PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Members of the Glen Waverley Primary School Community,

Welcome to another edition of our school newsletter in which we share what is occurring throughout our wonderful school community. As per usual, there is so much to enjoy and celebrate!

Welcome to Mrs Karen Hunt
I would like to welcome Mrs Karen Hunt to our school. Karen is our Acting Assistant Principal and will be with us at least until the end of this year. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to introduce themselves to Karen and also welcome her to our fabulous school.

Our Newsletter (E-Newsletter)
As everyone should be aware, our newsletter is distributed on-line as we work hard to reduce our carbon footprint and the various associated costs. It is wonderful to hear that so many families have registered and are now receiving the e-mail alert and link to our fortnightly newsletter. Last week 18 out of 20 people I asked had already done so with is just terrific and I hope everyone else also finds the time to register in the very near future.

Registering is as simple as following the steps as outlined below:

1. Access our website at:
   www.glenps.vic.edu.au
2. Click on the Newsletter tab
3. Click on “subscribe here”
4. Include your details

A reminder that hard copies can also be found:
- On the Before and After School Care wall
- In the hall foyer and
- Outside the ELC

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. http://www.studentlunch.com.au/Ordering_online.html

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.

Important Dates For Your Diary

AUGUST
9
th Puberty Lesson 2
12
th Puberty Lesson 3
13
th ICAS UNSW Maths Exam
13
th SMART8 Session 2
16
th Winter Round Robin
16
th Levels 1 & 2 Assembly
19
th Maths Evening for Parents
20
th Firemen Visit to School
20
th SMART8 Session 3
21
st Bakers Delight Incursion
23
rd CURRICULUM DAY – NO CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOL
26
th Fathers’ Day Stall
27
th Fathers’ Day Stall
27
th Year 5 Camp
27
th – 30
th Year 5 Camp Parent Information Evening
29
th Melbourne Heart Visit
29
th Chesterfield Farm Visit
30
th Level 3 Assembly

SEPTEMBER
3
rd Hooptime
3
rd 2014 Prep Transition
4
th Firemen Visit to School
5
th Melbourne Heart Visit
6
th Basket Ball Round Robin
6
th Levels 1 & 2 Assembly
6
th Year 3 Sleep Over
9
th Concert Dress Rehearsal at School
10
th Concert Rehearsal at Crossways
10
th CONCERT – at Crossways
12
th Melbourne Heart Visit
13
th Netball Clinic
13
th Level 4 Assembly
16
th Year 6 Camp 16
th – 20
th

Year 6
Year 6
Participants
Years 3 – 6
Year 6
Years P – 2
Whole School
Years 3 – 6
Years P – 2

Year 4
2014 Preps
Year Prep
Years 5 & 6
Chosen Students
Years P – 2
Year 3
Whole School
Whole School
Year 1
Years 3 – 4
Years 5 & 6
Years 5 & 6
Year 6
Curriculum Newsletters
The Curriculum Newsletters are a wonderful means of ensuring parents are fully aware of what the children are learning throughout the term. At our school we provide Curriculum Newsletters for all Levels and the Specialist team and I strongly encourage everyone to access them – if you are registered to receive an e-mail alert, you will also receive one for these newsletters!

If you have any questions pertaining to the Curriculum Newsletters please see your child’s teacher or the following Teaching and Learning Leaders:
Years Prep – 2: Mrs Lisa Gough
Years 3 and 4: Mrs Helen Tomecek
Years 5 and 6: Mr Damien Kitch and Specialist Team: Mrs Hannah Hallas or Ms Carla Bures

Our New Classroom
The extension behind the Early Learning Centre is on track. Last week the concrete slab was laid and, hopefully, the builders will be able to commence the framework in the very near future! I look forward to keeping everyone informed of the progress of this project. Below are some photographs of the work thus far.

Parent Opinion Survey
We have reached that stage of the school year where our computer system randomly selects 10% of families to complete the Parent Opinion Survey which is a means for us, as your school, to obtain invaluable feedback in areas in which we are doing well and those which we can improve in. We really do value your feedback and hope that all of the families which were selected will be able to return their surveys by Friday 9th August. If you would like any assistance please do not hesitate to see your child’s teacher or myself.

