



Principal's Report

13/06/2024

Enrol Now for Foundation 2025!

We are receiving high interest for our 2025 Foundation enrolments and need to establish how many siblings of our enrolled students are due to start at GWSPS next year. I would like to thank those families who have already enrolled their child for next year. If you have a child starting Foundation next year, please ensure you have completed their enrolment form as soon as possible.

Winter Health

In Australia our 'influenza 'flu' season typically runs from May to October, usually peaking in August. It is just not possible to stop all bugs from spreading at school, however a lot of illnesses can be prevented and controlled simply by practicing good hygiene. Handy hygiene tips for you and your family:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Throw used tissues in plastic-lined rubbish bins
- Wash your hands with soap and water, preferably warm water if available
- Reduce the spread of germs by avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth

Further information on influenza is available at the Better Health Channel:

http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Flu_influenza

Capital Works Update

Following this morning's Capital Works meeting, we learnt that the completion date has now been pushed back to approximately 9th August, which is the end of week 4 of term 3. Amongst other things, one of the major reasons for the delay is a result of the Water Authority having to complete water tapping to the site and then FRV (Fire Rescue Victoria) approving the works. The completed works do not include joinery and operable walls. These were removed from the scope of works due to the unexpected cost in removing the contaminated soil. As a result, our school will fund the installation of the joinery and operable walls. We are hoping to achieve this in the lead up to the completion date, to avoid having to delay the relocation once handover is complete. There is a chance, however, that we may not be able to access the building before 9th August, which would mean that any school-funded projects can only take place after handover. This would potentially add another couple of weeks to the completion of the building. It is not in our interests to relocate before the joinery and operable walls are installed. We can totally relate to the frustrations of the school community as we are also experiencing increased frustration by the delays. We respectfully ask for your patience with the knowledge that when we do eventually relocate, we trust that the finished product would have been well worth the wait. Once we do have occupancy of the two new buildings, we will need to co-ordinate relocating at some stage. We will make a decision closer to the handover date to determine what the best approach to this will be. We will keep you informed as soon as possible. Again, thank you for your patience and understanding!



Principal's Report cont...

Building Fund Donations

If you have not yet made a donation to the Glen Waverley South Primary School Building Fund and would like to before the end of the financial year to claim a tax deduction, please contact the school. Any donation amount would be gratefully accepted. Donations will be spent on constructing or maintaining our school buildings. A building fund receipt for any 2024 Building Fund donations which have been made, will be sent home with your child before the end of term.

STEM Specialist Subject

Late last year I announced that we would be introducing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) specialist subject commencing in Semester 2 2024, coinciding with the opening of our new school buildings. Whilst at this stage we are yet to move into the new learning space in the new building for this subject, we will be going ahead with the planned STEM specialist subject. Specialist STEM classes will complement in class STEM lessons. Classroom teachers will focus on the Mathematical aspect of STEM in their weekly STEM lessons, while Ms Cook will provide lessons which cover the whole spectrum of STEM learning, focusing on the Design and Technology component of the Victorian Curriculum.

Beginning in Term 3, classroom teachers will be delivering the Critical Literacy program. All classes will have a timetabled lesson in the library to read, discuss and then borrow. Classroom teachers will follow a program planned by Ms Cook to ensure a smooth transition. Classes will begin by exploring the books nominated for Book of the Year by the Children's Book Council of Australia.

Divisional/Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Zoe L (5/6R), who finished first in the U/12 Girls Cross Country at the Divisional Cross-Country event a couple of weeks ago and ran in the Regional event today, representing our school. Zoe ran incredibly well and placed 14th. Fantastic effort, well done, Zoe!



Planning Week

In the week beginning Monday 17th June, the staff will be working together throughout the week to plan and organise teaching and learning activities for Term 3. 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.

School Musical Production Parent Helpers

A huge thank you to the following parents who helped with the School Musical Production Working Bee last Thursday:

Rachel L, Claire K, Stephanie L, Kelly S, Crystal B, Benjie W, Kumiko H, Liumeng Z, Kusu D, Connie A-B, Jian Z, Lolita W, Alan L, Chie S.

