



03/07/2025

Principal's Report

Congratulations everyone on another successful Term. We have continued to see fantastic learning growth across the school. Within the Semester 1 Student Reports you will have seen the learning progress of your child, and you also would have read the Student Self-reflections. The self-reflections are one of the great highlights of the student reports and we hope that they give you an insight into your child's semester at school. We are always so impressed and inspired with the thoughtful comments our students make about their own learning and what they have enjoyed about school.

Finally, we would like to thank our students, staff and school community for working so cohesively to provide the very best learning opportunities for our students in Semester 1. The commitment and compassion of our community is our greatest strength, and we are so proud of our students and their achievements thus far in 2025.

Staff news

Thank you to Miss Kelsey Dixon, who has been covering for Mrs Annette Streets, and Mrs Linda Freeman, who has been covering for Miss Francene Tsoumas during their leave periods. We look forward to welcoming back both Mrs Streets and Miss Tsoumas in Week 2 of next term. Miss Dashara Senanayake will be on leave for the first week of term 3. Her replacement is yet to be determined. We wish her a safe trip! Miss Jessie Hare will be on leave for the first 4 weeks of next term; we wish her a wonderful trip! Miss Hare's replacement will be Mr Russell Greene, from a teacher replacement agency.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Many thanks to all who participated in our Parent/Teacher interviews held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. We hope you found the discussions with your child's teachers useful and informative. Please be advised that this was not the only opportunity available to you to meet your child's teacher. If you have any concerns about your child's progress or wellbeing 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.

Enrol Now for Foundation 2026!

We are currently receiving high interest for our 2026 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, please ensure you have completed their enrolment form as soon as possible.

Attitudes to School Survey

Every year all our Level 4 – 6 students complete an 'Attitudes to School Survey'. This survey is completed online and enables students to reflect on their experiences at school. This data is used to inform future direction of the school. We are very proud of our results this year, which we believe are indicative of the work that has been put into our student wellbeing approaches.

We are still unpacking a lot of the data we received but we would like to share with you some of the initial results:

Effective Teaching Practice for Cognitive Engagement	% Positive responses
My teacher tells us what we are learning and why	94%
My teacher asks questions to check that we understand	87%
My reading and writing learning is well supported at school	85%
My teacher helps me to do my best	85%
My teacher gives extra help when students need it	85%
My teacher expects students to pay attention / My teacher expects me to listen	94%
My teacher sets clear rules for classroom behaviour	89%
Teacher – Student Relations	% Positive responses
My teacher expects me to do my best	98%
My teacher believes that I can do well at school / My teacher thinks I can do well at school	88%
I usually pay attention in class	83%
My teacher expects nothing less than our full effort	89%
Learner Characteristics and Disposition	% Positive responses
I try again when I don't succeed / I try again when I don't get things right	85%
I want to learn new things	91%



I try very hard at school / I try my best at school#	90%
I ask my teacher for help when I find my work difficult	85%
I always try to attend school	92%
My parent(s), caregiver(s) or guardian(s) believe(s) that going to school is important	94%
Social Engagement	% Positive responses
I like this school	87%
I am happy to be at this school	83%
I feel like I belong at this school	81%
I have lots of chances to be part of class activities	84%
I have friends at this school	94%
My teacher makes sure all students feel included	82%
My teacher makes sure I can join in class activities	92%
My teachers gave me enough help to settle in at this school	85%
I know who to ask for help at this school	85%
Student Safety	% Positive responses
At this school, there is a teacher or another adult who cares about me	81%
There is a teacher or another adult at this school who believes that I can be successful	81%
At this school, there is a teacher or another adult who listens to me when I have something to say	85%
There is a teacher or another adult at this school who tells me when I do a good job	86%
I feel safe at this school	83%
I know where to get help if I feel bullied / I know where to get help if someone hurts me or if I feel upset	84%



It is okay to be different at this school	89%
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These are excellent results, and we will continue to strive to improve to ensure Glen Waverley South PS provides the best learning environment for all our students.

Last Day of Term 2, Friday 4th July

9:00 am Session 1
 10:00 am Session 2
 11:00 am Recess
 11:30 am Session 3
 12:30 pm Session 4
 1:30 pm Eating time
 1:40 pm Lunch time play
 2:20 pm End of lunch time play
 2:30 pm School ends

As we are about to enter our mid-year school break, we would like to, once again, thank everyone for a fantastic Term 2. We look forward to your continued engagement in your child's education and your involvement in school life. We wish everyone a relaxing, enjoyable break and we hope you all enjoy some quality family time with your children.