School Production
It has been wonderful to hear and see the vast amount of practicing that has been occurring throughout our school as each class, our school choirs and band prepare for this year’s production. This year the theme is “Everybody Dance Now” with the children performing a variety of dances from all over the world. The production will be held on Tuesday 10th September at Crossway Centre (Springvale Rd Burwood) so please ensure this date is in your diary. As more information becomes available it will be circulated amongst our school community. Please be aware as Crossways does not have sufficient seats for our entire school community, the production is being held over two sessions:

Year Prep to Three: 6 to 7 pm and
Year Four to Six: 7:45 to 8:45 pm

School Uniform
It has been absolutely wonderful to see all of the children wearing their school uniform. Our school policy is for every child to be in full uniform at all times so a sincere thank you to all parents for ensuring this occurs. As everyone would be aware, a uniform provides a sense of belonging and pride in our school; from a parents point of view, it certainly makes selecting what to wear a great deal easier. If you need assistance with the school uniform please do not hesitate to see or contact Mrs Taylor (Student Wellbeing Leader), Mrs Hunt or myself.
Enrolments
Once again, I would like to remind families with children who will be beginning school in 2014 that enrolments are closing rapidly with only a very small number of positions available as places are filling fast. Hence I strongly encourage you to ensure you return your child’s enrolment form to Jenny or Pam as soon as possible. We also ask that members of our school community assist us by informing any of their neighbours of the enrolment procedures and direct them to the office to collect an enrolment form or our school website – www.glenps.vic.edu.au. School tours are available every Tuesday morning commencing at 9:30 and also upon request. Please call the school on 9802 9938 to book a tour.

During Term Three we are busily preparing for the 2014 school year and would really like your assistance in providing us with as much information as possible regarding your intentions for next year. **If you believe you will not be returning to Glen Waverley in 2014 could you please write me a short note indicating so.** As I am sure you would understand, we need to commence the process of selecting staff and allocate students to classes – your cooperation with this issue is greatly appreciated.

Curriculum Update – Continuing to bring a Global Perspective to learning
Over the last few weeks it has been wonderful to see the children continue to have access to learning which has a global focus. Last Monday and Tuesday the Year 6 children once again met with representatives from Child Fund Connect and shared video recordings from their peers in Vietnam. They also had the opportunity to Skype one of their teachers and ask a plethora of questions about life on the other side of the world.

The children in the Writer’s Club are currently working with the initiative “Books Go Walkabout” which also has a global perspective to it and is another wonderful program for our students and school to be involved with – refer to Kay’s piece in the newsletter.

It is also extremely pleasing to note that our school is the only school in Victoria to be involved in these projects which is very exciting and wonderful for us!

Extra-Curricular Activities - Drawing, AusKick, Science and Singing Classes
It is wonderful to see so many children participate in the various extra-curricular programs our school has to offer. We are extremely proud of the array of additional learning opportunities and it is terrific to see the children thoroughly enjoying themselves. I would like to point out two new additions to our extra-curricular programs:

- **Singing with Lauren Cox** which is held every Monday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 in our school library. Please contact Lauren on 0438 052 067
- **Science** which is held in our school hall every Sunday afternoon from 4 to 6:30, contact Vinay on 1800 78 155 or 0410 210 431

**Photographs of the Auskick (Football), Drawing and Singing Lessons**
Brain Food and Healthy Food

A sincere thank you to all of our families for supporting our Brain Food program. It really is wonderful to see so many of the children enjoy a piece of fruit or some vegetables in order to replenish their vitamins and minerals and then continue learning until the recess break. Thank you everyone!

Families are also reminded of the importance of ensuring the children have a healthy snack and lunch with them at school. Recently I have been keeping a close eye on this and have become quite concerned as some students are bringing lollies, chips and biscuits to school – quite often in very large quantities! Please consider providing your child(ren) with healthier alternatives such as carrots, celery sticks for snack and a healthy sandwich and some fruit for lunch. Healthy foods are lower in GI and will keep the children feeling “full” a great deal longer.

Thank you to the Jayasuriya Family
Thank you to Kavinthi (Prep LG) and her family for donating a beautiful doll house to our school which has been placed in the Early Learning Centre for everyone to share and enjoy for many years to come! Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Congratulations to Izza
Our wonderful School Captain Izza was in the newspaper recently for undertaken a major program in order to assist others. In the Kids Corner section Izza has written a piece describing her experience and we have also included a copy of the article. Well done and congratulations Izza for having the fortitude, courage and willingness to do something to help out the less fortunate people in our society – you really are a wonderful role model and we are so proud to have you as a student at our school and also as our 2013 School Captain.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A PRINCIPAL’S AWARD RECENTLY:

1SR: Ameen, Bilaal, Yenula, Kavin, Daham, Varum and Vedant for playing really well in the school yard

2CW: Yehan for fantastic improvement with his writing and Trevin for being a great friend

3KC: Tuan, Lauren and Dulwan for outstanding home learning

3TA: Binuki for a fantastic PowerPoint about an imaginary celebration called Gouacamaio and Aksaya for being a great friend

56K: Abby for fantastic spelling – Abby spelt all of her spelling words correct this week which is a great effort! Well done Abby!!

