



12/03/2026

Principal's Report

Additional Grade 6 Class Commencing in Term 2

I am pleased to share that, beginning in Term 2, we will be creating a third Grade 6 class.

At the start of the year, our Grade 6 cohort consisted of 63 students across two classes, resulting in class sizes of 31 and 32. As the year has commenced, we have experienced a higher overall enrolment across the school than originally anticipated. This has placed us in the fortunate position of being able to employ an additional teacher, allowing us to restructure the Grade 6 cohort into three classes.

From Term 2, the 63 students will be reorganised into three classes of approximately 21 students each. This change will provide smaller class sizes and greater opportunities for personalised teaching and support, which we believe will be highly beneficial for our students as they continue their final year of primary school. I would also like to alleviate any potential concerns Grade 6 families may have regarding how the new class will be formed. Please be assured that the creation of the new class will **not** be based on student ability. In any cohort there will always be a range of learning needs and capabilities, and our teaching and learning practices are designed to cater for this diversity. Our staff will carefully consider a range of factors when forming the new classes, always with the best interests of students in mind.

Importantly, the Grade 6 cohort will continue to learn within the same learning space they currently occupy. This means there will be no real physical change to the learning environment, and students will continue to have many opportunities to work collaboratively with their peers across the cohort. As such, we are confident that existing friendships and connections will remain strong.

We are very pleased that our increased enrolment has enabled us to make this adjustment, and we believe the smaller class sizes will further strengthen the learning environment for our Grade 6 students during this important year of their schooling.

Staffing

In light of the above decision to create a new grade 6 class from term 2, we will be going through a selection process tomorrow to find a suitable classroom teacher for the new grade. We will inform the community once the process is complete.



Pupil Free Day

We hope that students and families enjoyed the extra-long weekend due to the Labour Day Public Holiday and our Pupil Free day. On Tuesday, GWSPS staff were working on the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model (VTLM) 2.0, specifically focusing on, building teacher capability to develop effective Learning Intentions & Success Criteria when planning, and embedding VTLM 2.0 pedagogy within our planning.

Planning Week

In the week beginning Monday 23rd March, staff will be working together throughout the week to plan and organise teaching and learning activities for Term 2. While the teachers are planning the students will be supervised by the specialist staff and will participate in a variety of specialist sessions. The normal curriculum for this week will not be affected.

Twilight Sports Parent Helpers

We would like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of our parent helpers/fundraising committee for organising the BBQ, drinks, lollies and slushies for our Twilight Sports event last week. Thank you to:

- Kelly S - Parent of Evelyn-Rae and Willow
- Emily & Warren B - parent of Carter and Lincoln
- Cheryl W - parent of Theodore
- Arunima G - parent of Advit and Dia
- Lilian M - parent of Adrian

It was an incredibly successful afternoon for our school, which helped raise approximately \$1419 to put towards student resources.

Student Leadership and JSC Badge Presentation

Next Friday 20th March, we will be presenting our student leaders and Junior School Council members with their leadership badges. We are excited to have Mr John Mullahy, State Member of Parliament for Glen Waverley, attend the event and hand out leadership certificates to our student leaders. Our School Council President will also be present. Assembly will be commencing at 2:30pm.

School Council Annual Report-Annual General Meeting

On Tuesday 17th March at 5.00pm Glen Waverley South Primary School Council will be presenting the 2025 Annual Report to the community discussing Student Achievement, Student Engagement and Student Wellbeing. Following the report, we will hold our Annual General Meeting and welcome newly elected, re-elected and continuing members to the School Council.

All Office Bearing positions will be spilled and nominations invited for office bearing positions for the new committee. You are all welcome to attend the Annual Report and also sit in on the School Council meeting as a visitor. Please be advised that this report will also be made available on the school website and will be accessible at a later date on the VRQA State register.

