



Principal's Report

29th February 2024

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

Staffing

I am delighted to welcome to our school community our new Integration Aide, Allison Thompson. Allison will be commencing on Monday 4th March.

Also, from Monday 4th March, Mrs Tineke Reincke will be extending her hours with us providing further support to our Level 1/2 and our Level 5/6 students on top of her current EAL role.

Netball Court Resurfacing

I am very pleased to announce that we will be resurfacing the netball court outside the school gym. Works will commence on Tuesday 12th March (pupil free day) and hopefully finish on Wednesday 13th March, weather permitting. There will be a temporary fence surrounding the area which will restrict the access points from Watsons Rd to the one entrance nearest the school crossing. We are hopeful that this will be a very short disruption. We thank you for your understanding.

Roof Works in South Building

Following recent storm damage to our south building, we are having some roof works done over the coming weeks. This will not disrupt any learning throughout the day.

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 11th March is the Labour Day Public Holiday and Tuesday 12th March is our second pupil free day for the year. Students do not attend school on both of these days.**

Our Out of School Care Program (OSH) will be running on Tuesday 12th 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.

Twilight Sports

Please remember our annual Twilight Sports event, which will be held on Tuesday 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 Mr Young for organising and coordinating the event!



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District Swimming

Well done to all our students who participated in the District Swimming event last fortnight! Congratulations to Ian L from 5/6N, who finished third in breaststroke.

Fresh Fruit Friday

Thank you to Karen Borsato for coordinating once again our Fresh Fruit Friday program which will be commencing this Friday (tomorrow). 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 15th 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 2024

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

Parent Membership Category:

1. Alec Yankos
2. Vaishali Bhand
3. Marco Borsato

Having called for nominations for 4 parent representative positions, we have had only the 3 parents above self-nominate for School Council membership. We are incredibly grateful to those parents for volunteering their time. At this point I would like to extend the end date for nominations to Monday 4th March at 4:00pm for anyone else who might want to consider joining the school council and contributing to the governance of the school. Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions pertaining to the role.

I would like to welcome and to thank our new, and returning members, whose official school council duties commence on Tuesday 19th 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.'



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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)



Con Vellios
Principal

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YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION

At the beginning of Term 2, the Department of Education (DE), will release the 2024-25 Year 6-7 transition information packs and the school zones will go live. This information will be communicated to parents of Year 6 students as soon as we get notification.

It is imperative that ALL Year 6 students return their 'Student Enrolment Information' form that was sent home last week, as soon as possible, if they haven't already done so. This is required to be returned before the transition information packs are sent out.

To make transition for our students as smooth as possible, we are continuing to liaise with Brentwood Secondary College, by sharing information and providing support where needed.



Debbie Dimas
Year 6-7 Transition
Coordinator



Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

What can I do to support my child?

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

Brochures for parents/carers and the community

ACARA produces a 'NAPLAN information brochure for parents and carers' which schools can provide to members of their local community. It includes the key information parents/carers need to know about NAPLAN, including dates of NAPLAN tests.

- [NAPLAN information brochure for parents and carers \(PDF 133 KB\)](#)
- [NAPLAN information brochure for parents and carers – Simple English \(PDF 1 MB\)](#)
- [NAPLAN 2024 and Ramadan \(PDF Link\)](#)

See Student reports for information on NAPLAN individual student reports (ISRs), including FAQs and example reports for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN timetable

See [Key dates](#) or [NAPLAN test window](#) for more information.

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If you have any questions, please speak to the class teacher or myself.



Elly Datsopoulos
NAPLAN Coordinator

Library News

Library Lovers Week, from February 12 to 16, was a great success. During Critical Literacy lessons, students talked about what they love most about coming to the library and their favourite things to read.

Our Lunchtime Library activities, led by the Library Captains, were enjoyed by all the students who visited the library.

