



**26/03/2026**

## **Principal's Report**

### **Term 1 2026**

As we approach the end of what has been a full and energetic start to the year, it is worth pausing to reflect on the many highlights that have shaped our term. There has been a great deal to celebrate, and these moments are a testament to the strength and spirit of our school community.

I would like to sincerely thank our families and community members for the enthusiasm and support you have shown across the term. Your involvement plays a vital role in enriching the experiences we provide for our students. I also extend my appreciation to our staff, whose ongoing dedication ensures the delivery of a vibrant, engaging curriculum with student wellbeing at its core.

Throughout Term 1, our students have participated in a wide range of learning opportunities, events, and celebrations, including:

- Our 'Learning How to Learn' program
- Swimming trials
- Meet & Greet parent evenings
- Student badge presentations
- Levels 5/6 Sport Gala Day
- Harmony Day
- Ride2School Day
- NAPLAN
- Level 5/6 Electric Buzz Incursion
- Level 3/4 Museum excursion
- Level 1/2 Monash Council incursion
- District and Divisional Swimming Carnivals
- Junior School Council fundraising events – Icy Pole Day
- Twilight Sports event
- House Cross Country event
- Easter Hat Parade
- GRIP Student Leadership Conference
- Foundation Open Morning
- Confident Girls Netball Program



## Marketing Our School – We Need Your Input!

We're currently reviewing how we promote and communicate the strengths of our school to the wider community. As parents who are part of the school community, your perspective is incredibly valuable. This short, anonymous survey will help us understand what brought you here, what's working well and how we can continue to attract families to our school.

Please complete the survey by the 24<sup>th</sup> of April.

### Links to survey

[Survey for Parents of Prep to Grade 2 Students](#)

[Survey for Parents of Grade 3 to Grade 6 Students](#)

Thank you for your time and honest feedback!

## School Parking at Drop-off and Pick-up Times

We ask all families to please take care to follow road rules and signage when dropping off and collecting students. While increased monitoring in the area means fines are a possibility, our primary concern is the safety of all children, families, and staff.

Recently, we have observed a number of unsafe practices, including double parking, blocking residents' driveways, using private driveways for U-turns, and stopping in no standing zones. These behaviours place members of our community at risk and create unnecessary hazards.

Unless there is a significant improvement, there is a real risk of a more serious incident occurring.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in ensuring our school environment remains safe for everyone.

## School Council

Last Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, we presented our Annual Report to the Community, which enabled us to celebrate the many successes of the 2025 school year and highlight the opportunities for future focuses. We also held our first School Council meeting with the new membership. I would like to officially welcome our newest parent representative, Arunima Goel, and all returning members to the School Council committee. Congratulations to the following people who have been nominated and have accepted office-bearing positions: Alec Yankos – School Council President, Nirmal Rajamohan – School Council Vice President, Paul Berry – Treasurer, and Gabrielle Johnson – Minute taker. Please see the table below for all School Council representatives for 2026.

| Parent Representatives                   | Tenure    | DET Representatives     | Tenure    |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Alec Yankos (SC President)               | 2026-2028 | Con Vellios (Executive) | NA        |
| Nirmal Rajamohan (SC Vice Pres.)         | 2026-2028 | Elise Vaudeau           | 2025-2027 |
| Paul Berry (Treasurer)                   | 2025-2027 | Clare Read              | 2025-2027 |
| Arunima Goel                             | 2026-2028 |                         |           |
| Pravesh Babu                             | 2025-2027 | <b>Minute Secretary</b> |           |
| Cheryl Wheaton                           | 2025-2027 | Gabrielle Johnson       |           |
| <i>Casual Vacancy available (2 year)</i> | 2026-2028 |                         |           |

As you can see above, we have 1 casual vacancy to fill if anyone is interested in joining/being co-opted into the School Council. Please contact the office for more information.



At our first meeting for 2026, the new School Council committee –

- Passed a motion to endorse the 2025 Annual Report to the School Community. For more information, you will be able to access the report shortly on our school website.
- Endorsed all scheduled Curriculum Days and the staff Professional Practice Day for 2026.
- Approved and endorsed the 2026 Standing Orders.

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Please let the office know if you would like to attend as a visitor.

## House Cross-Country

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, we will be holding our annual House Cross Country event. As always, we would love to see as many parents as possible attend this fantastic event. Many thanks to Miss Jessie Hare for organising.

## Foundation Enrolments

Please be advised that Foundation enrolments for 2027 open on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, the first day back in Term 2!