Harmony Day – Thursday 19th March

Each year in March, Harmony Week brings together people of all ages, cultural backgrounds and experiences to celebrate our diverse multicultural communities. This year, Harmony Week will run from Monday 16th March to Sunday 22nd March. The theme, 'Culture connects us all', focuses on sharing stories, experiences,



and traditions to foster inclusion, respect, and a sense of belonging across Australia. As always, we will mark the week through our Harmony Day celebrations scheduled for Thursday 19th March from 8:45am-9:30am, where we are inviting all students and families to join us for a morning of celebrations!

Holi

Many of our Hindu community celebrated Holi last Wednesday 4th March. To all our Hindu community members, we wish you a Happy Holi!

Ramadan

Members of our Muslim community are currently observing Ramadan, which will conclude on 19th March, next Thursday. Wishing all our Muslim community a Happy Ramadan - Eid Mubarak!

Pending Strike Action – March 24th

As parents and carers may be aware, staff at our school who are Australian Education Union (AEU) members have been negotiating, alongside teachers, education support staff, assistant principals, and principals from public schools around Victoria, with the state government and Department of Education for improvements to pay and employment conditions. Negotiations have been occurring over the last seven months, and the state government has not made any offer at all to this point in time.

Currently, Victorian public schools are the lowest funded in Australia and there are significant staffing shortages across Victoria. Victorian public school teachers are also the lowest paid teachers in Australia, with many education support employees and school leaders paid less than their colleagues in other state and territories who do the same role.

AEU members are seeking pay increases and reductions to excessive workloads, with the aim of ensuring the retention of existing employees and the attraction of the next generation to enable the ongoing provision of a high-quality education to students. Because there has not been any offer, AEU members are undertaking a vote to endorse industrial action, with the union calling a statewide 24-hour stop work for Tuesday 24 March, should the government not respond properly to key claims.

The AEU has written to our school council outlining some of the issues that school staff need resolved, including school funding and staffing shortages, as well as pay and conditions. The union acknowledges that a decision to stop work is not one to be taken lightly and regrets the impact it has on students and their families, with the state government able to avoid such action if a fair and decent offer is made to employees. If the industrial action goes ahead, we will provide our school community with all the information needed to manage the situation.

It goes without saying that as a school we support all our staff and expect them to be paid reasonably and have fair conditions of work.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students [policy](#) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.



We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese



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Principal



Student Leadership and JSC Badge Presentation

We would like to invite all members of our school community to a special assembly where we will be presenting all our school leaders of 2026 with their leadership badges. The assembly will be held at our school gym on Friday the 20th of March and will start promptly at 2:30pm. Our local State Member of Parliament, Mr. John Mullahy MLA, will be presenting these badges to our students.

The leadership groups for 2026 are:

School Captains

School Vice Captains

House Captains

Arts Captains

Japanese Captains

ICT Captains

Library Captains

Enviro Captains

STEM Captains

Junior School Council Representatives (from Levels Foundation – 6)



Kathy Cheng
Student Leadership



Maths



The world's largest online mathematics competition returns on **Wednesday 25th March, 2026**, bringing together over 10 million students from 150+ countries to connect and compete, getting a chance to win fantastic prizes!

World Maths Day is an international celebration of mathematics. It's the world's biggest online maths competition and it's happening **exclusively on Live Mathletics**.

It is celebrated every year to make mathematics exciting and engaging for all school-aged children, between the ages of 5 and 18, from all over the world.

This year's theme is **United by Numbers** – celebrating the belief that everyone can learn and excel at mathematics when given the right support. World Maths Day is where learners of every level discover what they're truly capable of.

For more than 18 years, World Maths Day has brought together millions of students in an epic celebration of learning. From record-breaking speeds in Live Mathletics to incredible displays of problem-solving skills, it's a day where numbers truly unite us.

On World Maths Day, students worldwide will log into Mathletics to complete 20 x 60-second live maths games. They'll earn 1 point for each correct answer, with their scores proudly displayed on the World Maths Day platform.

Your child can participate in this wonderful event on **Wednesday 25th March**, by logging onto Mathletics using their existing login via the Live portal.



