



19/12/2024

Principal's Report

As we approach the end of another very successful year, we are incredibly proud of what we have been able to achieve in 2024 and I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our amazing staff, the students, and members of our community for your wonderful support.

This year we celebrated many highlights including: 30th Year Anniversary Celebration, moving into our new buildings, Twilight Sports, Student Leadership Conference, Cross Country, 5/6 Summer and Winter Sports, Athletics Day, Footy Colours Day, Kids Trivia, Foundation breakfast, Level 1/2 Sleepover, Level 3/4 camp, Level 5/6 camp, ANZAC Day service, Mother's Day stall, Father's Day stall, Year 6 Graduation, School Review, Transition day, Foundation Transition Program, Foundation 100 days of school, Orientation days, Fun days, Excursions/incursions, End of Year Christmas Concert, Victorian High Ability Program, Education Week, District and Regional Sport Carnivals, Foundation - 6 swimming programs, Buddies program, PJ Day, Book Character Day, Pancake Day, and many, many more events and activities!

Our goal remains to ensure that all our students are achieving their best possible outcomes, and we have already started working towards 2025, with your children's new teachers already briefed on each child's point of need for the start of next year as part of our 'Teacher handover / Transition to 2025'. Early in the new school year, we will offer our 'Meet and Greet' Interviews where teachers/parents can discuss the years' focus and student needs.

We look forward to another very productive and successful year in 2025!

Student Reports

Semester 2 student reports were made available on COMPASS on Monday. Please take the opportunity to discuss the reports with your children and to celebrate their wonderful achievements in 2024.

Community Spirit and Leadership Award



Each year, Dr Carina Garland MP Member for Chisolm, presents a community spirit and leadership awards to a student from each school within our Chisholm community.

The community spirit and leadership awards recognise inspirational young people who make a difference to their communities and an important contribution to the civic life of their schools.

We are delighted to announce that the recipient of this award from our school is April Lawrence. April received this award on Friday 13th December from Dr Carina Garland for being kind, always reaching out and helping others around her, putting others before herself, and always being an exemplary role model for not only her peers, but all students at GWSPS. Congratulations April!



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Jan Kennedy Community Award



The State Member for Glen Waverley District, John Mullahy MP, invited our school to take part in this year's Jan Kennedy Community Award.

The Jan Kennedy Award is named in honour of the late Janette Mary "Jan" Kennedy, who made tremendous contribution to women's rights and community health in Victoria. Starting as a maternal and child health nurse in Melbourne's east, Jan later founded Waverley Community Health Centre, providing support to those who needed it most. This centre evolved into what is now Link Health and Community, which continues to serve our community today.

In Jan's honour, the Jan Kennedy Community Award recognises a community-minded young person who may otherwise fly under the radar.

We are delighted to announce that the recipient of this award from GWSPS this year is Terence Fu. Terence received his award from John Mullahy at last week's school assembly for being a kind and generous student who always displays our school values of R.E.S.P.E.C.T. He is

generous with his time and is often helping out peers within the classroom and the playground. He plays fair during group games and often shies away from being recognised. He is a quietly confident and powerful force for goodness, and we all need a Terence in our lives.

Congratulations Terence!

End of Year Fun Days and Final Assembly for 2024

Today all classes will enjoy having fun with their friends and celebrating the end of 2024 during their respective End of Year Fun Days. Thank you to the staff for organising and supervising these events. **Please note, students will be dismissed tomorrow at 1:30pm following the final assembly commencing at 1:00pm!**

Holiday Works

We have scheduled several works for over the holiday period including:

- new playground markings on the new asphalt area
- repainting of existing playground markings
- line marking of staff car park
- replacing of mesh fence along Whites Lane
- new carpet in south building and portable
- new toilet pans in south building toilet block
- installation of additional PA speakers
- blinds to be installed in new buildings
- joinery to be completed in new buildings

Christmas Concert

A huge thank you to all for the wonderful turnout at our Christmas Concert on Monday. Combined with our Subway lunch, it was such a lovely way to end the year and the kids did an amazing job. Many thanks to all staff and especially Mr Jenkins for coordinating the event! A huge thank you also to the wonderful parents who assisted with the Subway lunch on the day of the concert. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!