Here are some of the reasons that students said they love our library:

"I love reading chapter books and junior books but not scary ones." A, 12C

"I love reading books." I, 12C

"I love the library because it takes me into a world of wonder and adventure." Z, 34D

"The peace and quiet and the lovely and amazing books!" A, 34D

"I love the library because it is full of books, the second I step in I want a book." S, 34E

"I love the library because it is a nice place to learn, it is also a safe and fun place. I love the library," E, 34P

"I love coming here to unwind." A, 56N

"I love how the library is so quiet and you can go if you're stressed." A, 56N

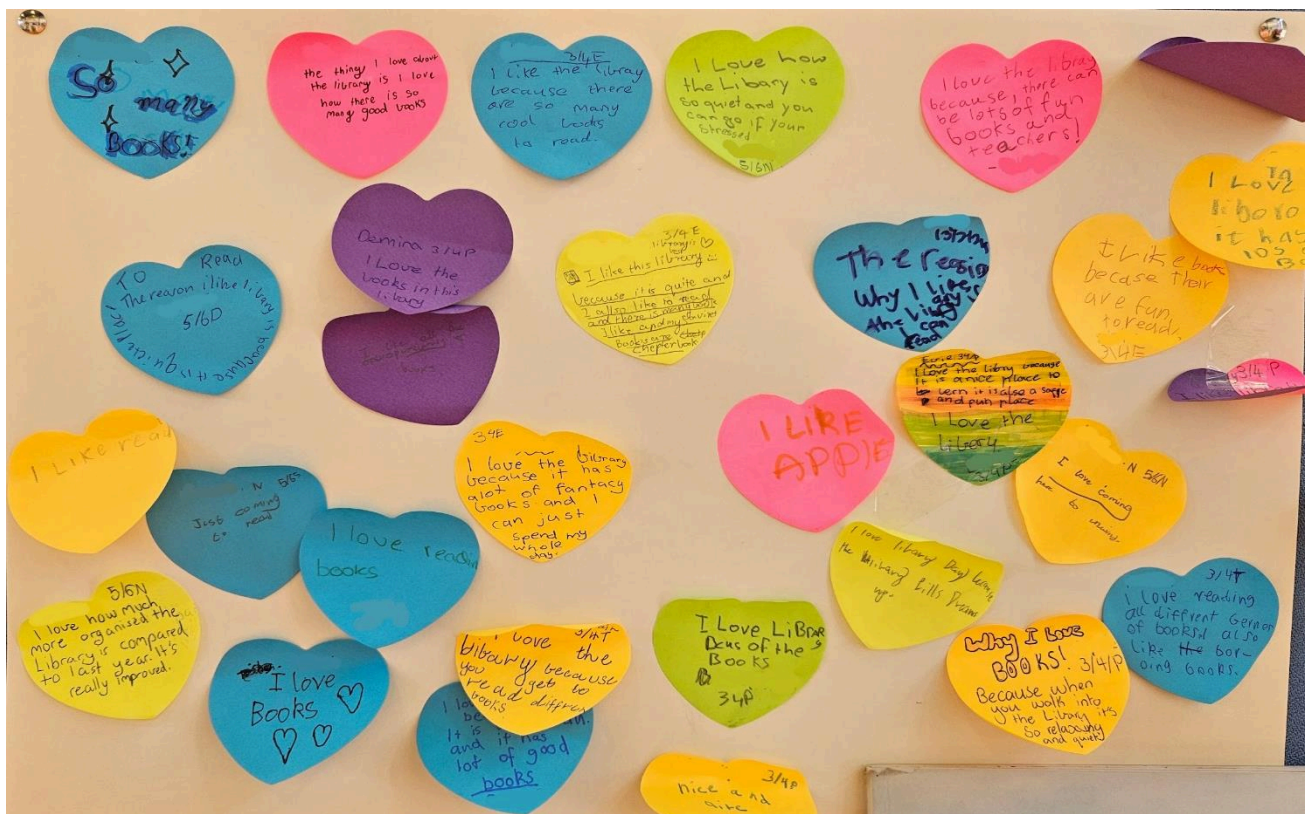


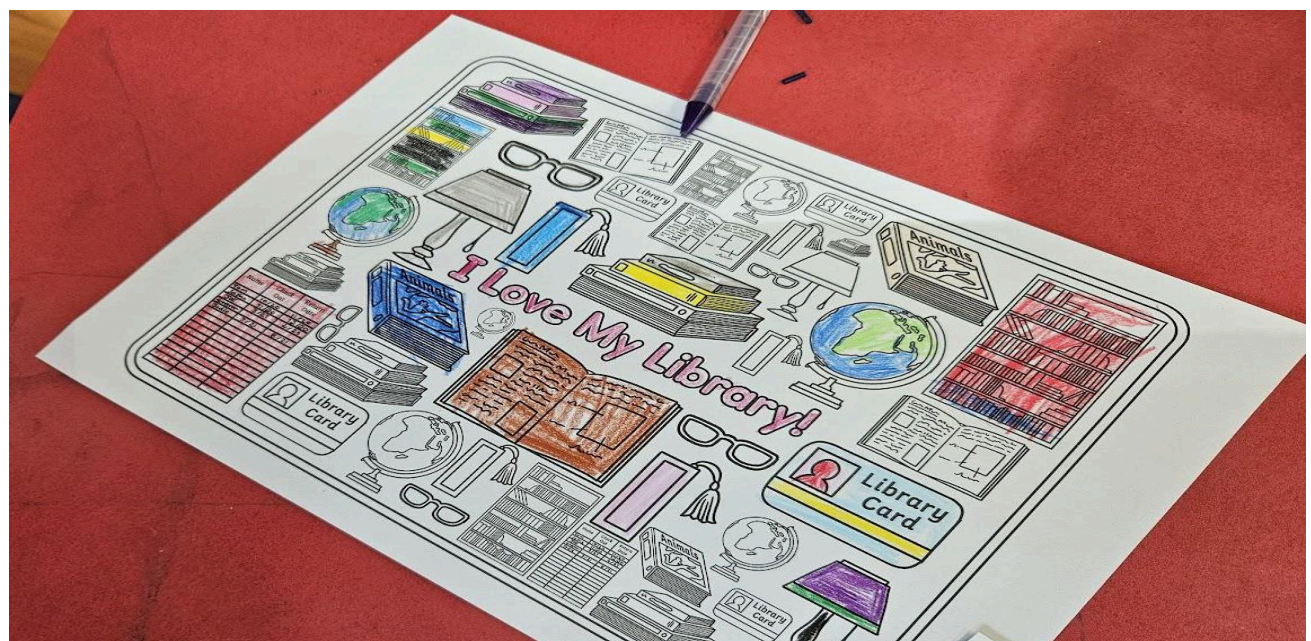
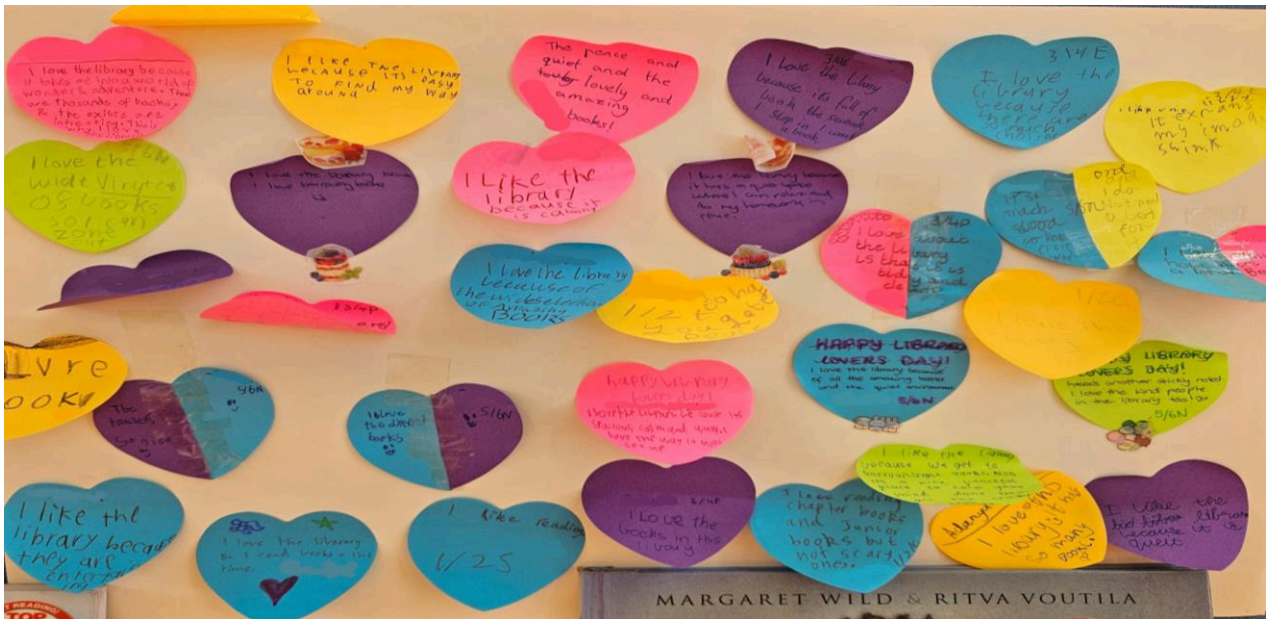
Bron Cook

