



5/12/2024

## Principal's Report

### 30<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration

Tomorrow, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, we will be having a special event celebration at our school to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the amalgamation of Brentwood Primary School and Coinda Primary School way back in 1994, to form Glen Waverley South Primary School. The event will commence at 2:30pm and will conclude at 5:00pm.

You would have already received a Compass notification requiring you to indicate your intention to participate in tomorrow's event or otherwise. If you haven't already, please do so asap.

Please be advised that the only entry/exit point will be the front of the school, specifically, the Whites Lane entrance. This is so that we can safely monitor students whose parents have indicated will not be partaking in the celebrations from home time (3:30pm), and we can account for their safe exit from school. The school would have received notification from the parents of all remaining students to advise that they or an older sibling will be present to supervise their child/sibling after 3:30pm. Any remaining student/s found to be without a sibling or parent after 3:30pm will be removed from the event and parents will be contacted to collect their child.

All participants, whether from the school or wider community, will be required to sign in upon entering the school grounds. There will be a QR code for signing in.

With plenty of food, student performances, fun and games, we look forward to seeing you tomorrow to help us celebrate this momentous occasion.

Thank you to fundraising committee and all other parents who have volunteered their time to help us celebrate this occasion!

### Japanese Day

Yesterday we celebrated Japanese Day in what was a fantastic occasion with plenty of fun activities and games. It was great to see our kids so invested and engaged in the cultural experiences of the day. A huge thank you and acknowledgement to our wonderful LOTE teacher, Mrs. Manzaki, who did a marvellous job coordinating this special event.

### Secondary School Orientation Day / Transition Day

On **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, our Level 6 students attending Government schools in 2025 will be having their Orientation Day at their new schools. We wish them all the very best for this very exciting day! Our Foundation to Level 5 students, together with new students starting next year at GWSPS, will meet their new classes and teachers for 2025 on the same day.



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### End of Year Subway Community Picnic/Christmas Celebration Concert – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

We will be holding a Christmas celebration/musical performance event in the last week of school, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, at 2:00pm by the outdoor stage in front of the Performing Arts room. This is subject to weather conditions. If it is too hot or wet, we will move the concert to the gym. All members of the school community are invited to attend. Thank you to Mr Peter Jenkins for co-ordinating this event and to all staff for helping to prepare the students.

**Preceding this, we will be holding a whole school community picnic at 1:15pm. We invite all community members to join us. We have organised a Subway Lunch for this day.** All Subway Lunch orders are to be placed online at the following link - <https://myschoollunch.com.au/glen-waverley-south-ps-traffic-selector> Orders will close at 9:00am on the 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Please ensure you place an order for your **child** from the 'Student Lunch' portal. If you would like to also order a Subway Lunch for yourself or any other adults, please choose the 'Staff Lunch' option. We will have pick up stations for you to collect your orders on the day. The Fundraising Committee will also be selling icy poles on a pay as you go basis. Please be advised **cash only** transactions will be accepted! We hope you can join us!

Many thanks to our fundraising committee for organising this event!

### 2025 Foundation Information Night

Thank you to Mrs Lawrence for organising and coordinating the Transition Program for our 2025 Foundation students. On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, the Foundation Information Night will be held in the School Library at 6.30pm. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, we look forward to welcoming our 2025 Foundation students for their last Transition Day / Orientation session in the Foundation classrooms.

### Parent Helpers & Volunteers Special Morning Tea

At GWSPS we are fortunate to have the support of many wonderful parent helpers and volunteers. We cannot function without these wonderful community members! As a small token of our appreciation, staff would like to invite all helpers to our special morning tea on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am in our staffroom. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated and will give us an opportunity to thank you personally for all your hard work and support. Hope to see you there!

### Christmas Collection for the Needy

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, the Junior School Council (JSC) will hold their final fundraiser event for the year, Snakes for Sale Day. Money collected will go towards the purchase of groceries. These goods will be presented to the Salvation Army. Many thanks to the JSC, including the coordinators for their outstanding work this year. On behalf of the Salvation Army, we are also accepting donations for their Christmas Cheer appeal. A list of suggested items to donate can be found on your Compass news feed.



### Foundation Breakfast

Foundation staff will be hosting a breakfast for our Foundation students on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 8:15am. Our Foundation students are looking very much forward to enjoying breakfast at school with their friends. Many thanks to Mrs Lawrence and to all helpers assisting. If you would also like to assist in the breakfast morning, please let Mrs Lawrence know as soon as possible.



# Principal's Report cont..

## 2024 School Captains

Thank you to our wonderful 2024 School Captains and leaders for their dedicated commitment to their respective roles. Today I hosted our School Captains to a special lunch, as a 'thank you' for their contribution to GWSPS.

