



13/08/2026

Principal's Report

Staffing

Last Friday we welcomed back Miss Tsoumas following an extended leave of absence. Welcome back, Francene, to wintry Melbourne after a European summer! It was also lovely to welcome back Miss Todorovic over the last couple of weeks, working in 1/2T during Miss Tsoumas' leave period.

Mrs Dimas will be on leave from Monday 24th August until the end of term 3. We wish Mrs Dimas all the very best during her leave period and trip to Europe. More information to follow regarding a replacement teacher for 5DA.

2027 Prep Offers

Families would have received their offer for a prep place in 2027 last Monday. I would ask all families to check their communications and emails and to let us know that you are accepting the offer as soon as possible. Soon, those that have accepted the offer will receive an introduction email outlining the next steps and also information regarding our Prep transition program next term. If you have any questions regarding placements or you have not yet applied to enrol, please contact the office for more information.

Principals' Day

Last Friday was a chance to celebrate Principals' Day. In a role that continues to evolve, principals are often asked to manage trauma, grief, significant events and external influences. The job is incredibly rewarding but also can find you managing complexity and challenges, indeed the role of schools has changed and continues to evolve. As well as being places of academic learning, schools are now pivotal in supporting student health and wellbeing and fostering social connection. Parents and carers look to schools for support as they raise children and adolescents in our complex world.

Clare, Elise and I are deeply appreciative that we get to work with our school community, to see our students, staff and families have trust in our school and to support what we are looking to achieve. We were delighted to receive the well wishes of our students and staff and the kind words offered by our students during the assembly. Please accept our thanks for your kindness and your support.

School Council

At our last School Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th August we approved the Levels 3/4 and 5/6 Camps. Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th September commencing at 5:00pm in the staff room. If you would like to attend as a visitor, please contact the office.

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

On Monday 17th August, an invitation, through Compass, to all parents/guardians/carers of our community will be sent out asking you to participate in this year's Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey. At GWSPS we value suggestions and ideas for future planning and improvement and encourage all families to provide



feedback to our school so that we can continue to provide an engaging learning environment and extra-curricular opportunities for our students.

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will have received an invitation via Compass to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 17th August to Friday 18th September 2026**. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 15-20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

VPA Conference

Clare, Elise and I will be attending the Victorian Principal's Association (VPA) Annual Conference on Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th August, in Geelong. The theme for this 2-day event is, Leading with Connection & Purpose.

These conferences present us with a fantastic opportunity to learn and share.

Potential Industrial Action – Wednesday 19th August 2026

As you may already be aware, there is another teacher stop-work day scheduled for next Wednesday 19th August.

The Department of Education has this week presented a revised Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) offer which is currently being considered by the unions and individual bargaining representatives.

The revised offer is currently with Australian Education Union (AEU) members for consideration by 10am on Monday 17th August, and should the EBA offer be accepted, the industrial action currently proposed by the AEU will not proceed.

At this stage, therefore, we are unable to confirm whether stop-work action will take place next Wednesday. I will provide the school community with an update as early as possible once the outcome of the AEU member vote is known.

I appreciate your flexibility and support as this process continues and recognise the importance of providing families with as much notice as possible regarding any impact on normal school operations.

Professional Practice Day (Pupil Free Day) Friday 4th September 2026 –

No OSH on this day!

Please be reminded that we will be having a Professional Practice Day (Pupil Free Day) on **Friday 4th September 2026**. Whilst this is 5 weeks away, we wanted to give families plenty of notice that the school will be closed on this day as staff will be off site. Also, and importantly, our Out of School Hours Care program will **not** be running on this day. Please make a note of this in your calendars and we will post several reminders leading up to the day.

Bullying Prevention Week:

Next week is Bullying No Way Week. The week, running from Monday 17th to Friday 21st August 2026, is a chance to take further action to make our schools safer for all students.

The theme for the week is 'Small Acts, Big Impact'. It is a reminder that meaningful change often comes through small, deliberate actions. Schools know better than most that in every part of life, a small act of kindness can go a long way; even something as simple as a welcoming smile can make a big difference in a



student's day. This is the culture we are all driven to foster. A culture that is safe, welcoming, inclusive and supportive. A culture that does not tolerate bullying in any form.

Shortly we will be seeking community feedback on our 'Bullying Prevention Policy'. Stay tuned for further information in the coming weeks as we continue to work towards making every day at school a positive experience for our students.

Child safety and wellbeing at Glen Waverley South Primary School: information for families and the school community

Glen Waverley South Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: <https://www.gwsps.vic.edu.au/school-policies>

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the school office on 9560 6371 or at glen.waverley.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au, and a member of our Leadership team will be notified.



