



23/10/2025

Principal's Report

2025 Foundation (Prep) Transition Program

Last Friday our Foundation Transition program commenced for students starting in 2026. It was a wonderful first Transition Day for our future Foundation students, who all settled in very well and enjoyed engaging and fun activities. Thank you to Miss Gibson and Mrs Lawrence for organising the Transition program.

World Teachers' Day Australia – Friday 31st October

World Teachers' Day is held internationally on October 5th. As it usually falls during the school holidays in many parts of Australia, this year, in Victoria, World Teachers' Day is celebrated on 31st October 2025.

It is a chance to recognise and celebrate the teachers who are making, or have made, an impact in our lives. Whether you're a current student, have children in school, or have been out of school for many years, World Teachers' Day is a chance to say, 'thank you'.

Clare, Elise and I would like to thank our dedicated staff at GWSPS for the significant contribution they make towards ensuring our students experience a stimulating and challenging learning environment. Our staff at GWSPS work tirelessly to prepare curriculum resources for students and to engage with students and parents to provide valuable learning opportunities and support student wellbeing. We will be holding a special morning tea for our staff on Tuesday 28th October, when most of our staff are in attendance.



Level 1/2 Sleepover

This Friday 24th October, our Level 1/2 students will take part in a sleepover at school, with dinner (BBQ) and lots of fun activities organised for all in attendance. Many thanks to our wonderful Level 1/2 staff and indeed all other staff assisting on the night and early Saturday morning.



School Council

Our final meeting for 2025 will be held on Tuesday 18th November at 5.30pm. If you would like to attend also as a visitor, please feel free to contact the office to express your interest.

Happy Diwali!

Many of our community members celebrate Diwali which was observed last Monday 20th October. We would like to extend a Happy Diwali to those who celebrated this special day!

Level 3/4 camp

Good luck to our Level 3/4 students, who are heading off to their 3-day camp at CYC The Island in Cowes, about 120km south of Glen Waverley, on Wednesday 5th November (day after Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday). Many thanks to all staff attending as well as the wonderful parent helpers attending. I will be paying a visit to the campsite on the Thursday. Please be advised that if there are any delays regarding the trip back to school on Friday, it will be posted in Compass. Also, remember to check our Facebook page for all the latest updates about the camp.

Changes to digital device use

From 2027, the Victorian Government is introducing changes to the use of digital devices for students from Prep to Grade 6.

Under the new guidelines, schools:

- will no longer invite families to purchase or bring their own digital devices to use at school for Prep to Grade 6
- will follow new recommended digital device times, including minimal device time for Prep to Grade 2; and a maximum of 90 minutes per day for grades 3 to 6.

These changes are intended to support families by reducing cost-of-living pressures. They will also support students by reducing screen-time which can reduce the risk of eye strain, sedentary behaviour, and reduced peer interaction. These reforms complement Victoria's nation-leading mobile phone restrictions, ensuring an integrated approach to addressing digital distraction and the inappropriate use of technology.

Students with disability who use a digital device as a reasonable adjustment are exempt from these changes.

These changes are intended to support families with cost-of-living pressures and reduce student screen time.

You can read more about the changes on the department's website: [Digital Learning: Policy](#).

What this means for our school

We already provide school-owned digital devices for student learning, so there is no impact on our school.

Pupil Free Day and Public Holiday

Monday 3rd November - Curriculum Day (Report writing day)

- NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL
- NO OSHC AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY
- NO STAFF ONSITE ON THIS DAY

Tuesday 4th November - Cup Day Public Holiday

- NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL
- NO OSHC AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY



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

1 st GOLD	Tahir U 6D, Ahad C 5D, Ojas S 3P, Jason F 3C
1 st EMERALD	Avyana M 5D, Eshan K 4A
1 st LEGEND	Mitansh G 3P, Randal H 2S, Kimbrel H 4E

Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES		TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Class	Activity Points	Student	Activity Points
2S	40, 561	Kimbrel H, 4E	13, 144
5D	28, 519	Adhyansh T, 2S	12, 076
5H	26, 249	Randal H, 2S	11, 010
4E	24, 056	Hannah L, 2L	7, 120
3C	20, 655	Ayden M, 2S	5, 090



Debbie Dimas
Mathletics Co-ordinator





Congratulations to the following Level 5 and 6 students who participated in the Maths Olympiad contest this year. All of these students will be receiving Certificates of Achievement at next week's assembly.

