



05/06/2025

Principal's Report

Staffing

Mrs Reincke will be on extended leave commencing Tuesday 10th June. We wish Tineke a safe and relaxing time in sunny Europe and look forward to her return on Monday 28th July.

Pupil-Free Days

Please be reminded that **today, Thursday 5th June and tomorrow, 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 the OSH number 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.**

Semester 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews

This semester, parents will have an option to attend their Parent/Teacher interviews either online via WebEx or a face-to-face meeting at school.

All interviews will be held between 1:40pm – 6:30pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 1st July – 5D, 6A & 6D

Wednesday 2nd July - - Foundation, Levels 3 & 4, 5H

Term 3:

Wednesday 30th July - Levels 1 & 2

Specialist interviews are optional and are available to book via email for the following dates:

Tuesday 1st July - STEM and Japanese

Wednesday 2nd July - P.E. and The Arts



Please be advised that interviews will be strictly 10 minutes in duration to allow for teachers to meet with as many parents as possible.

Bookings via Compass are now open. Please be sure to make an appointment via Compass by **9am on Monday 30th June** and take this opportunity to meet with teachers to help support your child's learning. We look forward to meeting with you.

Please be advised that this is not the only opportunity available to you to meet your child's teacher. If you have any concerns about your child's progress at any time throughout the year, you can contact your child's class teacher via the office or by email, to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Student Semester 1 reports will be made available to parents via Compass on Friday 27th June at 4pm.

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 2025 Building Fund donations which have been made will be sent home with your child before the end of term.

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 practising 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

Top 10 Reading at Home Tips

Annie Facchinetti is a literacy expert from Oxford University Press and she shares her top ten tips for home reading in the article below. https://www.oup.com.au/primary/reading-at-home-tips?id_mc=37084668

Safety

The increased traffic along both Whites Lane and Watsons Road at drop off and pick up times presents an increased risk factor regarding the safety of all community members. It goes without saying that there is a clear need to adhere to road safety measures so as to prevent any accidents. There are quite a few students who are crossing at the roundabout at Whites Lane/Watsons Road intersection unsupervised. Pedestrians do not have right of way at a roundabout. Please remember to use the school crossings at all times when crossing Whites Lane and Watsons Road. This is highly recommended even if you are supervising your children as it sends a positive message to all community members about good road safety practices.



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.



Planning Week

In the week beginning Monday 23rd June, 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.



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.



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:

5th May- 18th May

GOLD	Stephanie A 2L, Ayden M 2S, Ajay K 5D
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Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES	
Class	Activity Points
3C	27, 478
2S	22, 620
3P	22, 434
4E	21, 838
4A	15, 950

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Kimbrel H, 4E	13, 700
Randal H, 2S	12, 380
Vishruth P, 3C	4, 192
Yuvraj C, 1T	3, 990
Kevin N, FG	3, 885

19th May- 1st June

GOLD	Emma L 3C, Michael A 2L, Sophia A 2S
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Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES	
Class	Activity Points
3C	21, 942
2S	19, 077
4E	16 963
3P	16, 880
FG	10, 459

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Kimbrel H, 4E	13, 066
Randal H, 2S	11, 660
Vishruth P, 3C	4, 231
Havish K, 3P	3, 910
Ryan S, 5H	3, 410



Debbie Dimas
Mathletics Co-ordinator

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: おしい! (o shi i !) which means 'Almost' or 'Nearly' e.g. when your child has done something almost successfully, you could encourage him/her to say おしい!
(o shi i !)



Miyuki Manzaki
Japanese Teacher



Screen time and digital technology use: how it affects child and teenage sleep

How screen time and digital technology use affects sleep

Your child needs enough good-quality sleep so they can play, learn and concentrate during the day.

Screen time and digital technology use can affect how quickly your child falls asleep and how long your child sleeps. This happens for several reasons:

- Screen time in the hour before bed can stimulate your child.
- Light from televisions, computer screens, phones and tablets might suppress melatonin levels and delay sleepiness.
- Your child might be tempted to stay up late to chat with friends or play games.
- Your child might be disturbed in the night by notifications, messages or calls.

Reducing the effects of screen time and digital technology use on sleep

Here are ways you can reduce the negative effects of screen time on your child's sleep:

- Suggest quiet activities for your child to do in the hour before bedtime. This could be reading, listening to music or a podcast, doing a mindfulness activity and so on.
- If your child wants to use a device in the evening, encourage them to choose relaxing content and put the device away well before bedtime.
- Limit and monitor violent or stressful content at any time of day. This can affect sleep regardless of the time and length of use.
- Encourage your child to connect with friends during the day rather than late in the evening.
- Encourage your child to do outdoor physical activity or play during the day.
- Have a family rule that mobile phones and other devices are left in a family room overnight.

How much sleep do children need?

If you're concerned about how much sleep your child is getting, it can help to know that children need less sleep as they get older, but teenagers still need more sleep than adults:

- Preschooler sleep needs: children aged 3-5 years need 10-13 hours of sleep a night.
- School-age and pre-teen sleep needs: children aged 5-11 years need 9-11 hours of sleep a night.
- Teenage sleep needs: teenagers need 8-10 hours of sleep a night.




Article from [Raising Children](#) – The Australian Parenting website



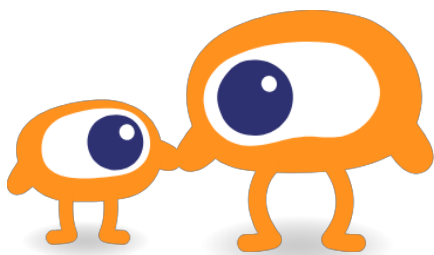


Dates to Remember

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)	
Thursday	12 th	Student Attitudes to School Survey Levels 4-6	
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	

Beacon App



The Kids Research Institute Australia and Dolly's Dream are proud to deliver Beacon - a cyber safety educational app designed to keep parents and carers up-to-date with trusted, tailored information, to help keep their kids safe online.

Beacon is designed specifically for parents as a personalised, one-stop-shop for reliable information about the online world. It arms parents and carers with the knowledge they need to confidently help navigate their children's digital behaviour and reduce harms we know are associated with being online and on screens.

Beacon will shine a light on the online world with:

- Articles and videos backed by the latest research
- Tailored content and alerts, unique to your family needs
- An interactive, personalised digital family agreement
- Help and services that are available to you and your family



Watch a clip about the Beacon App [here](#).

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





FREE TENNIS TRIAL & REGISTRATION DAY

10/U HEAD START BEGINNER TENNIS PROGRAM



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TENNIS CLUB**

WHITES LANE BETWEEN MT VIEW &
WATSONS RD – GLEN WAVERLEY



SCAN TO REGISTER

SATURDAY 21ST & 28TH JUNE

(CHOOSE YOUR TRIAL DAY)

10:00AM – 3-5 YRS (BLUE STAGE)

10:45AM – 6-7 YRS (RED STAGE)

11:30AM – 8-10 YRS (ORANGE STAGE)

TERM 3 & 4

HEAD START TENNIS PROGRAM

TERM 3 STARTS

SATURDAY 19TH JULY

TERM 4 STARTS

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER

3-5 YRS

(BLUE STAGE)

**10:00-10:45AM &
10.45 TO 11.30AM**

6-7 YRS

(RED STAGE)

**11:30 AM -
12:15 PM**

8-10 YRS

(ORANGE STAGE)

**12:15 PM -
1:00 PM**

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