Debbie Dimas
Mathletics Co-ordinator



PE & Sport Update

Physical Education (PE) and Cross Country are important parts of our school program and align with the Victorian Curriculum. These lessons support students' physical health, wellbeing, confidence, and resilience, while also helping them develop teamwork, perseverance, and positive attitudes towards physical activity.

During PE sessions, students participate in a range of activities designed to build fitness, coordination, and healthy habits. As part of this program, students will take part in running activities and cross country preparation. It is important to note that students are not expected to run continuously during these sessions. They are encouraged to move at a pace that suits them and this may include running, jogging, walking, or a combination of all three.

Recently, we have noticed that some students are choosing not to participate in running activities, particularly during the fitness or cross country components of PE. While we understand that children may feel tired or uncomfortable during physical activity, we encourage all students to take part and try their best during the entire lesson rather than selecting only the activities they prefer.

If a student is genuinely unwell or has an injury that prevents them from participating safely, we ask that families please provide a written note (or email) explaining the reason. This helps us ensure that students are appropriately supported and that we can make suitable adjustments when necessary.

Without a note from home, students will be expected to participate in all aspects of the PE lesson, including running and cross-country practice. If a student is unable to participate due to an injury or medical reason, they may instead be asked to assist with another appropriate role during the lesson.

We strongly believe that positive experiences with physical activity at a young age help children develop lifelong healthy habits. By encouraging students to participate fully, we aim to build resilience, confidence, and a positive attitude toward movement and wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued support in helping students engage in all aspects of the school curriculum.

Division Swimming

A big congratulations to Cindy L (5DA) and Ariana S (6D) for their efforts at Division Swimming on Wednesday 4th March.

Cindy swam a 48.83 in backstroke to place 5th and Ariana swam a 55.08 in breaststroke to place 7th.

They both swam great races in their respective heats, and the Glen Waverley South community are very proud of them both.

Ride2School Day

Ride2School Day will take place on Friday 20th of March. Students have the chance to ride their bikes or scooters to school or even part way to school and park it at the Bike Shed.

They will then be able to ride around the basketball court at lunch time with a course made by the House Captains! Students must be wearing their helmets during this time.

Cross Country

Our school cross country will be on the last day of term on Thursday 2nd of April. A fun day of wearing their house colours and competing in their respective races!

Don't forget to fundraise for the event and earn your children prizes.



L56 Interschool Sport

Our Level 5 and 6 students have completed their weekly rounds of interschool sports. With a mix of results, great sportsmanship and fun was to be seen.

They will now look forward to their Gala Day on Friday 27th of March!

Twilight Sports

An amazing evening spent with our Glen Waverley South Primary School community.

A huge thank you to the Fundraising Committee on the BBQ & Drinks, Miss C for coordination and support of the event, all staff who were involved, students who attended along with their family members! Without your support, events like this can't go ahead, so THANK YOU!





Jessie Hare
Physical Education



CROSS COUNTRY FUN RUN FUNDRAISING 3 WEEKS TO GO!



Momentum is building for our **Monty the Monstar Cross Country Fun Run!**

Has your child set up their online fundraising page yet? Now's the perfect time. It's super quick and super easy. Plus every dollar raised helps and will go towards our PE & Sport equipment and resources!

In case you forgot how to make your profile, here is how:

Go to myprofilepage.com.au, click register and create a cybersafe online profile for your child. Once you're set up, share the link with family and friends to collect online donations. Please note: this is an online-only fundraiser—any cash donations must be converted online before Thursday 2nd April 2026.

We have raised \$1706 so far, which means, Mr Vellios will be getting DRENCHED with water on the day. Find out the second teacher to be drenched once we pass the \$2000 mark!

Congratulations to 4C who have won the icy pole party with the most profiles made by a class.

- Don't forget about our other incentives we still have:

Every student that raises \$100 goes into a draw to be one of 10 to win a free choice of a 1v1 against a teacher (examples include basketball shoot out or board game battle at lunch).

- Top fundraising class gets free choice of games during a PE class.

