



16/07/2026

Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you all enjoyed spending time with family and friends over the holiday break. It has been lovely to see students and teachers looking refreshed after the break and ready for a terrific term three. We already have many activities planned for the term, so I encourage you to regularly check Compass, the school calendar, and level newsletters for upcoming events and payment dates.

Industrial Action

Many of you will be aware of proposed AEU (Australian Education Union) industrial action including a stop work on Thursday July 23rd. As a result of this action, we expect significant disruption to the normal operation of the school. We will have reduced staffing on the day, and it will not be possible to provide our usual teaching, learning and extracurricular programs. Please note further information will be distributed in the coming days. Stay tuned!

Staffing News

A huge congratulations to Miss Jessie Hare, who recently got engaged to her partner, Cameron, over the holiday period. We wish Jessie and Cameron all the very best in their future. Wonderful news!

As already mentioned in our last newsletter, Miss Francene Tsoumas (1/2T) is on leave for the first 4 weeks of this term. Miss Tsoumas is being replaced by Miss Mandy Chen in weeks 1&2 and we are delighted to welcome back Miss Tamara Todorovic, who will be replacing Miss Tsoumas in weeks 3&4.

Miss Dasuni Jayasinghe (STEM) will be on leave from weeks 3-7. We welcome back, Miss Kelsey Dixon who will be replacing her during her absence.

Congratulations Mrs Debbie Dimas!

On behalf of the GWSPS community, I would like to extend a huge congratulations to Mrs Debbie Dimas, who will be recognised by the Department of Education at a special event this coming Tuesday after completing 35 years of service and still going. An outstanding effort, Mrs Dimas! Wishing you all the very best on your achievement and hope you have a great celebration day on Tuesday! We thank you for your valued service to our community and acknowledge your amazing contribution to education, and in particular the GWSPS learning community.



AusAlert



A national alert system will be tested on Monday 27th July at 2pm. AusAlert is a new national emergency warning system. It sends warning messages to compatible mobile devices during emergencies. You can minimise disruption by turning off mobile devices or switching them to aeroplane mode before 2 pm on Monday 27 July. You should leave these off for one hour, as operationally appropriate. Whilst students will be out on a lunch break at that time, we are attempting to forward plan to minimise disruption and not cause any anxiety for students at that time. You can learn more about AusAlert via the [Australian Government website here](#).

National Outside School Hours Care Educators' Day - Wednesday 29th July 2026.

This year's theme for National Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Educators' Day is "*Valuing OOSH Educators Every Day*".

OSHC Educators play an important part in our community by providing safe and engaging programs which support families to work or attend to other commitments. We would like to recognise the significant contribution our OSHC educators and program leaders make and thank them for their tirelessly work within our OSHC program and the wider school community.

When you see our OSHC team make sure to let them know how valued they are and your appreciation for all they do.

Every Day Counts - The importance of regular school attendance

At Glen Waverley South Primary School, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or tests, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher or myself about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via Compass so we can work together to support them.

Remember, Every Day Counts.



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



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NAPLAN 2026

The individual NAPLAN results for our Year 3 and 5 students were released this week. NAPLAN measures student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling and grammar and punctuation against 4 proficiency levels:

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will receive information about what the proficiency levels mean. Australian Catholic University's Jessica Holloway, an expert in educational data and accountability recently noted, *"conversations that parents have with their children about the results can really change the way that a child thinks about themselves, not only in the immediate time but also for the future. Teachers are the ones who are on the ground. They're the ones who know the students better than anybody. And they're able to speak, really expertly, on the student's progress and achievement level"*.

As always, you're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these results.

Active Kids – All Year Round

Winter has well and truly arrived which means it is getting colder outside. The cold weather does not mean that it is time to curl up inside and put physical activity on hold for a few months. Actually, quite the opposite – encouraging children to be active during the colder months is a great foundation for laying positive habits for their later years and helping to create a generation who enjoy and participate in physical activity all year round.

Exercise decreases the stress hormones such as cortisol and increases endorphins. Endorphins are the body's natural feel-good chemicals, and when they are released through exercise, your mood is boosted naturally.

So how much activity do children need? Children should participate in approximately 60 minutes of physical activity, including activity that makes them 'huff and puff' each day.

