PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Members of the Glen Waverley Primary School Community,

Welcome to another very exciting and information packed newsletter! As usual so many marvellous things have occurred at our wonderful school over the past fortnight such as:

Great News!
It is with great excitement that I am able to announce that our school is about to receive $159,000 of additional maintenance funds as a result of the State Government’s Condition Assessment Program. This program involves the allocation $51.5 million to address the maintenance needs of schools.

This is obviously wonderful news for our school community as it means that we are able to continue with the refurbishment program. Naturally the staff, School Council and I are extremely pleased with this outcome and look forward to continuing improving the learning environment for the children and working conditions of the staff.

Curriculum Day Update
Our recent Curriculum Day was a resounding success as we worked on developing our understanding and knowledge of Literacy. The day was facilitated by Steve Willy who is a renowned Literacy consultant who has vast experience in this field. Steve presented the latest research in this area which is quite fascinating.

Important Dates For Your Diary

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SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders are available from our service provider Gourmet Delish five days a week. Ordering is done through an online service, details of which are available on our website.

UNIFORM SHOP

Situated in the West Wing on the School Grounds
Open Monday between 3.00 – 4.30 pm
Closed Public Holidays and School Holidays
Please bring your own bag for purchases as we are an environmentally friendly school
Orders may be left with the office – these must be in an envelope marked with the child’s name and grade together with payment, correct monies are appreciated.
Facilities Update
Throughout the past fortnight we have refurbished the Out of School Hours Care building by changing the carpet, completing electrical works and also altering some of the cabinetry. The result is a much fresher looking environment in which the children and staff will be able to enjoy.

Swimming Program
Thank you to all of our families for your support with this very important program – it is never easy to coordinate and organise swimming attire, school uniform, fruit, snack, lunch, homework etc all at the same time, your efforts are really appreciated!

A sincere thank you and congratulations to Mr Knott for his exemplary organisation of the program and to all of our wonderful teachers for their flexibility. Well done and thank you everyone!

New Initiatives to be Aware of:

Radio Program
At our school we are extremely fortunate to have so many children who really want to contribute and make a difference to their school. In recent weeks the following students: Steven, Yohan, Sithmuya, Kelvin, Srijay, Binura and Heshan have commenced a Radio Committee and have been inspirational in terms of how they have taken this program to an even higher level. Every Friday the committee go “live” and broadcast within our school grounds. The children take it in turns to be DJ’s which involves interviewing other children, staff members and playing songs. They have even decided to go live on days that the children stay indoors as it may be too wet, cold or hot. Congratulations and well done to the Radio Committee, I certainly am very proud of you and can’t wait for the next Glen Waverley PS FM “live day”.
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**Classrooms open from 8:50 am** – beginning next Monday, a bell will ring at 8:50 which signifies all classrooms will be open and the children (and parents) will be able to enter the building. This will allow the children 10 minutes in which to put their bag away, change their reader and organise themselves for a 9 o’clock start. We are very confident that this will enable a much smoother start to the school day. I ask that all parents assist this new initiative by ensuring your child(ren) are at school by 8:45. If you have any questions about this initiative please do not hesitate to see your child’s classroom teacher, Mr McDonald or myself.

**Library Open hours** – our librarian Kay has kindly decided to open the school library after school every day from 3:30 to 3:45. This will enable the children and families the opportunity to return or change books and also complete some quiet reading. I look forward to seeing parents and students in the library after school.

**Artist in Schools Program**
This year’s Artist in Schools program is scheduled to commence next week however this year the program will be different as the children will be involved in designing and painting a mural for our school. Over the last few weeks the children have been busy providing ideas for the mural which artists Yaping Jiang and John McCallum (from the New Start Art School) have compiled into an amazing mural. As of next week each class will be designated a time to paint the mural. If everything goes according to plan, by the end of the month the mural should be completed and will be prominently displayed on the external wall of the Year 3 building. Mr Hudson will soon distribute a notice informing families of when their child will be working with the artists, naturally parents are more than welcome to attend and assist.