Join the fun & help our school!

Thank you for your support 😊



2026 Easter Egg Hamper Raffle

Easter is coming up and to help raise funds for our school, the Fundraising Committee is organising an Easter Egg Hamper Raffle. We are kindly asking families to donate a suitable item towards making Gourmet Easter Hampers for the raffle prizes.



If you would like to donate, please place your donation in the “Easter Hamper” box near the office, as soon as possible, and no later than Friday, 27th March.

To avoid receiving too many of the same item, each grade has been allocated its own category of donation. Your child’s grade has been allocated as follows:

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| Level F-2 | Small Easter chocolates / Pre-packaged Easter cookies / Lollies |
| Level 3-4 | Large Easter chocolates / Easter Toys |
| Level 5-6 | Easter Books / Stationery / Stickers |

NO NUTS PLEASE

Raffle tickets have already been sent home for your family to buy and/or sell to members of the community at \$1.00 per ticket.

Please write the full name and phone number of the person purchasing the ticket on the back of each ticket and return to school with the money.

Please contact the office staff if you require more tickets. All tickets with money (correct amount) need to be returned to the school by Thursday 2nd April 12pm.

The raffle will be drawn at our last day of term assembly/Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2nd of April.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Kelly Sommerville
Fundraising Committee

Kathy Cheng
Community Engagement



HARMONY DAY!



THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

MADE BY EUNICE

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME!

Make sure to wear your cultural or orange clothing

THERE WILL BE A COFFEE VAN
CASH AND CARD ACCEPTED

The library will be open for anyone who wants to come!



THERE WILL BE :

- CHALK DRAWING
- CRAFT
- MUSIC AND DANCE
- SPORTS AND GAMES

8:45-9:30am

Held on the basketball courts!





Glen Waverley South Primary School

FOUNDATION OPEN MORNING FOR STUDENTS STARTING SCHOOL IN 2027

Friday 27th March 2026

9.15am - 10am

Enter via the office on Whites Lane

Bring your child to play in the
Foundation classroom
Meet our Foundation Teachers
Meet our Leadership Team
Take a School Tour



GWSPS

Whites Lane, Glen Waverley

<https://www.gwsp.vic.edu.au>





DONATIONS NEEDED!

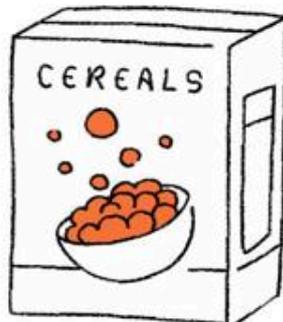
Throughout the year, students across the school participate in construction challenges and learning tasks. If you have any of the following materials at home, please consider donating them to the STEM Lab. There is a donation collection box outside the STEM Lab.

IF THE TUB IS NOT THERE, THAT MEANS WE CURRENTLY HAVE ENOUGH MATERIALS AND NO MORE DONATIONS ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

Cardboard tubes e.g. paper towel, wrapping paper (NOT toilet roll)

Clean plastic packaging e.g. bakery containers, berry containers

Plastic caps, e.g. soft drink bottles, fruit/yoghurt pouches

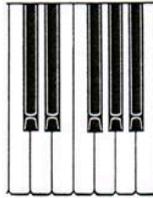


Music



Violin and Piano Lessons

Vacancies exist for individual violin and piano lessons held during school hours at GWSPS. Please contact Marika on 0400-604-701 for further information or queries.



Mad On Music

All Gr 2-6's – Do you want to learn **KEYBOARD** or **SINGING** ?

This is your CHANCE to enrol for Term 2, 2026!!

1. Go to our website at www.madonmusic.com.au
2. Fill out the online enrolment form and click the submit button
3. Mad On Music will contact you once you have received your place

To save disappointment, please enrol by **Friday 20th March 2026.**



All Grade 1's - Do you want to learn **KEYBOARD** ?

Enrolments are NOW being taken for students to commence **KEYBOARD** in Term 2, 2026!

