



08/10/2026

Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone! I hope all our students and families enjoyed a relaxing break and are ready for an exciting Term 4 ahead. Term 4 is always an extremely busy time, and this term is no different. We have our Whole School Production, Level 3/4 camp, Foundation Swimming Program, 2027 Foundation Transition, Level 5/6 Parliament Incursion, Foundation Chesterfield Farm Excursion, Level 1/2 Sleepover, Japanese Day, School Transition Day, Christmas Concert, Graduation, and many more activities as well.

Of course, between all of that, our focus remains on providing the best possible learning outcomes for our students. By ensuring we can provide a safe and happy learning environment that is well supported by the broader community, we go a long way to achieving this goal.

Staff News

Next week we look forward to welcoming back Mr Con Vellios, Ms Lucy Trimmis and Mrs Nive D'Souza. We hope you all had wonderful trips respectively!

I will be beginning Maternity Leave on Thursday 15th October. Thank you to everyone for your support. I look forward to returning in 2028!

Production

On Tuesday 13th October and Wednesday 14th October we are very much looking forward to our whole school production, 'The Tomb of Truth'.

Students and teachers have been working hard over the past few months to prepare for the production. A huge thank you to Mr Peter Jenkins for coordinating the event, Ms Miriam Ercole & Miss Elise Vaudeau for coordinating all the costumes, and the production working group (Dashara, Ashlee, Jessie, Nive, Kathy, Hannah, Amnah & Lucy).

Another big thank you to the Fundraising committee for preparing the canteen for the production evenings. Food and drink items will be available before the show and during interval (cash & EFTPOS accepted). All proceeds go towards the school.

A few reminders:

All students will perform on both nights (supervised by GWSPS staff at the venue)

Drop off time: 5pm (Main Cast) and 6pm (all other students)

Pick up time: 8.30pm - 8.45pm (estimated)

- Venue: Kel Watson Theatre, Forst Hill College: 178-180 Mahoneys Road, Burwood East
- Tickets are still available for purchase through 'Try Booking' – See recent Compass post for details.
- OSH will only be open until 5pm on both production days.



No Hat, No Play

Please be reminded that the 'No Hat No Play' policy commenced from the 1st September. All students will be required to wear a School Council approved hat while outdoors. Students without a school hat will be limited to play in areas covered by shade covers. School hats are available from PSW Glen Waverley, 342-350 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley (Behind Officeworks).

School Newsletter

The School Newsletter is a fortnightly publication, with the 'The Dates to Remember' on the alternate weeks. When these items are available you will be notified via Compass and will be able to access these publications on the school website at <https://www.gwsps.vic.edu.au/newsletter>

Important Date – Pupil Free Day

A reminder that this term there are two dates for parents to place in their diaries. The school will be running a pupil-free day on Monday 2nd November leading into the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday on Tuesday 3rd November. Classes will not be running on the Monday, and all staff will be working off site. This includes our Out of School Hours Program, which will also not be running on the Monday. Please make alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of your children on this date.

2027 Class Placements

Last term an invitation was extended to parents to provide us with input regarding their child's educational needs for our consideration during the class student placement process. Any requests regarding your children being/not being placed with a particular student should be put in writing in an email and sent to the school email address, glen.waverley.south.psw@education.vic.gov.au by Friday 9th October (tomorrow). Thank you to those parents who have already forwarded their requests. Please note that requests for specific teachers will not be considered under any circumstances.

All staff are committed to meeting the educational needs of all students. Considerable thought, planning and time goes into placing children into classes. Every effort is made to place each child in a learning environment that is happy, productive and successful.

To further assist us in our planning for the 2027 school year it is imperative that we have as accurate a figure as possible of enrolments for 2027. If you have any kindergarten children ready for Foundation next year and you haven't yet enrolled them, please do so at your earliest convenience. Also, if you know anyone who is intending to enrol their child at GWSPS but hasn't done so already, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. If they are unsure about the process, please direct them to call the office for assistance. It is equally important to know if any families of children currently in Foundation to Level 5 are leaving GWSPS in 2027. If you are in this category, please inform the office staff using the form in this newsletter.



School Council

At our last school council meeting on Tuesday 15th September, the following policies were consulted on and approved:

- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Abuse (including grooming) - identification and responses (formerly Child Safety responding and reporting obligations - including mandatory reporting)
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Fundraising Policy
- Child Safety Risk Register
- Class Placement
- Curriculum Framework
- Working With Children Clearance Register Procedure

All policies are available to view on our school website: <https://www.gwsps.vic.edu.au/school-policies>

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 20th October at 5pm, please contact the office if you're interested in coming along.

