


05/11/2026

# Principal's Report

## School Council

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.

## Happy Diwali!

Many of our community members will be celebrating Diwali which is this Sunday 8th November. We would like to extend a Happy Diwali to those who celebrated this special day!

## Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2026

As you may be aware, the new Victorian Government Schools Agreement which was recently approved and has taken effect from 23rd October 2026, provides an outline of the expected working conditions for all school staff for the next four years. In an ever-changing world we are seeing changes in the teaching profession and increasing demands being placed on teachers and support staff to meet the needs of children. Considering this, the working conditions of educational professionals have changed considerably in the past 10 years. From 2027 there will be **8 student free days** at every school so that teachers will have more time to undertake planning and preparation. These days will be spread across the school year, and we want to give you advanced notice of this.

## Government Ban on Electronic Devices

From the start of the 2027 school year, students at all schools will be required to have personal electronic devices, including smart glasses, switched off and stored during school hours and during school activities. For government schools, the ban will extend to adults such as teachers, parents and volunteers, who will be banned from wearing smart glasses and other covert filming devices on school grounds and during off site school organised activities, including on camps and excursions at all times - not just during school hours. This will also apply to government school students. Currently, all students are required to hand in their mobile phones and smart watches at the beginning of each school day and collect them at 3:30pm. Should a student need to contact home or a family need to contact a student, this can be done via the school office.

## Remembrance Day

Next Wednesday 11th November 2026, is Remembrance Day. This day has special significance as we recall, above all days, the women and men who, through personal sacrifices, contributed to the evolution and the identity of this country. We will be honouring this Remembrance Day with special class activities and observing a minute of silence at 11.00am on Wednesday 11th November. Our school captains will address the whole school and talk about what the day means.

Commemorative Poppies are now available for sale at the office. All proceeds from the sale of Poppies goes towards the Returned and Services League of Australia.

## 2027 Parent Contributions

The 2027 Parent Contributions have been approved by School Council and published on our school website in accordance with Department of Education guidelines.
Voluntary parent contributions play an important role in enhancing the programs, resources and learning environment we provide at Glen Waverley South Primary School.
Following recent changes to the Department's policy, Compass is working to ensure its payment platform accommodates the new requirements and provides families with an accessible and compliant way to make contributions. We will notify families via Compass when payments become available, prior to the end of the year.
For further information, please refer to the following policies:

- DET Parent Payment Policy
- Camps/ Sports/ Excursions Policy (CSEF)
- Financial Help for Families Policy
- Interpreting and Translation Services Policy

We sincerely thank our families for their ongoing support. Your contributions help us maintain and enhance the quality programs, resources and facilities offered at our school.
If you have any questions, please contact Gabrielle Johnson on 9560 6371 or via email at glen.waverley.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

## Thunderstorm Asthma

During the months of October to December, areas of Victoria are particularly prone to bouts of combined pollen and weather conditions that can result in 'Thunderstorm Asthma' in children and adults. On days of high risk of Thunderstorm Asthma at school, staff carefully consider conditions and may have some outdoor activities relocated indoors (such as PE) to limit the potential impact of conditions that could result in a student having Thunderstorm Asthma.
Families can monitor the potential for Thunderstorm Asthma through various websites and apps, including the following:
https://www.health.vic.gov.au/environmental-health/epidemic-thunderstorm-asthma-risk-forecast
https://www.melbournepollen.com.au/mobile-app/
https://support.emergency.vic.gov.au/hc/en-gb/categories/203637608-VicEmergency-app

For students prone to Asthma, Hayfever, or who take regular preventative medication, families are encouraged to monitor these sites (as does the school), and ensure children have their medication

(named) at the school office, in case it is needed. More information about Thunderstorm Asthma can also be found here:
https://www.health.vic.gov.au/environmental-health/epidemic-thunderstorm-asthma-frequently-asked-questions

## Albert Axiaq – Guitar Tutor

After 30 years of teaching guitar at Glen Waverley South Primary School, our much-loved guitar tutor, Albert Axiaq, has advised us that this year will be his final year with our school.
On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Albert for the wonderful contribution he has made to GWSPS over the past three decades. Through his dedication, passion for music and commitment to sharing his skills with our students, Albert has enriched the lives of so many children and played a special part in our school's history.

Thirty years is an extraordinary contribution, and Albert leaves behind a wonderful legacy. He will be dearly missed, and his presence will certainly be very difficult to replace.
We wish Albert every happiness and all the very best as he embarks on this next chapter of his life. Thank you, Albert, for everything you have given to our school community. You will always be a valued part of the GWSPS family.



