



08/05/2025

Principal's Report

Education Week Celebration Day

Education Week this year commences on Monday 19th May till Friday 23rd May. GWSPS will be holding an Education Week Celebration Day on Thursday 22nd May 2025. This year's theme, 'Celebration of Cultures', highlights the diversity of our communities and the importance of every child feeling safe and welcome at school. Students will participate in a rotation of four activities in their house groups throughout the day. Many thanks to our Education Week Team, co-ordinated by Miss Ebony Gibson.

National Simultaneous Storytime 21 May 2025

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is an Australia-wide group reading and literacy event, where schools, libraries and other institutions gather school-age children together to read the same chosen picture book at the same time.

Ever since its inception, the aim of NSS has been to promote the value and fun of books, reading, and community storytime activities, as well as the work of the featured author and illustrator.

The National Simultaneous Storytime story for 2025 is '*The Truck Cat*', written by Deborah Frenkel. This touching tale features Tinka, a cat journeying alongside his human companion, Yacoub, as they navigate themes of belonging, connection, and finding a place to call home. I will have the pleasure of reading to our Foundation students on this day.

Mother's Day Morning Tea and Stall

Our annual Mother's Day stall is being held today, Thursday 8th May. As well as the stall, we have had the opportunity this morning to acknowledge the wonderful mums in our community with a special Mother's Day morning today. We hope you enjoyed the various fun activities prepared for you to participate in with your child/ren. Thank you to the Fundraising committee for co-ordinating and running the stall!

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

House Athletics/Coach Approach

On Tuesday 20th May our Levels 3 to 6 children will be participating in the House Athletics event, to be held at Bill Stewart Athletics track, Burwood HWY, East Burwood. You are welcome to attend the event to support our children! As well as this, our Foundation, Level 1 and Level 2 students will be participating in sports-related activities run by Coach Approach, back at school. A huge thank you to Miss Hare for organising and coordinating these events! Thank you to the Fundraising committee for coordinating the Sausage sizzle for our Level 3-6 students on this day.



Monash and Manningham Network Conference

Clare, Elise and I will be at a Principal network conference today and tomorrow. Mrs Annette Streets and Mrs Veronica Lawrence will be in charge in our absence.

District Cross Country

Good luck to our qualifying Levels 3 to 6 students at the District Cross Country event which will be held on Friday 16th May.

Education Support Personnel Day

The Australian Education Union celebrate Education Support Personnel Day on Friday 16th May every year. Education Support Personnel are a vital part of the education workforce, as they contribute to creating and sustaining a school culture where learning takes place. They cover a wide range of professional, administrative, technical, and general staff working as teaching assistants, Integration Aides, Student administration and more. We at GWSPS would like to take the opportunity to join in and acknowledge the wonderful work our ES staff do. Thank you so much to Gabby, Lucy, Winnie, Jodie, Allison, Emily and Karen for keeping our school running by supporting our students to learn, our teachers to teach and engaging our community in our wonderful school. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

School Council

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20th May. All members of the community are welcome to attend as visitors. If you would like to visit our next School Council meeting, please let the office know.

2025 Parent Payments

Thank you to all the families who have paid the 2025 Curriculum Contributions. Your support is greatly appreciated! Curriculum Contributions provide payment for your child's stationary items, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Maths resources, (including Mathletics and Reading Eggs subscriptions), Japanese resources, English and sports resources, photocopying of worksheets and learning materials, and contributes to the provision of IT devices. If you have not yet contributed, you are still able to do so through Compass (Course Confirmations and Payments), BPAY, by credit card or cash. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager.



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Principal



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](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/): (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](https://icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf): icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf.

Privacy collection statement

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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.



Tineke Reincke
ICAS Coordinator

Word of the Week

This section introduces a Japanese phrase fortnightly. The Japanese captains introduce 'Word of the Week' to all students at assembly. Children are encouraged to use the word/phrase as much as possible during the following week. Students who have proved they can use the word of the week appropriately to either the Japanese captains or Manzaki Sensei during the week, will go into the draw to win a prize/house points in the assembly.

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: すごい!(Su go i !) This means That's great! or That's fantastic! e.g. when your child shows his/her fantastic work, you could say to him/her, すごい!(Su go i !), when your child has achieved something he/she has been trying to achieve for a while, you could say すごい!(Su go i !).



