



23/04/2026

Principal's Report

Term 2 2026

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to everyone in our school community! We hope you all had a relaxing break and enjoyed some quality family time.

Staff News

We officially welcome our newest staff member, Miss Jiana Chen who will be teaching the newly created class in level 6, 6J, for the remainder of the year. Welcome Jiana!

I am also delighted to announce the appointment of our newest Education Support staff member, Tahlee Farrell, who will be working with FG for the remainder of the year in a support role. Welcome, Tahlee!

Mrs Tineke Reincke will be on leave from Monday for 2 weeks. We wish Tineke all the very best during her time off.

ANZAC Day

Saturday, 25th April, marks the anniversary of the Australian and New Zealand forces landing at Gallipoli and is the day we remember the sacrifice of those who have died in war. Students will be provided with learning tasks focused on ANZAC Day to assist them to connect with Australian history and understand the importance of this National Day of Remembrance. On **Friday 24th April**, we will be holding a whole school ANZAC commemoration service at 10.30am, on the performing arts stage in front of the performing arts room. Parents are most welcome to join us in this special commemoration. However, please be advised that, in the event of inclement weather, we will be holding the ceremony in the school gym. We will keep you informed via Compass if we decide to hold the event indoors.

Teaching Our Children About ANZAC Day

There are many ways that parents can get their children involved in the Anzac Day experience and enable them to gain an understanding of the important place Anzac holds in Australia's history. Firstly, historical knowledge is important and there are many high quality, child friendly accounts of the Anzac story, and the Anzac characteristics that resonate with Australians. Many of these books are available at local libraries; they are also available through the Department of Veterans' Affairs free of charge. These books make it clear that Anzac Day is not an event glorifying war, but exactly the opposite. It is a time of reflection and remembrance. Endurance, resourcefulness, courage, teamwork, loyalty and mateship are key attributes. These are virtues



to be encouraged and emulated at any time and are a part of our national story we can focus on around Anzac Day.

There is also of course the experience of taking your children to a Dawn Service march or other commemorative activities on Anzac Day. All this will be more meaningful and educational if some of the previous reading and discussion has occurred. In any event, the questions that come from watching a march, studying a war memorial or experiencing the emotional stillness of the minutes silence and bugle call are opportunities to talk about the impact of war on Australia and the significance of the Anzac Story.

Sun Smart - No Hat, No Play

Please be advised that our 'No hat, No play' policy is still in place for all students at school. Our policy states this is effective from the beginning of September until the end of April. Students will not be required to wear their hats from Friday 1st May onwards until our policy kicks in again in September. Students can continue to wear their hats outside if they wish.

School Photos

Our Whole School Photo Day is scheduled for Tuesday 5th May. Orders for photos can be made on Compass. Sibling/Family photos will only be taken of families that have placed an order on Compass by 11.59pm, Monday 4th May.

School Uniform

Please remember that all students are expected to wear correct School Council approved uniform. By having all our students wear school uniform it helps us easily identify "visitors" in the school grounds - an important safety consideration. It is also a key element in the development of school identity and morale.

Supporting Our School Community

At our school, we believe that strong communities are built on compassion, understanding, and mutual support. We understand that from time to time, families may experience financial hardship. These challenges can arise suddenly and unexpectedly, and they can affect any one of us.

If your family is currently facing financial difficulties—whether short-term or ongoing—please know that you are not alone. We are here to support you.

There are a number of ways we may be able to assist, including support with school-related expenses, access to resources and services, or simply providing a safe and understanding space to talk through options. Every situation is treated with the utmost confidentiality, care, and respect.

If you would like to have a conversation about the types of support that may be available, we encourage you to contact the school office or speak directly with myself, Ms Read or Miss Vaudeau. We're here to help, without judgement.

Our community thrives when we look after one another. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Mother's Day Morning and Stall

Our annual Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday 7th May. As well as the stall, we will be acknowledging the wonderful mums in the community with a special Mother's Day morning on the same day. We invite all mums and special people to attend the morning tea which will be held outdoors in and around the netball and basketball courts commencing from 8:45am through to 9:30am. There will be various fun activities for you to participate in with your child/ren. Coffee and tea will be provided – please bring a reusable cup, and donuts will be available for those who have pre-ordered.