Fundraising Parent Helpers – Thank You

Thank you to the following fantastic parent volunteers who assisted with the Hot Dog lunch on the last day of Term 3:

Kelly - parent of Willow and Evelyn-Rae

Stephanie - parent of Ayden and Anson

Anu - parent of Melissa

Patricia & Seth - parents of Struan

Emily - parent of Carter & Lincoln

Lilian - parent of Adrian

A very successful event! This event raised \$720.75.

Foundation Swimming– Thank You

Thank you to the wonderful parent volunteers who are assisting with the Foundation Swimming Program.



Divisional Athletics

Congratulations to Lachlan O in 5S, and Leon J in 6D who has qualified for the Regional Athletics event!

Lachlan finished 1st in both Shot Put and Discus, and Leon finished 2nd in the 200m sprint. Excellent effort!

We wish Lachlan & Leon all the very best of luck in the finals!

And well done to all of our other student representatives at the Divisional event. Great effort to reach this stage!

Level 3/4 Camp

On Wednesday 21st October, our Level 3/4's head off to CYC's Forest Edge Camp. Thank you to our wonderful Level 3/4 teachers for all of the organisation and preparation, and to our fantastic parent helpers for supporting the camp. We wish you all a safe and fun camp!

Parent Opinion Survey Results

We would like to thank the parents that completed the annual Parent Opinion Survey. We recently received the results, and we are very happy with the feedback. Please note that we always welcome and embrace feedback from community members as all the staff at Glen Waverley South Primary School are committed to making this the best possible school for all our students.

We are still unpacking a lot of the data we received but we would like to share with you some of the initial results:

PARENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	% Positive responses
Parent /Carer participation and involvement	80%
I feel this school values parent/carers' contributions	82%
School communication	92%
I am able to get the information I need through the school's regular communication channels	100%
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with any concerns I might have	89%
The school takes parents/carers concerns seriously	86%
Teacher Communication	77%
There is effective two-way communication between the teachers and parents/carers at this school	89%
Student reports	88%
My child's report is easy to understand	96%
SCHOOL ETHOS AND ENVIRONMENT	% Positive responses
General satisfaction	86%



Overall, I am satisfied with the education my child receives from this school	86%
Physical environment	100%
This school has clean and well-maintained facilities and grounds	100%
School improvement	73%
This school always aims to improve the quality of education it provides	86%
School pride and confidence	86%
I feel confident that this school provides a good standard of education for my child	86%

STUDENT COGNITIVE ENGAGEMENT	% Positive responses
High expectations for success	84%
Teachers at this school expect my child to do their best	79%
The school celebrates student achievements in all areas	89%
Student motivation and support	88%
My child gets extra help with learning from teachers when needed	82%
My child feels motivated by their teachers to learn	93%
Stimulating learning environment	80%
This school provides diverse programs for my child's interests and abilities	86%
The teachers are very good at making learning engaging	86%
Effective teaching	83%
Teachers are enthusiastic and positive about teaching	96%
My child can explore their own interests when it is related to their class work	82%

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT	% Positive responses
Student agency and voice	83%
This school provides opportunities for my child to make decisions and solve problems	93%
This school provides opportunities for my child to develop a sense of responsibility	96%

STUDENT SAFETY	% Positive responses
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Managing bullying	89%
My child feels safe at school	96%
My child feels confident about the skills and strategies they have learnt at school to address bullying behaviours	81%
Non-experience of bullying	93%
My child has been bullied recently at school^	93%
Promoting positive behaviour	93%
This school has a consistent approach to promoting positive student behaviour	89%
Teachers at this school model positive behaviour	96%
Respect for diversity	95%
The school respects and values my family's beliefs and wishes	89%
This school communicates the importance of respecting all cultural beliefs and practices	96%
This school treats my child with respect	100%
Student Wellbeing and Support	93%
This school cares about my child's safety	100%
This school cares about my child's wellbeing	96%
I understand who at the school I can speak to about my child's safety and wellbeing	96%
This school can arrange wellbeing supports for my child when needed	89%
I am aware that the school can connect my family to services that can help me support my child	82%

CONNECTION AND PROGRESSION	% Positive responses
School connectedness	96%
My child feels accepted by other students at school	93%
My child enjoys the learning they do at school	96%
This school gives my child opportunities to participate in school activities	100%
Positive transitions	88%
My child has been supported this year to adjust to their new year level	93%



I feel confident that this school prepares students for the next phase of their life	82%
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These are excellent results, and we will continue to strive to improve and ensure Glen Waverley South Primary School provides the best learning environment for all our students.