Library Coordinator

Take a look below for some photos from the week.

Happy reading!





House Cross Country

Glen Waverley South Primary School will be conducting a Cross Country Fun Run for the students as a major fundraiser in Term 1. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school. The event will be held 9.00am-11.00am on **Thursday 28th March**, in the school grounds at Glen Waverley South Primary School. While the fundraising is optional, cross country is part of the school curriculum, and all students will be expected to participate in the event by running, jogging or walking. All funds raised will go towards purchasing new sports equipment for the school!



HOW DOES MY CHILD FUNDRAISE? Students will be receiving a Sponsorship Form today with instructions on how to raise money online and order prizes.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive a prize of their choice for their efforts. But why not aim higher? The more you raise the better the prizes to choose from. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for your support and you will reach your fundraising goal in no time. Prizes can be ordered online after the Cross Country Fun Run has been completed on **Thursday 28th March**.

STUDENT PROFILE PAGE. Create a Student Profile Page at www.funrun.com.au which is unique to you. It's the easiest way to help your child raise money and to reach your fundraising goal sooner. Click on the Student Sign-up link to create your fundraising page. Share your unique link to family and friends who want to support your child's effort during the Cross Country Fun Run.

HOW TO ORDER PRIZES? To reward your child for their efforts, they will receive incentive prizes based on the total amount of sponsorship dollars raised online. Prizes must be ordered by **Friday 19th April**.

To order your child's prize log into www.funrun.com.au before the prize order close date and follow the prompts to order your prizes. Please note that setting a 'prize goal' does not count as ordering your prize, following the event you will still need to select which prize is wanted.

If you collected cash donations log into your Student Profile as above and make a self-donation to the value of the cash you collected. We will not be taking cash donations at school this year.

In addition to the fantastic prize program on offer, we are promoting the following incentives:

Students who create an online profile will be rewarded with an icy pole.

Each participating student will receive a Berri Quelch frozen juice stick on the day of the event.

For every \$1,000 raised across the school, a teacher will be soaked with slime or water at assembly after the event.

Prize for the top 3 fundraising students and a class party of free choice games during PE for the highest fundraising class!

Thank you in advance for your participation. Happy fundraising!



Matt Young
PE Teacher



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
5/6D	116,900
5/6R	111,550
5/6N	99,280
3/4P	38,500
3/4T	37,500

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Karanvvir B, 5/6D	19,60
Eunice S, 3/4T	13,400
Seesh I, 5/6R	9,940
Kavya P, 3/4P	9,640
Angel N, 3/4D	9,270



Matt Young
Numeracy Leader

JSC Icy Pole Day

On Thursday 7th March, the Junior School Council will be holding an Icy Pole Day fundraiser.

Students are encouraged to bring \$1 to purchase an icy pole at lunchtime. All proceeds raised will go towards new school resources.

Students will be able to purchase one icy pole each.

Thank you.



Francene Tsoumas
JSC Coordinator



Miriam Ercole
JSC Coordinator

Birthday Treats at School

To avoid disappointment and to support the safety and well-being of all students, we request that Parents/Guardians read the following guidelines carefully.

We have a number of students at our school who are anaphylactic. Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. Certain foods and insect stings are the most common causes of anaphylaxis.

It is very difficult to monitor the ingredients in foods that are brought in for birthdays. It is for this reason that we ask families to please follow these guidelines when bringing food to the school for a birthday.

These guidelines will be strictly adhered to by all staff.