Industrial Action

The Australian Education Union (AEU) and the Australian Principal's Federation (APF) continue to work with the government in relation to our upcoming Enterprise Bargaining Agreement.

Members of the AEU have been advised of the following current industrial action including the boycott of meetings & writing report comments, and upcoming stop work action.

This means that for the Mid Year Reports you child will only receive a progression point indicating their level of achievement and a progression point indicating their effort and behaviour. There will not be any written comments on reports. This only applies to teachers that are members of the AEU.

There is also a half day stop work action planned for Wednesday, 10th June.

More information about these actions will be shared with the community once we are aware.

We very much appreciate the support of our school community as our members seek for better pay and conditions that will benefit all students and staff.

We do hope that an agreement is reached prior to these events happening, but we wanted to provide you with as much information as possible to help families prepare for the proposed half day stop work action planned for Wednesday, 10th June.



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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 Gold certificates so far this year. They will receive their first Gold certificate at assembly next week:

GOLD	Aarin J 1/2T, Mitansh G 4C, Vannea K 4C, Randal H 3A, Kimbrel H 5DA
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Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES	
Class	Activity Points
4C	50, 124
5DA	46, 928
4A	44, 538
3A	31, 797
3E	26, 888

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Kimbrel H, 5DA	23, 626
Randal H, 3A	21, 930
Dhian S, 4C	16, 253
Vannea K, 4C	16, 238
Declan W,	8, 150



Debbie Dimas
Mathletics Co-ordinator



Victorian High Ability Program - Term 1

The Victorian High-Ability Program (VHAP) is an online learning program overseen by the Department of Education (the department) and delivered by Virtual School Victoria (VSV). Students take part in online lessons with a VSV teacher using VSV Online, a secure learning platform. The program runs for 10 weeks. Students attend one online lesson each week for the first nine weeks. In the final week, students complete self-paced online learning.

Congratulations to the 9 students who completed the VHAP course during Term 1.

Victorian High-Ability Program Primary in Maths Course - Patterns: from Symbols to Secrets
Cindy L
Lachlan O
Lucas Y
Kimbrel H
Nathan K
Jal N
Ilias K
Evelyn S
George H

The students will be receiving their certificates during our whole school assembly next week on **Friday, 1st May 2026**.

Victorian High Ability Program - Term 2

The Victorian High Ability program (VHAP), offers students the opportunity to explore and express their ideas freely, be inspired and challenged by each other, and feel excited about their learning. Places in the program are offered through a VHAP department selection process based on NAPLAN data and teacher judgments in the student’s school reports, to those who have performed at a high level.

We are excited to have 6 students selected for the VHAP English Program for Term 2.

Congratulations to: Teju B, Evelyn S, Nathan K, Yashitha S, Cindy L and Lucas Y.



Tineke Reincke
HAPL Coordinator

ICAS August 2026

ICAS is an online academic competition for students in Grades 3-6, 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.**

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

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

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

This year, our Grade 3-6 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

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



Tineke Reincke
ICAS coordinator

Navigating the Digital Playground

PARENT FACE-TO-FACE SESSION

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.

WHEN & WHERE

6.30pm - 8.00pm
Tuesday
28 April 2026

Learning Studio 01
Glen Waverley South
Primary School
 24 Whites Lane,
 Glen Waverley

REGISTER HERE



OR VISIT
<https://bit.ly/gwspsparent26>

Topics Include:

CYBERBULLYING

AI & MISINFORMATION

SCREEN TIME

SOCIAL MEDIA

PRIVACY SETTINGS

GAMING

CHILD
 MINDING
 AVAILABLE

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



Miriam Ercole
 ICT Coordinator





GLEN WAVERLEY SOUTH PRIMARY PHOTO DAY

TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2026

Orders can now be made through your Compass Portal via your email link or under the **COMMUNITY** tab

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW TO ENSURE OUR BEST PRICES!



FAMILY PHOTOS

Family/Sibling photos are available for students attending school. Orders must be placed by **11:59PM** the day before photo day.

Parents with 3 or more children can receive a concession with our **Premium** or **Classic** packs. To take up this offer, please contact us prior to photo day.

