



22/10/2026

Principal's Report

Staff News

Welcome back Mrs Debbie Dimas following her extended leave period.

Ms Kathy Cheng will be on leave from 28/10/26 to 6/11/26, to be replaced by Ms Kelsey Dixon.

Miss Dashara Senanayake will also be on leave from 28/10/26 to 30/10/26 to be replaced by Miss Tamara Todorovic, and Ms Suyin Anson will be on leave in weeks 4 and 5 of this term, to be replaced by Miss Dasuni Jayasinghe and Miss Tamara Todorovic.

We wish all staff on leave all the very best during their leave period.

2026 Foundation (Prep) Transition Program

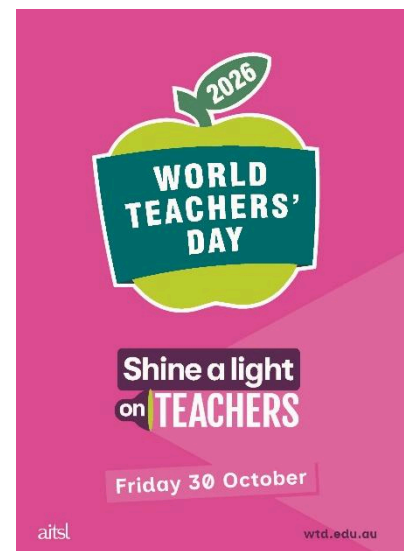
Last Friday our Foundation Transition program commenced for students starting in 2027. It was a wonderful first Transition session for our future Foundation students, who all settled in very well and enjoyed engaging and fun activities. Thank you to Miss Gibson for organising the Transition program.

World Teachers' Day Australia – Friday 30th October

World Teachers' Day is held internationally on October 5th. As it usually falls during the school holidays in many parts of Australia, this year, in Victoria, World Teachers' Day is celebrated on 30th October 2026.

It is a chance to recognise and celebrate the teachers who are making, or have made, an impact in our lives. Whether you're a current student, have children in school, or have been out of school for many years, World Teachers' Day is a chance to say, 'thank you'.

Clare, Elise and I would like to thank our dedicated staff at GWSPS for the significant contribution they make towards ensuring our students experience a stimulating and challenging learning environment. Our staff at GWSPS work tirelessly to prepare curriculum resources for students and to engage with students and parents to provide valuable learning opportunities and support student wellbeing. We will be holding a special morning tea for our staff on Tuesday 27th October, when most of our staff are in attendance.



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Level 1/2 Sleepover

On Friday 6th November, our Level 1/2 students will take part in a sleepover at school, with dinner (BBQ) and lots of fun activities organised for all in attendance. Many thanks to our wonderful Level 1/2 staff and indeed all other staff assisting on the night and early Saturday morning.

School Council

At our last School Council meeting we discussed/endorsed:

- the updated Working with Children Check Procedure policy.
- the OSHC program start date of 11 January in 2027.
- the cost of \$25 per student for L1/2 Sleepover and the School Council Principal

Our final meeting for 2026 will be held on Tuesday 17th November at 5.00pm. If you would like to attend also as a visitor, please feel free to contact the office to express your interest.

Pupil Free Day and Public Holiday

Monday 2nd November - Curriculum Day (Report writing day)

- NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL
- NO OSHC AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY
- NO STAFF ONSITE ON THIS DAY

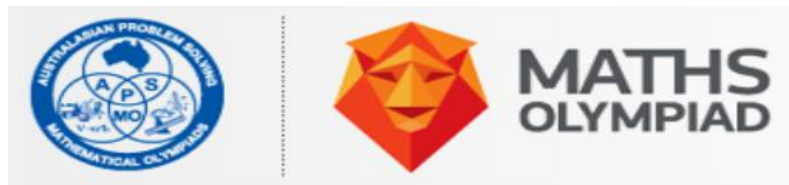
Tuesday 3rd November – Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

- NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL
- NO OSHC AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY



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Principal





Maths Olympiad 2026

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad competition this year!

The Maths Olympiad is a challenging mathematics competition for Grade 5 & 6 students, that encourages students to think critically, use logical reasoning and apply creative problem-solving strategies. Throughout the competition, students tackled a range of challenging mathematical problems that required persistence, determination and thinking outside the box.

We are very proud of all the students who participated and challenged themselves to complete the 4 contest papers during Terms 2 & 3. A special congratulations to two students who achieved outstanding individual results, with one placing in the top 10% and another in the top 25% of all participants.

All participating students will be recognised and presented with their certificates at assembly on **Friday 30th October**, where we will also announce our high-achieving students.

Well done to:	Claire Q,	Avyana M,	Noelle L,	Ahad C,	Teju B,
	Ajay K,	Avickna U,	Ilias K,	Sirisha P,	Kudrat C,
	Bevis H,	Siddarth S,	Yvonne G,	Kimbrel H,	Mehrsa M,
	Rishab M,	Cindy L,	Aursh J,	Evelyn-Rae S.	



Mrs Tineke Reincke
Maths Olympiad 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 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 Gold, Emerald and Legend certificates in the period: 7th September– 18th October. They will receive their certificates in the next assembly.

