



21/05/2026

Principal's Report

Staff News

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that our Assistant Principal, Mrs Clare Pozzan, and her husband Chris are expecting their second child!

On behalf of our entire school community, we congratulate Clare, Chris and big brother Ollie on this exciting news and wish them all the very best as they prepare to welcome their newest family member.

Foundation 2027 Enrolments

Enrolments for Foundation 2027 are now open. If you have a child born between 1st May 2021 and 30th April 2022, now is the time to enrol, by using our online system from our school website.

<https://www.gwsp.s.vic.edu.au/enrolment-information>

If you have any questions pertaining to enrolment, please call the office.
Ph (03) 9560 6371.



Student Attendance - Every Day Counts

The following extract comes from the DET website:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/attendance-and-missing-school>

Going to school every day is an important part of your child's education. Children and young people learn new things at school every day, connect with friends, have fun and develop good habits that help them to succeed. Attending and participating in school will help your child:

- develop important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- develop social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and teamwork
- establish friendships with peers which help develop self-esteem and a sense of belonging.

There is no good number of days for missing school. Being away from school for 1 day a fortnight adds up to missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. Where possible, you should avoid your child missing school, for example, make appointments for your child outside of school hours and keep family holidays to outside term time.

Missing one day per fortnight adds up to missing four weeks of school a year.



School Routine

Please be reminded of the following School Bell times:

School Bell Times – Normal Day

8.55am	First bell - students collect bags and enter classrooms
8.59am	Music
9.00am	Second bell - rolls marked and students begin their class work
9.00am - 10.55am	Class time (morning block)
10.55am - 11.00am	Morning snack (students eat in their classrooms)
11.00am - 11.30am	Recess
11.30am - 1.30pm	Class time (middle block)
1.30pm - 1.40pm	Lunch eating time (students eat in their classrooms)
1.40pm - 2.30pm	Lunch play time (bell rings for yard duty swap at 2.05pm)
2.30pm - 3.30pm	Class time (afternoon block)

Late Arrivals

When a student arrives after the 9.00am bell, they need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian (16 years or older) to the office first, where the student is signed in on Compass and issued with a late arrival slip (blue). The student then gives this slip to the class teacher, and their attendance will then be changed from “absent” to “late arrival”.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27th May and 3rd June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is All In, a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day.

All In makes clear that reconciliation is not a spectator sport and that all of us must step away from the sidelines and take action to make change.

The theme also reminds us that reconciliation and advancing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights isn't a passive activity, and it is not solely the responsibility of First Nations people, who have carried the weight of championing, explaining and acting for far too long.

Reconciliation will not happen by itself, and it will not happen without all of us.

Students at GWSPS will observe National Reconciliation Week through a variety of learning tasks across different subject areas. The week will end with an assembly item delivered by members of the student RAP Working Group, sharing the progress of our school's Reconciliation Action Plan and the goals the student Working Group is contributing to.

School Council

At our last School Council Meeting, Tuesday 19th May, we endorsed the confirmed cash budget, including the cash flow budget for 2026 and we approved one NDIS agreement.

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th June. 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.



House Athletics/Coach Approach

Tuesday's House Athletics and Coach Approach events were incredibly successful, and we are grateful to all community members who either attended or supported with the various tasks, as well as the fundraising BBQ.

Fundraising committee helpers (Athletics day BBQ):

- Kelly S - Parent of Evelyn-Rae and Willow
- Emily W & Warren B - Parents of Carter & Lincoln
- Youmi L - Parent of Haley
- Rachel L - Parent of Nathan and Eden
- Anu C - Parent of Melissa
- Sasinthini R - Parents of Samutraa, Durga and Pyravii

Parent helpers for the Athletics events:

- Anna Z - Parent of Cindy
- Xenia L - Parent of Ilias
- Claire K - Parent of Laura and Robin
- Paul B - Parent of Jacob and Isabella
- Alec Yankos - Parent of Chloe
- Kushani D - Parent of Linesha and Venesha
- Ally L - Parent of Jaxon & Adelyn
- Sam L - Parent of Oli and Maddy

Annual Report to the School Community

Our 2025 Annual Report to the Community is now available to read on our school website.

2026 Government Schools Principal Conference

Mrs Pozzan, Miss Vaudeau and I will be attending the Victorian Government Schools Principals Conference on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th June at the Melbourne Convention Centre.

The theme this year is ***Leading Together for Excellence and Equity***.

This is an excellent opportunity for Victorian government school principals and assistant principals to:

- hear from renowned thought leaders in education
- discover new ways of thinking about leadership excellence
- learn and reflect from one another.

Inspiration in Education - EDUtech Conference June 2nd – 5th

A number of principal colleagues, Mrs Pozzan, Miss Vaudeau and I will be attending the EDUtech Conference in Sydney on June 2nd – June 5th. This is Australia's largest and most comprehensive conference and exhibition dedicated to shaping the future of learning and teaching across K–12, Higher Education, and VET sectors.

Over the course of the conference, EDUtech brings together the entire education ecosystem—including principals, CIOs, curriculum leaders, teachers, facilities managers, and technology partners—to share best practice, explore emerging innovations, and forge strategic collaborations that drive educational improvement.

The conference program features an outstanding lineup of global education visionaries, including Andy Hargreaves, Rose Luckin, Jason Reynolds, Sarah McKay, and Jason Lodge, and focuses on the most critical themes influencing modern education:



- AI in the classroom and the ethics of generative technology
- Leadership capabilities and institutional strategy
- Digital infrastructure (LMS/SIS) and IT modernisation
- Effective pedagogy, inclusion, and measurable student outcomes
- Sustainable facilities and innovative learning space design

Attending EDUtech 2026 will provide direct access to cutting-edge insights and strategies that are shaping the global education landscape. Participation will enable us to:

- Deepen our understanding of the future of teaching and learning, especially the intersection of technology, pedagogy, and student engagement.
- Engage with national and international thought leaders to explore successful models of digital and pedagogical transformation.
- Build professional networks across sectors, strengthening collaboration between our school, partner schools, and the wider education network.

