



22/05/2025

Principal's Report

Staffing

Ms Lucy Trimmis, our Student Administration Officer, will be on leave from Tuesday 27th May and will be returning on Monday 30th June. Lucy will be celebrating her son's destination wedding in sunny Santorini. We wish Lucy all the very best and congratulate her son Luke and Bec on their wedding. In her absence, Lucy will be replaced by Mrs Karen Borsato whose OSH duties will be covered by the various regular OSH staff currently working in the program. We look forward to working with Karen in the office and thank her for her willingness to take on this new role.

3P

I am happy to announce that Ms Dashara Senanayake will be working in level 3P placement for the remainder of this term. Dashara is an experienced educator who is familiar with our school, having worked as a replacement teacher throughout the year. We are incredibly grateful to Mrs Freeman, and Mrs Reincke who have done an excellent job covering for 3P in the interim period, while we were looking at filling the teaching position following Ms Peng's departure.

We may be needing to go through a further selection process at the end of the term and will keep you informed if this is the case.

Unfortunately, it has proven to be an incredibly challenging task to try and find a suitable replacement for the longer term – a common issue across all government schools. We sincerely thank you, particularly the families of the students in 3P, for your understanding and patience regarding this matter.

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.'



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
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)

Late Arrivals

When a student arrives after the 9.00am bell, they need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian (16 years or older) to the office first, where the student is signed in on Compass and issued with a late arrival slip (blue). The student then gives this slip to the class teacher and their attendance will then be changed from “absent” to “late arrival”.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27th May and 3rd June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

National Reconciliation Week 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 the national reconciliation effort.

Divisional Cross Country

Congratulations to Haru Y (6A), who came fourth in the U/13 Boys Cross Country, Antonio R (4A) and Adam P (4E), who came eleventh and second respectively, in the U/10 Boys Cross Country, and Emma L (3C), who came eleventh in the U/10 Girls Cross Country at the District event last Friday. These students have qualified for next week's Divisional Cross-Country event, to be held on Wednesday 28th May. Fantastic effort!

School Council

At our last School Council Meeting, Tuesday 20th May, we welcomed our newest member of the School Council, Mr. Pravesh Babu, who was co-opted into the final parent vacancy position until March 2027. Congratulations Pravesh, we look forward to working closely with you towards matters of school governance. We also approved the Level 5/6 camp at Campaspe Downs, and we approved several NDIS agreements. Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17th June. 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.

Mother's Day Stall

A very big thank you to our amazing parent helpers for all the work they have put in towards making the Stall a big success and giving the children an opportunity to buy a gift for their mums. Thank you to:

Youmi L – mum of Dane 6A & Haley 4A

Kelly S – mum of Willow & Evelyn Rae

Emily W – mum of Lincoln 5D & Carter 5H



Liumeng Z – mum of Ian 6D & Cindy 4E
Karen B – mum of Raymond 6A
Nileththi C – mum of Melissa 2S
Jacinta G – mum of Niamh FL
Vaishali B – mum of Tania 6A
Radha KC – mum of Prenjal 5H & 2S
Anthony - dad of Helena 6A and Theodore 2S
Binni - Father of Aarav 4A & Amryn 1T

Bunnings Fundraising BBQ

A huge thank you to the following community members who volunteered their time to help raise funds at our annual Bunnings Fundraising BBQ:

Gabby J (our Business Manager)
Emily W – mum of Carter 5H & Lincoln 5D
Kelly S - mum of Willow 2S & Evelyn Rae 5D
Neb R - dad of Duke 6A & Antonio 4A
Pam W – mum of Zoey FL
Connie A-B – mum of Michael 6L
Jacinta G – mum of Niamh FL
Jian Z - mum of Jessie 6A
Raj – dad of Sanvi 3C, Bivaan 5D & Panav 6A

House Athletics/Coach Approach

Tuesday's House Athletics and Coach Approach events were incredibly successful, and we are grateful to all community members who either attended or supported with the various tasks, as well as the fundraising BBQ.