Your support is very much appreciated!

Junior School Council Silly Socks & Snakes Day

Yesterday's Junior School Council Silly Socks & Snakes Day raised \$201.30. An outstanding effort with all proceeds going towards our new STEM room and Library in the new buildings. Well done to everyone who participated and indeed to the Junior School Councillors and Staff representatives, Ms Ercole and Miss Tsoumas, for co-ordinating this event.



Con Vellios
Principal

Year 6-7 transition

The first round of Year 7 applications have been submitted to the relevant Government secondary schools, and most of these schools have responded with outcomes. For students who have not been accepted into their first preference secondary school, we will be submitting their 2nd and 3rd preference applications in the coming weeks.

By Wednesday 17th July, families of Year 6 students will be informed of their child's Year 7 placement offer for the 2025 school year. If a student is not placed at any of their preferred schools, he/she may be accepted into their designated neighbourhood school.

For more information about this process please see the Department of Education (DE) link:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/enrolment/guidance/year-6-to-7-placement#placement-timeline-for-2024-to-2025>



Debbie Dimas
Year 6-7 Transition
Coordinator

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: もういちど (**Mou ichi do**) This means 'One more time!' e.g. when you want to ask your child to repeat things again, you could say to him/her もういちど (**Mou ichi do**).



Miyuki Manzaki
Japanese Teacher

ICAS 2024



Enrolments are still open for **ICAS 2024**. If you are interested, please order and pay through the website.

For administrative and organisational purposes, **registrations will close on Monday, July 22nd, 2024.**

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS AT OUR SCHOOL AFTER THIS DATE.

HOW TO ENROL: Visit the website to access and purchase test papers.

1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices **here:** (icasassessments.com/products-icas/)
2. Read the Privacy Collection Statement below.
3. Read the terms and conditions **here:** (icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf)
4. Go to Parent Portal to purchase tests **here:** (shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps)
5. Enter our school's access code – NNP951
6. Enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

You might also find the following blog article interesting as your child embarks on their ICAS journey: [ICAS practice: 6 proven methods to help your child succeed](#)



Elly Datsopoulos
ICAS Coordinator

Holiday Reading

Take Home Reading will finish as we approach the end of term. It is important for children to continue reading and enjoying literature during the school holidays. This can take the form of borrowing books from your local public library or enjoying favourite books from home. A reminder that all GWSPS students have access to an extensive online library as part of their Reading Eggs subscription. The Foundation students also have access to an online library via their PM eCollection subscription.

Reading Eggs



PM eCollection



Veronica Lawrence
Literacy Leader

LIBRARY

A poster for a book donation drive. At the top, the words 'Book Donation' are written in large, bold, black letters. Below this, the text reads: 'Donate your good-condition second-hand books for Primary School aged children to our Term 3 Book Week sale and help raise money for new books for our library and to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.' Further down, it says: 'Books can be dropped off at the school office before or after school.' and 'More information about our Book Week sale will be available in Term 3.' At the bottom, it says 'Thank you for your support!' and features illustrations of stacks of books. On the right side of the bottom section, there is a logo for 'Indigenous Literacy Day' with the text 'WE'RE SUPPORTING' above it and 'ilf.org.au/ILD' below it.



Bron Cook
Library & Critical
Literacy Coordinator

ThinkUKnow Presentation



Thank you to all the parents who attended the ThinkUKnow cyber safety presentation this Tuesday evening.

The presenters shared valuable insights into risks that face young people in online environments. Whilst we should encourage technology as a positive tool that children will continue to use their whole lives, it reminded us about the importance of assisting them in making safe choices.

A main take away was for all parents and carers to keep informed about potential risks and how to avoid them. As well as this, consistent, positive communication about cybersafe habits and modelling of our own digital choices is a way we can support our children.

