



27/02/2025

Principal's Report

Our Foundation students will start attending school full time as of next week. Thank you to all our Foundation parents for your support throughout the first five weeks. This has enabled Miss Gibson and Mrs Lawrence to perform some valuable testing and assess each child's entry level.

Labour Day Public Holiday and Pupil Free Day

Please be reminded that the weekend after next weekend is an extra-long weekend for students at GWSPS. **Monday 10th March is the Labour Day Public Holiday and Tuesday 11th March is our second pupil free day for the year. Students do not attend school on both of these days.**

Our Out of School Hours Care Program (OSH) will be running on Tuesday 11th March. Please contact Karen on 0409 168 410 or email on oshc.glen.waverley.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au if you need to secure a booking.

NAPLAN - 12th-17th March

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) involves students in Years 3 and 5 from all states and territories in Australia. NAPLAN testing will take place from Wednesday 12th March, through to Monday 17th March. Students' skills in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and numeracy will be assessed. These national test results provide information on how your child is progressing and performing in the key areas of literacy and numeracy and also help to support improvements in teaching to benefit your child. Parents can support their children to be ready to participate in these assessment tasks by facilitating a smooth, calm start to each day. Please ensure that your child/ren have breakfast before coming to school and that they arrive to school on time.

Individual student NAPLAN reports will be forwarded to families later in the year. These reports will provide parents and staff with a snapshot of students' achievements but should not be seen as a definitive or comprehensive assessment. Thanks to Mrs Tineke Reincke for her organisation and coordination of the NAPLAN assessment and thank you to all staff involved in supervising.

Wednesday	12 th Mar	Lvl 3 & 5 NAPLAN – Writing
Thursday	13 th Mar	Lvl 3 & 5 NAPLAN – Reading
Friday	14 th Mar	Lvl 3 & 5 NAPLAN – Language Conventions.
Monday	17 th Mar	Lvl 3 & 5 NAPLAN – Numeracy



Twilight Sports

Please remember our annual Twilight Sports event, which will be held on Wednesday 5th March from 4:30pm to 6.00pm. We hope you can all attend and look forward to your participation. A big thank you to the fundraising team who will be organising a BBQ and a huge thank you to all staff for their input and particularly Miss Hare for organising and coordinating the event!

F-2 Parent morning tea

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our Foundation - Level 2 parent morning tea this morning. Thank you to Mrs Veronica Lawrence for organising this social event. We look forward to holding similar events in the future

Fresh Fruit Friday

Thank you to Karen Borsato for once again coordinating our Fresh Fruit Friday program which commenced a couple of weeks ago. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist in cutting up and delivering the fruit to the classrooms.

Student Leadership Badge Presentation

On Friday 21st March, we will be presenting our student leaders with their leadership badges. We are excited to have Mr John Mullahy, State Member of Parliament for Glen Waverley, attend the event and hand out leadership certificates to our student leaders. Our School Council President, Mr Alec Yankos, will also be present. We advise parents to arrive at 2:30pm, as the assembly will commence promptly at 2:40pm.

School Council Elections 2025

At the close of Nominations, the following nominated candidates have been duly declared elected.

Parent Membership Category:

1. Paul Berry
2. Cheryl Wheaton

Having called for nominations for 3 parent representative positions, we have had only the 2 parents above self-nominate for School Council membership. We are incredibly grateful to those parents for volunteering their time.

I would like to welcome and to thank our new, and returning members, whose official school council duties commence on Tuesday 18th March.

Student Attendance - Every Day Counts

The following extract comes from the DET website: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/studentattendance.asp>.

'We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – **a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.** There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are steps you can take to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher or year level coordinator and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.



- Develop an absence learning plan with your school and ensure your child completes the plan. Remember, everyday counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher or year level coordinator as early as possible.'

School Routine

Please be reminded of the following School Bell times:

School Bell Times – Normal Day

8.55am First bell - students collect bags and enter classrooms/line up

8.59am Music

9.00am Second bell - rolls marked and students begin their class work

9.00am - 10.55am Class time (morning block)

10.55am - 11.00am Morning snack (students eat in their classrooms)

11.00am - 11.30am Recess

11.30am - 1.30pm Class time (middle block)

1.30pm - 1.40pm Lunch eating time (students eat in their classrooms)

1.40pm - 2.30pm Lunch play time (bell rings for yard duty swap at 2.05pm)

2.30pm - 3.30pm Class time (afternoon block)

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.

EVERY DAY COUNTS
Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day - missing school puts them behind.



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.

Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES	
Class	Activity Points
3P	46, 442
3C	39, 599
4E	30, 794
5D	30, 521
4A	21, 957

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Kimbrel H, 4E	12, 898
Randal H, 2S	12, 179
Ojas S, 3P	9, 833
Gunveer D, 2L	8, 390
Ritvij C, 3C	7, 999



Debbie Dimas
Mathletics Co-ordinator

Maths Olympiad

The Maths Olympiad is an engaging and challenging maths competition for senior primary school students run by the Australian Problem-Solving Mathematical Olympiad (APSMO). Interested students in Levels 5 and 6 are invited to participate in the trials to join a school team to participate in this competition.

The trials to select our school team will be held during the school day. The team members will be chosen based on the trial assessment results. The team will then meet weekly on Wednesdays at 1.40pm for 30 minutes, beginning on Wednesday 5th March, to complete preparation trials before each competition. It is anticipated these trials will be held during class time as part of the High Abilities program.

The team will be notified of the dates and times for each session.

The official **Competition Dates for 2025** are:

Contest 1: 7th May 2025

Contest 2: 11th June 2025

Contest 3: 30th July 2025

Contest 4: 10th September 2025



If you have any questions, please contact me on:

Debbie.Dimas@education.vic.gov.au



Debbie Dimas
Maths Olympiad Coordinator



PLAY – Positivity, Leadership and Activated Youth Program

PLAY (Positivity, Leadership and Activated Youth) is a program designed to boost the resilience and wellbeing of young people. The program trains up to 30 Grade 5 and 6 student leaders to lead safe and fun activities with peers and younger students during breaks. Structured sessions promote confidence, relationship skills, inclusion and belonging. PLAY encourages physical activity, social skills and cooperation among students of all ages and abilities.

The PLAY program promotes:

- Increased social inclusion and connection
- Improved self-esteem and confidence
- Improved emotional wellbeing
- Increased resilience
- Improved leadership skills
- Increased school engagement
- Reduced antisocial behaviour

On Tuesday 18th February, 28 Level 5 and 6 PLAY leaders engaged in a whole day training session at school where they learnt how to play numerous co-operative games. They then had the opportunity to practise their leadership skills by running some of these games with the Foundation and Grade 1 students. Everyone had a wonderful day!



Below is some feedback from our School Captains about the PLAY training day:

The play experience taught us how to facilitate safe and engaging games for the younger years. This course taught us how to be a leader and have important skills that come with it such as being patient and showing integrity as well as responsibility, by playing fun games and how to implement them in the classroom and in our daily life.

*Terence and Tania
School Captains*

Congratulations to the following successful PLAY Leaders who will be receiving a certificate at assembly on Friday 7th March.

5D	5H	School Captains Level 6
Avickna U Jessica D Abheer N Giselle N Evelyn-Rae S Choe Y Austin S Ajay K Ahad C Noelle L Siddarth S Evelyn M Avyana M Myra P Jaxon L Evie M	Babina S Sirisha P Ilias K Mayra S Loretta N Matilda H Evelyn L Samutraa S Prenjal P Nathan K	Terence F Tania B

Our PLAY Leaders will now begin running regular co-operative games for anyone in Foundation-Grade 2 who would like to participate at lunchtime on Fridays beginning Friday February 28th.



Debbie Dimas
PLAY Coordinator



Annette Streets
PLAY Coordinator

Library News

Library Lovers' Week, from February 12 to 16, was a great success. During their visits to the library, students talked about what they love most about coming to the library and their favourite things to read. They were given the chance to decorate a lolly wrapper as part of our Library Lovers' Week display.



If you haven't already done so, please consider joining our Family Library activity for this term. There is a copy to print in the first newsletter of the year, so you can find hard copies at the office and in the library. All entries received are displayed on the library windows until the end of the term.

Happy reading!



Bron Cook
Literacy Coordinator

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!



We will be holding a processing workshop for the library two or three times each term. This workshop involves helping cover and stamp new library books ready for borrowing. We will finish at 2.30 for assembly.

The workshop dates for Term 1 are:
March 7th
March 21st

If you are able to help, please meet at the Office at 1.30 pm on the dates listed.

All volunteers should have a current Working With Children Check

Please contact Ms Cook if you have any questions
bronwyn.cook@education.vic.gov.au



DONATIONS NEEDED!

Throughout the year, students across the school participate in construction challenges and learning tasks. If you have any of the following materials at home, please consider donating them to the STEM Lab. There is a donation collection box outside the STEM Lab.