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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. 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. 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. The students then receive their certificates in assembly the following week, which means students will 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 Emerald certificates in the period: 27th July – 9th August. They will receive their certificates in the next assembly:

EMERALD	Romandeep M 3E, Ayden K 1/2S
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Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES		TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Class	Activity Points	Student	Activity Points
5DA	25, 792	Kimbrel H, 5DA	11, 160
5S	22, 857	Randal H, 3A	9,130
6C	17, 119	Hasnain B, 6C	5, 260
6D	15, 250	Emma W, 1/2T	3,739
6J	12, 850	Sheridan S, 1/2L	3, 530



Debbie Dimas
Mathematics Co-ordinator



ICAS Information – Assessment Dates

ICAS assessments have begun and will continue to be staggered throughout the next 3 weeks. If you have selected for your child to participate in any or all of the ICAS assessments, please see below for assessment dates.

Week 6 assessments – Monday 17th August 9:00am: Science

Wednesday 19th August 9:00am: Spelling Bee

Week 7 assessments – Monday 24th 9:00am: Mathematics

The assessments will be conducted at school, during class time, under strict test conditions. As you will appreciate, with the busy life of Primary School and timetabling restrictions, we are unable to change any of the scheduled assessment sessions. Please ensure that your child is at school on the given assessment dates and that they are on time, as we will be unable to delay the start time. If your child is absent, we unfortunately **cannot guarantee a makeup session**. Each assessment is only open for the one week it is scheduled for.



Tineke Reincke
ICAS Coordinator

Premiers' Reading Challenge

A reminder that The Premiers' Reading Challenge will close on Friday the 4th September 2026. Please encourage your children to continue reading and complete the challenge no later than the 2nd September 2026 (2 days before the challenge officially closes). This is to make sure we have time to complete the administration side of closing the challenge.

If you have any further questions about the challenge, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. D'Souza or Mrs. Lawrence.

Thank you!



Nive D'Souza
Lv 6 Teacher
PLC Leader & PRC Coordinator

Little Angle Kits – Year 5 Students

The Victorian Government is committed to increasing the number and diversity of people fishing and enjoying Victoria's local seafood, growing healthy and sustainable fisheries sectors and contributing to Victoria's social and economic prosperity. This is why the Victorian Government distributed 95,000 Little Angler kits to primary aged students in 2023/24, via the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as part of a \$1.5M election commitment, funded via the sale of Victorian recreational fishing licences, i.e. funded by recreational fishers.

The aim of this election commitment was to continue to grow recreational fishing participation in Victoria, by actively encouraging primary school aged children to learn more about the art of fishing, marine life and the natural environment. Encouraging children to be outside and active aligns with whole of Victorian Government initiatives underway to optimise health, wellbeing, connectedness and inclusiveness in Victoria.

Following the successful implementation of the commitment, the Victorian Government will run the program again in 2026, via the Victorian Fisheries Authority, offering 82,500 Little Angler kits to primary school children in 2026.

The FREE kits provide a wonderful school holiday activity for children with their families and help ease the cost of living, providing a fun activity close to home.

Grade 5 students at all Victorian schools, including ours, will be offered the opportunity to receive a FREE Little Angler Kit. Grade 5 students have been selected based on the Victorian Curriculum focus, movement and motor development, and safety considerations.

The program is entirely voluntary. Schools were provided with the option to opt out of the program. Our school has opted to stay in the program so that parents can decide whether they want their child(ren) to receive a fishing kit.

Opt out

Parents of Grade 5 students can advise the school if they do not wish their child(ren) to participate for any reason whatsoever. We support parents in making decisions that align with their family values and beliefs.

Receiving kits

The roll out of kits will occur in August 2026 so that all participating children will have a kit in time for the September school holidays.

The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle (including fishing hooks and lead-free sinkers) and information on how to use them to catch a fish. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket inside the fishing kit bag, which will be sealed with a cable tie to discourage students from opening their kits until they are with a parent or carer. The kits will also have a safety label attached to the outside of the kit bag, recommending that students wait to open the kits until they are under the care and supervision of an adult.

Kits will be handed out to students to take home with them as soon as the school receives them. Teachers will tell students not to open the kits until they are safely at home with a parent or carer, however parents can contact the school and request to collect their kit from the school themselves if they prefer.

More information

For instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish, visit the [Little Angler hub](#).