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Principal

# 2026 UNSW ICAS Assessment Results

The 2026 ICAS assessment results and certificates are now available for students who participated in Writing, English, Spelling Bee, Mathematics, Digital Technologies and Science.
Congratulations to all students who participated! These assessments provide students with a wonderful opportunity to challenge themselves, extend their learning and demonstrate their skills.

Students who achieved a Credit, Distinction or High Distinction will be presented with their certificates at our school assembly on **Friday 13th November**. All other students will receive their certificates from their classroom teachers during week 6.

Parents can also access their child's results online through the ICAS Parent Portal. Each student's TAP ID and PIN can be found on the back of their printed certificate, below the academic achievement record. Please note that students who have participated in ICAS assessments in previous years will continue to use the same TAP ID and PIN to access their results across all subjects and years.

Well done once again to all our ICAS participants on their efforts and achievements!

| ***Writing*** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Credit** | **Distinction** | **High Distinction** |
| Year 3 | Angela | | |
| Year 4 | Vihaan B | Vivaann, Ray, Laura | |
| Year 5 | Mehrsa, Arush | | |
| Year 6 | Prenjal | | |
| ***English*** | | | |
| | **Credit** | **Distinction** | **High Distinction** |
| Year 3 | | Angela | |
| Year 4 | Ray, Shravya | | |
| Year 5 | | | Cindy |
| Year 6 | Rahm, Prenjal | Avyana | |
| ***Spelling Bee*** | | | |
| | **Credit** | **Distinction** | **High Distinction** |
| Year 3 | | Angela | |
| Year 4 | Ray | Vihaan B, Shravya | Vivaann |
| ***Mathematics*** | | | |
| | **Credit** | **Distinction** | **High Distinction** |
| Year 3 | Sharrvin, Nihal, Advit | Angela | |
| Year 4 | Vivaann, Vihaan B, Ray, Vishruth, Laura | | |
| Year 5 | Cindy | Arush | |
| Year 6 | Rahm | | |
| ***Digital Technologies*** | | | |
| | **Credit** | **Distinction** | **High Distinction** |
| Year 3 | Sharrvin, Achintya | | |
| Year 4 | Vivaann, Vihaan B, Vishruth | Ray | |
| ***Science*** | | | |
| | **Credit** | **Distinction** | **High Distinction** |
| Year 4 | Vivaann, Vishruth | | |
| Year 6 | Rahm | | |

# Foundation 2027

## Transition Program

Our Foundation Transition Program helps students to become familiar with the teachers and other students and plays an important part in the transition from preschool to school. Below are the scheduled dates and times for this program. For further information regarding this program, please contact the office on ph: (03) 9560 6371.

| Foundation Transition Program Dates | Session |
|---|---|
| Friday 13th Nov 2.30pm – 3.15pm | Marvellous Maths |
| Friday 27th Nov 2.30pm – 3.15pm | Cut & Paste |
| Monday 7th Dec 6.30pm – 7.30pm | Parent Information Evening |
| Tuesday 8th Dec 9.00am – 11.00am | Orientation Morning |



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# Are You Leaving Glen Waverley South Primary School?

If your family is leaving GWSPS at the end of this year or earlier, please complete and return the form below to assist us with planning of classes for next year and to make the transition to your new school much easier. You need only complete this form for students Foundation – Year 5.

**Child's Name:** _____ **Class:** _____

**Child's Name:** _____ **Class:** _____

**Transferring to:** _____ **Primary School**

**Last day at GWSPS:**_____

**Parents Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

# 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: 19th October– 1st November. They will receive their certificates in the next assembly.**

| | |
|---|---|
| **GOLD** | Ilyna H 3A, Lisa L 1/2T, Amaira G, 1/2S |
| **EMERALD** | Jamie F, FG |
| **LEGEND** | Robin R, 1/2T |

## Mathletics Top 5s

| **TOP 5 CLASSES** | |
|---|---|
| **Class** | **Activity Points** |
| 5DA | 17, 650 |
| 4A | 13, 938 |
| 3A | 13, 381 |
| 3E | 11, 900 |
| 1/2T | 9, 370 |

| **TOP 5 STUDENTS** | |
|---|---|
| **Student** | **Activity Points** |
| Kimbrel H, 5DA | 9, 460 |
| Randal H, 3A | 4, 365 |
| Ayden M, 3A | 2, 555 |
| Colette Q, 3E | 2, 410 |
| Amaira G, 1/2S | 2, 400 |



**Debbie Dimas**
Mathletics Co-ordinator

# 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.




# A Better Compass App is Here

From early November, the Compass app will receive its biggest upgrade yet, shaped by feedback from parents, students, and staff.