Cardboard tubes e.g. paper towel, wrapping paper (NOT toilet roll)

Clean plastic packaging e.g. bakery containers, berry containers

Plastic caps, e.g. soft drink bottles, fruit/yoghurt pouches



Junior School Council (JSC)

The Junior School Council will be running an Icy Pole Day. Students will be eating lunch together outside. During this time, they will have the opportunity to purchase an icy pole for \$1. As students will collect their icy pole in classes, please make sure each student has their own coin.

Date: Friday 14th March

Time: 1:30 – 1:40 Lunch eating time

Price: \$1.00

Please bring along correct money as we cannot guarantee change will be given. One icy pole per student.

Daniel & Monisha
JSC



OSH News

Tuesday 11th March is our next Pupil Free Day. The OSH Program is open on this day from 7am-6pm. Bookings are essential. The program cost is \$ 65.00 full fee. Your Child Care Subsidy will be applied to this fee to reduce the cost.



Activities for the day will be tie dyeing, kinetic sand, lux soap play and Edible slime. Have your chance of making a scented pillow and get involved in a taste/smell testing challenge. We will also be making layered jelly and Banana pops to enjoy for afternoon tea.

If you require your child to be in OSH on this day, please log onto our OSH OWNA App and book your child in under the casual bookings tab.

Parents please be reminded that you need to be regularly paying your OSH fees. All families accounts are up to date and accessible on OWNA app or portal.

Any enquires concerning Pupil Free Day or accessing OSH please contact me on 0409 168 410.

Thanks.



Karen Borsato
OSC Coordinator



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. Children are encouraged to use the word/phrase as much as possible during the following week. Students who have proved they can use the word of the week appropriately to either the Japanese captains or Manzaki Sensei during the week, will go into the draw to win a prize/house points in the assembly.

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 this week: **たのしいね** (ta no shi i ne!), this means "It's fun, isn't it?." eg. When you are having a good time with your family, you can say to your child/children **たのしいね** (ta no shi i ne!).



Miyuki Manzaki
Japanese Teacher



From Your Marrung Lead

National Apology Day

February 13th marked the Anniversary of the National Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples. On 13 February 2008, then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd offered a formal apology to Australia's Indigenous peoples, particularly the Stolen Generations, on behalf of the nation at the Australian Parliament House.

The Apology, and the events that lead to it, are an important part of Australia's history. For more information, you can visit the information page on the Parliament of Australia website at <https://shorturl.at/guG02> There is also a short video from BTN aimed at middle and upper primary students published on the 10th anniversary of the National Apology <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CE7hCCO9jv8>

There are a growing number of books written for young people to help them understand more about the Stolen Generations and the National Apology, some of which we have in our library, such as "Sorry Day" by Coral Vass.

Reconciliation Action Plan

Glen Waverley South Primary School has committed to developing a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Schools across Australia form a RAP to document how they will strengthen relationships, respect and opportunities in the classroom, around the school and with the community. Our RAP supports our school to build knowledge and pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and contributions.

Developing our RAP is a long-term commitment that requires ongoing consideration and collaborative effort. Within our community, there is unique knowledge and valuable experience that we would love to see reflected in the development and implementation of our RAP.

We are seeking your input and support so that our RAP creates meaningful and sustainable change. This is a call to action for parents, carers and other school community members to express their interest in joining our RAP Working Group. RAP Working Group members are dedicated to driving reconciliation within our school community and can support the coordination and administration of RAP initiatives.

The RAP Working Group will aim to meet once or twice per term. If you would like to discuss being involved in the RAP Working Group, please return the slip below, or send me an email at bronwyn.cook@education.vic.gov.au

GWSPS RAP Working Group

I am interested in being part of the GWSPS RAP Working Group.

Name: _____

Children's Names/classes: _____

Email address: _____



2025 국가 화해 주간
**지금을
 다음으로
 잇기**
 5월 27일 -
 6월 3일
 #NRW2025
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2025年全国和解周
**鉴古知今
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 5月27日-
 6月3日
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สัปดาห์การปรองดองแห่งชาติ 2025
**สานปัจจุบัน
 สู่อนาคต**
 27 พฤษภาคม -
 3 มิถุนายน
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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025
**Bridging
 Now to
 Next**
 27 MAY -
 3 JUNE
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Second Hand Uniform Shop

Glen Waverley South Primary School offers the opportunity for its school community to purchase second hand uniforms at a discounted rate.

The second hand uniform shop is located in Interview Room 1 (in the reception area). The second hand uniform shop is open **Mondays between 3.30pm – 4.00pm.**

If you have any school bags or school clothing items (other than hats) that you no longer use with the current 'RESPECT' logo, consider donating these to the second hand uniform shop. You can leave these at the office any time between 8.30am – 4.30pm.