Miyuki Manzaki
Japanese 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.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved gold certificates so far this year. They will receive their first gold certificate at assembly next week:

GOLD	Gunveer D 2L, Romandeep M 2L, Randal H 2S, Liam W 3C, Vishruth P 3C, Ashrithaa M 3C, Mitansh G 3P, Shravya V 3P, Kimbrel H 4E, Avyana M 5D
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Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES		TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Class	Activity Points	Student	Activity Points
3C	52, 494	Kimbrel H, 4E	22, 152
2S	38, 668	Randal H, 2S	21, 610
4E	35, 219	Arihaan B, 2L	7, 994
5H	34, 720	Jason F, 3C	6, 394
3P	28, 600	Ashrithaa M, 3C	5, 647



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 were invited to participate in the trials to join a school team to participate in this competition.

The trials have now ended, and the team members were chosen based on their assessment results. They competed in the first contest on Wednesday 7th May.

Congratulations to the following students who have made the Maths Olympiad team:

Ian L – 6D

Eddie F – 6D

Ilias K – 5H

Kudrat C – 5H

Sirisha P – 5H

Siddarth S – 5D

Ajay K – 5D



The remaining **Competition Dates for 2025** are:

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 Co-ordinator

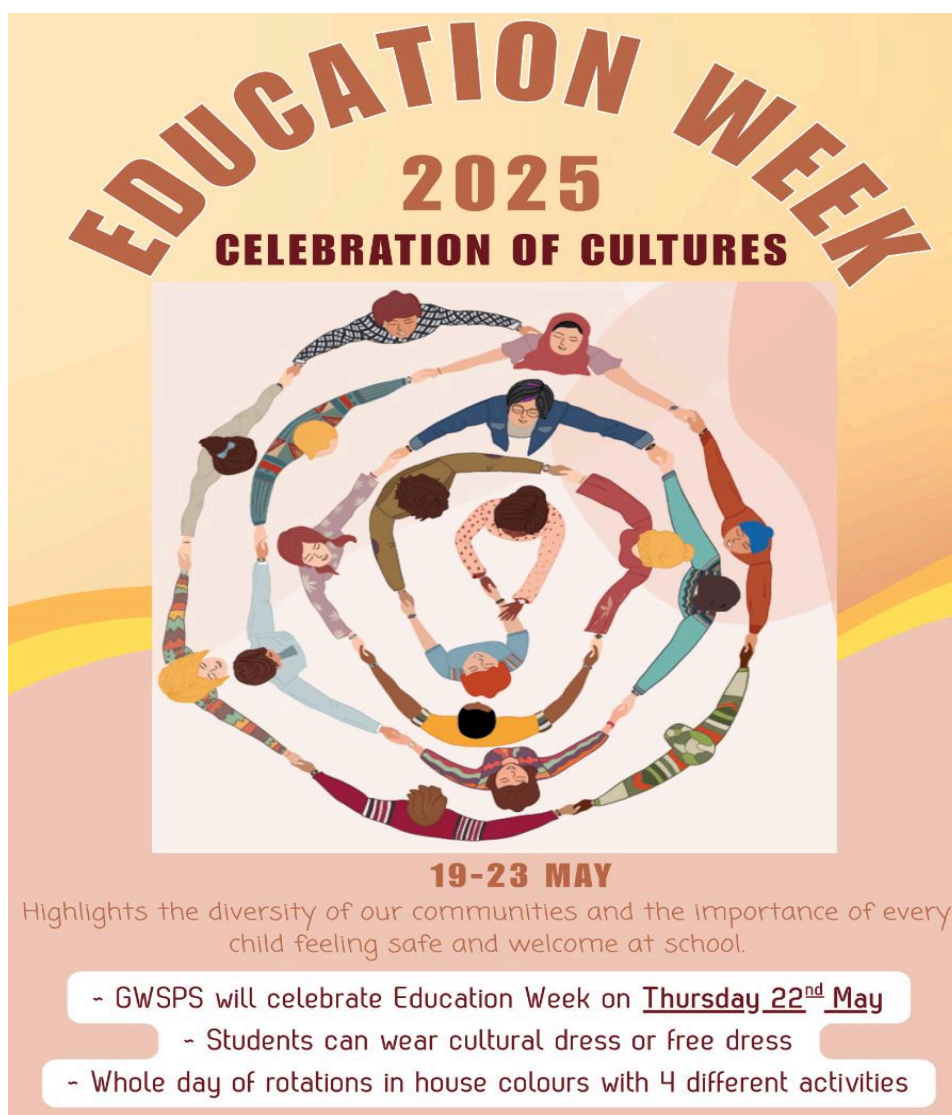
Education Week 2025

This year, Education Week runs from the 19th to the 23rd May. The theme is 'Celebration of Cultures' and highlights the diversity of our communities and the importance of every child feeling safe and welcome at school.

