



18/09/2025

## Principal's Report

### Staffing

In some very exciting news, we at Glen Waverley South Primary School send our best wishes and congratulations to our dear colleague, Clare Read, who will be getting married over the school holiday period to her fiancé, Chris Pozzan. Wishing Chris and Clare a lifetime of love, health and happiness. Congratulations from the GWSPS community! We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Pozzan in term 4.

### 2026 Class Placement Requests

We are about to start the process of making plans for teacher assignments and student placements in 2026. This is a complex process involving a range of factors and allocations. Student and teacher placements will not be finalised until late in the school year. Each year the staff work through a comprehensive process to form classes for the new year. Current teaching teams (including specialist teachers) develop prospective lists based on their knowledge of the students in relation to their academic, social/emotional and physical needs. We wish to offer parents an opportunity to provide, in writing, any special considerations in terms of any special educational needs their child/ren may have, in line with school policy. Please be aware that we will consider all requests but make **no guarantees** that all requests will be met. Once a placement is determined, it will be considered final.

**Please note that specific request for teachers will not be considered.** Any special requests from parents in regard to the placement of their child/ren must be in writing and emailed to the school at [glen.waverley.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:glen.waverley.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au), by no later than Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025. It is essential to have requests in by this date to assist with planning, staffing and organisation.

**Late requests will not be considered.**

To further assist us in our planning for the 2026 school year it is imperative that we have as accurate a figure as possible of enrolments for 2026. If you have any kindergarten children ready for Foundation next year and you haven't yet enrolled them, please do so at your earliest convenience. Also, if you know anyone who is intending to enrol their child at GWSPS but hasn't done so already, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. If they are unsure about the process, please direct them to call the office for assistance. It is equally important to know if any families of children currently in Foundation to Level 5 are leaving GWSPS in 2026. If you are in this category, please inform the office staff using the form over the page.



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## School Council

At our last School Council meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, we discussed the key wellbeing initiatives at GWSPS, we approved the Level 1/2 Sleepover, and we approved the listed NDIS agreements. Our next scheduled meeting is for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. If you would like to join us as a visitor, please contact the office to express your interest.

## Level 5/6 School Camp

I'd like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful parent helpers who attended the Level 5/6 school camp this week. A huge thank you to:

Emily W - Parent of Carter & Lincoln

Nirmal K - Parent of Zane

Xiaomin G - Parent of Yvonne

Shamini K - Parent of Ajay

Fatima C - Parent of Ahad

Miss Sharlyn Dior - 5D student teacher

The students had a fantastic time and reflected the values of our school community beautifully. A huge thank you to our amazing staff who attended as well. Well done, everybody!

## R U OK?

Last Thursday was 'R U OK? Day', reminding us it is an important time to check in with friends and families. The 'R U OK?' website has some great resources, including how to ask others if they're ok, by following the steps: Ask, Listen, Encourage Action, Check in.

If you check in with your children and you're concerned, the Kids Helpline website <https://kidshelpline.com.au/> has a great section for kids aged 5-12 years old. It is a child friendly website which they can access, or you could access together to seek help. Also, 'Parent Line' ph:13 22 89, is available 8am-midnight, seven days a week, to talk through any parenting concerns you have for your child. They can provide counselling and help link you to other local services and much more.



## District Athletics

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the District Athletics Carnival on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, and to the following students who have qualified for the Divisional Athletics Carnival which will be held on Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>:

- 9/10 – Leo E – High Jump
- 12/13 – Helena W – High Jump
- 9/10– Matilda H – Triple Jump
- 11 – Ian L– Triple Jump and Discus
- 9/10 – Lachlan O – Discus and Shot Put
- 9/10 – Evelyn-Rae S – Hurdles
- 12/13 – Kaylee V – Hurdles



- 11 – Jun You L – 100m
- 9/10 – Gorge H – 800m
- 9/10 – Ahad C, George H, Adam P, Abheer N – Relay

Our school placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 9 participating schools. Well done to all involved!

