



24/04/2025

Principal's Report

Term 2 2025

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to everyone in our school community! We hope you all had a relaxing break and enjoyed some quality family time.

Staff News

Mrs. Winnie Lam, one of our Integration Aides, will be on leave from Monday 28th April until Thursday 8th June.

ANZAC Day

Friday, 25th April, marks the anniversary of the Australian and New Zealand forces landing at Gallipoli and is the day we remember the sacrifice of those who have died in war. Students will be provided with learning tasks focused on ANZAC Day to assist them to connect with Australian history and understand the importance of this National Day of Remembrance. On **Thursday 24th April**, we will be holding a whole school ANZAC commemoration service at 10.30am, on the performing arts stage in front of the performing arts room. Parents are most welcome to join us in this special commemoration. However, please be advised that, in the event of inclement weather, we will be holding the ceremony in the school gym. We will keep you informed via Compass if we decide to hold the event indoors.

Teaching Our Children About ANZAC Day

There are many ways that parents can get their children involved in the Anzac Day experience and enable them to gain an understanding of the important place Anzac holds in Australia's history. Firstly, historical knowledge is important and there are many high quality, child friendly accounts of the Anzac story, and the Anzac characteristics that resonate with Australians. Many of these books are available at local libraries; they are also available through the Department of Veterans' Affairs free of charge. These books make it clear that Anzac Day is not an event glorifying war, but exactly the opposite. It is a time of reflection and remembrance. Endurance, resourcefulness, courage, teamwork, loyalty and mateship are key attributes. These are virtues to be encouraged and emulated at any time and are a part of our national story we can focus on around Anzac Day.

There is also of course the experience of taking your children to a Dawn Service march or other commemorative activities on Anzac Day. All this will be more meaningful and educational if some of the previous reading and discussion has occurred. In any event, the questions that come from watching a march, studying a war memorial or experiencing the emotional stillness of the minutes silence and bugle call are opportunities to talk about the impact of war on Australia and the significance of the Anzac Story.



Sun Smart - No Hat, No Play

Please be advised that our 'No hat, No play' policy is still in place for all students at school. Our policy states this is effective from the beginning of September until the end of April. Students will not be required to wear their hats from Thursday 1st May onwards until our policy kicks in again in September. Students can continue to wear their hats outside if they wish.

School Photos

Our Whole School Photo Day is scheduled for Tuesday 29th April. Orders for photos can be made on Compass. Sibling/Family photos will only be taken of families that have placed an order on Compass by 11.59pm, Monday 28th April.

School Uniform

Please remember that all students are expected to wear correct School Council approved uniform. By having all our students wear school uniform it helps us easily identify "visitors" in the school grounds - an important safety consideration. It is also a key element in the development of school identity and morale.

Supporting Our School Community

At our school, we believe that strong communities are built on compassion, understanding, and mutual support. We understand that from time to time, families may experience financial hardship. These challenges can arise suddenly and unexpectedly, and they can affect any one of us.

If your family is currently facing financial difficulties—whether short-term or ongoing—please know that you are not alone. We are here to support you.

There are a number of ways we may be able to assist, including support with school-related expenses, access to resources and services, or simply providing a safe and understanding space to talk through options. Every situation is treated with the utmost confidentiality, care, and respect.

If you would like to have a conversation about the types of support that may be available, we encourage you to contact the school office or speak directly with myself, Ms Read or Miss Vaudeau. We're here to help, without judgement.

Our community thrives when we look after one another. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Mother's Day Morning and Stall

Our annual Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday 8th May. As well as the stall, we will be acknowledging the wonderful mums in the community with a special Mother's Day morning on the same day. We invite all mums and special people to attend the morning tea which will be held outdoors in and around the netball and basketball courts commencing from 8:45am through to 9:30am. There will be various fun activities for you to participate in with your child/ren. Coffee and tea will be provided – please bring a reusable cup, and donuts will be available for those who have pre-ordered.

On behalf of all staff and students at GWSPS we wish all mums a very Happy Mother's Day for next Sunday 11th May. We hope you are all spoiled with lots of gifts, and more importantly, love, gratitude, and appreciation for what you do.

Monash Manningham Principal Conference

Ms Read, Miss Vaudeau and I will be attending the Monash Manningham Principal Conference on Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th May.



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ICAS

We are delighted to inform you that our school will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

Learn more about ICAS [here: \(icasassessments.com/products-icas/\)](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/).

ICAS results and certificate

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please go to the Parent Portal to register for your chosen subjects.

Log in using the PPS code

Visit our shop and use our PPS code to log in:

Shop link: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

PPS code: **NNP951**

Registration for all subject areas closes on **Monday 28 July at 11:59pm.**

Please note, we cannot facilitate refunds or make alterations as all money is paid directly to ICAS Assessments.

Read the terms and conditions [here: icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf](https://icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf).

Privacy collection statement

The following information is a privacy notification about how your child's data is kept private and secure.

ICAS Assessment is owned by Janison Solutions Pty Ltd (We, Us, Our).

*To deliver assessment products, Janison will require your child's School to obtain your consent to provide Janison with certain personal information of students. Janison will collect, store, use, disclose and otherwise deal with such personal information in accordance with its privacy policy (below). We are aware of our responsibility to protect personal information related to children and students from being disclosed when we deliver an ICAS Assessments product. Unless you, as the child's legal guardian consents, we **will not**:*

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We are proud to be offering ICAS to our students this year and encourage you to consider entering your child. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



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ICAS Coordinator

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





Dates to Remember

April 2025

Thursday	24 th	Whole School ANZAC Commemoration service at 10.30am (parents/carers welcome)
Friday	25 th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. OSH closed on this day, please make alternative arrangements.
Monday	28 th	Last day to consent/pay for Lv 1-2 Sound Sensation Incursion Last day to pay for school photos (cut off time 11.59pm)
Tuesday	29 th	Whole School photos

May 2025

Monday	5 th	Lv 1-2 Sound Sensation Incursion
Thursday	8 th	Mother's Day Morning 8.45am-9.30am Mother's Day Stall
Friday	9 th	Lv 5-6 Interschool Sport – Round 1
Tuesday	13 th	Lv 5-6 Camp Information Night - WebEx
Friday	16 th	Lv 3-6 District Cross Country (selected students)
Tuesday	20 th	Lv 3-6 House Athletics Lv F-2 Coach Approach Incursion
Wednesday	21 st	National Simultaneous Storytime
Thursday	22 nd	Education Week Celebration Day
Friday	23 rd	Lv 5-6 Interschool Sport – Round 2
Wednesday	28 th	Lv 3-6 Division Cross Country (selected students)

June 2025

Thursday	5 th	Professional Practice Day – No students at school OSH is available on this day. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.
Friday	6 th	Curriculum Day – No students at school OSH is available on this day. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.
Monday	9 th	King's Birthday Public Holiday – No students at school. OSH closed on this day, please make alternative arrangements.
Friday	13 th	Soccer Gala Day (selected students)
Friday	20 th	Lv 5-6 Interschool Sport Gala Day

