



07/08/2025

Principal's Report

Staffing News

We look forward to welcoming back Jessie Hare on Monday week, 18th August after her extended break. Many thanks to Russell Greene for filling in during Jessie's absence.

Ms Suyin Anson will be on leave commencing Thursday 7th August and will be returning Thursday 4th September. We wish her well during her extended leave period. Miss Kelsey Dixon will be covering for 2S on Thursdays and 4E on Fridays in Ms Anson's absence.

Yesterday we interviewed for the Education Support Integration Aide position recently vacated by Mrs Winnie Lam's departure. I am delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Jing Qu to our school community. Jing comes from an education background, having taught in Primary School in China, and has experience in childcare. We welcome Jing to Glen Waverley South Primary School and look forward to working with her. She will be starting on Monday.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 12th August. Any parents/carers are welcome to attend as guests. Please register your interest at the office.

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

At GWSPS we value suggestions and ideas for future planning and improvement and encourage all families to provide feedback to our school so that we can continue to provide an engaging learning environment and extra-curricular opportunities for our students.

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will have received an invitation in the coming weeks via Compass to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted



from **Monday 18th August to Friday 19th September**. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 15-20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop

computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

Illnesses

We are currently experiencing a number of illnesses within our school. To minimise the transmission of these illnesses, we ask that you please keep your child/ren home if they are sick.

If your child is absent from school for any medical reasons /medical appointments, we request that you please provide the school with a medical certificate or medical attendance notice. This can be uploaded directly to Compass when you are adding an attendance note or alternatively, you can email it to the office.

Swimming

The 2-week whole school intensive swimming program is set to begin on Monday the 18th of August and will run until Friday the 29th of August. Level 5/6 students will complete 10 days of the program, Monday-Friday both weeks. Students in Levels 1-4 will complete 8 days of the program, Monday-Thursday both weeks.

Swimming and water safety is a vital part of your child's education and is included in the Health and Physical Education curriculum from Foundation – Level 10. This requires schools to ensure that they are implementing a swimming and water safety program that meets the requirements of the curriculum.

We encourage all students to participate in this program. Please provide consent & payment on Compass by the due date. If you do not wish your child to participate in the swimming program, please contact your child's teacher directly via email to inform us.

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.

Student Accident and Private Property Insurance

Please be aware that the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is assessed that it is likely, that the Department is liable for negligent (careless) acts or omissions of its staff/volunteers. For more information about the claims process please go to:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/Pages/claimsprocess.aspx>



Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students. The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy/ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that parents seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage.

Book Character Parade & Book Fair

Our annual Book Character Parade will be held on Wednesday 13th August at 9:15am on the netball court, weather permitting. Families are welcome to attend! Book Week will be celebrated the following week, commencing Monday 18th August. Ms Cook will be organising a Book Fair during this week. More information below.

Uniform

We have recently noticed that many of our students are out of uniform on a regular basis.

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code. School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

I'd like to draw your attention to the following, taken from our [Uniform Policy](#):

- The dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Religious jewellery may be worn under clothing. Smart watches may be worn to school, but the school does not take responsibility for these.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: bleached, green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Hair accessories other than headbands/scrunchies/clips that match the school uniform are not permitted.
- Acceptable shoes must be black leather school shoes or black runners.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.
- Students out of uniform are expected to bring a letter from their parent/guardian explaining the reason for the breach of dress code.



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Principal





Library News

Book Week is fast approaching!

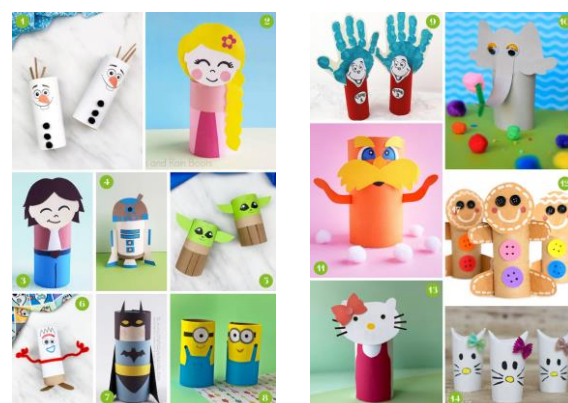
Book Character Parade - August 13th, 9am

Undoubtedly the highlight of the library calendar, Children's Book Week at Glen Waverley South PS kicks off next week with our much-anticipated Book Character Parade. Weather permitting, the parade will be held outside the library. Families are encouraged to stay after 9am to watch, and younger siblings are more than welcome to dress up and join in with their big sisters and brothers. There will be small spot prizes (stickers, bookmarks, etc) for participating students chosen at random, and a gift voucher to spend at the Book Fair for the winning costume in each level, as voted by the Library Captains. The theme for Book Week is "Book and Adventure" and students are encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite adventure story.