A special mention to the following helpers:

Emily W and Warren B parents of Lincoln B (5D) and Carter B (5H)
Aileen mum of Terance F (6A)
Kelly mum of Evelyn Rae S (5D) and Willow S (2S)
Priya mum of Sirisha (5H)
Shamini mum of Ajay (5D)
Xenia mum of Ilias (5H)
Ling mum of Emma (3C)

Education Week Celebration Day

Our Education Week Celebration Day was a huge success today. Our students were actively engaged and had lots of fun participating in the various activities celebrating various cultures throughout the day and highlighting the diversity of our communities and the importance of every child feeling safe and welcome at school. A huge thank you to our Junior School Council for the Celebration Day activities, and to Miss Gibson for coordinating the day supported by Ms Alevras, Ms Cheng, Ms Hare and Ms Linke.

Annual Report to the School Community

Our 2024 Annual Report to the Community is now available to read on our school website.



Foundation 2026 Enrolments

Enrolments for Foundation 2026 are now open. If you have a child born between 1st May 2020 and 30th April 2021, now is the time to enrol, using our online system from our school website.

<https://www.gwsps.vic.edu.au/foundation-2026>

If you have any questions pertaining to enrolment, please call the office. Ph (03) 9560 6371.



2025 Government Schools Principal Conference

Ms Read, Miss Vaudeau and I will be attending the Government Schools Principal Conference on Tuesday 3rd June and Wednesday 4th June. The theme for this year's conference is: **Excellence in Every Classroom.**

This is an excellent opportunity for Victorian government school principals and assistant principals to:

- hear from renowned thought leaders in education
- discover new ways of thinking about leadership excellence
- learn and reflect from one another.

Pupil – Free Days

Please be reminded that **Thursday 5th June and Friday 6th June are both Pupil-Free Days.** Staff will be participating in a Professional Practice Day on the Thursday, specifically a staff team-building event off campus, and Friday is a Report Writing Curriculum Day.

School will be closed on both days with **no staff onsite.**

Our Out of School Hours Care Program will be operating on both days and bookings can be made by contacting Karen on 0409 168 410.

King's Birthday Public Holiday

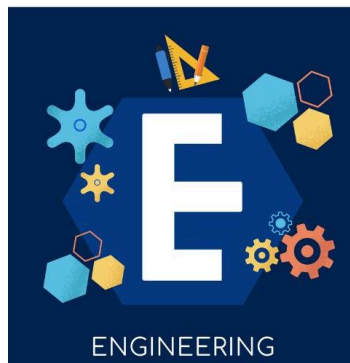
Please be reminded that **Monday 9th June is a Public Day.** School will be closed on this day. There will be **no** Out of School Hours Care Program running on this day!

****Remember, students will not be attending school on Thursday 5th June, Friday 6th June and Monday 9th June.**



Con Vellios
Principal





Spotlight on STEM

KIDS UNLIMITED Lunchtime Workshops

We are seeking expressions of interest for lunchtime STEM clubs run by Kids Unlimited. These are paid classes that are fully equipped and run by the Kids Unlimited team. Please see the information in this newsletter for more information about the workshops being offered and the costs per term. The cost covers 10 weekly sessions in Term 3. We would need a minimum of 10 students to participate in any particular workshop to be able to offer it.

The workshops available are:

Coding (For Years 2-6)

Robotics (For Years 1-6)

Electronics (For Preps - Year 4)

Animation (For Years 2-6)

Science (For Years 1-6)

Families will be notified later in the term if these workshops are going ahead in Term 3.

We will continue to offer lunchtime STEM club run by our STEM Captains throughout Term 2.



Bron Cook
STEM

Kids
Unlimited

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Glen Waverley South PS

IS CONSIDERING RUNNING EXTRA-CURRICULAR LUNCHTIME PROGRAMS. PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN DIFFERENT SUBJECT AREAS

Chess

Cost: \$170 per term

Chess is the original and enduring "thought sport" played throughout the world and has many benefits for young people. This program will introduce theory with plenty of time for game play.