The uniform prices are as follows.

- Short Sleeve Polo (Navy)\$5.00
- Long Sleeve Polo (Navy)\$5.00
- White Polo (Yr 5 & 6 only)\$5.00
- Crew Neck Windcheater\$5.00
- Hooded Windcheater\$7.00
- Bomber Jacket\$25.00
- Unisex Navy Shorts\$5.00
- Skort.....\$5.00
- Summer Dress.....\$12.00
- Bootleg Pants\$5.00
- Track Pants\$7.00
- Girls Winter Skirt\$15.00
- Girls Winter Tunic\$15.00
- School bag\$10.00



FUNDRAISING



Welcome to another year of Fundraising at GWSPS!

There are many fun activities planned this year to raise funds for the school including Twilight Sports, Bunning BBQ's, Trivia Nights and Hot Chocolate Mornings. The Fundraising Committee is always in need of helpers for our various events, both during school hours and occasionally after hours and weekends. If you would like to be added to the Fundraising Helpers List, please contact either myself directly on 0459 221 002, or let the school know you are happy to be contacted.

Any help is appreciated.

Emily Widjaja

Fundraising Committee

PH: 0459 221 002

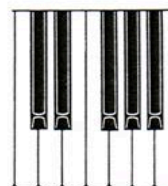


Music



Violin and Piano Lessons

Vacancies exist for individual violin and piano lessons held during school hours at GWSPS. Please contact Marika on 0400-604-701 for further information or queries.



GUITAR TUITION PROGRAMME



2 TRIAL LESSONS AVAILABLE FOR A FEE

Contact today!

ALBERT AXIAQ
Associate Diploma of Education (Music)
Bachelor of Arts (Music)

🎵 MOB: 0409411815

C'MON LEARN MUSIC NOW!

Vacancies exist to trial the Guitar Tuition Program during school hours. anyone who wishes their child to participate contact Albert Axiaq on 0409411815, including the purchasing of a guitar.



Mad On Music

All Gr 2-6's - Do you want to learn KEYBOARD or SINGING ?

This is your CHANCE to enrol for Term 1, 2025!!

1. Go to our website at www.madonmusic.com.au
2. Fill out the online enrolment form and click the submit button
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!

1. Go to our website at www.madonmusic.com.au
2. Fill out the online enrolment form and click the submit button
3. Mad On Music will contact you once you have received your place

To save disappointment, please enrol by the Friday 21st March 2025.



Dates to Remember

February 2025

Friday	28 th	Lv 2 Police Academy Excursion Last day to Consent/Pay for Lv F & 3/4 School Incursion Backyard Bees
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March 2025

Tuesday	4 th	GRIP Leadership Conference Lv 6 Captains
Wednesday	5 th	Twilight Sports 4.30pm – 6pm
Friday	7 th	STEM – Lv F & 3/4 School Incursion Backyard Bees Lv 5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 3
Monday	10 th	Labour Day Public Holiday – No students at school NO OSHC Program
Tuesday	11 th	Curriculum Day – No students at school OSHC Program open 7.00am – 6.00pm BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Mob. 0409 168 410
Wednesday	12 th	NAPLAN Day 1 – Lv 3 & 5 Writing Test
Thursday	13 th	NAPLAN Day 2 – Lv 3 & 5 Reading Test
Friday	14 th	NAPLAN DAY 3 – Lv 3 & 5 Conventions of Language
Monday	17 th	NAPLAN DAY 4 – Lv 3 & 5 Numeracy Test
Friday	28 th	Lv 5/6 Interschool Sport – Gala Day





REGISTER NOW FOR THE WINTER SEASON!

Games played on Saturdays

Beginners & experienced boys and girls welcome

Terms 2 & 3 2025

*One hour training session per week at
Mt View Primary School
or Wheelers Hill Secondary School*



For further information:
Email president@waverleyraiders.com.au
Or register at waverleyraiders.com.au





Hiring now! School Crossing Supervisors*

Location: Monash Council



Help look after our kids' safety on the roads!

If your family and friends say you're reliable, have a friendly personality and great communication skills, our students need you!

This is your opportunity to give back to the community, look after children in a unique way and earn money on the side too!

- Contract positions with attractive hourly rates available
- Part time Contract with Annual and Sick/Carers Leave
- Flexibility on morning and afternoon shifts & areas
- Working with Children Check (WWCC) required

APPLY TODAY

Scan QR code to apply or email your resume to:

clayton@chandlermacleod.com

Contact Sinead on 8561 8888 for more information



*Application terms and conditions apply