## Easter Hamper Raffle

A huge thank you to the following parents for assisting in putting together our Easter hampers, which will be raffled off at our last assembly next Thursday:

- Emily – mum of Carter B (6D) & Lincoln B (6C)
- Rachel – mum of Nathan K (6C) & Eden K (3A)
- Patricia – mum of Struan K (FG)

## Happy Holidays!

After a very busy and productive term, we hope you can find time to relax and enjoy the company of your family and friends. It is important to remember to be there for our loved ones and spend quality time with them. For everyone who celebrates Easter, we wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter. We look forward to seeing you all back for Term 2.

### Last Day of Term 1, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

|          |                            |
|----------|----------------------------|
| 9:00 am  | House Cross Country        |
| 11:00 am | Recess                     |
| 12:00 am | Classroom                  |
| 12:50 pm | Lunch eating time          |
| 1:00 pm  | Easter Hat Parade/Assembly |
| 2:30 pm  | End of day                 |

### First day of Term 2, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026



**Con Vellios**  
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.



## Mathletics Top 5s

| TOP 5 CLASSES |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Class         | Activity Points |
| 6C            | 79, 803         |
| 4A            | 78, 725         |
| 5DA           | 68, 582         |
| 4C            | 68, 124         |
| 3A            | 65, 365         |

| TOP 5 STUDENTS |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Student        | Activity Points |
| Kimbrel H, 5DA | 26, 988         |
| Randal H, 3A   | 25, 935         |
| Vannea K, 4C   | 16, 623         |
| Dhian S, 4C    | 14,022          |
| Robin R, 12T   | 11,790          |



**Debbie Dimas**  
Mathletics Co-ordinator



## What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in **English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies**.

ICAS results are in-depth and meaningful, and ICAS evaluates student performance against other competition entrants across the state and nation. The data reveals student strengths and weaknesses and can help you recognise and support your child's academic journey.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/): ([icasassessments.com/products-icas/](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/)).

## ICAS results and certificate

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

Your child's ICAS certificates will show their results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin". - Use these to enter the [Results Portal](https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent) (<https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent>).

## How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please go to the Parent Portal to register for your chosen subjects.

You can do this in one of two ways:

### 1. Direct login link – faster!

Use this link to log directly into the shop and start registering:

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/NNP951>

### 2. Log in using the PPS code

Visit our shop and use our PPS code to log in:

Shop link: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

PPS code: NNP951

Registration for all subject areas closes on **Monday 27 July at 11:59pm**.

This year, our students can elect to sit the following assessments:

| Subject              | Sitting Date | Cost (AU\$) |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Digital Technologies | 3-7 Aug      | \$21.95     |
| Writing              | 3-7 Aug      | \$25.95     |
| English              | 10-14 Aug    | \$21.95     |
| Science              | 17-21 Aug    | \$21.95     |
| Spelling Bee         | 17-21 Aug    | \$21.95     |
| Mathematics          | 24-28 Aug    | \$21.95     |



**Tineke Reincke**  
NAPLAN & ICAS Coordinator

Please note, we cannot facilitate refunds or make alterations as all money is paid directly to ICAS

# MUSIC



**Peter Jenkins**  
Performing Arts Teacher



## OSH News

Our Holiday Program is operating from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April from 7am – 6pm. The program is open to all GWSPS families and if you are eligible to claim Child Care Subsidy it could cost you as little as \$12.00 a day. We have fun activities planned with a visit to Enchanted Adventure, Wax Hands incursion, Chocolate Day, Disco incursion, a science incursion, movie days and a games day full of colour.

Bookings are now open. You may choose to use the program for 1-2 days or as many days as you need. The program offers you a chance to work knowing your child is having a great time in a safe environment and socialising with their peers. If you are a new family to our service and need help in booking in or more information, please contact me on 0409 168 410 or drop into the OSH Program.

Parents are reminded to please keep you OSH accounts up to date. Invoices are available weekly to view on your OWNA app. Accounts should be paid weekly or fortnightly. If you have any questions regarding your account, please speak to me.



**Karen Borsato**  
OSH Coordinator





RESPECT

Glen Waverley South Primary School

**FOUNDATION  
OPEN MORNING  
FOR STUDENTS STARTING  
SCHOOL IN 2027**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.s.vic.edu.au>**



# 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, 27<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 12pm.

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

Thank you for your cooperation,

**Kelly Sommerville**  
Fundraising Committee

**Kathy Cheng**  
Community Engagement



## Navigating the Digital Playground PARENT SESSION

**When:** Tuesday 28 April 2026

**Time:** 6:30pm - 8:00pm

**Where:** Learning Studio 01 GWSPS (1/2T Classroom)

We would like to invite all parents and caregivers to this important presentation. As this event is only suitable for adults, **we are offering child minding** during the presentation at school.



