website has some great resources, including how to ask others if they're ok, by following the steps: Ask, Listen, Encourage Action, Check in.

If you check in with your children and you're concerned, the Kids Helpline website <https://kidshelpline.com.au/> has a great section for kids aged 5-12 years old. It is a child friendly website which they can access, or you could access together to seek help. Also, 'Parent Line' ph:13 22 89, is available 8am-midnight, seven days a week, to talk through any parenting concerns you have for your child. They can provide counselling and help link you to other local services and much more.



Violin and Piano Lessons

I am delighted to announce that, after an extended period of inactivity due to the Capital Works program, we are now in a position to offer Violin and Piano Lessons in term 4, which will be run by a long-time tutor in our school community, Marika Leinger-Ogawa. This is a user-pays program which is run during school hours. Times can be negotiated with the tutor, Marika. Please contact Marika on 0400-604-701 for further information or queries.



Whilst we are aiming to start the Violin and Piano lessons from week 1 in term 4, please note that due to the relocating into the new buildings, the commencement date may be postponed until a room becomes available for the lessons to take place. Marika will be able to inform you of the exact commencement date as soon as we can clarify room availability.

NZPF/APPA Trans-Tasman Conference (Together Leading Learning)

Elise and I will be attending the New Zealand Principal Federation (NZPF) and Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) Trans-Tasman Conference in New Zealand in the final week of this term. The conference is held every four years, with the exception of 2020 due to the disruption of COVID. The NZPF and APPA have a long-term partnership, which is about leading learning and what we can learn from each other through this unique relationship.

Unfortunately, the timing of the relocating into the new building has clashed with our attendance at the conference, which, at the time of registering, we were led to believe the capital works project would be well and truly completed. It is disappointing that we won't be here in the first functioning week of the new buildings, however, we are very much looking forward to returning in Term 4 into the new learning and administration environment.

New Buildings

We are delighted to be finally moving into our new buildings. Yesterday we focused on moving our library books and shelving across as well as some furniture. Tomorrow and Monday we will be relocating classrooms and the administration offices into the new building, as well as relocating some of our Level 1/2 classes within the South building. It is an exciting time, and we are very grateful your patience and support throughout the whole Capital Works period. Many thanks to all parents who volunteered their time to assist with the relocating. There is still a lot of work to be done, particularly the installation of joinery in the new buildings, all of which should be completed over the upcoming holidays. Landscaping works, including planting of trees, and the installation of outdoor furniture, etc., will be a work in progress and something that will develop as we go along.

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Pupil-Free Days

Please be reminded that **Friday 13th September** and **Monday 16th September** are both pupil-free days. Children are not to attend school on these days.

The Out of School Hours Care Program will not be operating on these days!

Term 3 Highlights

As always, there have been many highlights to reflect on this term. These include:

- Whole School Production
- Levels 1-6 Swimming program
- Level 5&6 camp
- Father's Day Morning & Father's Day Stall
- District Athletics
- 100 days of school for Foundation students
- Book Character Parade & Book Fair
- Maths Olympiad
- Foundation Teddy Bears Picnic
- Footy Colours Day Dress Up (Friday 20th September)

Early Finish

Please be reminded that school will be finishing early, at 2.30pm, on Friday 20th September.

We will be following the modified timetable below:

9.00-11.00am.....Sessions 1 & 2

11.00am.....RECESS

11.30am.....Footy colours parade

12.00pm.....Staff/Parent V Students football and netball games

1.00pm.....Lunch eating time

1.10pm.....LUNCH PLAY

1.45pm.....End of lunch play bell

1.50pm.....End of term assembly

2.30pm.....Dismissal

Happy Holidays!



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Principal

Victorian High-Ability Program Primary

Congratulations to Zoe (5/6R), Max (5/6R), Ian (5/6N), and Ali (5/6D) who completed the **Victorian High-Ability Program Primary in the Maths Course - Patterns: from Symbols to Secrets** during Term 3.

The students receive their certificates during our whole school assembly on **Friday, 11th October**.

Alexander (5/6D) has been selected for the **VHAP Mathematics Program** for **Term 4**. Congratulations on his selection and excellent achievements in Mathematics.

ICAS

All ICAS assessments have been completed. Results will be available shortly.

NAPLAN 2024

Earlier this term, the NAPLAN 2024 results were distributed to all Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed these assessments. Please keep these reports in a safe place, as replacing them is a time-consuming process. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with me or the class teachers.



Elly Datsopoulos
High Ability Practice Leader

Year 6-7 Transition

Apart from families who have lodged appeals to the Regional Director, all other families have been informed of their child's Year 7 placement.

The relevant secondary schools are in correspondence with us and all placements have been confirmed.

