



## Principal's Report

14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### 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. GWSPS staff were fortunate to participate in professional learning with Educational Consultant, Philip White, looking at Differentiation, Feedback and Goal Setting. Also, in line with our Annual Implementation Plan, Mrs Annette Streets presented the first of the 7 High Impact Wellbeing Strategies to staff, namely Building Relationships with Students. It was a fantastic day of learning for staff with genuine opportunities for implementing our learnings immediately in the classroom.

### Planning Week

In the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, the 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 \$827 to put towards student resources. Thank you to the following parents:

Parents	Students	Year level
Emily W & Warren B	Carter & Lincoln B	3/4E & 3/4P
Aileen F	Will & Terance	5/6R & 1/2S
Kelly S	Willow & Evelyn Rae S	1/2S & 3/4T
Aidah Madrus & Dzakihusny G	Rayyan D	5/6D
Neb R & Helen R	Duke & Antonio R	5/6D & 3/4D
Nileththi C	Melissa G	1/2S
Youmi L	Dane C	5/6N
Karen B	Raymond B	5/6N

I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank the Aidah Madrus and Dzakihusny G for their very kind donation of a bicycle to the school for future fundraising events. Your support is very much appreciated!



# Principal's Report cont...

## Student Leadership and JSC Badge Presentation

Tomorrow, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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, Mr Alec Yankos will also be present.

## School Council Annual Report-Annual General Meeting

At the close of the extended date for nominations, the following nominated candidates have been duly declared elected.

### Parent Membership Category:

1. Alec Yankos
2. Vaishali Bhand
3. Marco Borsato
4. Nirmal Kumar Rajamohan

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm Glen Waverley South Primary School Council will be presenting the 2023 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.

## Ramadan – March 11th to April 9th

Ramadan is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community. Ramadan concludes with the celebration of Eid al-Fitr, which culminates in a celebratory feast as families gather to mark the end of fasting. Over the remainder of the school term, many of our families will be observing Ramadan and the school is mindful of the challenges that young children can face throughout this time. Please advise your child's teacher if your child requires additional support.

## Harmony Day – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 18 March to Sunday 24 March. The theme, 'Our shared stories – celebrating together', encourages everyone to recognise and celebrate the wonderful intersections that enrich our culturally diverse community. As always, we will mark the week through our Harmony Day celebrations. Further information is available within this newsletter.

## End of Term

A reminder that the last day of term will be Thursday 28th March. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on this day. Our Out of School Hours Care program will be running on the day.



**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
5/6D	62,850
5/6N	57,500
5/6R	46,500
3/4P	35,200
3/4E	21,800

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Kavya P, 3/4P	12,200
Karanvir B, 5/6D	11,300
Dane C, 5/6N	5,800
Eunice S, 3/4T	5,400
Ashri M, 1/2S	4,700



**Matt Young**  
Numeracy Leader

# Maths Olympiad

The Maths Olympiad team for 2024 has been finalised for students in Levels 5 and 6.

The students will meet during a math class session to work on problem-solving strategies and strengthen their mathematical intuition.

The official competition dates for 2024 are:

**Contest 1:** May 8th, 2024

**Contest 2:** June 19th, 2024

**Contest 3:** July 31st, 2024

**Contest 4:** September 4th, 2024



# MATHS OLYMPIAD



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



**Elly Datsopoulos**  
APSMO Coordinator

# 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 on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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!



**Matt Young**  
PE Teacher

**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 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

**STUDENT PROFILE PAGE.** Create a Student Profile Page at [www.funrun.com.au](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> April**.

To order your child's prize log into [www.funrun.com.au](http://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!

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

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 Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. 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

## JSC Icy Pole & Harmony Day

We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March. This occasion recognises our diversity and celebrates our different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

To foster student connectedness, the JSC are organising a whole school lunch outside with chalk drawing. Students are encouraged to wear orange or cultural dress on Thursday.

Students will be learning more about Harmony Week through various activities in their classrooms.

The JSC will also be holding an icy pole day during lunchtime to fundraise for the school. Icy poles will be sold for \$1 each.



**Francene Tsoumas**  
JSC Coordinator



**Miriam Ercole**  
JSC Coordinator



## Principal's Award



### Violet Lawrence

For looking after the environment by creating signage to encourage the collection of used cans/bottles at our Twilight Sports event for recycling. Well done, Violet!



## Principal's Award



### Raymond Borsato

For looking after the environment by coordinating the collection of used cans/bottles at our Twilight Sports event for recycling. Well done Raymond!

Want to know what is happening at GWSPS?  
Like us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/GWSPS>





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	15 <sup>th</sup>	Student leaders badge ceremony – during assembly
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	JSC Icy Pole & Harmony Day
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lv 5/6 Interschool Sport
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Lv 6 Student Enrolment Information Forms should be returned by today House Cross Country <b>Last Day of Term 1 – school finishes 2.30pm!</b>
<b>Student School Holidays Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)</b>		



## April 2024

Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 2 2025 Enrolment Applications for Foundation open
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation school nurse visit
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation school nurse visit
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	School photos

## March 2024 – Foundation Timetable

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

## School Term Dates – 2024

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

## Curriculum (Pupil Free) Days - 2024

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November



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## Pinewood Preschool

### OPEN DAY

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

Pinewood Preschool welcomes you to join us on our open day at the new Pinewood Child and family hub.

This is an exciting opportunity for all past, present, and future families to come and explore our wonderful new preschool facilities.

We are planning a Smoking Ceremony to formally introduce the new area to the community, and we would love everyone to be a part of this experience.

**Where:** - Pinewood Preschool  
13 Pinewood Drive  
Mount Waverley

**When:** - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

**Time:** - 10am - 12Noon

**What's on:** - Sausage Sizzle - Gold Coin Donation

Kids activities

Smoking Ceremony 11am (TBC)





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