NAIDOC Week Celebration

Held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), NAIDOC Week celebrates and recognises the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations

As NAIDOC Week falls during school holidays, we acknowledge this significant date at GWSPS during the first week of Term 3. As part of our school celebrations of NAIDOC Week, we are having a NAIDOC week afternoon event on Friday 17th of July from 2:40-3:20pm. All students will be participating in a range of fun activities during this afternoon, including First Nations story time, bookmark making, collaborative artwork, First Nations games and skipping, weaving and sand art. We are inviting all parents to join us for these celebrations. Students are also encouraged to wear red, black or yellow as part of their outfit to honour NAIDOC week.



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2020)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools.
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools.
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](#).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](#). If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Enrol Now for Foundation 2027!

We are currently receiving high interest for our 2027 Foundation enrolments and need to establish how many siblings of our enrolled students are due to start at GWSPS next year. I would like to thank those families who have already enrolled their child for next year. If you have a child starting Foundation, please ensure you have completed their enrolment form as soon as possible.

Swimming

The 2-week whole school intensive swimming program is set to begin on Monday the 10th of August and will run until Friday the 21st of August. Level 5/6 students will complete 10 days of the program, Monday-Friday both weeks. Students in Levels 1-4 will complete 8 days of the program, Monday-Thursday both weeks.

Swimming and water safety is a vital part of your child's education and is included in the Health and Physical Education curriculum from Foundation – Level 10. This requires schools to ensure that they are implementing a swimming and water safety program that meets the requirements of the curriculum.



We encourage all students to participate in this program. Please provide consent & payment on Compass by the due date. If you do not wish your child to participate in the swimming program, please contact your child's teacher directly via email to inform us.

Thank you to Miss Hare for organising this valuable program for our students!

First Assembly for Term 3

Our first assembly for this term will be held next Friday 24th June at 2:50pm in the school gym. All parents/carers are welcome to attend!

PSW Uniform Price Adjustment Notification

A letter from PSW:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of an upcoming adjustment to our pricing. Effective October 1st, 2026, we will be implementing a modest 3% increase across our uniform range. This decision has not been made lightly. Ongoing political instability in the Middle East has significantly increased international shipping and freight costs, alongside continued pressure from rising labour costs and unfavourable exchange rates. While these combined cost increases have been substantial, we are only passing on a small percentage of them to our school communities.

Our focus remains steadfast on ensuring affordability and quality for families, and this approach has allowed us to offer consistent value despite difficult external economic challenges.

We remain committed to delivering quality uniforms for your school community that reflect both durability and value. Please rest assured that this price adjustment is necessary to sustain our high standards and continued service excellence.

Should you have any questions regarding this adjustment or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,
Adam Wilkinson



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Principal



FINAL REMINDER for ICAS 2026

This is a final reminder for parents who would like their child to participate in ICAS this year. ICAS is an online academic competition for students in **Grade 3-6**. Please go to the Parent Portal to register for your chosen subjects.

Registration closes on **Monday 27 July at 11:59pm**.

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

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

1. Direct login link

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

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

OR

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

The table below contains the cost and date windows for each of the 6 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

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Tineke Reincke
 ICAS Coordinator

Victorian High Ability Program - Term 2

VHAP is a 10-week online enrichment program for high-ability students in Years 5 & 6 at Victorian government schools. The program supports students to build critical thinking, problem-solving and creativity in English and Mathematics.

Throughout the term students explored the human endeavour of telling stories. Students considered the history, power, and purpose of stories, and unpacked the elements of great stories. By applying narrative structure, voice, character development, setting and language, students developed their creative writing skills whilst crafting a narrative of their own.

Congratulations to the 6 students who completed the VHAP English course during Term 2.

Victorian High-Ability Program Primary English Course: Stories that shape us
Teju B Nathan K Cindy L Yashitha S Evelyn S Lucas Y

The students will be receiving their certificates during our whole school assembly next week on **Friday, 24th July 2026**.

Victorian High Ability Program - Term 3

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.

