PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Members of the Glen Waverley Primary School Community,

Welcome to the penultimate (second last) newsletter for 2013 which makes me wonder, where has the year gone and wow, only a few weeks to go before the end of the 2013 school year! As per usual, we have so much to share about our wonderful school with our fantastic school community such as:

Farewell Mr Darren McDonald
I am very pleased to report that Mr McDonald our substantive Assistant Principal, has been appointed as the substantive Principal at Burwood East Primary School. Darren has been the Acting Principal at Burwood East PS since July this school and has made a significant impact on the school community. To be appointed principal of a school was one of Darren’s professional dreams and it is wonderful that he has achieved this. Naturally we all wish Darren the very best of luck and I am certain he will continue to be a huge success in this role.

What does this mean for our school? We have advertised for a substantive Assistant Principal and should be in a position to notify the school community of the outcome in our next school newsletter.

Facilities Update - Our New Classroom
I am very pleased to report that the construction works with our new classroom have continued over the past fortnight. The framing stage is now complete and I hope that by the time this newsletter is distributed, the roof will also be installed. It is our hope that all of the external components will be completed prior to the end of the school year and then over the holidays the internal sections. Here are some photographs for your enjoyment.

Important Dates For Your Diary

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2014 School Leaders
The level of excitement in the Year 5 classes has been a little higher than usual lately as the children have been preparing and presenting themselves for the various 2014 School Leadership positions. On Monday 18th November ten very nervous students spoke in front of the entire school as to why they should be elected as the 2014 School Captains and EVERY ONE of them was simply outstanding. Thank you, congratulations and well done to: Christi, Olivia M, Tara, Thepuli, Dilmi, Pimal, Kavin, Emre, Anju and Dylan for their wonderful speeches, all of the hard work they put into preparing for them and also thank you to their relevant families for their endless support and assistance.

At our school every child has the opportunity to vote for their 2014 student leaders. The Year Prep to Two’s conducted their votes in their classrooms and the Year 3 to 6 students completed “voting slips” – just like adults do when we have to vote! We are very fortunate to have a great relationship with the Australian Electoral Commission who are always willing to visit our school and oversee the election process. This year Peter assisted with this and it was absolutely wonderful to see such a professional approach being implemented. A sincere thank you to Peter and the Australian Electoral Commission for their fabulous contribution – we really appreciate all they do for our fabulous school!

On Wednesday 20th November the Year 5 students also had the opportunity to present for the 2014 House Captain positions. The entire school met in their relevant House Teams and once again the Year 5 children spoke about the qualities they bring to the role of House Captains. The other selection process occurring is the selection of the Art, Computer (ICT), Library, Environment, Languages and Music Captains. The children who would like to undertake these roles have been asked to write to the relevant teacher who will then make a selection.

I sincerely wish all of the children who have nominated for the various 2014 student leadership roles the very best and we look forward to the 2013 Leaders announcing the 2014 Captains at a very special assembly on Monday 9th December. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful leadership, organisation and coordination of Ms Dale who has overseen this entire process – well done and thank you Ms Dale.
Meet Our Other Scientist – “Scientists in Schools Partnership”

In the previous newsletter I wrote about how fortunate we were to have been granted not one but two scientists as part of the Department’s “Scientists in Schools” program. Last fortnight we met Wei Yen Loh a first year PhD student who currently works at the Florey Department of Neuroscience and Mental Health, and this fortnight we are extremely pleased to present Dr Mark Boland who is the Principal Scientist at the Australian Synchrotron in Clayton.

Mark visited our school last week where he was introduced to some of the children and staff. On Monday both Wei Yen and Mark attended our school assembly and presented themselves to the entire school community. They also explained what their work involves and outlined some of the things we will be able to accomplish as part of our partnership before they remained to see our current Science units in action. Attached are some photos of Wei Yen and Mark at the assembly and also Mark with the Year 2 students.

Once again, we are extremely fortunate to have been provided with two scientists and cannot wait for Wei Yen and Mark to commence working with us in 2014!
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 Four we are 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 Primary School 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.

Family Holidays
Being a very multicultural school, we are aware of some families having plans to finish the 2013 school year earlier in order to visit family and friends overseas. If this pertains to your family, please ensure you provide your classroom teacher or the main office with a short letter which indicates why your child(ren) will be absent, when their last day will be and also when the children will be returning to school. This is extremely important and I thank the families who have already done so.

2014 School Fees and Book Bags
I would like to thank those families who have already settled their 2014 school account and remind those who are yet to do so that if they are settled by the final school day of the year you will receive a $10 discount. We would really like to have as many accounts as possible paid by this date so families will be able to collect their book bags and commence labelling and covering the contents. The 2014 Book Bags have arrived and are available for collection.

