



24/10/2024

## Principal's Report

### 2024 Foundation (Prep) Transition Program

Last Friday our Foundation Transition program commenced for students starting in 2025. It was a wonderful first Transition Day for our future Foundation students, who all settled in very well and enjoyed engaging and fun activities. Thank you to Mrs Lawrence for organising the Transition program, and to Miss Tsoumas for supervising our current Foundation students.

### World Teachers' Day Australia – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

World Teachers' Day is held internationally on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. As it usually falls during the school holidays in many parts of Australia, this year, in Victoria, World Teachers' Day is celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

It is a chance to recognise and celebrate the teachers who are making, or have made, an impact in our lives. Whether you're a current student, have children in school, or have been out of school for many years, World Teachers' Day is a chance to say, 'thank you'.

Elise and I would like to thank our dedicated staff at GWSPS for the significant contribution they make towards ensuring our students experience a stimulating and challenging learning environment. Our staff at GWSPS work tirelessly to prepare curriculum resources for students and to engage with students and parents to provide valuable learning opportunities and support student wellbeing. We will be holding a special morning tea for our staff on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October, when most of our staff are in attendance.



### Level 1/2 Sleepover

This Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, our level 1/2 students will take part in a sleepover at school, with dinner (BBQ) and lots of fun activities organised for all in attendance. Many thanks to our wonderful Level 1/2 staff and indeed all other staff assisting on the night and early Saturday morning.



# Principal's Report cont...

## School Council

At our last Tuesday's School Council meeting we:

- approved a 48-month lease agreement for one of our photocopiers

Our final meeting for 2024 will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm. We will be welcoming a special guest attendee, Richard Welch MP, Member for the North Eastern Metropolitan Region, who will be joining us as a visitor. If you would like to attend also as a visitor, please feel free to contact the office to express your interest.

## Level 3/4 camp

Good luck to our Level 3/4 students, who are heading off to their 3-day camp at Forest Edge in Neerim East, about 100km east of Glen Waverley, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November (day after Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday). Many thanks to all staff attending as well as the wonderful parent helpers attending. I will be paying a visit to the campsite on Thursday. Please be advised that if there are any delays regarding the trip back to school on Friday, it will be posted in Compass. Also, remember to check our Facebook page for all the latest updates about the camp.

## Staffing

We wish Mrs Winnie Lam all the very best as she prepares to take leave from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October and will be returning on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## Pupil Free Day and Public Holiday

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Curriculum Day (Report writing day)**

- **NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL**
- **NO OSHC AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**
- **NO STAFF ONSITE ON THIS DAY**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Cup Day Public Holiday**

- **NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL**
- **NO OSHC AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**



**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.

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

GOLD	Lincoln 3/4P, Avyana 3/4D, Ray 1/2S
EMERALD	Eunice 3/4T, Danial 3/4E
LEGEND	Vivaann 1/2S

## Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES	
Class	Activity Points
1/2C	21,086
1/2T	18,690
1/2S	15,300
5/6N	15,053
3/4P	12,764

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Vannea K, 1/2C	6,822
Olivia M, 1/2T	4,514
Angel N, 3/4D	4,195
Zen T, 5/6N	4,080
Ray Y, 1/2S	3,260



**Matt Young**  
Numeracy Leader

## Guitar News

Guitar Ensemble Performance at assembly Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm.

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



# UNSW ICAS Assessments

## Spelling Bee, Science, Writing and Mathematics Results

The ICAS Spelling Bee, Science, Writing and Mathematics assessment results and certificates are available for parents and students. Congratulations to all students who participated in these assessments!

Certificates for students who received a credit or higher in these assessments will be presented at the assembly on **Friday, October 25th**. All other students have already received their certificates from their class teachers.

If you have participated in ICAS assessments before, please note that the TAP ID and PIN for each student will remain the same every year and across all subjects.

If this is the first time a student has participated in the ICAS assessments, we appreciate your patience while we await the arrival of the certificates at school for distribution.

**Student results** are also available online. Parents will find their child's login details on the back page of the printed student certificate below the academic achievement record.

For guidance on using the portal, download the [Quick Guide](#) (also available in the Resources section of the Portal).

### UNSW ICAS - Assessment Results

	Spelling Bee		
	High Distinction	Distinction	Credit
Year 6			Julian M
Year 5			Ian L
Science			
Year 6			Ishaan B, Anvay A, Julian M
Year 3			Mehrsa M
Writing			
Year 6			Ishaan B
Year 3		Mehrsa M	
Mathematics			
Year 6		Ishaan B	Anvay A, Zehao Z
Year 5	Ian L		
Year 2		Vivaan K	Zerui Y



# Congratulations to Our Math Olympiad Participants!

We would like to extend our congratulations to all the students who participated in the 2024 Maths Olympiad!

Here are the names of our dedicated participants (not listed in order of achievement):

Jun You L	Julian M	Ishaan B
Zen T	Karanvir B	Jasleen S
Anvay A	Zehao (Hans) Z	Sophie X
Devansh T	Sera S	Graeme H
Tahir U	Julian K	Abby L
Ali M	Ian L	

We will present the awards during our assembly on **1st November**.