A special acknowledgement should be given to Ian L in 6D. He should be commended for achieving a first ranking in our school group and a score that placed him in the top 10% of participants.

Our school should be receiving our Awards package by the end of October/early November, and parents of students who have been awarded additional certificates will be notified in the coming weeks.

Certificates of Achievement:

Ian L – 6D	Kudrat C – 5H	Ilias K – 5H
Eddie F – 6D	Ajay K – 5D	
Sirisha P – 5H	Siddarth S – 5D	



Debbie Dimas
Maths Olympiad Co-ordinator

Foundation 2025

Transition Program

Our Foundation transition program helps students to become familiar with the teachers and other students and plays an important part in the transition from preschool to school. Below are the scheduled dates and times for this program. For further information regarding this program, please contact the office on ph: (03) 9560 6371.

Foundation Transition Program Dates	Session
Friday 31 st Oct 2.30pm -3.15pm	Fun & Games
Friday 14 th Nov 2.30pm – 3.15pm	Marvellous Maths
Friday 28 th Nov 2.30pm – 3.15pm	Cut & Paste
Monday 8 th Dec 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 9 th Dec 9.00am – 11.00am	Orientation Morning



Junior School Council News

Remembrance Day

Junior School Council members are currently selling badges, wristbands and poppies for Remembrance Day. Prices range from \$2 - \$20. These items will also be available for sale at the office. JSC Representatives will also be coming around to classrooms during lunch eating time.



Silly Socks Day

Next **Wednesday 29th October**, the Junior School Council are hosting Silly Socks Day!

Students are encouraged to wear their silliest or funkiest pair of socks to school and bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will go towards purchasing new sports equipment for classrooms.



Thankyou,



Stacey Honore
JSC



Francene Tsoumas
JSC

STEM



Christmas Hamper Raffle

The silly season is just around the corner and to help raise funds for our school, the Fundraising Committee is organising a Christmas Hamper Raffle. We are asking each family to donate a suitable item towards the raffle. All donated items will be used to make Gourmet Christmas Hampers.



If you would like to donate, please place your donation in the 'Christmas Hamper' box in Interview Room 1, opposite the office, as soon as possible and no later than Friday 5th December.

To avoid receiving too many of the same items, each grade has been allocated its own category of donation.

FG	Chips/ Popcorn/ Pretzels
FL	Biscuits
1T	Sweets/Lollies
2L	Non-Alcoholic Drinks
2S	Chocolate
3C	Tea & Coffee
3P	Games & Puzzles
4A	Art & Craft Materials
4E	Sports Items
5D	Toys/Lego
5H	Body Products/Gift items/Candles
6A	Books
6D	Stationary/Stickers

NO NUTS PLEASE

Tickets for the Christmas Hamper raffle have now been sent home with students for your family to buy and/or sell to members of the community. Tickets are \$1.00 each. **One half of the ticket is for the purchaser to keep; the other half is to be returned to school with the money. Please make sure the half of the ticket is returned to school has a full name and phone number written on it.** You do not need the ticket stub to claim your prize.

The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Concert and BBQ on Monday 15th December.

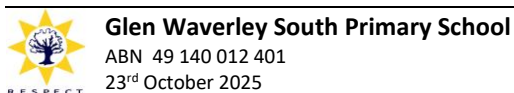
Please contact the office staff if you require more tickets. All tickets with money (correct amount) need to be returned to the school by Friday 12th December.



Glen Waverley South Primary School offers the opportunity for its school community to purchase second hand uniforms at a discounted rate.

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.

