



07/05/2026

## Principal's Report

### Staffing

We would like to sincerely thank Miss Kelsey Dixon for the wonderful support she has provided to our school community whilst filling the STEM teaching role in a School Assisted Vacancy capacity during Clare Flood's absence. Kelsey has recently advised that she will no longer be able to continue in the role. We are extremely grateful for the flexibility, professionalism and accommodating manner she has shown throughout her time with us, and we wish her every success in her future endeavours.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Dasuni Jayasinghe to the role. Dasuni is a graduate teacher with experience in childcare and is already a familiar face within our community through her recent casual relief teaching work at our school. We look forward to having Dasuni join our team and know she will be warmly welcomed by students, staff and families alike.

### Education Week Celebration Day

Education Week this year commences on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. GWSPS will be holding an Education Week Celebration Day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026. This year's theme, 'Showcase your school', encourages school communities to celebrate their unique strengths, people, and learning opportunities. Students will participate in a rotation of four activities in their house groups throughout the day. Families are invited to attend a special assembly from 2:40pm in the gym, followed by visiting your child's classrooms. Many thanks to our Education Week Team, co-ordinated by Miss Ebony Gibson.

### Mother's Day Morning Tea and Stall

Our annual Mother's Day stall is being held today, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. As well as the stall, we have had the opportunity this morning to acknowledge the wonderful mums in our community with a special Mother's Day morning today. We hope you enjoyed the various fun activities prepared for you to participate in with your child/ren. Thank you to the Fundraising committee for co-ordinating and running the stall!

Kelly S – Parent of Willow & Evelyn Rae  
Emily W – Parent of Carter & Lincoln  
Anna Z – Parent of Cindy  
Binni O – parent of Aarav & Amryn  
Pamela W – parent of Zoey  
Kushani D & her mother – parent of Linesha & Venesha  
Arunima G – parent of Dia & Advit  
Lilian M – parent of Adrian



Randeep R – parent of Gunveer  
Madhia H – sister of Suhrab and Mehrab  
Karen Borsato (OSH coordinator)

On behalf of all staff and students at GWSPS we wish all mums a very Happy Mother's Day for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. We hope you are all spoiled with lots of gifts, and more importantly, love, gratitude, and appreciation for what you do.

## House Athletics/Coach Approach

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May our Levels 3 to 6 children will be participating in the House Athletics event, to be held at Bill Stewart Athletics track, Burwood HWY, East Burwood. You are welcome to attend the event to support our children! As well as this, our Foundation, Level 1 and Level 2 students will be participating in sports-related activities run by Coach Approach, back at school. A huge thank you to Miss Hare for organising and coordinating these events! Thank you to the Fundraising committee for coordinating the sausage sizzle for our Level 3-6 students on this day.

## District Cross Country

Good luck to our qualifying Levels 3 to 6 students at the District Cross Country event which will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

## Education Support Personnel Day

The Australian Education Union celebrate Education Support Personnel Day on 16<sup>th</sup> May every year. Education Support Personnel are a vital part of the education workforce, as they contribute to creating and sustaining a school culture where learning takes place. They cover a wide range of professional, administrative, technical, and general staff working as teaching assistants, Integration Aides, Student administration and more. We at GWSPS would like to take the opportunity to join in and acknowledge the wonderful work our ES staff do. Thank you so much to Gabby, Lucy, Jing, Jodie, Tahlee, Allison, Emily and Karen for keeping our school running by supporting our students to learn, our teachers to teach and engaging our community in our wonderful school. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

## School Council

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. All members of the community are welcome to attend as visitors. If you would like to visit our next School Council meeting, please let the office know.

## 2026 Parent Payments

Thank you to all the families who have paid the 2026 Curriculum Contributions. Your support is greatly appreciated! Curriculum Contributions provide payment for your child's stationery items, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Maths resources, (including Mathletics and Reading Eggs subscriptions), Japanese resources, English and sports resources, photocopying of worksheets and learning materials, and contributes to the provision of IT devices. If you have not yet contributed, you are still able to do so through Compass (Payments Centre), BPAY, by credit card or cash. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager, Gabrielle Johnson.



**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. Students will be awarded their first Gold certificate of the year, after that they will be awarded their first Emerald and Legend certificates of the year.

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	Robin R 1/2T, Gunveer D 3A, Liam W 4A, Dhian S 4C
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## Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES	
Class	Activity Points
4C	32, 310
4A	27, 823
5DA	26, 152
3A	20, 011
1/2S	16, 225

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Kimbrel H, 5DA	14, 494
Zoey K, 1/2S	12, 628
Randal H, 3A	11, 195
Vanea K, 4C	6, 040
Declan W, FG	3, 680



**Debbie Dimas**  
Mathletics Co-ordinator





## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Glen Waverley South Primary School is excited to be participating in it. A Compass post detailing how to register your child for the challenge will be posted today, please keep an eye out for it. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers towards the end of the year.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)



**Nive D'Souza**

Lv 6 Teacher & PLC Leader



**Glen Waverley South Primary School**

ABN 49 140 012 401

7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

# Education Week 2026

This year, Education Week runs from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The theme of 2026 Education Week is **Showcase your school**, encouraging school communities to celebrate what's great about their school.