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Christmas Hamper Raffle

Thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas Hampers for the raffle and the collection for The Salvation Army. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped put the hampers together! We have conducted the draw, and we congratulate all the winners, and thank you all for your support.

Graduation

Last Thursday night's Graduation Night was a wonderful success and celebration for our Year 6 students. I wanted to particularly acknowledge our level 5/6 staff who made the venue look spectacular, as well as our amazing parent helpers, no doubt leaving our year 6 graduates with lasting memories! Congratulations to our graduating class of 2024!

Farewell to GWSPS Families

Farewell to the families whose children are graduating and to those who will not be returning to Glen Waverley South Primary School in 2025. We would like to thank you for your support and wish you every success and happiness in the future.

OSHC Holiday Program 2025

Our school holiday program will be commencing on Monday 6th January 2025 and finishing on Friday 24th January 2025. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Karen Borsato on 0409 168 410.

Extended Vacations

If your child will be absent at the start of the 2025 school year, Wednesday 29th January 2025, please complete the Student Absence form below and return to the office.

Student Name: _____	Class: _____		
Date(s) Absent: _____			
Reason:	<input type="checkbox"/> Illness	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Appointment	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Holiday
	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious/Cultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Bereavement	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent Choice
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Parent Signature: _____	Date: _____		

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Starting Dates for 2025

Tuesday 28 th Jan	Curriculum Day - Students do not attend school. (OSHC program will not be operating on this day)
Wednesday 29 th Jan	First day of school for all students in levels 1 to 6 (Foundation students do not start this day – Meet and Greet interviews scheduled)
Thursday 30 th Jan	Normal school day for all students (Foundation students finish at 1:00pm)
Friday 31 st Jan	Normal school day for all students (Foundation students finish at 1:00pm)

Elise and I would like to thank all of the staff, students and community members for their support and contribution towards our wonderful learning community. We wish all families a wonderful Christmas. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing you all in 2025.



Con Vellios
Principal



Elise Vaudeau
Assistant Principal

VHAP - Term 4

Congratulations to Alexander A from 56D for completing the Maths VHAP course during Term 4. Well done on this fantastic achievement!

A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS

As I embark on an exciting new journey, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to the entire GWSPS community. It is with a mixture of excitement and sadness that I say goodbye to all the wonderful students, families, and staff members who have been a part of my teaching journey here.

I will truly miss each and every student. Watching you all grow and succeed over the years has been a privilege, and I will always carry those memories with me. A special thank you to the families who have been incredibly supportive throughout my time at GWSPS. Your encouragement and partnership have meant the world to me.

I would also like to recognise the dedicated staff members who have worked tirelessly to make GWSPS such a special place. Your passion and commitment to education have inspired me every day.

To all the students at GWSPS, remember that you each have incredible potential to achieve whatever you set your heart on. Never be afraid to give something new a try—whether it's a new school, a new challenge, or a new adventure. Success comes from believing in yourself, working hard, and always giving your best.

I wish every one of you the very best in your learning and growth. I will always be cheering you on!



Warmest wishes,
Elly Datsopoulos

FARWELL

I would just like to say a huge thank you the students, families and staff for make this school such a lovely place to work. Thank you, Mr Vellios and Ms Vaudeau (and Ms Read) for your leadership, and thank you to the school council for your input into the school, it has been such a pleasure to work with you all. I have enjoyed my time here very much and feel it has been a privilege to be a part of your school community for the last 5 years. Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season.




Sherryn Davies
Business Manager

Dates to Remember



December 2024

Thursday	19 th	Whole School Fun Day
Friday	20 th	Last day of School 1.30pm finish. No afternoon OSH Program this day. 