1MB: Branaa for fantastic spelling and reading. Branaa spelt 10/10 and also his 2 challenge words correctly

1SR: Shay for outstanding writing
BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their special day during the first half of August:

0LD: Aiden and Keisha
0LT: Yunha
1SR: Varun
1KG: Justin
3TA: Daniel
3DJ: Owlitha
3KC: Dulwan
4AJ: Darren
4SW: Aadith and Prakhar
4KB: Giles
5JT: Anju and Ishane
5K: Rehan and Pimal
5SR: Abhishek
6ND: Kimal
6SY: Ethan and Peter

Wishing everyone a safe and happy fortnight,

Frank Catalano
Principal

Writers’ Club News

We are currently working with “Books Go Walkabout”. It is a global project which unites children with authors and illustrators around the world. Our school is only one of two schools in Australia participating in this program; the other school is in New South Wales.

The Aims of this program is to:
- Bring a global dimension to children talking across talking with authors and illustrators.
- Share books and stories across the world.
- Raise the levels of literacy.
- Use modern technology to span the world.
- Create exciting conversations.
- Share our world and breakdown perceptions and barriers.

They also unite schools in different countries.

We have had a video from illustrator Mike Spoor and Books Go Walkabout about the artistic process of illustrating a book for production. The students have utilised this video to design a character which they are currently profiling to assist with the writing process of a narrative story. Mike Spoor will be visiting Australia later this term and he is hoping to visit the school and the Writers’ Club program.

If you would like more information on this program please see the Books go Walkabout website at www.booksgowalkabout.com
Book Week is Celebrated from August 17 - 23  
The Theme is 'Read Across The Universe'

The Glen Waverley Primary School community will celebrate on  
Monday the 19th of August

To help us celebrate Book Week the children are invited to dress up in costumes as their favourite book character and parade while carrying the corresponding book!

As we do not have sufficient space in the school hall, the children will parade in their class rooms after assembly. Parents are invited to assembly at 9.00am and are welcome to join their children for the parade in their classrooms and stay to enjoy special fun activities to celebrate our love of reading during Book Week.

If you would like to share your favourite stories with the children please let your child’s teacher know so that can be organised.

**Hope to see you there dressed as your favourite book character on Monday 19th August!**

English Curriculum Team,  
Kerryn Callas, Cloe Walsh, Simone Ryan & Lyn Clugg
When I got my pen licence I felt proud and happy with what I achieved. Sam 4KB

I am glad I got my pen licence, so now I can write in pen and make my handwriting stylish. Jana 4KB

I am happy that I got my pen licence, because I thought I wasn’t going to get it. Isuru 4KB

I feel happy that I got my pen licence because I thought I wouldn’t be getting it. Raghav 4KB

I was excited to get my pen licence. Venitha 4KB

I feel really proud of myself and I am the first one to get a pen licence in my family. We had cake to celebrate! Kritika 4KB

I am happy I got my pen licence because now I can write in pen. Duvin 4KB

We hope to get our pen licence VERY SOON!!

I am really excited about getting my pen licence for the first time. I look forward to using my pens in the future. Amasha 4KB
Congratulations to the following students who received the Specialist Award for the month of July:

Sportsperson of the Month: Nitish from 4SW

Chinese Language Achievement Award: Rebekah from 5/6K

Musician of the Month: Jainil from 6LT

Artist of the Month: Valerie from 2RL
BIG SLEEP OUT

I'm a member of MYFS VOLuME committee. I'm 12 years old and I joined VOLuME because of my passion to do something for people less fortunate than me and raise awareness on what's happening in our community. VOLuME is a group of young devoted people aged 10-25 who volunteer their time to get together and organise different activities and fundraisers.

In our regular meetings of VOLuME, every Tuesday evening we discuss various issues surrounding our community and plan an event for the term holidays. At the end of term 1, VOLuME decided that Youth Homelessness was a big issue, so we decided on a project about homelessness for our end of term project in April. The event was held on the 5th of April at the Clayton Community Centre.

ON THE DAY!

On the day we arrived on at the Clayton Community Centre and everyone got seven tokens and an activity sheet. Along with me I had bought some non-perishable items for our mini project of having 501 non-perishable items at the end of the day. We ended up with over 540 non-perishable items which were donated to the Waverley Benevolent Society on behalf of VOLuME.