Remember, the start date for Term 3 is Monday 21st July.



Clare Read
Assistant Principal



Spotlight on STEM

Levels 3 and 4 have come to the end of their first Food Tech unit. We celebrated my making some warming winter soup and the students asked that I share the recipe in the newsletter so that they can make it for their families over the holidays! They have also got our Food Tech Garden off to a great start with our seedlings taking off - we are looking forward to watching everything grow!

Vegetable and Mararoni Soup

1 tbsp olive oil
 1 medium brown onion, finely chopped
 2 garlic cloves, crushed
 2 celery sticks, trimmed, cut into 2cm pieces
 1 large carrot, cut into 2cm pieces
 2 medium zucchinis, cut into 2cm pieces
 2 cups tomato passata (pasta sauce)
 1/3 cup dried macaroni
 400g can cannellini beans, rinsed, drained
 1/3 cup finely shredded fresh basil leaves
 Salt and pepper to taste

Step 1

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook onion, garlic, celery, carrot and zucchini, stirring, for 5 minutes or until vegetables soften.

Step 2

Add passata and 4 cups cold water and bring it to the boil. Simmer, covered, for 10 minutes. Add pasta. Return to the boil and simmer, covered, for 10 minutes or until pasta and vegetables are tender.

Step 3

Add beans. Cook for 2 minutes until the beans and peas are heated through. Serve sprinkled with basil. Add salt and pepper to taste.



Curry Pumpkin Soup

1 tbsp olive oil
 3/4 medium sized butternut pumpkin, skin and seeds removed, chopped
 2 medium potatoes, chopped
 1 large carrot, chopped
 1 onion, chopped
 2 cloves garlic, crushed
 1-1 1/2 tsp KEEN'S Traditional Curry Powder
 2 1/2 cups of vegetable stock

Step 1

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook onion and garlic until softened. Add curry powder and stir.

Step 2

Add carrot, potato and pumpkin. Stir and cook for 5 minutes.

Step 3

Add vegetable stock and cook for 30 minutes or until vegetables are soft.


Step 4

Turn off the heat and allow it to cool slightly. Using a food processor or stick blender, process until smooth.



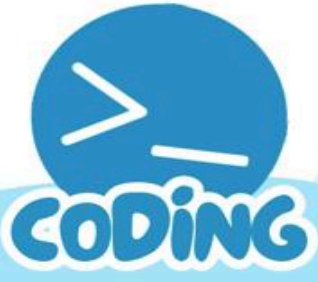
Grow a Garden!





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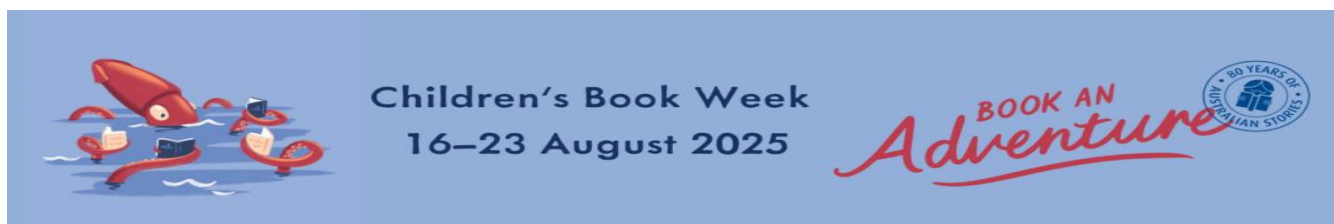
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Library News



During the holidays, there are many fun activities on offer at your local library. Take a look at the Monash Libraries website to see what's on offer, from craft to superheroes and more.

Glen Waverley library - Superhero Scavenger Hunt 14-18th

Whealers Hill library - Superhero Slap Bands 15th July, Comic Book Craft 16th July, Superhero Selfies 17th July.

Find out more, including booking details, by visiting <https://monlib.events.mylibrary.digital/> and selecting your library and School Holiday under categories.

Children's Book Week - 16-23 August

Children's Book Week falls during Week 5 this term. Due to the whole school swimming program, our annual Character Parade will be held on Wednesday, 13th August at 9:10 am. The theme for Book Week is "Book and Adventure" and students are encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite adventure story. There will be small spot prizes (stickers, bookmarks, etc) for participating students chosen at random, and a gift voucher for the winning costume in each level, as voted by the Library Captains.