Tomorrow we will be announcing the new Captains for 2025 to our level 5/6 students, which we will then share with the community in a Compass post. We will be holding a hand over ceremony for the current 2024 Captains to hand over their roles to the 2025 Captains on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December during our assembly, starting at 2:40pm. The official badge ceremony will be mid Term 1, 2025.

## Staff News

As the year draws to a close, we are presented with a unique moment of transition. While it's never easy to say goodbye, this year we celebrate the exciting new chapters ahead for nine of our valued staff members. Their contributions have left a lasting legacy at GWSPS, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements and opportunities to come.

It's also with great excitement that we introduce a talented group of new and returning staff who will join us in 2025, ensuring continuity and fresh perspectives for our school community.

### Farewells and Welcomes

- **Mrs. Tara Kang**  
After a wonderful year with us as an Integration Aide, Tara is stepping away to explore new interests. We are deeply thankful for her contributions and wish her and her family every success. We're thrilled to welcome Mrs. Emily Guan, who brings experience from Livingstone Primary School, as Tara's successor.
- **Miss Kelsey Dixon**  
Kelsey has been an integral part of our school community, having worked in our OSH program and this year worked alongside Mrs Streets in Level 1/2 twice a week. Kelsey has decided to pursue further studies next year and hopefully will be available for some CRT work and/or OSH work in 2025.
- **Mrs. Sherryn Davies**  
Sherryn, our exceptional Business Manager, has secured a promotion to Vermont Secondary College. This outstanding achievement reflects her incredible skills and dedication, and we couldn't be prouder. Joining us as her replacement is Mrs. Gabrielle Johnson, who brings impressive expertise from Timbarra P-9 College.
- **Mrs. Julia Pereira**  
After nearly a decade of outstanding service since 2015, Julia will be taking her talents closer to home at Frankston Heights Primary School. We thank Julia for her remarkable impact on our students and staff and are delighted to welcome Kathy Cheng, who joins us from Weeden Heights Primary School, to continue Julia's legacy.
- **Miss Tamara Todorovic**  
Tamara will be taking a well-deserved 12-month leave to explore new horizons. Her presence will be missed, but we eagerly await her return in 2026. In the meantime, we're excited to have Katherine Alevras, with experience from Glendal Primary School, join us in this role.



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- **Mr. Matt Young**  
Matt, a beloved and highly respected PE teacher, has secured a dynamic role at Trinity Grammar. We celebrate this exciting next step in his career and thank him for his incredible contributions to GWSPS over the years. We're thrilled to welcome Jessie Hare, a former GWSPS student with experience from Berwick Fields Primary School, as his successor.
- **Ms. Filiz Cakar**  
Filiz is embarking on a joyful new journey as she prepares to welcome a baby in 2025. We share in her excitement and look forward to her return. In her absence, Ashlee Linke, a familiar face from our OSH program, will step into her role and continue to support our students with care and dedication.
- **Mrs. Elly Datsopoulos**  
One of our longest serving staff, Elly has picked up a 12-month Visual Arts/Literacy support position at Huntingdale Primary School. A long-time passion of Elly's, she is very excited to be given the opportunity to work in the Visual Arts space and continue her outstanding work in supporting students in literacy – a role she has mastered at our school over many years. Elly's absence will be immensely felt. She possesses a wealth of knowledge and is a great support to staff and students in this area. We wish Elly all the very best in 2025 and hope to see her back in 2026.
- **Miss Mia Reber-Ewin**  
Mia is moving to regional Victoria with her partner and stepping into a new teaching role at Welshpool & District Primary School. We are so proud of her early career accomplishments and know she will continue to thrive. Joining us in her place is Mrs. Amnah Asad, who brings two years of experience from Mount View Primary School.
- **Returning Staff**  
We're delighted to welcome back Miss Ebony Gibson after her leave and Ms. Clare Read and Mrs. Stacey Honore from family leave. Their return adds to the strength of our 2025 team.

Additionally, Ms. Dan Ping Peng will be on sabbatical leave for Term 1, 2025, during which Mrs. Tineke Reincke will capably step in.

We extend heartfelt gratitude to all departing staff for their exceptional contributions and wish them the very best as they embark on these exciting new chapters. We are equally excited to welcome our new team members, who bring fresh energy, talent, and dedication to GWSPS. Here's to an inspiring and successful 2025!

## 2025 Grade Structure

With our current enrolment numbers for 2025, we will be running 13 grades to start the year.