## Term 3 Highlights

As always, there have been many highlights to reflect on this term. These include:

- Levels 1-6 Swimming program
- Level 5&6 camp
- Father's Day Morning & Father's Day Stall
- District Athletics
- 100 days of school for Foundation students
- Book Character Parade & Book Fair
- Maths Olympiad
- Foundation Teddy Bears Picnic
- Footy Colours Day Dress Up (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September)

## Early Finish

Please be reminded that school will be finishing early, at 2.30pm, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September. We will be following the modified timetable below:

9.00-10.00am..... Morning session in classrooms  
 10.00-10.45am..... RECESS  
 11.00am..... Assembly & Band/Choir performance (PA Stage or Gym - weather dependent)  
 11.30am..... Footy Colours Day

- Student parade
- Staff/Parent vs Students football/netball games
- Hot Dog lunch

1.30pm..... LUNCH PLAY  
 2.15pm..... End of day in classrooms  
 2.30pm..... Dismissal

## Happy Holidays and Go Pies!



**Con Vellios**  
Principal





## Are You Leaving Glen Waverley South Primary School?

If your family is leaving GWSPS at the end of this year or earlier, please complete and return the form below to assist us with planning of classes for next year and to make the transition to your new school much easier. You need only complete this form for students Foundation – Year 5.

Child's Name:	_____	Class:	_____
Child's Name:	_____	Class:	_____
Transferring to:	_____	Primary School	
Last day at GWSPS:	_____		
Parents Signature:	_____	Date:	_____

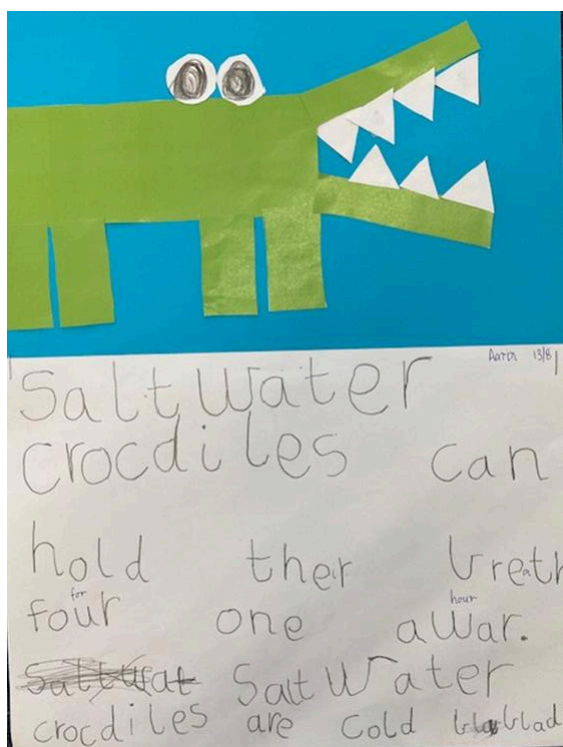


## Term 3 Literacy Focus

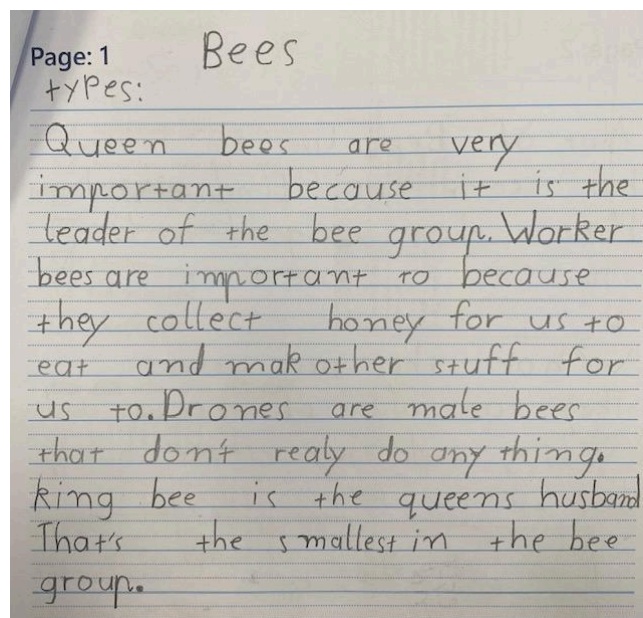
The focus of our Term 3 Literacy Block was Information Report writing. Students from Foundation to Level 6 developed their factual writing by building skills such as:

- the language of fact vs opinion
- building noun, verb and adverb groups related to their topic
- building technical vocabulary related to the topic
- writing in timeless present tense
- using nominalisation to create precise, academic language
- creating TEEL paragraphs to guide the reader through the main idea and supporting evidence
- creating images and diagrams to illustrate the topic

Here are some amazing samples of work from our GWSPS Authors!



Aarin FG



Serena 2L



### Introduction

Orcas are the largest members of the dolphin family, and they are known as Killer Whales. They are black and white and have a white patch behind and above their eyes. They are also known as 'pandas of the sea'.

### Size

To continue, orcas are about 10 meters long and can weigh up to 10,000 kilograms (22046.23 pounds). 10 meters is about 5 to 6 grown men long! Wow!

### Diet

These 'pandas of the sea's diet include, fish, seals, sea lions, penguins and even other whales and sharks. This is because orcas have sharp teeth. Even though they are dolphins, an orca can be a fierce hunter.

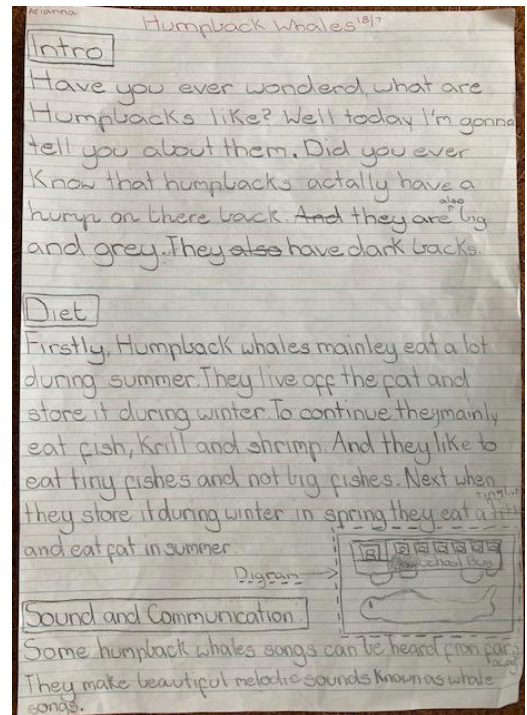
### Habitat

Orcas also known as 'wolves of the sea' can be found in all oceans but are more commonly found in the Arctic and Antarctic. The best place to go whale watching is around the Antarctic continent.

### Conclusion

Despite their size, an orca can be a powerful hunter and grow up to 10 meters long. This is why orcas are very interesting creatures.

Oli 3C



Arianna 4A

## Human impact

The human impact on whales, such as whaling, pollution (sound and climate), and ship strikes, have decreased the large population of whales and has also drove some species to near extinction. Through the years, many cetaceans have become endangered due to bad treating of the climate. The mis-treating causes destruction not only to whales but also to other ocean life. This is dangerous to the ocean life as well as whales circulate nutrients into to the ocean which aren't around some marine life may not be able to survive which can change the food chain. This could harm the environment. As time goes by many countries are starting to consider whaling an illegal act. Despite the many people who hunt whales secretively, many people ant communities try their best to keep whales and their habitats safe.

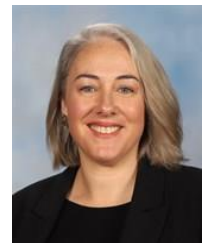
Nathan 5H



## Physical Adaptations, Whales

Whales have outstanding physical adaptations that keep them healthy and alive. These features provide food, warmth, and safety for the whales. Whales are warm blooded, or endothermic, which means they can keep their body temperature ideal to swim and survive. They also have blubber to keep them warm so they don't freeze in the chilly and ice cold waters of the ocean. Another adaptation is that whales have fins. Whale species have gotten fins from evolution, when their descendants came into the water to hunt for prey/food, and over time, they developed fins, and their body became streamlined to further help them swim. They also got their y shaped tail from evolution for propelling themselves in the water. Even though baleen and toothed whales have lots of adaptations to survive, they still face lots of challenges, but these features help them thrive better in the wilderness.