• 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





body image & your young person

**A free webinar for parents
and carers on navigating body image
concerns and where to get help.**

We'll be covering:

- How to support a kind and positive relationship with their body
- What the difference is between disordered eating and eating disorders
- When and where to find the right support

wed 29 october
7 - 8 pm

**Online via
Teams**

register below



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ABN 49 140 012 401
23rd October 2025

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Dates to Remember

October 2025

Friday 24 th – Saturday 25 th Lv 1/2 Sleepover		
Wednesday	29 th	Junior School Council Sill Sock Day (gold coin donation)
Thursday	30 th	Foundation Swimming Lessons
Friday	31 st	Foundation Transition 2026 – Fun & Games Whole School Assembly – 2:50pm start

November 2025

Monday	3 rd	Curriculum Day – students do not attend school OSH unavailable on this day, please make alternative arrangements	
Tuesday	4 th	Public Holiday Melbourne Cup Day – students do not attend school OSH unavailable on this day, please make alternative arrangements	
Wednesday 5 th – Friday 7 th Lv 3/4 CYC The Island Camp			
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th Smile Squad Dental Visit			
Thursday	6 th	Foundation Swimming Lessons Foundation 2 nd Firefighter Visit VHAP Maths Masterclass (selected students)	
Friday	7 th	Foundation Chesterfield Farm Excursion	
Monday	10 th	Foundation Responsible Pet Education Incursion	
Thursday	13 th	Foundation Swimming Lessons VHAP English Masterclass (selected students)	
Friday	14 th	Foundation Transition 2026 – Marvellous Maths Whole School Being Brave Wellbeing Performances Whole School Assembly – 2:50pm start	
Thursday	20 th	Foundation Swimming Lessons Lv 6 Brentwood PAT testing (Lv 7 - 2026 Brentwood students only)	
Friday	21 st	Lv 6 Round Robin Day	
Thursday	27 th	Foundation Swimming Lessons	
Friday	28 th	Foundation Transition 2026 – Cut & Paste Whole School Assembly – 2:50pm start	





FUN IS IN FULL SWING!

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

GLEN WAVERLEY CC CRICKET BLAST PROGRAM
VENUE: GLEN WAVERLEY NORTH RESERVE
DATES: FRIDAYS - STARTING NOVEMBER 7
TIME: 5:30PM - 7:00PM
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!



SIGN UP TODAY!

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JUNIOR PATHWAY




From Woolworths Cricket Blast through the Junior Cricket stage, all kids can advance their skills and discover how awesome it is to be part of a team through fun game-based activities. The stages have been developed based on academic research, testing and community feedback.

This includes consideration for physical, mental and emotional development. Participation and progression through the stage is based on ability level, therefore the ages are indicative only. Players are encouraged to participate at a stage appropriate for them.

	 SKILLS BASED FIRST CRICKET EXPERIENCE LEARN THE SKILLS THROUGH FUN, MODIFIED GAMES PREPARE KIDS FOR JUNIOR CRICKET	DURATION 60-90MINS LEARN THE SKILLS THROUGH GAMES UP TO 10 YEARS Age is indicative only
JUNIOR CRICKET 1	7 PLAYERS 10M PITCH 20 OVERS	10M BOUNDARY DURATION 20MINS LEARN THROUGH PLAY UNDER 11 Age is indicative only
JUNIOR CRICKET 2	9 PLAYERS 10M PITCH 20-30 OVERS	10M BOUNDARY DURATION 20-30MINS PLAYING THE GAME UNDER 13 Age is indicative only
JUNIOR CRICKET 3	11 PLAYERS 10M PITCH 20-40 OVERS	10M BOUNDARY DURATION 20-40MINS PLAYING AND COMPETING UNDER 14-19 Age is indicative only



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WOOLWORTHS
BLAST CRICKET

Play Together, Learn Together, Have a Blast!

10 Engaging Sessions to Learn and Play!
STARTING 9TH NOVEMBER
2025 11AM - 12PM

Brandon Park Reserve
Glen Waverley, 3150



Register Now

For more details, contact;
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