This term in VHAP, the English course has been revamped. Students will grapple with non-linear storytelling using a variety of strategies to subvert traditional, chronological ways of telling stories. Students will explore frameworks such as multi-form texts, narrative voice, parallel plots and non-chronological timelines. Along the way, students will build a toolkit of writing strategies and grammatical techniques which they will employ to support them in crafting their own non-linear text. Students will be supported to expand their understanding of what 'non-linear' means, considering the way that authors/creators can employ a variety of techniques and story-craft strategies to draw their reader/audience deeper into the story.

For Term 3, we are pleased to have 12 students selected for the VHAP English Course: Down the Rabbit Hole.

Congratulations to: Rishab M, Mehra M, Evie M, Avyana M, Sophie L, Matilda H, Siddarth S, Jessica D, Ahad C, Lincoln B, Carter B and Ayaan A.



Tineke Reincke
HAPL Coordinator

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 are awarded their first Gold certificate of the year, after that they are awarded their first Emerald and Legend certificates of the year. Silver, Bronze or any other certificates are not awarded at assembly.

The awarded certificates are collated every fortnight, and the names of the students are published in this newsletter the week after the cycle ends. Subsequently, the students receive their certificates in assembly the following week. Therefore, students receive them at assembly a few weeks after they have been awarded to them on their Mathletics account.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their first Gold and Emerald certificates in the period: 15th June – 12th July. They will receive their certificates in the next assembly:

GOLD	Zoey K 1/2S, Aryaa B 4C, Eunice S 5S
EMERALD	Randal H 3A, Kimbrel H 5DA, Aarin J 1/2T, Robin R 1/2T

Reminder that these students received their first Gold and Emerald certificates in the period: 1st June - 14th June (as mentioned in the last newsletter). They will also receive their certificates this week.

GOLD	Jaxon L 6J, Ray Y 4C, Michael A-B 3E, Eshan K 5DA, Joe P 1/2T, Vihaan C 4A
EMERALD	Vannea K 4C

Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES	
Class	Activity Points
4C	33, 327
3A	28, 938
5DA	27, 799
4A	22, 009
3E	19, 060

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Randal H, 3A	18, 597
Kimbrel H, 5DA	15, 635
Vannea K, 4C	8, 350
Minh QD, 4A	7, 463
Hasnain B, 6C	5, 220



Debbie Dimas
Mathematics Co-ordinator

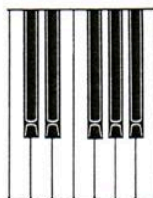


Music Lessons



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.



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.

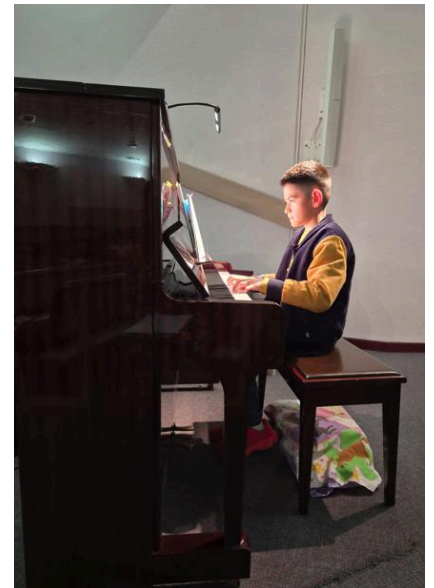
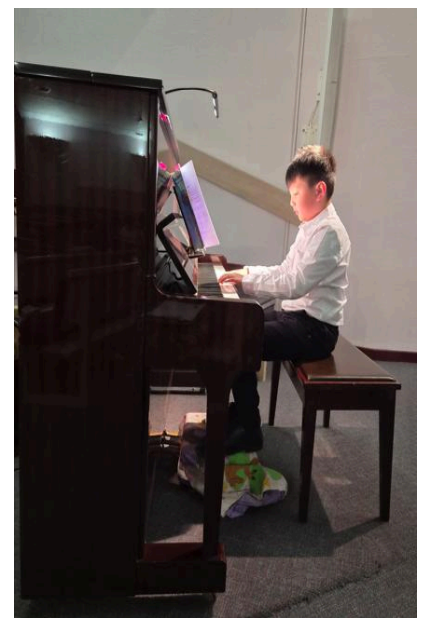


Music News

Congratulations to Melissa (3E) who performed at her first Musical Society of Victoria – Waverley Centre and to Himeo (5S), Anson (4C) and Angela (3E) who also played brilliantly.