Please see the table below for a summary of the timeline of events for Term 4:

by Friday 18 October 2024	Regions notify parents/carers in writing of the outcome of the Regional Director appeal. This only applies to appeals received by the closing date.
by Tuesday 22 October 2024	Parents/carers who have indicated an intention to appeal to the Regional Director must submit an updated <i>Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip</i> to their child's primary school to finalise their enrolment.
Tuesday 10 December 2024	Secondary schools host an Orientation Day for Year 6 students.

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



Rotary Club of Glen Waverley – Literary Competition

Earlier in the term, our Level 3/4 students entered a creative writing competition for the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley. The writing prompts were:

- A world where I hope to grow up
- The day it all happened

Last Friday, Bev Peacock and Tina Gem from the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley came to assembly to present the awards for first and second place for our school. We would like to congratulate the following two students on their excellent result:

- **First Place** – Zea
- **Runner Up** – Lincoln B

The two students were awarded with a book voucher. Please enjoy Lincoln's writing piece below.



Veronica Lawrence
Literacy Leader

The day it all happened

On this day, strange things occur. All kinds of things. Clunk! The big ship hit the ground. 13 aliens filed out! Everyone knew that they were here to cause trouble. They ran around and into homes. They swung on the chandelier, tipped over the table, ate all the eggs, bashed the bookshelf, and chomped on the chairs!

It seemed like they might collapse a castle, when the NASA team saw what was going on. "ENOUGH!" they shouted. "Get the rocket!" A piano was used as bait to lure the aliens in. Soon enough all 13 were inside. Crushing it to pieces. "5, 4, 3, 2, 1," LIFTOFF! Whoosh!!! The rocket pierced the sky, headed for Neptune.

6 weeks later: Peace has returned to Posterlane Avenue. The homes are fixed and all is mostly back to normal. A few houses still need insurance, but those aliens still left a huge story going around! Nobody thought that anything could go wrong now! Then, something fell from the sky. And another, and another. 10, 11, 12, 13! The aliens! Once again, they ran. They teamed up to lift a car! Then they threw it off a cliff! Crash! That was heard in the distance... things were going from bad to worse. Some aliens were even rolling logs down a hill and jumping over them for a game. Others were in the Cupcake Bakery, tossing cakes at each other! This time, the police saw the chaos and decided to put a stop to it. The whole of Posterlane Avenue helped to prepare a net trap. It would catch the aliens and drop them into the deep blue sea.

The next day: A crowd gathered as everyone wanted to catch a glimpse of the big moment. Suddenly, the aliens came running! The mob cheered as the net curled up and dropped those aliens down. They spiralled! They spun! They grimaced! They grinned! All the way down until there was... **splooosh!**



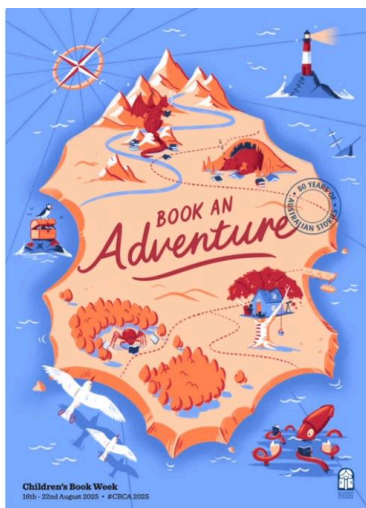


Our Book Week celebrations on Wednesday, August 28 were a huge success! It was wonderful to see so many families join us for our parade on such a windy morning and the Library Captains did a stellar job of hosting the event. So many students, and their helpful grownups, put a lot of effort into their costumes and the Library Captains had a very difficult task in deciding the winners for most interesting costume in each level. We hope their winners enjoy adding some new books to their home library with their winning vouchers.

Our Book Fair was a highlight for many students and some of our book categories sold out very quickly! We hope that all students who brought money along found something new and interesting to read. It was a wonderful way to see books no longer needed by the library be given a new life. We look forward to making a Book Fair an ongoing part of our Book Week celebrations at Glen Waverley South.

Overall, we raised a total of \$684.40 on the day. A portion of this will be used to buy new books for our school library, and a portion will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Indigenous Literacy Day is held this year on Wednesday, September 4th and classes will have the opportunity to join the live streaming event from the Sydney Opera House celebrating the theme 'Be A Proud Voice for Country'. They will see some of the diverse ways children, Elders, and families connect with Country and the significance of Country in First Nations Communities.

Thanks to all families for supporting our celebrations and we look forward to celebrating the 80th Children's Book Week in 2025 - Book an Adventure!



Bron Cook
Library & Critical
Literacy Coordinator

Dates to Remember



September 2024

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!

October 2024

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

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