During Book Week, we will also hold our first Book Fair in a very long time! This exciting event will be an opportunity for families to purchase books for themselves and help raise money for the school library. Students will visit the Book Fair, supported by QBD Books, with their classes to make a wishlist to take home to their parents. The Book Fair will be open for sales at least one morning before school and one afternoon after school. We will also have an online Book Fair so that families who can't make it to school to purchase books can still join in the fun of the Book Fair.

Further details will be provided next term.

Happy reading!



Bron Cook
Library





THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

6-13 JULY 2025

Held across the country from 6-13 July 2025, NAIDOC Week celebrates and recognises the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme, chosen by the National NAIDOC Committee, is The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy. The theme celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of young leaders, the vision of First Nations communities, and the legacy of their ancestors.

There are a number of events happening across Monash to celebrate NAIDOC Week, including:

NAIDOC Crafts Wednesday 9th July

Wheelers Hill Library

Clayton Library

NAIDOC Week storytime

Clayton Library - Monday 7 July, 10.30am

Glen Waverley, Mount Waverley and Wheelers Hill libraries - Tuesday 8 July, 10.30am

Mulgrave Library - Tuesday 8 July, 2.30pm

Mount Waverley, Oakleigh and Wheelers Hill libraries - Wednesday 9 July, 10.30am

Glen Waverley and Oakleigh libraries - Thursday 10 July, 10.30am

Clayton Library - Friday 11 July, 10.30am

Glen Waverley Library - Saturday 12 July, 10.30am

Art and Storytime Talk presented by The Torch Project

Monday 7 July 2025, 10am - 11.30am

Civic Gallery, Monash Civic Centre, Glen Waverley

For further information on these and other NAIDOC Week events, including booking details, see:

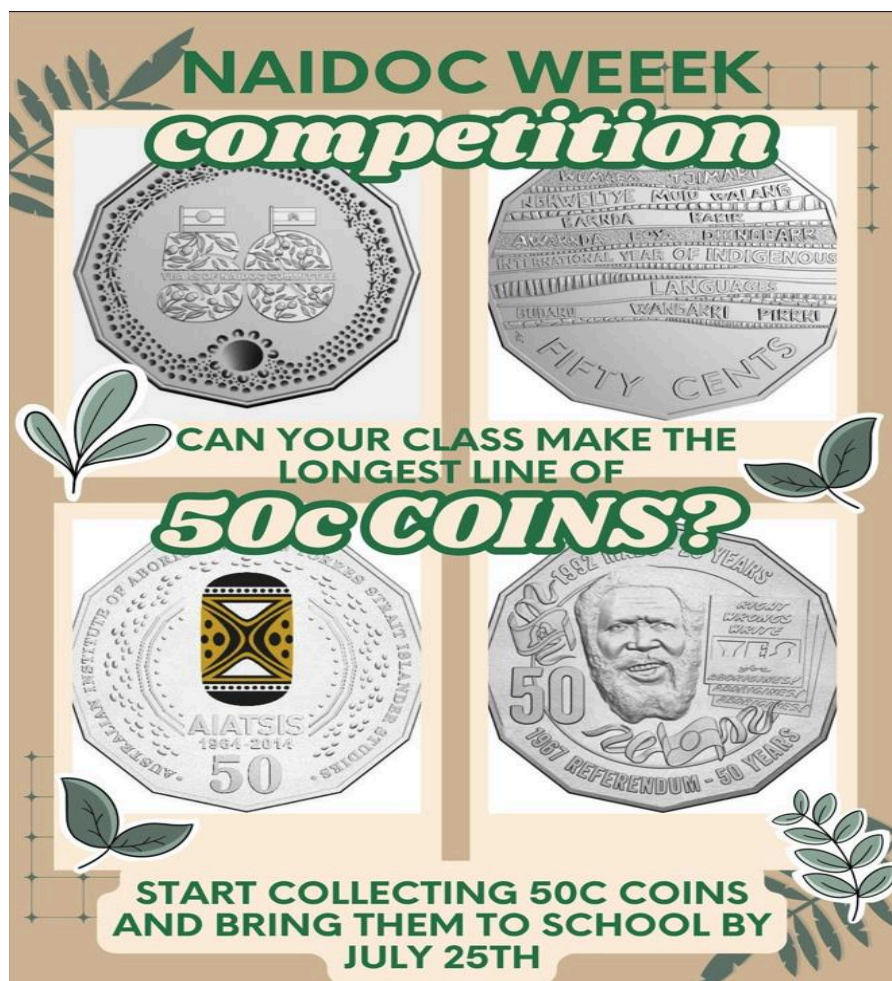
<https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/Things-to-Do/Festivals-and-Events/NAIDOC-Week-2025>



At Glen Waverley South, our classes will celebrate NAIDOC Week in the first week of Term 3. Students are encouraged to start collecting 50c coins to help their class make the longest line of 50c coins on July 25th and help raise funds for actions in our Reconciliation Action Plan. If you are interested in being part of the RAP working group, please contact me: bronwyn.cook@education.vic.gov.au



Bron Cook
Marrung Lead



OSH News

Our July Holiday Program bookings are now open. The program is open at 7am and closes at 6pm. Our program is varied with school-based days, incursions and excursions days.