Marika

Violin and Piano Lesson Teacher



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.

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



Glen Waverley South
Primary School



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GLEN WAVERLEY, 3150
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TRADING HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9AM - 5PM
SATURDAY: 9AM - 2PM

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Dates to Remember

July 2026

Friday	17 th	NAIDOC Week Celebration 2.40pm – 3.20pm.
Wednesday	22 nd	Lv 5/6 Science Discover Dome Incursion.
Tuesday	28 th	Last day to return your Pancake Day order form.
Friday	31 st	2027 Foundation enrolments due. Foundation 100 Days of School Celebration.

August 2026

Monday	3 rd	Last day to Consent/Payment for Lv 1-6 Swimming Program. Last day to fill in Swimming Parent Helper form.
Friday	7 th	JSC Pancake & Pyjama Day.
Monday 10 th – Thursday 13 th Lv 1/4 Swimming Lessons Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th Lv 5/6 Swimming Lessons		
Tuesday	11 th	Last day for Lv 6 Parent/Carers to return their 'Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip'.
Monday 17 th – Thursday 20 th Lv 1/4 Swimming Lessons Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st Lv 5/6 Swimming Lessons		
Tuesday	18 th	Last day for Lv 6 Parent/Carers to lodge an Appeal to the Regional Director if they have been unsuccessful with their appeal at their preferred school.
Friday	21 st	Foundation First Firefighter Visit.
Wednesday	26 th	Book Character Parade. Book Fair – more information to come.



Community News

2026 Junior Development Program

Get a head start over Winter, join the Softball Victoria Junior Development Program tailored to beginner to intermediate skilled players from 7 to 15 years of age, and develop fundamental skills and game sense leading into the 2026/2027 Summer season!

Venues across metro Melbourne and Regional Victoria, visit the website or scan the QR code for further details

- ✓ Learn from experienced coaches and state representative players
- ✓ Experience and develop the different elements of Softball including batting, fielding, pitching, catching and base running
- ✓ 2 hours each week over 6 weeks
- ✓ \$90 registration includes participant pack with T-shirt, cap & drink bottle

Shaping Tomorrow's Softball Stars

REGISTER HERE:
www.softballvic.org.au/events/363067



All participants who register with an affiliated Victorian softball club for the 2026/2027 season by 9 October 2026, will be eligible for a \$20 refund from Softball Victoria!

INDOOR SPORTS

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS

FIRST SESSION = FREE TRIAL

SOCCER

TENNIS

CRICKET

BASKETBALL

NETBALL

DAY&TIME
 Mon & Wed
 5:30-6:30pm

AGE
 5-11
 Years old

PRICE
 \$15/
 session

Springvale Indoor Sports

REGISTER

PARTIES

SPACE JUMP PARTY

SPORTS PARTY

DODGEMCAR PARTY

BUBBLE SOCCER PARTY

NERF PARTY

LASER TAG PARTY

STARTING FROM \$268 (10 children)
 KIDS FOOD INCLUDED!



Community News



Woolworths 

NET SET GO!

SPRING SEASON 2026



Woolworths NetSetGo is Australia's leading grassroots netball program, designed for children aged 5-10 to experience the joy of netball in a fun, safe, and welcoming community

SPRING DATES



Waverley Netball Centre
Corner Waverley & Jells Rd, Glen Waverley

TUESDAY PROGRAM

Week 1: 21st July
Week 2: 28th July
Week 3: 4th August
Week 4: 11th August
Week 5: 18th August
Week 6: 25th August
Week 7: 1st September
Week 8: 8th September
Week 9: 15th September
Week 10: 6th October
Week 11: 13th October
Week 12: 20th October
Week 13: 27th October
Week 14: 10th November
Week 15: 17th November
Week 16: 24th November

FRIDAY PROGRAM

Week 1: 17th July
Week 2: 24th July
Week 3: 31st July
Week 4: 7th August
Week 5: 14th August
Week 6: 21st August
Week 7: 28th August
Week 8: 4th September
Week 9: 11th September
Week 10: 9th October
Week 11: 16th October
Week 12: 23rd October
Week 13: 6th November
Week 14: 13th November
Week 15: 20th November
Week 16: 27th November

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