- **NO birthday lolly bags/gift bags**
- **Only ONE item per child eg. One lollypop or one chocolate treat**
- **Only one type/brand of item eg. a bag of Freddo Frogs or a bag of Kit Kat or lolly pops**
- **A list of ingredients MUST be supplied**
- **Food MUST be individually wrapped**
- **No homemade food**
- **No Nuts**

If birthday treats do not meet the above guidelines, the treats will be returned home. Birthday treats are to be delivered by the parent/guardian to the school office.

They will remain at the office until the end of the day when they will be distributed to the students by the classroom teacher at 3.30pm.



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 2024

Friday	1 st	Division Swimming Lv 2 Police Academy Excursion School Assembly at 2.50pm
Tuesday	5 th	Twilight Sports 4.30pm – 6pm
Thursday	7 th	JSC Icy Pole Day
Friday	8 th	Lv 5/6 Interschool Sport
Monday	11 th	Payment/Consent due for Lv 1/2 CERES Excursion Labour Day – Public Holiday – students do not attend school
Tuesday	12 th	Curriculum Day – students do not attend school
Thursday	14 th	Lv 1/2 CERES Excursion
Thursday	21 st	JSC Icy Pole Day
Friday	22 nd	Lv 5/6 Interschool Sport
Thursday	28 th	Lv 6 Student Enrolment Information Forms should be returned by today House Cross Country Last Day of Term 1 – school finishes 2.30pm!



April 2024

Monday	15 th	First Day of Term 2 2025 Enrolment Applications for Foundation open
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March 2024 – Foundation Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm
4 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	5 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	6 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	7 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	8 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm
11 Labour Day Public Holiday School Closed	12 Curriculum Day Students do not attend school.	13 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	14 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	15 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm
18 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	19 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	20 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	21 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	22 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm
25 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	26 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	27 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	28 Last Day Term 1 School finishes 2:30pm	29 Good Friday Public Holiday School Closed





Student of the Week



FL	Rachel Y	For being a 'bucket filler' by sharing and speaking kindly to her friends during playtime.
1/2C	Gunveer D	For an excellent verbal retell of the lunch boxes. Well done!
1/2S	Joshua	For challenging himself to work with 2-digit numbers!
1/2T	Zuhaan U	For working hard to add and subtract 10 from two-digit numbers in Maths.
3/4D	Tempeste	For being a responsible and helpful classmate at our Inquiry Excursion at Cranbourne Botanic Gardens.
3/4E	Mehrsa M	For showing our school's RESPECT values during our Inquiry Excursion.
3/4T	Andrew L	For sharing his knowledge of First Nations's history and culture during our Inquiry Excursion!
3/4P	Rishab M	For his active participation in the discussions during our excursion, showing great understanding!
5/6D	Emily A	For consistently displaying a positive attitude towards her learning.
5/6R	Poppy M	For conducting a safe fair test and writing a detailed and precise report like a scientist.
5/6N	Faris U	For displaying exemplary behaviour during our 'Reading Sessions' and showing what good readers do. Well done!
Japanese	Ayden M	For showing his good speaking skills of classroom instructions during Japanese class.
Japanese	Oliver H	For being engaged and completing his tasks for the facts of Japan. Keep up the good work, Oliver!
Critical Literacy	Ilias K	For his continued effort to always produce the best work he can. Outstanding!
Critical Literacy	Sophia X	For her outstanding written response to the book 'Just One Bee'. Wonderful effort!
Performing Arts	Frederick P	For showing fantastic facial expressions in his mime performance.
Performing Arts	Oli L	For confidently leading his class in singing, with a loud, clear voice.
Sports	Ashton W	For excellent kicking and hand balling skills during the AFL clinic!
Sports	Shravya V	For fantastic kicking skills during the AFL clinic!

School Term Dates – 2024

Term 1	Monday 29 th January to Thursday 28 th March
Term 2	Monday 15 th April to Friday 28 th June
Term 3	Monday 15 th July to Friday 20 th September
Term 4	Monday 7 th October to Friday 20 th December

Curriculum (Pupil Free) Days - 2024

Tuesday 12th March

Friday 7th June

Monday 4th November



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Open Day

WHSC

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March 21st, 2024
10:30 AM - 2:45 PM

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1:15 PM - Presentation | School Tour

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