To mark this special week, we will be holding an Education Week Celebration Day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Students will participate in a rotation of 4 activities in their house groups throughout the day. These rotations will include activities that encourage students to celebrate what they love about our school, embracing all cultures and highlighting our strong sense of inclusion, as well as supporting and showcasing our wonderful STEM program. To find out more about Education Week 2026, visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/education-week>.

Students are encouraged to wear house colours or casual dress on the day!



**Ebony Gibson**  
Education Week Coordinator



**2026**  
**EDUCATION DAY**  
**SHOWCASE Your School!**

COME SEE WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL AMAZING!

**RESPECT**  
**KINDNESS - HONESTY - FAIRNESS**

Students will participate in:  
**4 x fun rotations in house colours!**

Families are encouraged to join us in the gym at **2.40pm** for some student presentations & performances, followed by **open classrooms :)**



# Reconciliation Action Plan

Great news! Our Glen Waverley South Primary School Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) was successfully submitted to the review team at Narragunnawali and has been published! This exciting milestone marks the official beginning of our journey towards embedding the principles of reconciliation across our school and school community.

We will officially launch our RAP during National Reconciliation Week at our school assembly on 29 May. Our School Captains and students from the Student RAP Working Group will present some information about our RAP and the work we have already done, as well as an overview of what is coming next.

Thank you to all school community members who have contributed so far to the development of our RAP. I welcome any parents who are interested in being a part of our reconciliation journey to contact me with their ideas, as our RAP will be assessed and updated on a yearly basis.

If you would like to view our RAP, you can do so [here](#). There is also a summary outline included in this newsletter.



**Bron Cook**  
Marrung Lead

## Guitar News

Guitar Ensemble Performance 2.50pm at assembly on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

All welcome to attend.

### Albert Axiaq

Ass. Dip of Edu. (Music)

Bachelor of Arts (Music)

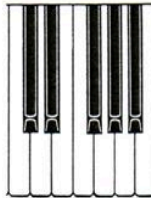


# Music Lessons



## 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](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
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



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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 Axiq on 0409411815, including the purchasing of a guitar.



Glen Waverley South Primary School

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# 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.**



# NEW JACQUARD BEANIE

\$18<sup>.00</sup> EACH



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# Dates to Remember

## May 2026

Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sports Round 1. <b>Last day for Lv 6 Families to return Lv 7 Placement Application Forms.</b>
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Lv 2 Policy Academy Magician Incursion.
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Lv 2 Policy Academy Excursion. District Cross Country (selected students). Whole School Assembly at 2.50pm. <b>Last day to consent/pay for Lv 3-6 House Athletics.</b>
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day to consent/pay for Lv F-2 Coach Approach incursion.</b>
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Lv F-2 Coach Approach (on school grounds). Lv 3-6 House Athletics (Bill Stewart Athletics Track).
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Education Week celebration day.
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Interschool Sports Round 2.
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day to consent/pay Lv 6 Shrine of Remembrance excursion.</b>
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	National Simultaneous Storytime. JSC – Killer Python lolly fundraiser. <b>Last day to consent/pay for Lv 1/2 Toys Through History incursion.</b>
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sports Round 3. Whole School Assembly at 2.50pm. <b>Last day to consent/pay for Lv 5/6 Mad About Science incursion.</b>

## June 2026

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lv 6 Shrine of Remembrance excursion.
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Division Cross Country (selected students).
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lv 1/2 Toys Through History incursion.
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Lv 5/6 Mad About Science incursion.
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>King's Birthday Public Holiday – No students at school. OSH closed on this day, please make alternative arrangements.</b> 
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Curriculum Day – No students at school. OSH is available on this day. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.</b> 
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	JSC – Talent show (during lunchtime – student event only).



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



## Timeline for Year 7 placement in 2027

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



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# Community News



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Gymnastics Centre

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**COME AND TRY GYMNASTICS!**

**Monday 18th, May - Saturday 23rd, May**

Come and join our fun, safe and challenging gymnastics program for school aged girls and boys, free of charge!

Our Educational program not only teaches handstands, cartwheels and somersaults, but has a strong emphasis on spatial and body awareness, allowing children to develop confidence and enhance their coordination, strength, and flexibility.

If you can't make it to our Come & Try Week, no worries, we offer a full money-back guarantee!

**WHERE:**  
Welsey College, Glen Waverley Campus

**WHEN:**  
Monday 18th, May - Saturday 23rd, May

**WHO:**  
5-7 Year Olds (55 min class)  
8-11 Year Olds (1 hr 25 min class)  
11+ Year Olds (1 hr 55 min class)



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