If you missed the presentation, ThinkUKnow have sent through a recorded version of a similar presentation which you can view using the following links.

Part 1: <https://www.facebook.com/100064506469435/videos/1064612083939632>

Part 2: <https://www.facebook.com/100064506469435/videos/1676696952485110>

Part 3: <https://www.facebook.com/100064506469435/videos/260307758654388>

If you would like to learn more, you can find lots of useful information for parents on the [ThinkUKnow website](#).

If you ever have any questions about ways to support your children with their cyber safety and use of technology, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher.



Julia Pereira
ICT Leader

GWSPS Fundraising Committee Presents

HOT CHOCOLATE MORNING

Enjoy a warm Hot Chocolate on a cold winter morning before school!

When: **Friday 21st June**
Starting at **8:30am**

Where: on the netball courts

Hot Chocolates will be **\$2 each**

First in first served until all Hot Chocolates run out.
Please bring a keep cup





BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER

The fundraising committee will be running a Bunnings BBQ at Notting Hill on Saturday July 6th

**We are looking for volunteers to help out on the day.
Available shifts we require help with are**

8-10am

10am-12 midday

12 midday – 2pm

2pm – 4pm

**If anyone is available to help out at any of these timeslots
please contact Aileen on 0415 047 963. All help is
appreciated.**



Student of the Week



FL	Nikhil S	For confidently using two ten-frames to represent teen numbers!
1/2C	Angela L	For writing a convincing persuasive piece, 'Gymnastics is better than Ballet', that followed the correct structure.
1/2S	Vivaann K	For challenging himself to solve problems and provide multiple answers to open-ended questions.
3/4D	Angel N	For always showing respect and contributing to class discussions. Well done and keep this up!
3/4E	Sirisha P	For being an enthusiastic and motivated student and always putting in her best effort.
3/4T	Ajay K	For sharing his prior knowledge of work parts. Well done, Ajay!
3/4P	Tom T	For making thoughtful and descriptive language choices in his procedural text.
5/6D	Emma P	For writing a very comprehensive self-assessment.
5/6N	Kaylee V	For showing fantastic visualising skills during her weekly reading. Well done Kaylee!
5/6R	Michael S	For being a reflective student and working hard to improve his learning habits.
Japanese	Krishan K	For being engaged and showing his positive participation during Japanese classes.
Japanese	Hannah L	For being engaged and completing her tasks with good understanding. Keep up the good work, Hannah!

Want to know what is happening at GWSPS?

Like us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/GWSPS>



Dates to Remember



June 2024

Friday	21 st	Hot chocolate morning 8.30am-8.55am. Last day to make an appointment for Parent/Teacher Interviews via Compass. Closing time is at 3.30pm. Semester 1 reports will be made available to parents via Compass at 4pm.
Tuesday	25 th	Lv F-2 Parent/Teacher Interviews between 1.00pm & 6.40pm. (Specialist interviews are available between 3.30pm and 5.10pm) optional.
Wednesday	26 th	Lv 3-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews between 1.00pm & 6.40pm. (Specialist interviews are available between 3.30pm and 5.10pm) optional.
Friday	28 th	Last Day of Term 1 – school finishes 2.30pm! OSH is available on this day from 2.30pm. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.
Student School Holidays Monday 1st July – Friday 12th July (inclusive)		

July 2024

Saturday	6 th	Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser at Notting Hill 8am-4pm.
Monday	15 th	First Day of Term 3
Wednesday	17 th	Lv 7 Placement Offers sent home with Lv 6 students
Tuesday	23 rd	School Production Night 1 Forest Hill College 6.00pm – 9.30pm
Wednesday	24 th	School Production Night 2 Forest Hill College 6.00pm – 9.30pm
Friday	26 th	Closing date for Parents/Carers to lodge a written appeal with their preferred secondary school. 2025 Foundation applications due by this date. Soccer round robin.
Monday	29 th	Written notification of 2025 Foundation enrolment outcomes set to parents.