Clare Pozzan
Assistant Principal

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Victorian High Ability Program - Term 3

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 learn new skills, explore interesting ideas and work with students from across Victoria in English and Mathematics.

Throughout term 3, our VHAP English students explored creative ways of telling stories that moved beyond traditional chronological structures. They experimented with techniques such as different narrative voices, parallel plots, multi-form texts and non-chronological timelines, while developing a range of sophisticated writing and grammatical skills. Students then applied their learning to craft their own non-linear texts, using purposeful storytelling techniques to engage and intrigue their audience.

Congratulations to the 12 students who completed the VHAP English course during Term 3.

Victorian High-Ability Program Primary English Course: Down the Rabbit Hole	
Rishab M, Evie M, Sophie L, Siddarth S, Avyana M, Carter B,	Mehrsa M, Ahad C, Ayaan A, Jessica D, Lincoln B, Matilda H.



The students will be receiving their certificates during our whole school assembly on **Friday, 16th October 2026**, Week 2, Term 4.

Victorian High Ability Program - Term 4

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, Glen Waverley South has the opportunity to participate in the VHAP Maths course. Students will explore different number systems throughout history, using patterns to investigate and understand how systems work and their similarities and differences.

For Term 4, we are pleased to have 8 students selected for the VHAP Mathematics Course: From Symbols to Secrets.

Congratulations to: Arush, Ajay, Ahad, Rahm, Garvaan, Yvonne, Mayra S and Avyana.



Tineke Reincke
HAPL Coordinator

Division Athletics

Well done to the following students who competed in the Division Athletics Day on Wednesday 7th of October. All students represented GWSPS with pride and as a school community we are so proud of all their efforts!

- Carter 6D (High Jump)
- Leon 6D (100m + 200m)
- Shannon 6C (Hurdles)
- Antonio 5S (Long Jump)
- Lachlan 5S (Discus + Shot Put)
- Romandeep 3E (800m)





A big congratulations to Lachlan & Leon who have progressed through to Regionals on Thursday 22nd. Lachlan placed first in both Discus and Shot Put and Leon placed second in the 200m sprint. We wish them all the best at the next stage!



Jessie Hare
Physical Education
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.



Dates to Remember

October 2026

Tuesday	13 th	School Production – Whole School Rehearsal (at venue). School Production Night 1.
Wednesday	14 th	School Production Night 2.
Thursday	15 th	Foundation Swimming Lessons.
Friday	16 th	2027 Foundation Students Transition Session – Story Time. School Assembly 2.50pm (families welcome).
Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd Lv 3/4 Camp – CYC Forest Edge		
Thursday	22 nd	Foundation Swimming Lessons
Thursday	29 th	Foundation Swimming Lessons
Friday	30 th	2027 Foundation Students Transition Session – Fun & Games.

Want to know what is happening at GWSPS?
Like us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/GWSPS>



Community News

PSW- GWSPS Uniform Supplier

To kick off the first week of Term 4 in Victoria, PUMA is offering an exclusive promotion for the Uniform Group community - 25% off full-price items, plus a further 25% off sale items*.

This is a great partnership opportunity that we would love to share with our school communities.

Key information below:

- 25% off full-price and further 25% off sale items, exclusions apply. Online. AU.
- Exclusive code (enter at checkout): **UGBTSOCT25**
- Offer will apply at checkout upon entering a respective code when shopping the PUMA site [PUMA Australia Online Store | Forever Faster.](#)
- Standard exclusions apply (as displayed onsite at the time of redemption) [Promotion Exclusions](#)
- Offer is active from 00:01 am on 5 October and until midnight on 18 October 2026.
- Shop the offer using guest checkout and ensure you are not logged in to PUMA account when





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JUNIOR CARNIVALS

Focused on fun & learning, our junior Carnivals are held twice a year



DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Develop your skills in hitting, pitching, catching, throwing, fielding & running while learning game strategy



FROM BEGINNER TO ELITE

Fun introductory Home Run Heroes programs to representing Victoria at National Championships



PLAY CLUB BALL

Catering for a range of age groups, our Softball Clubs provide a safe and welcoming environment for the whole family



FIND A PLACE TO PLAY

Softball Associations are located across Melbourne, Geelong & Albury Wodonga



www.softball.org.au/get-involved

Connect with us on:



Glen Waverley South Primary School

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