A reminder that accounts can also be paid on **Tuesday 28th January which is when Book Bags can also be collected and the uniform shop will be open from 10 am to 2 pm.**

Kumon Awards
On Saturday 23rd November I had the pleasure of being invited to present the annual excellence awards at the Glen Waverley Kumon program who conduct their lessons in our school hall. I was absolutely thrilled to see so many of our students achieving 1, 2 or 3 years ahead of the expected standard. Such achievement is a real credit to the children’s dedication and commitment to improving their skills and knowledge and also a reflection of how much their respective family’s value education. Congratulations and well done to everyone involved in the Kumon program at our school.

Student Reports
At our school we highly value the children’s reports as they are a means of celebrating how much the students have grown socially, emotionally and academically throughout the year. The teaching staff have been working extremely hard on writing your child’s report and these will be distributed on Friday 13th December in conjunction with a slip outlining your child’s classroom teacher and room for the 2014 school year. Please ensure you read the report carefully and if you have any queries see your child’s classroom teacher, Mrs Hunt or myself.

Melbourne and Open University Research Project
Last week Ted Clarke from Melbourne University and Professor Peter Twining from the Open University (United Kingdom) visited our school to interview some of the staff, students, one of our parents and also view how our school’s 1:1 iPad program is being implemented in classrooms. They are visiting 3 schools in Victoria, 11 in Australia and 22 in the United Kingdom as they are researching the impact iPads are having in education. Naturally we are extremely fortunate to have been selected and cannot wait to read their report. It was also wonderful to receive such positive feedback about our school and the impact the technology is having on teaching and learning. Thank you to Nigel Pope (parent of Isaac in Year 5), Mr Younes and Mr Kitch for agreeing to be interviewed and to their respective classes for allowing our visitors to ask them lots of questions about the iPad program.
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Congratualtions Dylan and Srihari (Hari)

It is absolutely wonderful to see so many of our students recognised for outstanding achievements outside of school such as:

Dylan (Year 5) – attends the Speakfest (public speaking) program. Recently he presented a two minute persuasive speech about the importance of school speed zones. Dylan spoke in front of 30 people and without using cue cards was awarded first place in the Under 10 category. Included in this newsletter is a copy of an article from the local newspaper which featured Dylan’s wonderful achievement. Well done and congratulations Dylan!

Srihari (Year 4) – attends the Spellmasters Spelling program and this year he was crowned the Junior Spellmasters Champion. He won the grand final after competing with 18 other students from different schools around Melbourne. and was awarded the Spellmasters 2013 Junior Spelling Champion. Hari has been attending Spellmasters for 4 years and we had the coordinator, Lily, presented a wonderful trophy (which will remain in our school for 12 months) to Hari at a recent assembly. During the presentation she mentioned how far Hari has come and the amazing persistence he has demonstrated over the years to improve his spelling. Hari also won some amazing prizes:

- A trophy for him to keep from Spellmasters,
- A 5th edition dictionary from Macquarie,
- An Amazon Kindle eBook reader from Aspen Australia
- An app store voucher and
- A Rudyard Kipling story book from Satir Centre.

A sincere congratulations to both Dylan and Hari (and their respective families) for their wonderful achievements – Dylan and Hari I hope you are as proud of yourselves as everyone is of you!
Motorcycle at school
Last week Branaa (Year 1) wrote a beautiful letter outlining how much he LOVES motorcycles and he asked me to bring mine to school as he wanted to see it “up close and also sit on it.” He also wanted to see the protective gear and try on the helmet. Here are a few photographs of Branaa on the motorbike and also wearing some of the protective gear. Congratulations Branaa for being so proactive and best wishes in your dream to own your very own motorcycle one day!

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

Prep LG: Yug for making excellent choices, Athum and Sevin for amazing writing and Harley for fabulous English work
Prep LD: Sanna and Nethaya for fantastic writing! ISR: Shay wonderful writing and Daham for being a great friend
1MB: Branna for outstanding spelling work, Sonal for making better choices, Binu for achieving his digital excellence silver word processing badge and Vishal for being a great friend
2RL: Pranav, Kesuri and Adi for developing a fantastic whole school recycling program for next year (2014)
3TA: Nifty for completing amazing fractions work, Keziah for creating a wonderful model that uses a crane that lifts a box on top of a tree house, Methuli for being a great friend, Nifty, Shakya, Methuli, Benuki and Amnaz for terrific home learning
4AJ: Amrita and Chatuni for being excellent role models
4SW: Hari for his outstanding achievement in winning the spelling tournament, Deetya, Elnaz, Amaya, Sehansa, Ifaz, Chamu, and Jennifer for outstanding home learning,
56K: Lawrence and Yohan for being fantastic helpers and Abby for excellent spelling results 5JT: Hsien Zhi and Zheng for creating wonderful posters and a key note about Thomas Edison as part of their science unit.
5SR: Cheyenne for being a fantastic helper
6ND: Seniru, James, Clara, Naveen, Yash and Sabrina for being fantastic helpers
6SY: John, Dinil, Victor and Geoff for being wonderful helpers
BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their special day in the second half of November:

1SR: Darlene
2CB: Sana
2CW: Matheesha and Kavi
2RL: Sapna, Adi and Dineth
3DJ: Simar, Thomas, Angelina, Tiffany and Siddhi
3TA: Amanda, Aksaya and Aarav
4AJ: Vincent, Mikey, Chris and Akshata
4SW: Elnaz, Nitish, Ann and Riya
5JT: Dilmi
56K: Natasha
6ND: Yash and Prashiksha
6SY: Gavin
6LT: Tyanna

Wishing everyone a safe and happy fortnight,

Frank Catalano
Principal

KIDS CORNER

The Kids Corner section of this fortnight’s newsletter has been written by Daniel from 1SR and the students in 4SW.

Some great riddles from Daniel in 1SR – who made them up himself!

Which building has the most stories?

The library of course has the most stories!!

Where does a cat get a new tail if he lost his old one?

At the re-tail store of course!!!
On Tuesday the 19th November, 4SW held a car wash to raise money to pay for our end of year celebration. The idea came from our social skills lessons with Mr Warren and Mrs Taylor where we have been learning about how to work as a better team. Each student was placed in a group so that we could organise our car wash. We had a writing group in charge of writing a letter to the teachers to inform them of the car wash. There was another group who were responsible for writing a letter to our parents so that we could organise the equipment. Some students made a poster to advertise the car wash while others made a brochure. We had students researching how to run the car wash and the price of the products, and some students wrote the procedure for our car wash. There was a group of photographers who made a journal of the process and there was a project manager who made arrangements and got the approval for our idea from Mr Catalano.

On the day, each student was placed in a group and given a specific role. We either had to wash the windows, tyres, sides, front or back of the car; another group was in charge of rinsing the cars. In our groups we washed four different cars at once. Once we had washed all of the cars we quickly gave each car another scrub as some of them were still dirty. We washed 12 cars in total and raised $63 to pay for the food at our end of year celebration. It was a warm day and we felt pretty tired at the end of the two hours that it took us to wash the cars. It was lots of fun and most of us were washing a car for the very first time. We think we worked really well as a team to organise the car wash and then to wash all of the cars. Because it was hot, we got an icy pole at the end. It was lots of fun and we hope we can do it again one day.

We would like to thank all of the teachers who allowed us to wash their car. We also want to thank Mrs Taylor for helping us to organise the car wash and Mr Catalano for letting us do this project.

From all of 4SW
On Tuesday, 26 November, 2013 evening at Jells Park Primary School, Rebekah was presented with a sporting attitude medal from the Rotary Club of Waverley for her achievements in sport.

MC, Ken Longford, spoke the kind words, whilst Secretary Sue Cornelissen presented her with the medal before heading to President Peter Royals for a photo. Rebekah covered the criteria comfortably, that included displaying genuine spirit of fair play and sportsmanship, always humble in victory and gracious in defeat, always tries her best, supports team members and just simply plays for fun.

Rebekah represented Glen Waverley Primary School, Syndal District School Sports Association (SDSSA), Monash-Waverley School Sports Association (MWSSA) at the Eastern Regional athletics carnival and cross-country and did quite well, just missing out on a place to go further. Rebekah was also part of the soccer squad (Glen Waverley PS team) that represented the SDSSA at the MWSSA soccer round robin.

On behalf of the GWPS community I would like to say “Congratulations” to Rebekah on this amazing achievement and wish her all the best in her future sporting events. I would like to thank the Rotary Club of Waverley for this amazing opportunity for our students.

Matt Knott

Rebekah & President Peter Royals
Cybersafety

Our student, staff and parent cybersafety sessions with ACMA have concluded. In order to further ensure the cybersafety of your family, we have provided you with a range of ACMA resources below. Please feel free to use these resources in conjunction with having open and honest discussions with you children about online safety.

www.cybersmart.gov.au
www.twitter.com/CybersmartACMA
www.youtube.com/user/ACMACybersmart
www.facebook.com/cybersmartcloud

Cybersmart Helpline 1800 880176
Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs. If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA in 2014:

1. The student must be below the age of sixteen;
2. The student must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on census day, 28 February 2014 for the first instalment and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment;
3. On Eligibility Day, 28 January 2014 for the first instalment and 14 July 2014 for the second instalment, the claimant must:
   - be a parent or legal guardian of the student;
   - be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder; or
   - be a temporary foster parent.
4. Submit their application to the school by the due date.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. Your EMA is paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account.