GROUP STYLE



We're here to help.

9466 7331 | admin.nem@msp.com.au

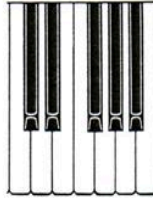


Music Lessons



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.



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.**



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.



Glen Waverley South Primary School

ABN 49 140 012 401

23rd April 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

April 2026

Friday	24 th	ANZAC Day Commemoration at 10.30am.
Monday	27 th	Cyber Safety Student Sessions.
Tuesday	28 th	Cyber Safety Parent Sessions at 6.30-8pm. https://bit.ly/gwspsparent26 Child minding available. Please register using the link above.


May 2026

Friday	1 st	Whole School Assembly at 2.50pm.
Tuesday	5 th	Whole School Photos.
Thursday	7 th	Mother's Day morning starting from 8.45am – 9.30am. Mother's Day Stall.
Friday	8 th	Interschool Sports Round 1. Last day for Lv 6 Families to return Lv 7 Placement Application Forms.
Tuesday	12 th	Lv 2 Policy Academy Magician Incursion.
Friday	15 th	Lv 2 Policy Academy Excursion. District Cross Country (selected students). Whole School Assembly at 2.50pm.
Tuesday	19 th	Lv F-2 Coach Approach (on school grounds). Lv 3-6 House Athletics (Bill Stewart Athletics Track).
Thursday	21 st	Education Week celebration day.
Friday	22 nd	Interschool Sports Round 2.
Wednesday	27 th	National Simultaneous Storytime.
Friday	29 th	Interschool Sports Round 3. Whole School Assembly at 2.50pm.

June 2026

Tuesday	2 nd	Division Cross Country (selected students).
Monday	8 th	King's Birthday Public Holiday – No students at school. OSH closed on this day, please make alternative arrangements.
Tuesday	9 th	Curriculum Day – No students at school. OSH is available on this day. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.



Friday	12 th	Lv 5-6 Soccer Gala Day. Whole School Assembly at 2.50pm.
Friday	19 th	Lv 5-6 Interschool Sports Gala Day.
Tuesday	23 rd	Lv 5-6 Parent Teacher Interviews from 1.40pm – 6.40pm.
Wednesday	24 th	Lv F-4 Parent Teacher Interviews from 1.40pm – 6.40pm.
Friday	26 th	<p>Last Day of Term 2 – school finishes at 2.30pm.</p> <p>OSH is available on this day. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.</p> 



Timeline for Year 7 placement in 2027

2026 Dates	What do parents/carers need to do?
Term 1: Tuesday 27 January 2026 (students commence 28 January) – Thursday 2 April 2026	
From Term 1, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend school tours organised by secondary schools (<i>optional</i>).
By Thursday 2 April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School zones for the 2027 school year are available. You can find your local school at www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au.
Term 2: Monday 20 April 2026 – Friday 26 June 2026	
From Monday 20 April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the start of Term 2, primary schools will provide the Year 6 to 7 Placement Information Pack to families of Year 6 students. This pack includes the 'Application for Year 7 Placement'. You can also download the Placement Information Pack from Moving from primary to secondary school for more details.
By Friday 8 May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit the Application for Year 7 Placement to your child's primary school. If your child is currently home-schooled or attends a non-government primary school, submit the application directly to your preferred government secondary school.
Wednesday 24 June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary schools will notify you in writing of placement outcomes for the 2027 school year by this date.
Term 3: Monday 13 July 2026 – Friday 18 September 2026	
Friday 17 July 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you intend to appeal, submit a written appeal to your preferred secondary school by this date.
By Tuesday 4 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary schools will notify you in writing of appeal outcomes.
By Tuesday 11 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm acceptance of your child's place by completing the 'Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip' and returning it to your child's primary school.
By Tuesday 18 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have unsuccessfully appealed to your preferred secondary school, you may submit a written appeal to the relevant Regional Director.
Term 4: Monday 5 October 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026	
By Friday 16 October 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have lodged an appeal with the Regional Director, the region will notify you in writing of the outcome by this date. This only applies to appeals received by the closing date of Tuesday 18 August 2026.
Tuesday 8 December 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary schools host an Orientation Day for Year 6 students.