On the day we did several fun activities including the Stigma game where you were provided with a card, which was then stuck on your back and had something written on it like, stare at me or give me a handshake etc. This activity was for everyone to feel how homeless people cope with people judging them by their looks.

Dinner was also provided and snacks were distributed throughout the night. We played a few other games and throughout the night a policeman came around and fined each of us 5 tokens for doing things like smiling, sitting or standing. This was to make us feel and realise how a homeless person feels like when they don't have any money. Overall it was a great experience as we learnt a lot about homelessness and the numerous challenges that homeless people face.
Lunchtime Movie Day

Gnomeo and Juliet

Garden gnomes Gnomeo and Juliet have as many obstacles to overcome as their quasi namesakes when they are caught up in a feud between neighbours. But with plastic pink flamingos and lawnmower races in the mix, can this young couple find lasting happiness? If you want to watch this epic modern fairytale in the hall on the big screen please come along. It will be lots of great fun and we will also be fundraising for great facilities for our fantastic school!

Where: School Hall at 1:45pm (the movie will start at this time so students need to be ready lining up before).

When: Tuesday 13th August and Wednesday 14th August.

Cost: Gold coin donation for improving the school’s facilities.

Hope to see you there!
Asthma tips for Parents and Carers this Winter

Winter can be a hard time for people with asthma as cold weather, coughs, colds and the flu can bring on more symptoms and attacks.

- The common cold is caused by a virus and it is important to try not to cough and sneeze near other people, and to wash hands properly to prevent passing on the infection. The flu is different to the common cold and can be a much more serious viral infection.
- People with asthma are recommended to have an annual influenza vaccination (the flu shot). Preventing the flu protects people with asthma, as those with asthma are often unwell for longer and have a much harder time recovering from the flu.
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well-controlled; this will help them to bounce back quicker from a cough or cold and will help prevent asthma attacks when they are unwell.
- Some medications and herbal remedies that we use for colds and flu can make asthma worse. Speak to your doctor or pharmacist about any concerns you may have.
- Antibiotics are not normally prescribed for the common cold, or influenza, as these medications will not help a cold get better. Effective medications may include paracetamol and decongestants; however seek advice from your doctor or pharmacist before purchasing them for your child.
- Suggested remedies for the flu and the common cold are: rest, staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water, staying away from cigarette smoke, using steam inhalation, gargling with salty water for a sore throat and seeking medical advice if concerned at any time.

For more information on the common cold, medications and references used in this article please see the Better Health Channel (State Government of Victoria) - [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au) and the NPS website - [www.nps.org.au](http://www.nps.org.au).

Contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au).
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**Karate / Self Defence**

This class is an introduction for kids to learn fundamental karate and self defence techniques.

The three week course will look to improve coordination, motor skills, focus, fitness and discipline.

At completion, children will know if they want to pursue further training.

**Classes are held at Kerrie Neighbourhood House**

- **Sunday 1.00—2.00pm**
- **August 18—September 1**
- To enrol please call 9887 6226

**KUMON**

Using English and mathematics, Kumon gives children:

- A strong academic foundation
- A positive attitude towards school work
- Confidence
- Good learning habits
- Good concentration ability
- A sense of achievement
- The ability to self-learn advanced topics

**FREE TRIAL 15th – 30th August 2013**

**KUMON GLEN WAVERLEY NORTH EDUCATION CENTRE**

@ Glen Waverley Primary School

- **Mon/Wed/Thu** 3.45 to 6.45 PM
- **Friday** 3.45 to 5.30 PM
- **Saturday** 12.45 to 2.45 PM

Bookings and Enquiries : Call: 0421 401 692 / 0412 346 150

**Face Painting Workshop**

Learn to produce gorgeous face painting designs.

Course covers tools used, types of paint, hygiene, basic brush strokes, sponging & other basic skills.

First week covers the basics and second week is for those who wish to learn more.

**Classes are held at Kerrie Neighbourhood House**

- **Saturday 9.30 am—12.30pm**
- **September 14 & 21**
- To enrol please call 9887 6226

Kerrie Neighbourhood House Inc

ABN: 15 102371415 Registration No. A00156 96L
Ashburton Women’s Soccer Club

Family Day - Free Entry

Sunday 11th August 2013
Batesford Reserve
9am to 2.30pm

Corner Batesford Road & Power Avenue
Chadstone Melway 69 H1

Full Canteen for the day
Free Soccer Clinic for Girls at 11am to 12pm

Junior Girls Soccer matches scheduled for the day
Junior Girls (Age 5 to 15) required for 2014 Season

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