The EMA is paid in two instalments, instalment one is paid from March onwards and instalment two is paid from August onwards.

For 2014, the payment amount for primary foundation students is $200 and the payment amount for primary years 1-6 students is $150. It is distributed over the two instalments as indicated below:

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How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form. The form must be completed in full and signed by the applicant. Then please lodge the form at the school office in person, it is essential that schools sight a copy of the Centrelink card to verify the spelling of the applicant’s name.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014.

For more information about the EMA, visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx
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Run outs, end of season products, samples and damaged stock - below cost prices!
Crafts perfect for art classes, after school care, holiday programs & kids at home!

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Open Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm

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21-23 Joseph St, Blackburn North 3130
Ph: 03 9896 4300 www.shamrockcraft.com.au

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**WHO’S IN CHARGE?**

Does your child hurt, intimidate or abuse you?
Do you feel you are losing control?
Want to learn how to handle conflict?

Reclaim respect and calm in your family!

The Who’s in Charge? group is an 8 week program for parents or carers of young people (8 to 18 years) who are out of control, violent or defiant. Jenny & Sibhan M from MYFS will be facilitating this group. The group aims to:

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child’s behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
- Help you feel more in control and less stressed

Next program runs from 10am - 12.30pm and starts on Tuesday 11th February and finishes on 1st April 2014.
The program runs from Monash Youth & Family Services (MYFS),
24 Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley
This program is FREE.

For enquiries or bookings call Jenny or Sibhan M at MYFS on 9518 3900.
Limited places, bookings essential. More info on the topic of violence to parents at www.addialliefatherid.au

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**RUGBY LEAGUE**

has arrived in the Eastern Suburbs!

Players, Coaches & Volunteers required for
2014 Season

**Boys & Girls**
Ages from 4-16 years old
& Girls 12-16 League Tag Team

2013 Events: League Tag 1/12 & 8/12 - Bayswater West Primary
Registration Day: 15/12 - Colchester Reserve, Boronia
2014 Preseason: Starts January 2014 - Colchester Reserve, Boronia

For More Information:
Email: secretary@easternraptores.com.au
Visit: www.easternraptores.com.au
Visit: www.facebook.com/eastern.raptorsRLC

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**YOGA CLASS FOR ADULTS**

**EVERY SATURDAY 3-4pm**

Stretching, breathing & relaxation for a healthy body and calm mind
Gold coin donation
Beginners welcome
Glen Waverley Primary School hall

Contact: Janette Scott on 0434 763460 or Rahul Mediratta on 0468 969424
Conducted by the Art of Living foundation
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Cancer Council’s biggest fundraising event is coming to life in Monash this November to Celebrate, Remember and Fightback against cancer!

We are inviting community members of all ages from Monash and surrounds, to get involved and help make the FIRST EVER Monash Relay For Life a very special event!

Relay For Life is a wonderful, overnight community-based event where teams walk or run throughout the night to keep a baton moving around track, whilst raising money to support well-needed cancer research; support services; and prevention initiatives. It is unlike any other cancer fundraising event; as it is a chance for the entire community; families, friends, neighbours, colleagues, and people young and old; to band together and fight back against cancer.

At each Relay, special ceremonies are held over the two days, and these ceremonies are what define a Relay For Life and make it such an inspirational, empowering and moving experience.

These ceremonies include the Honorary Opening Lap of the Relay, where cancer survivors and carers are cheered on for their strength; the Survivors & Carers Afternoon Tea; where our event VIPs - our cancer survivors and carers - are treated to a specially catered function in our pavilion; and of course the Candlelight Ceremony at dusk; where participants and families can reflect on and pay tribute to those affected by cancer.

Participating teams fundraise in the lead up to the event, and all money raised by the Relay goes towards cancer research, support and prevention services to help support the 913 people diagnosed with cancer in the City Of Monash each year.

So please: If you have been touched by cancer and want to fight back and make a difference; Register Now at www.relayforlife.org.au.

Monash Relay For Life!
30th November – 1st December; 4:00pm – 12:00noon
Waverley Women’s Softball Ground,
Wheelers Hill

For more information, please contact Emily at monash@relayforlife.org.au