Industrial Action Update

Following the in-principle agreement reached between the Department of Education and the Australian Education Union (AEU), all industrial action related to negotiations for the new Victorian Government Schools Agreement (VGSA) has now been suspended. This includes the planned stop work action previously scheduled for Wednesday, 10th June.

As outlined in our previous newsletter communication, industrial action had included a ban on written comments being included in Semester 1 student reports for teachers who are members of the AEU. While this ban has now been lifted, the Department of Education has advised schools that it may be difficult for some schools to resume full written comments within the existing reporting timeline.

In line with Department advice, and to ensure reports are distributed to families within our planned schedule, reports for classes where teachers are members of the AEU will proceed in the format previously advised. This means reports will include progression points for achievement, effort and behaviour, but will not include written comments.

We appreciate the understanding and ongoing support of our school community throughout this period.

National Simultaneous Storytime – Wednesday 27th May 12pm

Our school is excited to once again participate in National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) 2026, a nationwide literacy event coordinated annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA).

National Simultaneous Storytime promotes the value of reading and literacy while connecting children across Australia through the shared enjoyment of a picture book. This year's featured story is Luna Roo, a wonderful picture book that celebrates imagination, belonging, and storytelling.



The live National Simultaneous Storytime event will take place on Wednesday 27th May at 12pm, with schools and libraries around the country joining together to read the story at the same time.

We look forward to celebrating this fantastic literacy initiative and continuing to foster a love of reading across our school community.



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	Romandeep M 3E, Declan N 3E, Serena P 3E, Saanvi P 4A
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Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES	
Class	Activity Points
4C	27, 863
3A	26, 785
4A	26, 514
5DA	18, 362
3E	15, 649

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Randal H, 3A	11, 895
Kimbrel H, 5DA	11, 382
Zoey K, 1/2S	8, 784
Vanea K, 4C	6, 115
Sharrvin R, 3A	5, 800



Debbie Dimas
Mathletics Co-ordinator

Year 6-7 transition

All Year 6 students have returned their **Application for Year 7 Placement 2027** form, and we are now awaiting responses from the relevant secondary schools, regarding acceptance of the first preference.

Where placement requests are unsuccessful, an application with the second and third preferences will be submitted to each relevant secondary school, until the student is placed. There will be Appeal Forms available for families who wish to appeal unsuccessful applications. Further information will be provided at that time.

If a student is not placed at any of their preferred schools, he/she will be accepted into their designated neighbourhood school.

For more information about this process please see the Department of Education (DE) link:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/Year-6-7-Placement-information-pack-for-parents-carers.docx>

Enquires can also be made to Lucy Trimmis.

lucy.trimmis@education.vic.gov.au



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.

Talent Show

The Junior School Council is excited to host a Talent Show at lunchtime on Thursday 11th June! Students who are interested in participating will receive an application form over the next week. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to share their special skills and talents with their peers. Each performance will have a maximum duration of 2 minutes. Please speak with your child about whether they have a talent or skill they would like to share and encourage them to get involved!



Lolly Snake Lunchtime

The Junior School Council will be holding a Lolly Snake Lunchtime on Wednesday 27th May. Lolly snakes will be available for purchase for \$1 each, with a limit of one snake per student. We kindly ask that each student brings their own money, rather than bringing money for their siblings, as lollies will be handed out in classrooms. Please note that no change will be given.



Francene Tsoumas
JSC Coordinator



Annette Streets
JSC Coordinator





Glen Waverley South Primary School

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

Friday 12th June 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>



Music News

Congratulations to Anson (4C) who performed at his first Musical Society of Victoria- Waverley Centre concert and to Himeo (5S) and Angela (3E) who also played beautifully.



Marika
Violin & Piano Teacher



Guitar News

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

Vishruth P – 4A Excellent Progress

Kimbrel H – 5D Excellent Progress

Randal H - 3A Excellent Progress

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

Albert Axiaq

Ass. Dip of Edu. (Music)

Bachelor of Arts (Music)

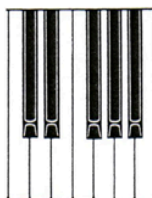


Music Lessons



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
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



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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 Axiaq on 0409411815, including the purchasing of a guitar.



Glen Waverley South Primary School

ABN 49 140 012 401

21st May 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.



NEW JACQUARD BEANIE

\$18^{.00} EACH



Or go to:
<https://www.psw.com.au/schools/glen-waverley-south-primary-school.html>



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Primary School



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Dates to Remember

May 2026

Friday	22 nd	Interschool Sports Round 2.
Monday	25 th	Last day to consent/pay Lv 6 Shrine of Remembrance excursion.
Wednesday	27 th	National Simultaneous Storytime. JSC – Killer Python lolly fundraiser. Last day to consent/pay for Lv 1/2 Toys Through History incursion.
Friday	29 th	Interschool Sports Round 3. Whole School Assembly at 2.50pm. Last day to consent/pay for Lv 3/4 Mad About Science incursion.

June 2026

Monday	1 st	Lv 6 Shrine of Remembrance excursion.
Tuesday	2 nd	Division Cross Country (selected students).
Wednesday	3 rd	Lv 1/2 Toys Through History incursion.
Friday	5 th	Lv 3/4 Mad About Science incursion.
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.
Thursday	11 th	JSC – Talent show (during lunchtime – student event only).
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	Last Day of Term 2 – school finishes at 2.30pm. OSH is available on this day. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.