Terence 6A



**Veronica Lawrence**  
Literacy Leader



## 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         |

### Lost Property

All lost property items are located in the community room near the office.

Please make sure you and/or your child check through the lost property items before the end of term. Any items not claimed by the end of the term will be given to the Second Hand Uniform Shop for sale.







## Principal's Award

**Jovan Wang**

For responsibly stepping up to the bin monitor role while the level 5/6 students were on camp and doing a great job. Great leadership! Well done, Jovan!



## Principal's Award

**Angel Narwal**

For responsibly stepping up to the bin monitor role while the level 5/6 students were on camp and doing a great job. Great leadership! Well done, Angel!



## Principal's Award

**Adam Pool**

For responsibly stepping up to the bin monitor role while the level 5/6 students were on camp and doing a great job. Great leadership! Well done, Adam!





## Principal's Award

**Krishan Kumarathasen**

For responsibly stepping up to the bin monitor role while the level 5/6 students were on camp and doing a great job. Great leadership! Well done, Krishan!



## Principal's Award

**Rishab Mahendra**

For responsibly stepping up to the bin monitor role while the level 5/6 students were on camp and doing a great job. Great leadership! Well done, Rishab!



# Dates to Remember



## September 2025

Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	<p>11:00am – 11:30am Assembly &amp; Band/Choir performance (PA stage or Gym – weather dependant)</p> <p>11:30am – 1:30pm Footy Colours Day:  Student Parade  Lv 6 vs Staff/Parent games  Fundraising – Hot Dog lunch</p> <p><b>Last Day of Term 3 – School finishes at 2:30pm</b></p> <p><b>OSH is available on this day from 2.30pm. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.</b></p>
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## October 2025

Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Term 4
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Division Athletics (selected Lv 3-6 students)
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Swimming Lessons
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	GWSPS Art Show 4:30pm – 6pm
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Swimming Lessons
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Transition 2026 – Story Time Assembly 2:50pm start
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Foundation Swimming Lessons
<p>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>  <b>Lv 1/2 Sleepover</b></p>		
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Swimming Lessons
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup>	Foundation Transition 2026 – Fun & Games Assembly 2:50pm start





Glen Waverley Uniting Church  
Corner Bogong Avenue & Kingsway

# Annual Fete

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## Saturday 18 October

8.30am to 2.00pm

*All proceeds support the community projects of Glen Waverley Uniting Church.*

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**  
Food Stalls, Cakes & Jams, Plants, Craft, Jewellery, Kids Activities, Face-painting, Popcorn, Toys, Silent Auction, Books, Treasures & Collectables, Music and MORE...

**Donations Welcome:** Donations for stalls including books, plants, household items, toys, treasures or small electrical items (in working order) may be delivered on Friday 17 October 9am-7pm. Please note: We are unable to accept mattresses, furniture, pre-loved clothing or unsaleable items.  
For more details contact GWUC Church Office - 9560 3580 | office@gwuc.org.au

The GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH FETE will be held on **Saturday 18 October from 8.30am to 2.00pm** at the corner of Kingsway and Bogong Avenue, Glen Waverley.

There will be a variety of stalls including pre-loved books, toys, collectables, trash and treasure, plants and craft, as well as home-made cakes and jams, kids activities, face painting, a jumping castle and musical entertainment. Enjoy a Devonshire tea or grab lunch – hamburgers, a sausage sizzle and Asian food will be available.

If you would like to donate to the fete, goods can be delivered to the church on Friday 17 October during the day until about 7pm. Only saleable items please, and definitely no bedding, pre-loved clothing or furniture items.

All proceeds from the annual fete go to the community projects of the church which supports local, national and overseas charitable causes.

Entry to the fete is free.



## SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

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**Ages 7-14**  
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**no experience or equipment required**




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