GOLD	Claire Q 6D, Nihal R 3E
EMERALD	Gunveer D 3A, Declan N 3E
LEGEND	Vannea K 4C, Randal H 3A, Kimbrel H 5DA, Aarin J 1/2T

Mathletics Top 5s

TOP 5 CLASSES	
Class	Activity Points
5DA	53, 513
3A	31, 441
6D	30, 101
4A	28, 560
1/2T	26, 640

TOP 5 STUDENTS	
Student	Activity Points
Kimbrel H, 5DA	28, 852
Randal H, 3A	24, 675
Eshan K, 5DA	8, 997
Hasnain B, 6C	8, 670
Claire Q, 6D	8, 380



Debbie Dimas
Mathletics Co-ordinator



OSH News

Please find below some important open and closing dates for the OSH Program.

Our last day for 2026 will be Friday 18th December. Before School Care will be open however after school will not be open on this day. The holiday program will open Monday 11th January to Friday 22nd January 2027.

Monday 25th January to Wednesday 27th January 2027 inclusive, the OSH program will be closed. We will reopen for Before and After School Care on the first day of school Thursday 28th January 2027.

If you have any questions, please speak to me.



Karen Borsato
OSH Coordinator

Junior School Council News

Remembrance Day

Junior School Council members are currently selling badges, wristbands and poppies for Remembrance Day. Prices range from \$2 - \$20. These items will also be available for sale at the office. JSC Representatives will also be coming around to classrooms during lunch eating time.



Brainstorm Productions



On **Thursday 12th November** Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing performance 'The Protectors' for **Levels 1-2** and **Levels 3-5** students. The performance follows the story of Leo and Serena, who are struggling to get along with their peers. When Leo and Serena enter 'Protector School' they discover that empathy, assertiveness and respect are their real superpowers. They learn how to build resilience and positive connections at school, at home and online.

'The Protectors' is a live theatre experience, developed by educators and a clinical psychologist. The performance is aligned with key outcomes from the curriculum, as well as current research and recommendations from expert organisations such as the eSafety Commissioner. The show is designed to spark conversations about bullying, cyber safety and wellbeing among our students.

Brainstorm Productions is one of Australia's most experienced and respected theatre in education companies, performing to over 260,000 students every year. Brainstorm Productions are endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a Trusted eSafety Provider and listed as an evidence-based bullying prevention program on the Victorian Schools Mental Health Menu. Learn more about Brainstorm Productions by visiting their website (brainstormproductions.edu.au), or following them on Instagram ([@brainstormproductions](https://www.instagram.com/brainstormproductions)), Facebook ([@Brainstorm.Productions](https://www.facebook.com/Brainstorm.Productions)) or LinkedIn ([linkedin.com/company/brainstormproductions](https://www.linkedin.com/company/brainstormproductions)).



Annette Streets
Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader



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

Thursday	29 th	Foundation Swimming Lessons.
Friday	30 th	2027 Foundation Students Transition Session – Fun & Games. Maths Olympiad Certificates and Medals, VHAP Certificates and Premiers' Reading Challenge Certificates Presentation Awards at School Assembly. School Assembly 2.40pm (families welcome).

November 2026

Monday	2 nd	Curriculum Day for Report Writing – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL
Tuesday	3 rd	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL
Wednesday	4 th	VHAP – Lv 6 Maths Masterclass (selected students only).
Thursday	5 th	Foundation Swimming Lessons.
Friday	6 th	Lv 1/2 Sleepover – drop off at 4.30pm
Saturday	7 th	Lv 1/2 Sleepover - pick up at 9.00am.
Wednesday	11 th	Remembrance Day.
Thursday	12 th	Foundation Swimming Lessons. Lv 1-5 Wellbeing Performances.
Friday	13 th	2027 Foundation Students Transition Session – Marvellous Maths. School Assembly 2.50pm (families welcome).
Wednesday	18 th	Lv 5/6 Parliament Process Incursion (details to come). Lv 1/2 Neighbourhood Excursion (details to come). Foundation Responsible Pet Incursion (details to come).
Thursday	19 th	Foundation Swimming Lessons. Whole School Transition Afternoon No. 1.
Friday	20 th	Lv 6 Round Robin Day. VHAP – Lv 5 Maths Masterclass (selected students only). Foundation Chesterfield Farm Excursion (details to come).
Monday	23 rd	Lv 1 Magic Show Incursion (details to come).
Wednesday	25 th	Whole School Japanese Day & Sushi Lunch (details to come).
Thursday	26 th	Foundation Swimming Lessons. Whole School Transition Session No. 2.
Friday	27 th	2027 Foundation Students Transition Session – Cut & Paste. Lv 1 Police Academy Excursion (details to come). School Assembly 2.50pm (families welcome).





Parenting strategies for sibling rivalry

FREE session for families with kids 4-11

Stop the squabbles! Learn how to move from referee to calm coach, helping siblings work through conflict and build problem-solving and social skills.

Tues 17 Nov, 12pm – 1:30pm
Wed 18 Nov, 7pm – 8:30pm

Choose the time that best suits you. Both sessions are online and cover the same content.



Book online monash.vic.gov.au/siblings
Bookings close 12pm, Mon 16 Nov 2026

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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