Coding

Cost: \$230 per term

Our coding course introduces kids to the basics of coding through Scratch MIT, where they can create their own games, animations, and more.

Robotics

Cost: \$230 per term

This Robotics course offers a practical introduction to robotics in an automated world, where students solve real problems with experienced coaches.

Electronics

Cost: \$230 per term

Our electronics course allows kids to build their own circuits, relays and unique projects sparking curiosity and innovation.

Animation

Cost: \$230 per term

Using LEGO, cameras and editing software kids build characters and settings, then bring their stories to life.

Science

Cost: \$190 per term

Our science program sparks curiosity. From space to chemistry and physics, kids explore through fun interactive "backyard science".

CLICK OR SCAN HERE

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!



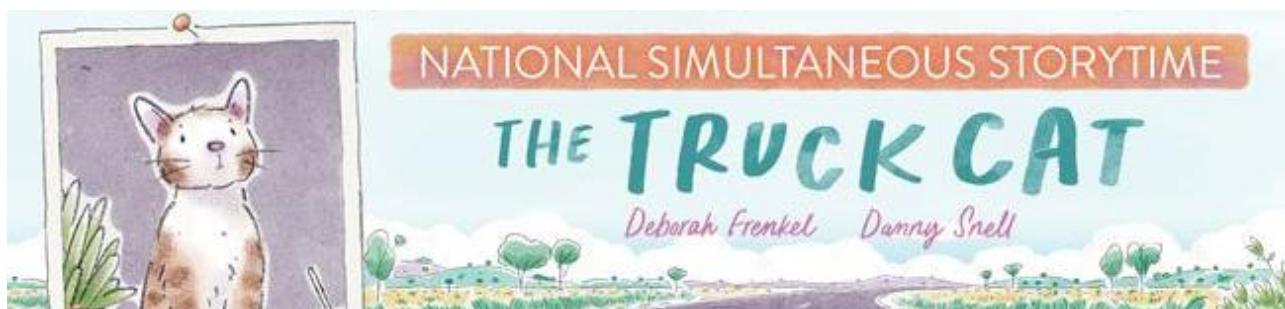
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Library News



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year, a picture book written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 25th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

2024 was the biggest and most successful NSS to date, with over 2.3 million participants at over 21 000 locations.

This year's story, *Truck Cat*, was enjoyed right across the school. Most classes joined the live stream to hear Jacek Koman read the story. Meanwhile, our Foundation students were lucky enough to have Mr Vellios come and read with them!

You can see some photos from the event below.

Book Week - Term 3

The theme for this year's Children's Book Week is "Book an Adventure". We are looking forward to hosting our Book Fair during this Book Week. Our second-hand book sale last year was a big hit, and we are sure students and families will love the Book Fair that QBD is helping us prepare. Time to start saving for a special book, or two!

Happy reading!



Bron Cook



Glen Waverley South PS

was one of 16,632 locations that shared a reading of

THE TRUCK CAT

Deborah Frenkel
Danny Snell



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. 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: 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

Guitar News

Guitar Ensemble Performance 2.30pm at assembly on Friday 30th May 2025.

I wish to congratulate the following students for passing their Reading Books and Excellent Progress.

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| • Tempeste Mc | 4E | Exc Prog |
| • Zahra P | 5H | Exc Prog |
| • Randal H | 2S | Exc Prog |
| • Michael A | 2L | Exc Prog |

Reading notation is a very important part of learning music as it is a universal language that is transferred to most instruments.

Albert Axiaq

Ass. Dip of Edu. (Music)

Bachelor of Arts (Music)



JSC

Icy Poles Turn into Sandpit Smiles!

Our Junior School Council (JSC) has been hard at work—and thanks to your support, their efforts have paid off! Through the popular icy pole day fundraiser, the JSC has raised enough money to purchase a fantastic collection of new sandpit toys. These toys will be available for all students to enjoy during recess and lunch breaks.