To mark this special week, we will be holding an Education Week Celebration Day on Thursday 22nd May. Students will participate in a rotation of 4 activities in their house groups throughout the day. These rotations will include activities that encourage students to celebrate and share ideas to promote the wide range of cultures and cultural connections in our school.

To find out more about Education Week 2025, visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/education-week#2025>

Students are encouraged to wear cultural dress, or casual dress on the day!



EDUCATION WEEK
2025
CELEBRATION OF CULTURES

19-23 MAY

Highlights the diversity of our communities and the importance of every child feeling safe and welcome at school.

- GWSPS will celebrate Education Week on **Thursday 22nd May**
- Students can wear cultural dress or free dress
- Whole day of rotations in house colours with 4 different activities



Ebony Gibson





From Your Marrung Lead

The 27th of May marks the beginning of National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

NRW always falls on the same dates each year, from 27 May to 3 June.

27 May marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum when Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

3 June marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title—the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights over their lands did survive British colonisation.

The day before NRW, 26 May, is National Sorry Day, which was first held in Sydney in 1998 and is now commemorated nationally to remember and honour the Stolen Generations.

There are a growing number of books written for young people to help them understand more about the Stolen Generation, Sorry Day, and the 1967 referendum, some of which we have in our library, such as "Say Yes" by Jennifer Castles.

The PlaySchool "Walking Together" episode (<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/play-school-walking-together>) and the BTN "Reconciliation Week" episode (<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/reconciliation-week-2021/13350912>) are great to watch as a family to learn more about these important dates.

In the lead up to our NRW commemoration, there is a colouring page in this newsletter for students to colour if they wish. All pages returned will be displayed in the library until the end of the term.



Bron Cook
Marrung Lead

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to *Next*

27 MAY -
3 JUNE



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ThinkUKnow CyberSafety Presentations

GWSPS will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on **Wednesday 28th May at 5:30pm** for all parents, carers and teachers in the South Learning Studio. ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence-based education program delivered nationally to prevent online child sexual exploitation. The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation is pro-technology and addresses topics including:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology. Due to the nature of the topics covered, please note that this session is NOT suitable for students. Students will be partaking in a separate information session later in the year.

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au, or contact Miriam Ercole (Miriam.ercole@education.vic.gov.au)

OUR PARTNERS



Miriam Ercole



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

May 2025

Friday	9 th	Lv 5-6 Winter Interschool Sport – Round 1 (home game vs Highvale P.S.) Last day to consent/pay for District Cross Country (selected students)
Tuesday	13 th	Lv 5-6 Camp Information Night
Friday	16 th	Lv 3-6 District Cross Country (selected students) Last day to consent/pay for Lv F-2 Coach Approach Incursion Last day to consent/pay for Lv 3-6 House Athletics Whole School Assembly at 2.50pm
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 Last day to consent/pay for Lv 3-4 Inquiry Excursion – Melbourne Walks Tour
Friday	23 rd	Lv 5-6 Winter Interschool Sport – Round 2 (away game vs Mt Waverley Nth P.S.)
Wednesday	28 th	Lv 3-6 Division Cross Country (selected students)
Thursday	29 th	Lv 3-4 Inquiry Excursion – Melbourne Walks Tour
Friday	30 th	Lv 5-6 Winter Interschool Sport (home game vs Huntingtower P.S.) Whole School Assembly at 2.50pm

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 <i>OSH closed on this day, please make alternative arrangements.</i>	
Wednesday	11 th	Maths Olympiad (selected students)	
Friday	13 th	Lv 5-6 Soccer Gala Day (selected students) Whole School Assembly at 2.50pm	
Friday	20 th	Lv 5-6 Interschool Sport Gala Day	
Friday	27 th	Whole School Assembly at 2.50pm	



SATURDAY 31ST MAY, 6PM-9:30PM: TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER



This fundraiser supports our youth and young adults to attend the Ignite youth camp coming up in September. It promises to be another fun-filled evening of trivia, games and a silent auction. Build your team, invite friends and family and reserve your table today. If you would like to donate items for the silent auction, please contact Brad, b.jackson@gwac.org.au.

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