**School Community Support**
A sincere thank you to the Ho family for their very kind donation to our school. The donated funds will be used to purchase additional library books for everyone to enjoy! Thank you Sandra, Yik and Phoebe, we really appreciate your support and generosity!

**“Better Parents Ask Better Questions” – Information Session**
Thank you to the numerous parents who have outlined that they will be attending this information session next Monday evening. It promises to be a very informative and worthwhile session which I’m confident will make a significant difference to families. Due to the overwhelming response the session will be held in the school hall from 6:30 to approximately 8:30. I look forward to seeing you on Monday night!

**Education Week**
One of the most exciting weeks in the school year is Education Week, where schools utilise this time to celebrate the wonderful things we provide and accomplish for our community’s. From May 20th to 24th our school will also be celebrating Education Week with an amazing array of activities.

Included in this fortnight’s newsletter is a timetable outlining what we have planned for our school community. Please ensure you keep this somewhere prominent in your home and I look forward to seeing everyone during the various Education Week activities!
**Glen Waverley PS: Education Week - 20th to 24th May 2013**

"Celebrating - What makes Glen Waverley Primary School Great!"

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<td>The Glen Shopping Centre performances 10 – 10:30 am. School Band and Choirs.</td>
<td>Open Morning: “All welcome to view classrooms in action from 9:30 to 11:00”</td>
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A PRINCIPAL’S AWARD RECENTLY:

0LG: Yug for making really sensible choices in the classroom and school grounds and Sophie for making excellent progress with her swimming lessons
1KG: Shay for fantastic writing about his weekend and Yenula for being a wonderful friend
3KC: Sahiru, Chanuli, Lauren, Enuki and Dulwan for being extremely creative with their homework by making amazing sculptors
3TA: Radinsa, Uvindee, Sethmi, Shakya, Pulindu and Daniel for also being extremely creative with their homework by making amazing sculptors
56K: Olivia M and Olivia Y for completing amazing homework and also for completing a wonderful Mathematics assessment. Durangi and Isaac for also completing amazing homework however they did so on their iPads which were simply amazing
6SY: Clara for also completing wonderful homework. Clara created a very imaginative alphabetical board which contained a plethora of scientific terms under each letter of the alphabet – well done Clara!

BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their special day recently:

0LD: Nikita
0LG: Radhika
0LT: Sanija, Erin and Arjun
1KG: Devesh
2CB: Sahib and Alysandra
3KC: Hannah and Elisa
3TA: Binuki
4AJ: Lihansa and Jason
4KB: Uzman
4SW: Harry
5JT: Tony and Kin
6SY: Binura and Victor
6ND: Sithumya

Wishing everyone a safe and happy fortnight,

Frank Catalano
Principal
Swimming Program 2013

Over the past two weeks, 274 GWPS students have been involved in our annual swimming program that looks at water safety both in and around water. At Just Swimming in Syndal, the qualified Instructors assess the students for where they are at with their swimming and then group the students to like ability. This includes students who have never swam before and also for those that are advanced, they too get catered for to enhance their development. The students have had a lot of fun practising and just being in the water, especially as they all are having so much fun whilst learning this life skill.

First timers
Harley and Sophie

DEAR GWPS COMMUNITY

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to become a superhero? People who save lives! Do you know what it’s like to put a smile on someone’s face? Well, here’s your chance to become a superhero. The JSC have organised a fun and exciting fundraiser event for our school.

A SUPERHERO DRESS UP DAY!

On Friday 17th of May we would love to see you dressed up as your most admired superhero. Please bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will go towards Diganta (our sponsored child from Bangladesh).

Each class will hold a small competition to vote on their most creative outfit. We are hoping to see lots of children dressed up in shiny armour. Remember, anyone can become a superhero. Due to the very busy term we have been having, there will not be a parade this time.

Thisari 56k - On behalf of the JSC
Tasmania

Tasmania was extremely clean, peaceful and full of lush trees and sparkling blue waters. We were on a five day trip. We woke up at 6 am – pretty early. Actually we drove to the airport and waited a long time before we finally boarded the plane. It was going to be a pretty long trip – one hour and thirty minutes; I fell asleep.