1. Go to our website at www.madonmusic.com.au
2. Fill out the online enrolment form and click the submit button
3. Mad On Music will contact you once you have received your place

To save disappointment, please enrol by the **Friday 20th March 2026.**



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Vacancies exist to trial the Guitar Tuition Program during school hours. anyone who wishes their child to participate contact Albert Axiaq on 0409411815, including the purchasing of a guitar.



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.

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

Please note no hats & socks will be sold in the Second-Hand Uniform shop.

SUMMER	WINTER	ACCESSORIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1100115 S/S Polo - Stripe Collar 1100116 L/S Polo - 2 Different Colour Stripes 1100305 Semi Plaid Dress 1100306 Skort 1100307 Turnover Ankle Socks - 3 Pack 1100308 Crew Socks - 3 pack 1100309 Safety Slouch Hat 1100310 Lagoon Hat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1100405 L/S Polo - Stripe Collar 1100201 Bomber Jacket - Stripe Rib 1100302 Crew Neck Windcheater 1100303 Hooded Windcheater - Contrast Hood Inset 1100402 Classic Pant 1100403 Trackpants - Double Knee - Straight Leg 1100404 Track pants with zip out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1104002 Dos Pleat Tunic 1104003 Trek Junior back pack 1104004 Primary Pleat Bookbag 1100305 Multi-Purpose Bag 1100306 Raincoat with Print 1100307 Turnover Ankle Socks - 3 Pack 1100308 Raincoat 1100309 Crew Socks - 3 pack 1100310 Cushion Foot Sports Socks - 3 Pack 1100311 Turnover Knee H Sock - 3 Pack

Dates to Remember

March 2026

Friday	13 th	Level 3 & 5 NAPLAN Conventions of Language Last day to consent for Level 5/6 Confident Girls Netball Program Gala Day
Monday	16 th	Level 3 & 5 NAPLAN Numeracy
Wednesday	18 th	Level 5/6 Confident Girls Netball Program Gala Day Last day to consent/pay for Level 6 GRIP Leadership Conference (selected students)
Thursday	19 th	Harmony Day Morning 8.45am-9.30am Families welcome - see flyer on page 12 for the details
Friday	20 th	Ride2School Day Student Leadership Badge Ceremony and Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday	26 th	Level 6 GRIP Leadership Conference (selected students)
Friday	27 th	Level 5/6 Interschool Sports Gala Day Level 1/2 Inquiry Incursion 2027 Foundation Open Morning 9.15 – 10.00am

April 2026

Thursday	2 nd	2026-2027 Foundation & Level 6-7 Placement Information Packs are released and available for Parents/Carers House Cross Country Fun Run 9.00-11.00am Easter Hat Parade 1.00pm Last Day of Term 1 – School finishes at 2.30pm OSH is available on this day from 2.30pm. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.
Friday	3 rd	Good Friday Public Holiday – No students at school
School Holidays Monday 6 th April – Friday 17 th April (inclusive)		
Monday	20 th	First Day of Term 2



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			



BE SAFE AROUND SCHOOL CROSSINGS



- Ensure you use a designated school crossing when dropping off or picking up children
- Always use the school crossing when flags are displayed
- Some children's crossings have a supervisor - always follow their instructions
- If there is no supervisor, look and listen for traffic before crossing
- Only cross the road when safe to do so, and keep looking and listening while crossing.

IF YOU'RE A DRIVER/RIDER:

- Always watch out for children near schools
- Do not overtake a vehicle stopping/stopped at a crossing
- Stop if someone is about to cross or is crossing - even if there is no supervisor
- Stop if a hand-held 'Stop' sign is displayed
- Only proceed when all pedestrians, including the supervisor, are clear of the crossing
- Approach the crossing at a speed slow enough to stop safely if needed
- Always be aware of all parking signage and park legally.





Columbia Park Preschool

OPEN NIGHT

March 18, 5:30pm-7:30pm | 26-28 Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill

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For more information about Columbia Park Preschool including kinder registration details visit ykinders.org.au





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