If you need to book your child into the program, please follow the instructions on your OSH OWNA post. Alternatively, if you have not used the program before, please contact me and I will assist you.

Parents are reminded to please cancel your children out of the OSH Program if you are collecting them on a particular day. You can log onto the OWNA App and mark your child as not attending or phone the OSH mobile.

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



Karen Borsato
OSH Coordinator

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 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.

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| • Short Sleeve Polo (Navy)\$ 5.00 | • Skort.....\$ 5.00 |
| • Long Sleeve Polo (Navy)\$ 5.00 | • Summer Dress.....\$12.00 |
| • White Polo (Yr 5 & 6 only)\$ 5.00 | • Bootleg Pants\$ 5.00 |
| • Crew Neck Windcheater\$ 5.00 | • Track Pants\$ 7.00 |
| • Hooded Windcheater\$ 7.00 | • Girls Winter Skirt\$15.00 |
| • Bomber Jacket\$25.00 | • Girls Winter Tunic\$15.00 |
| • Unisex Navy Shorts\$ 5.00 | • School bag\$10.00 |





Principal's Award

FG & FL

For being calm, cooperative, responsible and quiet during our lockdown drill. Fantastic effort!



Dates to Remember



July 2025

Friday	4 th	Last day of Term 2 – school finishes at 2.30pm! (No assembly) OSH is available on this day from 2.30pm. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.
Student School Holidays Monday 7th July – Friday 18th July (inclusive)		
Monday	21 st	First Day of Term 3
Friday	25 th	Closing date for Parents/Carers to appeal to their preferred secondary school.
Monday	28 th	Written notification of 2026 Foundation enrolment outcomes sent to parents.
Wednesday	30 th	Maths Olympiad contest (selected students)
Thursday	31 st	Lv 5/6 Chinese Immigration Museum Excursion

August 2025

Friday	1 st	Foundation 100 Days of School Celebration
Tuesday	5 th	Secondary schools notify Parents/Carers in writing of the outcome of their appeal.
Tuesday	12 th	Last day for Parents/Carers to return their Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip
Friday	15 th	Basketball Gala Day
Wednesday	20 th	Book Character Parade

2025

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■ Term 1 = Monday 20th January – Sunday 6th April ■ Term 2 = Tuesday 22nd April – Sunday 6th July
 ■ Term 3 = Monday 21st July – Sunday 21st September ■ Term 4 = Monday 6th October – Sunday 21st December
 ■ Public Holiday – Closed



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Sporting Schools Netball Program: Netball Starts Here – Learn, Play, Grow



This term, our students have been having a fantastic time participating in the Sporting Schools Netball Program, delivered right here at school as part of our PE lessons.

The program has focused on teaching the fundamentals of netball through engaging skill-building activities and fun, interactive games. From practicing passing and shooting to refining their footwork and teamwork, students have been actively developing their netball abilities while enjoying the support and encouragement of their classmates.



Scan the QR code to
find where to play
community netball


Netball is a wonderful, inclusive sport that welcomes players of all abilities, fostering teamwork, communication, and physical fitness. It has been incredible to see our students grow in confidence, coordination, and enthusiasm with each session!

If your child has enjoyed learning netball at school, why not continue the fun outside of school? Use the QR code to find your nearest Netball Club or NetSetGO Centre and keep the netball excitement going!



Scan the QR code for School Holiday Netball
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to experienced players aged 5 -17 years





Help us design a new playspace

Jacaranda Road Reserve

Tell us what you'd like to see in the design by 27 July!

- Choose 3-5 items of play equipment
- Designed for toddler-preschool ages

How to take part

- **Talk to us at the playground:**
 - 📅 Thursday 3 July, 3.30pm-4pm
 - 📍 20-22 Jacaranda Road,
Wheelers Hill
- **Short survey:** Scan the QR code.
- **Draw your own design:** Scan the QR code and upload.



Fitness equipment

We're also seeking feedback on what type of fitness equipment you want to see at the reserve, as part of a separate project.



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