Based on our projected 2025 enrolments, the class structure and staffing profile is as follows:

**Foundation** - 2 x Foundation classes (Rooms CS2 – new building)

**Level 1** 1 x level 1 class (Room CS1 – new building)

**Level 2** - 2 x level 2 classes (Rooms C1 & C2 – new building)

**Level 3** - 2 x level 3 classes (Rooms 11 & 14)

**Level 4** - 2 x level 4 classes (Rooms C3 & C4 – new building)

**Level 5** - 2 x level 5 classes (Rooms 12 & 15)

**Level 6** - 2 x level 6 classes (Rooms SLS1 & SLS2)



# Principal's Report cont..

## 2025 Staff profile:

### Principal Class

Con Vellios  
Clare Read 0.6  
(Acting) Elise Vaudeau 0.4

### Learning Specialist

Elise Vaudeau 0.6

### Tutoring

Bron Cook

### EAL and HAPL Support

Tineke Reincke

### Office Administration

Gabrielle Johnson (Business Manager)  
Lucy Trimmis (Student Administration)

### OSHC Program

Karen Borsato (OSHC Coordinator)

### Integration Aides

Winnie Lam  
Jodie Farrell  
Allison Thompson  
Emily Guan

### Foundation Teachers

Ebony Gibson  
Veronica Lawrence

### Level 1 Teacher

Francene Tsoumas

### Level 2 Teachers

Annete Streets/Suyin Anson  
Ashlee Linke

### Level 3 Teachers

Dan Ping Peng Terms 2-4/Tineke Reincke Term 1  
Kathy Cheng

### Level 4 Teachers

Miriam Ercole / Suyin Anson  
Katherine Alevras

### Level 5 Teachers

Debbie Dimas/Jessie Hare  
Stacey Honore

### Level 6 Teachers

Nive D'Souza  
Amnah Asad

### Specialists Teachers

Jessie Hare (PE)  
Peter Jenkins (Performing & Visual Arts)  
Miyuki Manzaki (LOTE)  
Bronwyn Cook (STEM)



**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	Anvay 5/6D
EMERALD	Dane 5/6N, George 3/4P, Shravya 1/2C
LEGEND	Ashri 1/2S, Zen 5/6N

## Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES	
Class	Activity Points
1/2C	30,010
5/6N	22,885
5/6D	21,665
1/2T	20,130
1/2S	19,633

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Randal H, 1/2C	9,186
Umesh K, 5/6D	7,940
Sasandi W, 5/6R	6,903
Kimbrel H, 3/4P	6,015
Haley C, 3/4E	4,868



**Matt Young**  
Numeracy Leader





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16th December



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## STEM TERM 4



## Guitar News

Albert's guitar ensemble performing Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:

- Frere Jacques
- Pink Panther
- Transformers
- Rudolph



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

Skye K	5/6D	Exc Prog	Raiden M	5/6R	Exc Prog			
Devang S	5/6D	Book 3	Vishruth P	1/2T	Exc Prog	Madison L	FL	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)



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  3. Mad On Music will contact you once you have received your place
- To save disappointment, please enrol by Friday December 13th 2024.**



### All Prep & Gr 1's -Do you want to learn KEYBOARD ?

Enrolments are NOW being taken for students to commence  
KEYBOARD in Term 2, 2025!

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  3. Mad On Music will contact you once you have received your place
- To save disappointment, please enrol by the Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025.**



# Christmas Hamper Raffle

The silly season is just around the corner and to help raise funds for our school, the Fundraising Committee is organising a Christmas Hamper Raffle. We are asking each family to donate a suitable item towards the raffle. All donated items will be used to make Gourmet Christmas Hampers.



Tickets for the Christmas Hamper raffle have now been sent home with students. Tickets are \$1.00 each. **Please write the full name and phone number of the person purchasing the ticket on the back of each ticket and return to school with the money.** You do not need the ticket stub to claim your prize.

**The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Concert and BBQ on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

Please contact the office staff if you require more tickets. All tickets with money need to be returned to the school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## Dates to Remember



### December 2024

Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	GWSPS 30 Year Celebrations commencing at 2.30pm and will conclude at 5.00pm
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	2025 Foundation Parent Information Evening Christmas Hamper Working Party (2.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	2025 Foundation Orientation Morning (9.00am-11.00am) Whole School Transition Day (11.30am-3.30pm) Yr 7 Orientation Day
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Community Helpers Morning Tea (11.00am-11.30am) JSC Fundraiser – Snakes 4 Sale
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Lv 6 Graduation (5.45pm – 7.00pm)
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Breakfast (8.15 am – 9.00am)
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Subway Community Picnic at 1.15pm (orders close 9.00am 12 <sup>th</sup> December) Christmas Concert (2.00pm-3.30pm)
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Fun Day
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day of School 1.30pm finish.</b> No afternoon OSH Program this day.



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You can register online or at any branch of Monash Public Library Service and collect a reading log.

**Register online:** <https://readbooks.com.au/bsr>



# Term 4

Monday 7th October - Sunday 15th December

2024

OCTOBER							NOVEMBER						
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DECEMBER						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

■ Term 4 = Monday 7th October – Sunday 15th December  
 ■ Public Holiday – Closed



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