January 2025

Tuesday	28 th	Curriculum Day - Students do not attend school. (OSHC program will not be operating on this day)
Wednesday	29 th	First day of school for all students in levels 1 to 6 (Foundation students do not start this day – Meet and Greet interviews scheduled)
Thursday	30 th	Normal school day for all students (Foundation students finish at 1:00pm)
Friday	31 st	Normal school day for all students (Foundation students finish at 1:00pm) Lv 3-6 Swimming Trials (selected students)

February 2025

Wednesday	5 th	Foundation – Early Years Literacy and Numeracy Interviews (9.00am – 3.30pm)
Wednesday	12 th	Foundation – Early Years Literacy and Numeracy Interviews (9.00am – 3.30pm)
Thursday	13 th	Lv 3-6 District Swimming (selected students)
Friday	14 th	Lv 5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 1
Wednesday	19 th	Foundation – Early Years Literacy and Numeracy Interviews (9.00am – 3.30pm)
Friday	21 st	Lv 5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 2
Tuesday	25 th	Lv 1-4 Meet & Greet Interviews
Wednesday	26 th	Lv 5-6 Meet & Greet Interviews Foundation – Early Years Literacy and Numeracy Interviews (9.00am – 3.30pm)
Thursday	27 th	STEM – Whole School Incursion (Lv 1/2s & 5s) – Backyard Bees

Calendar for Foundation Students 2025

January / February 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	28 January Curriculum Day Students do not attend school.	29 January No Foundation classes. Student assessments	30 January Foundation students 9.00am–1.00pm	31 January Foundation students 9.00am–1.00pm
3 Foundation students 9.00am–1.00pm	4 Foundation students 9.00am–1.00pm	5 No Foundation classes. Student assessments	6 First FULL DAY for Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	7 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm
10 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	11 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	12 No Foundation classes. Student assessments	13 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	14 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm
17 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	18 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	19 No Foundation classes. Student assessments	20 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	21 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm
24 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	25 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	26 No Foundation classes. Student assessments	27 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	28 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm

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School Term Dates - 2025

Term 1	Tuesday 28 th January to Friday 4 th April
Term 2	Tuesday 22 nd April to Friday 4 th July
Term 3	Monday 21 st July to Friday 19 th September
Term 4	Monday 6 th October to Friday 19 th December

Curriculum (Pupil Free) Days - 2025

Monday 27 th January (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 11 th March (to be confirmed)
Friday 6 th June (to be confirmed)
Monday 3 rd November (to be confirmed)

Public Holidays – 2025

New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 st January
Australia Day	Monday 27 th January
Labour Day	Monday 10 th March
Good Friday	Friday 18 th April
Easter Monday	Monday 21 st April
Anzac Day	Friday 25 th April
King's Birthday	Monday 9 th June
Grand Final Friday*	Subject to AFL Schedule
Melbourne Cup Day	Tuesday 4 th November
Christmas Day	Thursday 25 th December
Boxing Day	Friday 26 th December

* Friday before AFL Grand Final typically falls on the last Friday in September.

Note: All public holiday dates are accurate at the time of publishing but may be subject to change.

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Principal:	Mr Con Vellios
Assistant Principal:	Miss Clare Read & Miss Elise Vaudeau



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SHOP ONLINE

Visit psw.com.au/parents or click on 'FIND MY SCHOOL' on our website.

2 IF YOU'D LIKE A LITTLE HELP...



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Visit psw.com.au/parents find your school and pre-book your child's 20 min personal fit session and avoid the queues!

3 IF THE FIT IS NOT QUITE RIGHT...



EXCHANGES & REFUNDS*

Purchases from November 2024 can be exchanged before February 28, 2025. Refund returns are allowed within 30 days from date of purchase.

*All returned items MUST be in a sellable condition and proof of purchase is required.

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