Cardboard Character Parade

Following the parade, families will have a chance to visit the library to view the Cardboard Character Parade. Students are encouraged to decorate a cardboard tube or paper roll to look like their favourite book character.

Please return all characters to the library on your scheduled library day, or bring them to Ms Cook in the STEM lab. All characters will be displayed in the library for families to see on the day of our Book Character parade (August 13th) and during the Book Fair in week 5.



Children's Book Week - 16-23 August

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 on Monday 18th or Tuesday 20th of August to make a wish list to take home to their parents. The Book Fair will be open for sales Wednesday 20th August to Friday 22nd August, from 8.15 to 8.45 and from 3.30 to 4pm. We will also hold an online Book Fair, allowing families who cannot attend the school event to purchase books and join in the fun. Information about the online Book Fair, including the access link, will be posted on Compass shortly before the event opens.




If any parents or carers would like to help out at the before or after school book fair openings, please contact me at bronwyn.cook@education.vic.gov.au. All volunteers will need a current Working With Children Check.




Bron Cook
Library

Happy reading!



Children's Book Week
16–23 August 2025



BOOK WEEK AT GWSPS

Book Character Parade
Wednesday August 13th 9am

Book Fair by QBD
Wednesday August 20th
Thursday August 21st
Friday August 22nd
8.15 - 8.45 and 3.30 - 4.00

All students entering the Book Fair must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Cash and Card payments available
Books starting from \$3.99
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THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

6-13 JULY 2025

During the first week of Term Three, students across the school celebrated NAIDOC Week through a range of activities.

Students read a variety of books by and about First Nations Australians during their library visits.

During STEM lessons, students explored topics such as the Kulin Nation seasonal calendar and the importance of oral and visual storytelling to share knowledge.

We finished the week with our NAIDOC 50c Challenge, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of NAIDOC Week. Students across the school raised a total of \$324. 4E was the class with the longest line of 50c coins, with a total of 164 coins. A huge thank you to all families who supported this fundraising challenge. The money raised will be used to fund the actions of our school's Reconciliation Action Plan.

If you would like to find out more about our RAP, or ways to be involved, please contact me at bronwyn.cook@education.vic.gov.au



Bron Cook
Marrung Lead





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 their first Gold and Emerald certificates so far this year. They will receive their certificates at assembly next week:

1 st GOLD	Declan N 2S, Eshan K 4A, Kudrat C 5H
1 st EMERALD	Ajay K 5D

Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES		TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Class	Activity Points	Student	Activity Points
3C	39, 692	Durga S, 3C	17, 383
4A	27, 479	Kimbrel H, 4E	10, 861
4E	25, 170	Randal H, 2S	6, 890
5D	24, 552	Claire Q, 5H	6, 535
6D	23, 091	Michael A-B, 2L	5, 068



Debbie Dimas
Mathletics Co-ordinator



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

Adhyansh Tiwari

For showing initiative by voluntarily picking up litter in the schoolyard to help keep our environment clean. An outstanding effort and a great show of respect – leading by example. Well done, Adhyansh!



Dates to Remember



August 2025

Friday	8 th	Last day to return Consent/Payment for Lv 5/6 Basketball Round Robin (selected students)
Monday	11 th	Last day to return Consent/Payment for Lv 1/6 Swimming Lessons
Tuesday	12 th	Last day for Lv 6 Parents/Carers to return their Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip
Wednesday	13 th	Book Character Parade at 9:00am (families welcome)
Friday	15 th	Lv 5/6 Basketball Round Robin (selected students) Whole School Assembly – 2:50pm start
Monday 18th – Thursday 21st Lv 1/4 Swimming Lessons Monday 18th – Friday 22nd Lv 5/6 Swimming Lessons		
Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd – GWSPS Book Fair		
Monday 25th – Thursday 28th Lv 1/4 Swimming Lessons Monday 25th – Friday 29th Lv 5/6 Swimming Lessons		
Friday	29 th	Whole School Assembly – 2:50pm start



Dates to Remember



September 2025

Monday	1 st	Lv F & Lv 1/2 Book Week Live Performance in School
Thursday	4 th	Father's Day Stall
Friday	5 th	Father's Day morning 8:45-9:30am (families welcome)
Friday	5 th	Last day to return Consent/Payment for Lv 3/6 District Athletics (selected students)
Wednesday	10 th	Maths Olympiad Contest (selected students)
Thursday	11 th	Foundation First Firefighter Visit
Friday	12 th	Lv 3/6 District Athletics (selected students)
Wednesday	17 th	Foundation Teddy Bear Picnic
Friday	19 th	Footy Colours Day Last Day of Term 3 – School finishes at 2:30pm OSH is available on this day from 2.30pm. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.



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