[Frequently Asked Questions for Parents - VFA](#) [Little Angler Kits - VFA](#)

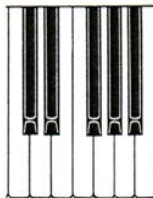


Music Lessons



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!

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Glen Waverley South Primary School

ABN 49 140 012 401

13th August 2026



Mad On Music

Dear Parent(s),
MOM is holding their annual

Glen Waverley South PS & St. Margaret Mary's PS CONCERT

DATE: FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026 TIME: 7.00 PM SHARP

PLACE: TEMPLESTOWE BAPTIST CHURCH

103-105 ANDERSON'S CREEK ROAD, DONCASTER EAST 3109

The Concert is a fun and exciting time where the students get to perform in front of family and friends and show what they have learnt throughout the year.

MOM Concerts are **non profit** events and are an essential part of music. It gives students a goal to work towards and allows all their hard work and practising to be well appreciated.

The Production Cost goes towards assisting the hiring of the venue, equipment, running costs and paying concert helpers.

This cost has been included in your Term 3 Invoice.



There will be a light supper for everyone after the concert. We kindly ask that each family bring a plate so that the students can enjoy their after Concert Party!

Children's attire for the concert is as follows:

GIRLS: Black stockings, black skirt or pants, white shirt or blouse, black shoes.

BOYS: Black pants, black shoes, white shirt, and bow tie.



NOTE: *There may be a costume associated with your child's concert item.
Students are asked to bring whatever has been arranged in a plastic bag to the concert.
Students will change into this when it is time to perform.*

Email Concert Reply slip to Mad On Music ASAP.
(This has been attached as a separate document in your email)

EMAIL: admin@madonmusic.com.au

Note: *This year's concert details will be available on the MOM website two weeks prior to Concerts commencing.
The office may be unattended on the day of the concert - please resolve all enquires prior to the day.*

Thanks from the Mad On Music team!



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Dates to Remember

August 2026

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. School Assembly at 2.50pm (families welcome).
Wednesday	26 th	Last day for Consent/Payment for the Lv 1/2 Mad About Science Incursion. Book Character Parade 9.15am-10.00am (families welcome). Book Fair 3.30pm – 4.00pm.
Thursday	27 th	Book Fair 8.30am – 8.45am & 3.30pm – 4.00pm.
Friday	28 th	Book Fair 8.30am – 8.45am.

September 2026

Lv 5-6 Camp CYC Adanac – Yarra Junction Monday 31 st August – Wednesday 2 nd September		
Wednesday	2 nd	Lv 1/2 Mad About Science Incursion.
Thursday	3 rd	Father's Day morning 8.45am – 9.30am (families welcome) Father's Day Stall
Friday	4 th	Professional Practice Day / Curriculum Day – No students at school School is closed on this day and there will be no staff onsite. No OSH on this day. OSH will not be running on this day.
Thursday	10 th	F-2 Book Week in Schools Production Incursion RU Ok? Day – Whole School Lunch.
Friday	11 th	Lv 5/6 Basketball Gala Day. School Assembly 2.50pm (families welcome).
Tuesday	15 th	Foundation Second Firefighter Visit. Japanese Afternoon.
Wednesday	16 th	Foundation Teddy Bear Picnic. Lv 3-6 District Athletics Day (selected students).
Friday	18 th	Footy Colours Day. JSC Fundraising Hot Dog Lunch. School Assembly at 2pm (families welcome). Last Day of Term 3 – School finishes at 2:30pm. OSH is available on this day from 2.30pm. Bookings are essential, please call Karen on 0409 168 410.



Community News



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SPRING SEASON 2026

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SPRING DATES

TUESDAY PROGRAM	FRIDAY PROGRAM
Week 1: 27 th July	Week 1: 17 th July
Week 2: 28 th July	Week 2: 24 th July
Week 3: 4 th August	Week 3: 31 st July
Week 4: 11 th August	Week 4: 7 th August
Week 5: 18 th August	Week 5: 14 th August
Week 6: 25 th August	Week 6: 21 st August
Week 7: 1 st September	Week 7: 28 th August
Week 8: 8 th September	Week 8: 4 th September
Week 9: 15 th September	Week 9: 11 th September
Week 10: 22 nd October	Week 10: 18 th October
Week 11: 29 th October	Week 11: 25 th October
Week 12: 5 th November	Week 12: 1 st November
Week 13: 12 th November	Week 13: 8 th November
Week 14: 19 th November	Week 14: 15 th November
Week 15: 26 th November	Week 15: 22 nd November
Week 16: 3 rd December	Week 16: 29 th November

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