I woke to see that we were finally there and we hand landed. That was a relief. We filed out of the plane and a teddy bear fell on me. “Teddy Sky Walker, how did you get out?” a little girl cried.

We got out to see a very blue sky and we hired a rather large car. “Wow”, I said. Actually, I think it was an eight seater. Anyway we drove off.

The first place we got to was Mt Wellington. My sister’s ears were hurting. I got out of the car and climbed some rocks and managed to get to the top. The next day we went to Port Arthur – that was scary!

On the third day we did the Bruny Island rides which were great fun.

On the fourth day we went to the Great Salmon Run, that was weird and fish food was so smelly….yuk!

On the fifth day we went home. Tasmania was fun – I really want to go there again.

Have you been yet?
Congratulations to the following students who received the Specialist Award for the month of April:

Chinese Language Achievement Award: Eujin from 4KB

Musician of the Month: Paul from 4AJ

Sportsperson of the Month: Alysandra from 2CB

Artist of the Month: Pujani from 3DJ
What's new in 6LT?

6LT students have been studying the features of the news program. Each group has chosen a different news segment to present. So that when all the segments are combined, we will have a whole episode of the 6LT news. By creating this news presentation, students have learnt to support each other to improve their public speaking skills.
The book fair allows students and their families to buy books at a discounted price. The students will be given the opportunity to complete a wish list. This list is in no way a promise to buy. It is a list of the books they would like.

This year we are also allowing the teachers to complete a wish list for books they would like to have in their classroom for your children to read.

**When:** Friday 17 May to Wednesday 22 May 2013.

The books will be available for sale from Monday 20 May 2013.

**WHAT IS STUDENT WISH LIST?**
Student Wish List is a take-home form provided to each student so that they can browse the Book Fair and write down the titles of books that they are interested in.

**WHEN TO RUN STUDENT WISH LIST**
Student Wish Lists are best conducted during a scheduled class preview time so that the classroom teacher is able to assist with their students’ choice in terms of reading ability.

**WHY RUN STUDENT WISH LIST?**
Student Wish List not only gives parents and family members an indication of what their child's reading interests are, but also creates excitement about books and the Book Fair among your students.

**WHAT IS CLASSROOM WISH LIST?**
The Classroom Wish List Program is designed to expand classroom libraries via donation.

**WHEN TO RUN CLASSROOM WISH LIST**
The Classroom Wish List Program should run throughout the duration of the Book Fair; however, class lists are best organised beforehand by each individual class teacher.

**WHY RUN CLASSROOM WISH LIST?**
So that students have greater variety and current titles available to them during key reading times.

Kay Platt

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**Term 2 - Second Hand Uniform Sale**

*When: Wednesday 15th May 2013*

*Time: 3.00-4.00pm*

*Place: the covered area outside Out of School Hours Care*

*Green* long & short sleeved tops, shorts, trackpants $2

Hats $2

All other clothing & bags $5

*All items bought as seen*

*No refunds given*
The advertisements in this newsletter are in good faith but no responsibility as to the quality of the products or services offered is accepted by the school.

**OPEN DAY**
Saturday 25 May
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Come and get all your questions answered and find out about play based learning.

Meet the teachers and see our fabulous facilities.

Kids entertainer Pirate McGee needs help to find his treasure.

Meet other parents in our community.

**30 DAYS FOR $30**

**START YOUR 30-DAY TRIAL TODAY**

Expires 31st of MAY

* Valid for 30 consecutive days after purchase
* Limited to one person in any twelve-month period.
* Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer.

**bring your wings**

**Year 7 Information Night**
TUESDAY 21 MAY 7.00PM

Each and every student has a special talent and purpose in life. At Tintern, we unearth these abilities and prepare our students to take flight. At our Year 7 Information Night you will have the opportunity to meet key staff, find out more about our school and how our proven Parallel Learning Model allows boys and girls to learn in a mixture of single-sex and co-educational classroom environments.

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