Here's a glimpse of the awards that will be given:

- **Individual Student Award** for the highest scorer.
- **Top 10% Achiever Pin** for the student who ranked within the top 10% of overall scores.
- **Top 25% Achiever Patch** for the students who scored within the top 25%.
- A **Special Achievement Award** for one outstanding participant who worked diligently and showed exceptional effort.
- **Certificates of Achievement** for every registered team member.

We are incredibly proud of all of you for your enthusiasm and commitment to learning.



**Elly Datsopoulos**  
High Ability Practice 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: すごい ! (Su go i !)** This means That's great! or That's fantastic! e.g. when your child shows his/her fantastic work, you could say to him/her, すごい ! (Su go i !), when your child has achieved something he/she has been trying to achieve for a while, you could say すごい ! (Su go i !).



**Miyuki Manzaki**  
Japanese Teacher

## Parents Community Meeting

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding a Parents Community Meeting at 3:00pm. We would like to invite any members of the community to join us in the staff room for this meeting. We will be discussing all of the exciting community and fundraising events that we have coming up this year and early next year. We are looking for a number of volunteers who can help us organise these events and start allocating jobs to work on. If you do not hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC), and would still like to attend this meeting, please come along. We can also assist you with getting a Working With Children Check.

## Volunteers and Working With Children Check

We are always looking for community members to help us at school with our excursions, camps events and within our Parents Community. We have many events coming up this term and early next year that we require some support with. To be a volunteer at our school you will need to apply for a Working with Children Check (WWCC). It is free and can be done quickly online. Once you have received your card in the mail please send a copy to the office and we will include you in our database. To begin the application, go to the following website <https://bit.ly/3A9baxr>



**Filiz Cakar**  
Community Engagement



## Principal's Award

### Jake Cook

For always displaying a positive attitude towards school and being polite, kind and prepared to help others. Great attitude, Jake, and well done!



## Student of the Week



FL	Maddy L	For always accepting challenges and striving to do her best!
1/2C	Randal H	For a positive start to his learning at GWSPS. Keep it up!
1/2S	Sophia	For always being a polite and respectful learner who always gives 100% effort.
1/2T	Adhyansh T	For stretching out sounds when writing sentences about his favorite part of school.
3/4E	Sirisha P	For segmenting a number line into equal parts to create fractions.
3/4T	Bivaan N	For working collaboratively with his peers to brainstorm ideas to improve our school.
3/4P	Sophie L	For her creative 'letter to the character' reading response, which showed thoughtfulness of the character's point of view.
5/6D	Abby L	For always upholding our GWSPS Respect values with maturity and pride!
5/6N	Tahir U	For being a thoughtful contributor to our Literature Circles. Well done!
5/6R	Sage F	For consistently being a role model for positive behaviour.
Japanese	Annie X	For her creativity and effective use of focus sentences when describing the Yokai in her presentation. Well done, Annie!
Japanese	Sophie X	For her excellent presentation to her Yokai poster with a good depth of understanding. Well done, Sophie!
Visual Arts	Noelle L	For creating a fantastic art piece inspired by Jasper Johns, using oil pastel and paint.
Visual Arts	Stella L	For creating a fantastic art piece inspired by Jasper Johns, using oil pastel and paint.
STEM	Violet L	For her careful and detailed drawings of microscopic observations, wonderful effort!
STEM	Antonio R	For his creative model of a wind brea to prevent wind erosion on a farm. Great thinking!
Sports	Dior N	For demonstrating great effort and persistence when practising bike riding skills!
Sports	Willow S	For great effort and concentration when learning tennis skills!



# Dates to Remember



## October 2024

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> <b>Lv 1/2 Sleepover</b>		
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Lv 5/6 Parliament Process IncurSION
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Greenlands Kinder Students visiting our Foundation Classroom
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	Foundation Swimming Lessons

## November 2024

Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lv 5/6 Bike Ride 2025 Foundation Transition Session 2
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>Lv 3/4 Forest Lodge Camp</b>		
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Curriculum Day – students do not attend school</b> <b>OSH unavailable on this day, please make alternative arrangements</b>
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Public Holiday Melbourne Cup Day – students do not attend school</b> <b>OSH unavailable on this day, please make alternative arrangements</b>
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Swimming Lessons
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Brentwood Kinder Students visiting our Foundation Classroom
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Swimming Lessons Lv 1/2 Jells Park Excursion
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Masterclass (for students who participated in the maths VHAP program) 2025 Foundation Transition Session 3
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Lv 3/6 Kids Trivia Brentwood Secondary College PAT testing
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Foundation Swimming Lessons Whole School Transition Session 1
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Foundation Chesterfield Farm Excursion Lv 6 Round Robin
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Swimming Lessons Whole School Transition Session 2
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	2025 Foundation Transition Session 4

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# *Children's Art*

Learn various techniques, skills in drawing, watercolour and acrylic painting, sculpture and crafting with different materials.



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday OR Thursday (6-8 years old) 4pm — 5pm

Monday, Wednesday OR Friday (8-12 years old) 4pm – 5:30pm

\$170 for 10 weeks (Materials included)

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