



18/12/2025

Principal's Report

As we approach the end of another very successful year, we are incredibly proud of what we have been able to achieve in 2025 and I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our amazing staff, the students, and members of our community for your wonderful support.

This year we celebrated many highlights including: Inaugural Art Show, Twilight Sports, Student Leadership Conference, Cross Country, 5/6 Summer and Winter Sports, Athletics Day, Footy Colours Day, Kids Trivia, Foundation breakfast, Level 1/2 Sleepover, Level 3/4 camp, Level 5/6 camp, ANZAC Day service, Mother's Day stall, Father's Day stall, Year 6 Graduation, Transition day, Foundation Transition Program, Foundation 100 days of school, Orientation days, Fun days, Excursions/incursions, End of Year Christmas Concert, Victorian High Ability Program, Education Week, District and Regional Sport Carnivals, Foundation - 6 swimming programs, Buddies program, PJ Day, Book Character Day, Pancake Day, and many, many more events and activities!

Our goal remains to ensure that all our students are achieving their best possible outcomes, and we have already started working towards 2026, with your children's new teachers already briefed on each child's point of need for the start of next year as part of our 'Teacher handover / Transition to 2026'. Early in the new school year, we will offer our 'Meet and Greet' Interviews where teachers/parents can discuss the years' focus and student needs.

We look forward to another very productive and successful year in 2026!

Staffing

Following our recent selection process for a teacher replacement for Sensei Manzaki, I am delighted to welcome to our school, Ms Clare Flood. Ms Flood is an experienced teacher with 11 years of experience in the Catholic Education System. She has held various roles, including STEM and Digital Technologies. With Ms Flood's knowledge of STEM, we are delighted to have her delivering STEM specialist classes to our students for 2026, while Ms Bron Cook will be moving into the Japanese LOTE position for the year. Welcome, Clare and we look forward to you joining our school community. Mr Peter Jenkins will be on leave for the first 3 weeks of next term. Wishing him a safe trip! Miss Kelsey Dixon will be replacing him during this time.



Student Reports

Semester 2 student reports were made available on COMPASS last Friday. Please take the opportunity to discuss the reports with your children and to celebrate their wonderful achievements in 2025.

GWSPS Outstanding Student Achievement Award/ Jan Kennedy Community Award



As mentioned in our last newsletter, we were delighted to host 2 Members of Parliament to our school at our last assembly to present an award, respectively. The Member for Northeast Metropolitan Region, Richard Welch, presented Ian L, from 6D, the inaugural GWSPS Outstanding Student Achievement Award. Ian is a fantastic role model to his peers. He actively participates in all areas of school life with enthusiasm and dedication. He is committed to his craft whatever that may be while also allowing others to shine. He is our current Japanese Captain. He is also a Maths Olympiad finalist this year, a cross-country runner, a soccer player, a squad swimmer and a fantastic friend to everyone that knows him. Well done, Ian!

The State MP for Waverley, John Mullahy, presented Loretta N, from 5H, the Jan Kennedy Community Award. The Jan Kennedy Award is named in honour of the late Janette Mary “Jan” Kennedy, who made tremendous contribution to women’s rights and community health in Victoria. Starting as a maternal and child health nurse in Melbourne’s east, Jan later founded Waverley Community Health Centre, providing support to those who needed it most. This centre evolved into what is now Link Health and Community, which continues to serve our community today. In Jan’s honour, the Jan Kennedy Community Award recognises a community-minded young person who may otherwise fly under the radar.

Loretta is a diligent, kind and respectful student who is always willing to go out of her way to help those around her. She demonstrates great care of others whether its assisting classmates, looking out for younger students or participating in school events. Her positive attitude, generosity and commitment to her learning helps to create a safe and happy space. Well done, Loretta!



End of Year Fun Days and Final Assembly for 2025

Today all classes will enjoy having fun with their friends and celebrating the end of 2025 during their respective End of Year Fun Days. Thank you to the staff for organising and supervising these events. **Please note, students will be dismissed tomorrow at 1:30pm following the final assembly commencing at 1:00pm !**

OSH will not be operating after school on Friday!



Holiday Works

We have scheduled several works for over the holiday period including:

- repainting of the OSH kitchen
- new vinyl flooring in the STEM tech room, as well as the circulation space outside the STEM room
- joinery to be completed in new buildings
- several maintenance related tasks

Christmas Concert

A huge thank you to all for the wonderful turnout at our Christmas Concert on Monday. Combined with our BBQ lunch, it was such a lovely way to end the year, and the kids did an amazing job. Many thanks to all staff and especially Mr Jenkins for coordinating the event! A huge thank you also to the wonderful parents who assisted with the BBQ lunch on the day of the concert:

Emily W - parent of Carter 5H & Lincoln 5D

Kelly S - parent of Evelyn-Rae 5D & Willow 2S

Jacinta G - parent of Niamh FL

Rachel L - parent of Nathan 5H & Eden 2S

Anu C - parent of Melissa 2S

Vaishali B - parent of Tania 6A

A special thank you to Paul Berry for assisting with the set up and pack up of chairs for the event!

Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas Hampers for the raffle. A huge thank you to Emily W and Kelly S who helped put the hampers together! We have conducted the draw, and we congratulate all the winners, and thank you all for your support.

The Christmas Concert BBQ and Christmas Hamper raffle raised, \$1260 and \$914 respectively. A great effort which will see the monies raised go towards future school projects.

Graduation

Last Thursday night's Graduation Night was a wonderful success and celebration for our Year 6 students. I wanted to particularly acknowledge our level 5/6 staff who made the venue look spectacular, as well as our amazing parent helpers, no doubt leaving our year 6 graduates with lasting memories! Congratulations to our graduating class of 2025!

Farewell to GWSPS Families

Farewell to the families whose children are graduating and to those who will not be returning to Glen Waverley South Primary School in 2026. We would like to thank you for your support and wish you every success and happiness in the future.

OSHC Holiday Program 2026

Our school holiday program will be commencing on Monday 5th January 2026 and finishing on Friday 23rd January 2026. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Karen Borsato on 0409 168 410.



Extended Vacations

If your child will be absent at the start of the 2026 school year, Wednesday 28th January 2026, please complete the Student Absence form below and return to the office.

Student Name: _____	Class: _____		
Date(s) Absent: _____			
Reason:	<input type="checkbox"/> Illness	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Appointment	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Holiday
	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious/Cultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Bereavement	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent Choice
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Parent Signature: _____	Date: _____		

Starting Dates for 2026

Tuesday 27 th Jan	Curriculum Day - Students do not attend school. (OSHC program will not be operating on this day)
Wednesday 28 th Jan	First day of school for all students in levels 1 to 6 (Foundation students do not start this day – Meet and Greet interviews scheduled)
Thursday 29 th Jan	Normal school day for all students (Foundation students finish at 1:00pm)
Friday 30 th Jan	Normal school day for all students (Foundation students finish at 1:00pm)

Clare, Elise and I would like to thank all of the staff, students and community members for their support and contribution towards our wonderful learning community. We wish all families a wonderful Christmas. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing you all in 2026.



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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 in front of their class, due to the short assembly this week:

1 st GOLD	Eleon L 2L, Oscar W 5D, Yuvraj C 1T
1 st EMERALD	Justin D 6D, Advit R 2S
1 st LEGEND	Gunveer D 2L, Ajay K 5D

Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES		TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Class	Activity Points	Student	Activity Points
5H	63, 360	Randal H, 2S	23, 668
5D	54, 280	Kimbrel H, 4E	20, 830
2S	49, 104	Vannea K, 3C	8, 520
2L	28, 671	George H, 5H	8, 267
4E	23, 013	Declan N, 2S	7, 880



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 |






Dates to Remember

December 2025

Thursday	18 th	Lv F-6 Fun Day (level specific event information available on Compass)
Friday	19 th	Last day of School 1.30pm finish. No afternoon OSH Program this day. 

January 2026

Tuesday	27 th	Curriculum Day - Students do not attend school. (OSHC program will not be operating on this day) 
Wednesday	28 th	First day of school for all students in levels 1 to 6 (Foundation students do not start this day – Meet and Greet interviews scheduled)
Thursday	29 th	Normal school day for all students (Foundation students finish at 1:00pm) Lv 3-6 Swimming Trials (selected students)
Friday	30 th	Normal school day for all students (Foundation students finish at 1:00pm)

February 2026

Thursday	5 th	First full day for Foundation Students (9.00am – 3.30pm)
Friday	6 th	Assembly at 2.50pm
Thursday	12 th	Lv 3-6 District Swimming (selected students)
Friday	13 th	Level 5/6 Interschool Sports – Round 1



Calendar for Foundation Students – Term 1, 2026

January/February 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	27 January Curriculum Day Students do not attend school.	28 January No Foundation classes. Meet & Greet Interviews	29 January Foundation students 9.00am–1.00pm	30 January Foundation students 9.00am–1.00pm
2 Foundation students 9.00am–1.00pm	3 Foundation students 9.00am–1.00pm	4 No Foundation classes. Student assessments	5 First FULL DAY Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	6 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm
9 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	10 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	11 No Foundation classes. Student assessments	12 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	13 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm
16 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	17 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	18 No Foundation classes. Student assessments	19 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	20 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm
23 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	24 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	25 No Foundation classes. Student assessments	26 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm	27 Foundation students 9.00am–3.30pm



Calendar for Foundation Students – Term 1, 2026

March 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	3 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	4 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	5 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	6 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm
9 Labour Day Public Holiday School Closed	10 Curriculum Day Pupil Free Day	11 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	12 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	13 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm
16 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	17 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	18 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	19 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	20 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm
23 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	24 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	25 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	26 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	27 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm
30 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm	31 Foundation students 9.00am-3.30pm			





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Holiday Program

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