



27/03/2025

Principal's Report

Term 1 2025

In what has been an incredibly busy term for all members of our community, it is important to remember and acknowledge some of the wonderful achievements and successes throughout this term. I would like to extend a huge thank you, to our wonderful community members, for your participation and support of the events and celebrations held this term. I would also like to sincerely thank the staff at GWSPS for their dedication and commitment for providing a dynamic and engaging curriculum, focussed on student wellbeing.

The following is a list of some of our events and celebrations this term:

- Our 'Learning How to Learn' program
- Swimming trials
- Meet & Greet parent nights
- Student badge presentations
- Levels 5/6 Sport Gala Day
- Harmony Day
- NAPLAN
- Whole school STEM incursion
- Community morning teas
- Level 3/4 Zoo excursion
- Level 2 Police Academy visit
- District and Divisional Swimming Carnivals
- Junior School Council fundraising events – Icy pole Day
- Twilight Sports event
- House Cross Country event
- Easter Hat Parade
- GRIP Student Leadership Conference



School Council

Last Tuesday, 18th March, we presented our Annual Report to the Community, which enabled us to celebrate the many successes of the 2024 school year and highlight the opportunities for future focuses. We also held our first School Council meeting with the new membership. I would like to officially welcome our newest parent representative, Cheryl Wheaton, and all returning members to the School Council committee. Congratulations to the following people who have been nominated and have accepted office-bearing positions: Alec Yankos – School Council President, Nirmal Rajamohan – School Council Vice President, Paul Berry – Treasurer, and Gabrielle Johnson – Minute taker. Please see the table below for all School Council representatives for 2025.

Parent Representatives	Tenure	DET Representatives	Tenure
Alec Yankos (SC President)	2025-2026	Con Vellios (Executive)	NA
Nirmal Rajamohan (SC Vice Pres.)	2025-2026	Elise Vaudeau	2025-2027
Paul Berry (Treasurer)	2025-2027	Clare Read	2025-2027
Vaishali Bhand	2025-2026		
Marco Borsato	2025-2026		
Cheryl Wheaton	2025-2027		
<i>Casual Vacancy available (2 year)</i>	2025-2027		

As you can see above, we have 1 casual vacancy to fill if anyone is interested in joining/being co-opted into the School Council. Please contact the office for more information.

At our first meeting for 2025, the new School Council committee –

- Passed a motion to endorse the 2024 Annual Report to the School Community. For more information, you will be able to access the report shortly on our school website.
- endorsed all scheduled Curriculum Days and the staff Professional Practice Day for 2025.

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for the 20th May 2025.

While on the topic of School Council, I would like to strongly encourage people to consider joining one of our sub committees, which play a major role in influencing School Council decisions. We desperately need members for our Outside School Hours Care and Student Learning and Wellbeing subcommittees in particular but would welcome members on all committees. Here is a list of all sub committees and their roles.

Fundraising Subcommittee

The committee considers options for fundraising, planning, communicating and resourcing agreed activities. Items for the school such as air conditioners and an electronic scoreboard for the basketball court are examples of funds raised by the school community in the past. The committee makes recommendations to School Council on these matters.

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Subcommittee

The committee deals with planning, staffing, communications, management and finances relating to the OSHC program. The OSHC committee makes recommendations to School Council on these matters.



Student Learning and Wellbeing Subcommittee

The committee works with the school in developing educational policy, including camps and excursions. It is also an important committee for parents so they can develop a strong understanding of the student learning program at GWSPS and communicate this to other school community members. The committee makes recommendations to School Council in these areas.

This subcommittee also has an important role in fostering:

- **Connectedness:** Building a strong bond between all school community members (students, parents and staff) and our wider community.
- **Relationships:** The better that people know each other, the more aligned their expectations become.
- **Harmony:** Most conflict is caused by differences in perception. Our children will be safer and happier if we are able to connect with each other.
- **Values:** When our school values of R.E.S.P.E.C.T. are shared and lived by us as adults in our school community they will be transmitted to the children of our school community. **R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Relationships, Excellence, Support, Passion, Engagement, Choice, Trust and Honesty.**
- Our actions and interactions show children what we value.
- **Civics and Citizenship:** Children who see their parents making positive contributions to society are much more likely to do so themselves.

The role of this committee is to foster community relationships, engagement, and support the health and wellbeing of students, staff and their families. Its work also includes communications and marketing, uniform policy, student code of behaviour, healthy food initiatives, Kids Hope Mentors and other wellbeing related topics. The committee makes recommendations to School Council on these matters.