The new toys include diggers, buckets, moulds, and more perfect for building, shaping, and imaginative play. Sandpits are not only fun but also help children develop fine motor skills, creativity, and social interaction skills.

To keep our new toys in great condition for everyone to enjoy, we kindly ask all students to follow these simple guidelines:

- **Keep toys in the sandpit:** Please ensure all toys stay within the sandpit area.
- **Share and play fair:** Take turns and include others in your play.
- **Pack up after play:** When you're finished, return all toys to the storage tub provided.

By taking care of our new sandpit toys, we ensure that everyone can enjoy them for a long time to come. Let's work together to keep our play areas fun and safe for all!



Scholastic Book Club



Scholastic are now accepting Book Club orders for Issue 4, which will close on Friday 20th June.

Book Club provides families with an affordable and convenient way to bring the best in children's literature into their homes. Each issue contains curated, age appropriate titles that have been carefully selected and levelled by a dedicated team of professional booklovers.

Book Club also benefits our school — for every Book Club order placed, Scholastic gives back 20% of the order spend to our school to purchase valuable educational resources via its Scholastic Rewards programs.

Parents will need to order and pay by credit card via LOOP, the online book club payment portal, by **Friday 20th June. NO payments will be accepted at school.**

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Books are delivered to the school and are distributed to the students who have placed an order.



Veronica Lawrence
Literacy Leader





From Your Marrung Lead

National Reconciliation Week

Next week, classes across the school will engage in learning tasks and experiences to acknowledge National Reconciliation Week (NRW). Students will have the opportunity in classrooms and in other subjects throughout the week to learn more about the important role we all have to play in working towards reconciliation in our school and our community.

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.

NAIDOC Week 2025

Held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), NAIDOC Week celebrates and recognises the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations

As NAIDOC Week falls during school holidays, we acknowledge this significant date during the first week of Term 3. As part of our school celebrations of NAIDOC Week, we are asking families to start collecting 50c coins for a special fundraising challenge - stay tuned for more information!

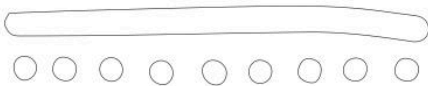


Bron Cook
Marrung Lead



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to *Next*



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6월 3일

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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	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) ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety Presentation at 5.30pm
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

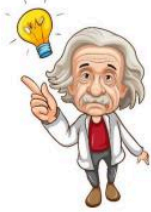
Thursday	5 th	Professional Practice Day – No students at school OSH is available on this day. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.	
Friday	6 th	Curriculum Day – No students at school OSH is available on this day. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.	
Monday	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	
Wednesday	18 th	Last day to consent/pay for Lv 5-6 CERES School of Nature and Climate Excursion	
Thursday	19 th	JSC Pancake Day and Pj Day	
Friday	20 th	Lv 5-6 Interschool Sport Gala Day	
Wednesday	25 th	Lv 5-6 CERES School of Nature and Climate Excursion	
Friday	27 th	Whole School Assembly at 2.50pm	





LIONS CLUB WHEELERS HILL

TRIVIA NIGHT



Saturday 28 June 2025

6.30 for 7pm start

Glen Waverley Bowls Club
690 Waverley Road Glen Waverley.

You're invited to a night of fun and laughter.
Test your general knowledge.

Professional Quiz Master, Silent Auction with exciting prizes and a Raffle that you will not want to miss out on.

Bring your friends and family for a great night out.

Help us to help others

Tickets \$30 p.p.

All drinks at Club prices, BYO not permitted.



All tickets online

<https://www.trybooking.com/DBLIX>

All proceeds will go to:



Children's Art

Learn various techniques, skills in drawing, watercolour and acrylic painting, sculpture and crafting with different materials.



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday OR Thursday (6-8 years old) 4pm — 5pm

Monday, Wednesday OR Friday (8-12 years old) 4pm — 5:30pm

\$180 for 10 weeks (Materials included)

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