You are not required to do anything. The upgrade arrives as a normal app update, so there's nothing new to download. If your app doesn't update automatically, update it from the App Store or Google Play. You may be asked to sign in again with your usual Compass details.

What's new? An improved absence form, easier conference bookings, widgets for your phone's home and lock screen, light and dark modes, and Apple Pay on iPhone for some payments.

Where can I get help? Visit the parent guide at A guide for parents & families | Compass Education AU.



**Gabrielle Johnson**
Business Manager

# 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.**



# Dates to Remember

## November 2026

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | 6th | Lv 5 Last Day to Consent/Pay for 2027 Lv 6 Bomber Jackets.<br>Lv 1/2 Sleepover – drop off at 4.30pm<br>Lv 6 Last Day to Consent/Pay for Graduation Memento 2026. |
| Saturday | 7th | Lv 1/2 Sleepover - pick up at 9.00am. |
| Wednesday | 11th | Rememberance Day.<br>Lv 5/6 Last Day to Consent/Pay for Parliament Process Incursion. |
| Thursday | 12th | Foundation Swimming Lessons.<br>Lv 1-5 Wellbeing Performances.<br>Lv 5DA, 6C & 6J Bike Education Program Ride Outside of School. |
| Friday | 13th | Lv 5S & 6D Bike Education Program Bike Ride Outside of School.<br>2027 Foundation Students Transition Session – Marvellous Maths.<br>Last Day to Consent/Pay for Foundation Chesterfield Farm Excursion.<br>School Assembly 2.50pm (families welcome). |
| Tuesday | 17th | Lv 6 Students attending Brentwood S.C. only - Last Day to Consent to Travel from Brentwood S.C. to GWSPS for the PAT Testing.<br>Last Day to Consent/Pay for Lv 1 Magician Incursion & Policy Academy Excursion. |
| Wednesday | 18th | Lv 5/6 Parliament Process Incursion.<br>Brentwood S.C. PAT Testing (Lv 6 students attending Brentwood S.C. only)<br>Lv 1/2 Neighbourhood Excursion to Brandon Park Reserve.<br>Foundation Responsible Pet Education Incursion (details to come).<br>Last Day to Return Japanese Day Sushi Lunch Order Form with Payment. |
| Thursday | 19th | Foundation Swimming Lessons.<br>Whole School Transition Afternoon No. 1. |
| Friday | 20th | Lv 6 Round Robin Day.<br>VHAP – Lv 5 Maths Masterclass (selected students only).<br>Foundation Chesterfield Farm Excursion. |
| Monday | 23rd | Lv 1 Magic Show Incursion. |
| Wednesday | 25th | Whole School Japanese Day & Sushi Lunch. |
| Thursday | 26th | Foundation Swimming Lessons.<br>Whole School Transition Session No. 2. |
| Friday | 27th | 2027 Foundation Students Transition Session – Cut & Paste.<br>Lv 1 Police Academy Excursion.<br>School Assembly 2.50pm (families welcome). |

# Dates to Remember

## December 2026

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|---|---|---|
| Thursday | 3rd | Whole School Transition Session No. 3. |
| Friday | 4th | 2027 School Captains Handover Ceremony.<br>School Assembly 2.50pm (families welcome). |
| Monday | 7th | 2027 Foundation Parent Information Evening. |
| Tuesday | 8th | Whole School Transition Day.<br>2027 Foundation Orientation Morning.<br>2027 Year 7 Orientation Day. |
| Wednesday | 9th | Parent Helpers Morning Tea 11.00am - 12.00pm. |
| Thursday | 10th | Lv 6 Graduation 5.30pm - 9.30pm. |
| Friday | 11th | Student Semester 2 Reports are sent home to Parents/Carers. |
| Monday | 14th | School Christmas Concert 2.00pm - 2.30pm (families welcome). |
| Thursday | 17th | Level Fun Day Celebrations (details to come). |
| Friday | 18th | Last Day of Term 4. School finishes at 1.30pm.<br>**No afternoon OSH Program this day**.   |

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# Community News




## Transitioning to high school

FREE online parent webinar. Learn how to help your child navigate the move to high school.

Date: Tuesday 10 November 2026
Time: 6pm – 7:30pm
Location: Online (a Zoom link will be emailed to you)

Understand what your child may be experiencing and ways you can strengthen their wellbeing.

For parents and carers only. Presented by Dr Amanda Mullin, clinical psychologist and Director of Mindworx Psychology.

**Book today:**
**trybooking.com/DQQHS**

# Community News




## 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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