Finance Subcommittee

The committee deals with the finances of the school, purchasing decisions, budgeting and planning major investments. The committee makes recommendations to School Council on these matters as well as overseeing the monthly accounts, which are reviewed by School Council as part of normal business.

Sustainability Subcommittee

The committee assists to develop an environmentally conscious culture at GWSPS and encourages maintenance of daily sustainable practices. They will develop the 'Community Garden' program and assist with increasing the biodiversity of the school yard in order to support local flora and fauna. This will be achieved by identifying areas for improvement, hands on work and organisation of other members of the school community to assist. At times it may involve organising community social networking (eg. morning/afternoon tea functions) and working in conjunction with the fundraising committee on specific sustainability related fundraisers.

House Cross-Country

On Friday 4th April, we will be holding our annual House Cross Country event. As always, we would love to see as many parents as possible attend this fantastic event. Many thanks to Miss Jessie Hare for organising.

Happy Holidays!

After a very busy and productive term, we hope you can find time to relax and enjoy the company of your family and friends. It is important to remember to be there for our loved ones and spend quality time with them. For everyone who celebrates Easter, we wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter and we wish all who are observing Ramadan, which will conclude on 30th March, a Happy and Blessed Ramadan! Many of our community members also celebrate Holi, which was observed on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th March. We wish all of our Hindu community a Happy Holi. We look forward to seeing you all back for Term 2.



Last Day of Term1, Friday 4th April 2025

9:00 am	Cross Country
11:00 am	Recess
11:30 am	Classroom
12:30 pm	Lunch eating time
12:40 pm	Lunch play time
1:30 pm	Easter Hat Parade/Assembly
2:30 pm	End of day



The poster features a chalkboard on the left with the text: "In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6." To the right of the chalkboard is a photograph of a young boy in a school uniform. To the right of the photograph, the text reads "EVERY DAY COUNTS" in large green letters, with "Primary school attendance" written below it in a smaller font.

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	49, 744
5D	42, 108
3P	33, 195
5H	28, 233
4A	27, 923

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Kimbrel H, 4E	15, 700
Randal H, 2S	13, 330
Sastra H, 4A	9, 119
Ritvij C, 3C	9, 056
Abheer N, 5D	6, 041



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 team members will be chosen based on the trial assessment results. These trials are being held at school on Wednesdays at 1.40pm for 30 minutes, and anyone in Level 5 and 6 is welcome to participate.

The team will be chosen at the beginning of Term 2, and the families of these students will then be notified.

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
Mathletics Olympiad
Co-ordinator

OSH News

Our April Holiday Program has been distributed this week. We have some exciting days planned with activities such as rock Climbing, visiting Phillip Island, a circus incursion, visiting the sand castle exhibition at Frankston and our movie treat these holidays is the Minecraft movie.

If you need to book your child into the program, please follow the instructions on your OSH OWNA post. Alternatively, if you have not used the program before, please contact me and I will assist you.

Families are also reminded to please keep your OSH accounts up to date. There are a few options to pay your OSH account

1. Pay regularly at OSH via EFTPOS machine
2. Set up direct debit on OWNA (Bank Account or Credit card)
3. Register your card details with us so that we can process your payments weekly.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Karen Bosato
OSHC Coordinator





Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) is now open and Glen Waverley South Primary School is excited to be participating in it. A Compass post detailing how to register your child for the challenge will be posted tomorrow morning, please keep an eye out for it. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 5th September 2025.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers towards the end of the year.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)



Nive D'Souza



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

Friday	28 th	Lv 5/6 Interschool Sport – Gala Day
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April 2025

Friday	4 th	House Cross Country 9-11am Easter Hat Parade & Final Assembly 1.30–2.30pm 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	Whole School photos



Community News

**WINTER SEASON 2025
COME JOIN US**

AGES UNDER 8-18
BOYS/GIRLS WANTED
APRIL 26 START 2025

WAVERLEY BASKETBALL CLUB
WAVERLEY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION FALCONS

VISIT: WWW.WAVERLEYCOMETS.ORG.AU/ EMAIL: PRPRESIDENT@WAVERLEYCOMETS.ORG.AU

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452 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley, Vic 3150. **SwimWorld**

FUN TEAM SPORTS TO GET KIDS ACTIVE!
WEEKDAY AFTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS – FORM A TEAM AND NOMINATE NOW!

ACTION BOX HILL INDOOR SPORTS

ACTION FUTSAL FRIDAYS

ACTION BOX HILL INDOOR SPORTS

INDOOR CRICKET MON or TUES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COME'N'TRY SESSIONS
Thursday 17th April
BOOK VIA WEBSITE

WINTER 2025 SCHOOL TERMS 2 & 3 GRADES 3/4 & 5/6

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