



13/03/2025

Principal's Report

Pupil Free Day

We hope that students and families enjoyed the extra-long weekend due to the Labour Day Public Holiday and our Pupil Free day. On Tuesday, GWSPS staff were participating in Disability Inclusion Profile training as well as First Aid and CPR training.

Planning Week

In the week beginning Monday 24th March, staff will be working together throughout the week to plan and organise teaching and learning activities for Term 2. While the teachers are planning the students will be supervised by the specialist staff and will participate in a variety of specialist sessions. The normal curriculum for this week will not be affected.

Twilight Sports Parent Helpers

We would like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of our parent helpers/fundraising committee for organising the BBQ, drinks, lollies and icy poles for our Twilight Sports event last week. It was an incredibly successful afternoon for our school, which helped raise approximately \$546 to put towards student resources.

Student Leadership and JSC Badge Presentation

Next Friday 21st March, we will be presenting our student leaders and Junior School Council members 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 will also be present. Assembly will be commencing promptly at 2:40pm.

School Council Annual Report-Annual General Meeting

On Tuesday 18th March at 5.30pm Glen Waverley South Primary School Council will be presenting the 2024 Annual Report to the community discussing Student Achievement, Student Engagement and Student Wellbeing. Following the report, we will hold our Annual General Meeting and welcome newly elected, re-elected and continuing members to the School Council.

All Office Bearing positions will be spilled and nominations invited for office bearing positions for the new committee. You are all welcome to attend the Annual Report and also sit in on the School Council meeting as a visitor. Please be advised that this report will also be made available on the school website and will be accessible at a later date on the VRQA State register.



Harmony Day – Thursday 20th March

Each year in March, Harmony Week brings together people of all ages, cultural backgrounds and experiences to celebrate our diverse multicultural communities. This year, Harmony Week will run from Monday 17 March to Sunday 23 March. The theme, 'Everyone belongs', encourages inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. As always, we will mark the week through our Harmony Day celebrations, which we will celebrate on Thursday 20th March with a cultural dress day and whole school lunch. Thank you to the JSC for organising this event!



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
3C	51,968
5D	41,997
3P	39,844
4A	32,067
4E	30,898

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Kimbrel H, 4E	16,590
Randal H, 2S	12,890
Ritvij C, 3C	10,211
Ojas S, 3P	9,980
Sastra H, 4A	6,569



Debbie Dimas
Mathletics Co-ordinator





The world's largest online mathematics competition returns on **Wednesday 26th March**, bringing together over 10 million students from 150+ countries to connect and compete, getting a chance to win fantastic prizes!

World Maths Day is an international celebration of mathematics. It's the world's biggest online maths competition and it's happening **exclusively on Live Mathletics**.

It is celebrated every year to make mathematics exciting and engaging for all school-aged children, between the ages of 5 and 18, from all over the world. This year's theme is: **Maths for Everyone**.

On World Maths Day, students worldwide will log into Mathletics to complete 20 x 60-second live maths games. They'll earn 1 point for each correct answer, with their scores proudly displayed on the World Maths Day platform.

Your child can participate in this wonderful event on **Wednesday 26th March**, by logging onto Mathletics using their existing login via the Live portal.



Debbie Dimas
Mathletics Co-ordinator

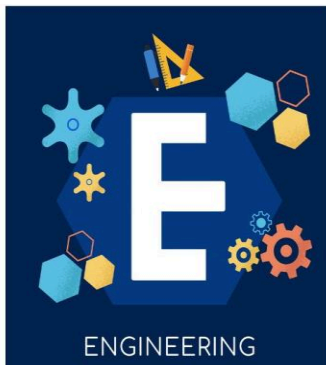




SCIENCE



TECHNOLOGY



ENGINEERING



MATHEMATICS

Spotlight on STEM

Over the past two weeks, students in all classes across the school have participated in a range of incursions run by Holly from Holly's Backyard Bees. These incursions have been a fantastic success with all students sharing how much they enjoyed the visit and being able to share what they have learned about bees in STEM, as well as learn lots of new interesting things. Take a look at some photos below. More photos will be shared on our Facebook page in the coming days.



Bron Cook
STEM



Scholastic Book Club

Book Club orders for Issue 2 are closing shortly on Monday 24th March.

Book Club provides families with an affordable and convenient way to bring the best in children’s literature into their homes. Each issue contains curated, age appropriate titles that have been carefully selected and levelled by a dedicated team of professional booklovers.

Book Club also benefits our school — for every Book Club order placed, Scholastic gives back 20% of the order spend to our school to purchase valuable educational resources via its Scholastic Rewards programs.

Parents will need to order and pay by credit card via LOOP, the online book club payment portal, by **Monday 24th March. NO payments will be accepted at school.**

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Books are delivered to the school and are distributed to the students who have placed an order.



Veronica Lawrence
Literacy Leader

Student Leadership and JSC Badge Presentation

We would like to invite all members of our school community to a special assembly where we will be presenting all our school leaders of 2025 with their leadership badges. The assembly will be held at our school gym on Friday the 21st of March and will start promptly at 2:40pm. Our local State Member of Parliament, Mr. John Mullahy MLA, will be presenting these badges to our students.

The leadership groups for 2025 are:

School Captains
School Vice Captains
House Captains
Arts Captains
Japanese Captains
ICT Captains
Library Captains
Enviro Captains
STEM Captains
Junior School Council Representatives (from Levels Foundation – 6)



Nive D'Souza
Student Leadership

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: (ga m ba le !) which means 'Go! Go!', 'Cheer up!' or 'Go for it!' The House Cross Country will be held on Friday, 4th April. You can cheer up your child before he/she goes to school or during the event by saying, **がんばれ (ga m ba le !)**



Miyuki Manzaki
Japanese Teacher





From Your Marrung Lead

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, possibly online depending on member availability. 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



Bron Cook
Marrung Lead

Thank you.

GWSPS RAP Working Group

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

Name: _____

Children's Names/classes: _____

Email address: _____



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

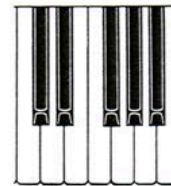


Music




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.



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





Dates to Remember

March 2025

Thursday	13 th	NAPLAN Day 2 – Lv 3 & 5 Reading Test
Friday	14 th	NAPLAN DAY 3 – Lv 3 & 5 Conventions of Language JSC Icy Poly Day
Monday	17 th	NAPLAN DAY 4 – Lv 3 & 5 Numeracy Test
Thursday	20 th	GWSPS Harmony Day Celebrations
Friday	21 st	School Leadership Badge Ceremony at assembly 2.40pm
Friday	28 th	Lv 5/6 Interschool Sport – Gala Day

April 2025

Friday	4 th	House Cross Country Last day of Term 1 – school finishes at 2.30pm! OSH is available on this day from 2.30pm. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.
School Holidays Monday 7 th April – Friday 18 th April (inclusive)		
Monday	21 st	Easter Monday Public Holiday – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. OSHC will be closed on this day, please make alternative arrangements.
Tuesday	22 nd	First Day of Term 2 2026 Foundation Enrolment Applications open
Friday	25 th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. OSHC closed on this day, please make alternative arrangements.
Tuesday	29 th	School photos