### WHY ATTEND?:

In today's connected world, parents play a powerful role in shaping safe and healthy digital habits. This practical session is designed especially for busy parents who want to:

- Feel confident navigating their child's online world
- Create a safer, more balanced digital environment at home
- Support digital wellbeing and encourage responsible tech use
- Know what to do (and where to turn) when things go wrong online

### Topics include:



PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS LINK: <https://bit.ly/gwspsparent26>

#### WHEN & WHERE

6:30pm - 8:00pm

**Tuesday 28 April 2026**

Learning Studio 01

**Glen Waverley South Primary School**

24 Whites Lane, Glen Waverley

SCAN TO REGISTER or visit  
<https://bit.ly/gwspsparent26>



#### PRESENTED BY

**CYBER SAFETY PROJECT**

Cyber Safety Project, Australia's premier  
online safety education provider.

[cybersafetyproject.com](https://cybersafetyproject.com)



**Miriam Ercole**  
ICT Coordinator



**Glen Waverley South Primary School**

ABN 49 140 012 401

26<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## DONATIONS NEEDED!

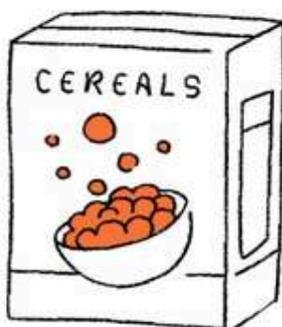
Throughout the year, students across the school participate in construction challenges and learning tasks. If you have any of the following materials at home, please consider donating them to the STEM Lab. There is a donation collection box outside the STEM Lab.

**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 Lessons



## 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.



# Music Lessons



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](http://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](http://www.madonmusic.com.au)
2. Fill out the online enrolment form and click the submit button
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## GUITAR TUITION PROGRAMME



**2 TRIAL LESSONS  
AVAILABLE FOR A FEE**

Contact today!  
ALBERT AXIAQ  
Associate Diploma of  
Education (Music)  
Bachelor of Arts (Music)

☎ MOB: 0409411815

**C'MON LEARN  
MUSIC NOW!**

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.

## Guitar News

I wish to congratulate the following students for passing their Reading Books and Excellence Progress.

Candy Z (5D) Excellent Progress

Kimbrel H (5D) Book 1

Reading notation is a very important part of learning music as it is a universal language that is transferred to most instruments.

### Albert Axiaq

Associate Diploma of Education (Music)

Bachelor of Arts (Music)



Glen Waverley South Primary School

ABN 49 140 012 401

26th March 2026

# 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.



# Dates to Remember

## March 2026

|        |                  |                                                                                                                        |
|--------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Level 5/6 Interschool Sports Gala Day.<br>Level 1/2 Inquiry Incursion.<br>2027 Foundation Open Morning 9.15 – 10.00am. |
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## April 2026

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| Thursday                                                                                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 2026-2027 Foundation & Level 6-7 Placement Information Packs are released and available for Parents/Carers online only at this stage:<br><a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/moving-primary-secondary-school-information-parents-and-carers">https://www.vic.gov.au/moving-primary-secondary-school-information-parents-and-carers</a><br><a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep#enrolment-information-pack-and-application-form">https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep#enrolment-information-pack-and-application-form</a><br>House Cross Country Fun Run 9.00-11.00am.<br>Easter Hat Parade 1.00pm.<br><b>Last Day of Term 1 – School finishes at 2.30pm.</b><br><b>OSH is available on this day from 2.30pm. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.</b> |
| Friday                                                                                    | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | <b>Good Friday Public Holiday – No students at school.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| School Holidays Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April (inclusive). |                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Monday                                                                                    | 20 <sup>th</sup> | <b>First Day of Term 2.</b><br>2027 Foundation applications open: Parent/carer packs will be distributed to all prospective families. Parent/carers can start submitting their applications online via our school website.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Wednesday                                                                                 | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 2027 Year 7 placement applications open: Parent/carer packs will be distribute to all families of year 6 students. Parent/carers can start submitting their applications.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Tuesday                                                                                   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Cyber Safety Parent Session: Navigating the digital landscape - 6:30pm-8pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

