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:

**Education Week**

Education Week is one of the most exciting weeks in our school calendar as we celebrate the wonderful things occurring in Government schools. This year it will be held next week (Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May and also over the weekend. At our school so many wonderful things have been planned (please refer to Mrs Gough’s piece) and I hope families are able to join us in celebrating the amazing things we do in our school.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the various Education Week festivities and also sharing the outstanding learning opportunities throughout our school!

**Mother’s Day Stall**

I hope all of our mums enjoyed Mother’s Day and you had the opportunity to spend the day relaxing with family and friends. I would also like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank all of the mums and dads who assisted with the Mother’s Day stall. The children thoroughly enjoyed attending the stall and purchasing a gift for their mum which would not have been possible if it wasn’t for the wonderful parents who assisted – thank you very much to all of you, your efforts are really appreciated!

**Curriculum Day**

As a staff we are all looking forward to tomorrow’s Curriculum Day as we continue to work with renowned Literacy consultant Steve Willy on redeveloping our whole school approach to Writing. Steve was instrumental in assisting us in developing our school’s Reading program which has been an enormous success. A reminder that the Out of Schools Hours Care program will be operating all day tomorrow. If you would like to register your child(ren) please do via our school website – www.glenps.vic.edu.au

I look forward to sharing additional news and possibly some photographs in our next school newsletter.

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**Important Dates For Your Diary**

**May**
- 15th: NAPLAN Testing  Yrs 3 & 5
- 15th: Chess – Lesson 9  Participants
- 15th: After School Chinese Classes  Participants
- 16th: CURRICULUM DAY – No students to attend School  Year 6s
- 16th: Interschool Sport Round 3 - BYE  Whole School
- 20th: ICAS UNSW Computer Skills Exam  Participants
- 20th: SMART8 – Lesson 3  Yrs 3 - 6
- 21st: Fun Run 9:00am – 11:00am  Yrs 3 – 6
- 21st: Fitness Challenge 9:00am – 11:00am  Yrs 0 – 2
- 21st: Community BBQ 1:00pm  Whole School
- 21st: Second Hand Uniform Sale  3.00 – 4.00  Whole School
- 22nd: Science Day  Whole School
- 22nd: Open Night  Whole School
- 22nd: Chess – Lesson 10  Participants
- 22nd: After School Chinese Classes  Participants
- 27th: SMART8 – Lesson 4  Yrs 3 – 6
- 29th: Chess – Lesson 11  Participants
- 29th: After School Chinese Classes  Participants

**June**
- 3rd: SMART8 – Lesson 5  Yrs 3 - 6
- 4th: ICAS UNSW Science Exam  Participants
- 5th: Chess – Lesson 12  Yrs 5 & 6
- 5th: Melbourne Museum and Imax Theatre - Yrs 6CG, 5PA, 6LT and 5SR  Participants
- 5th: After School Chinese Classes  Participants
- 6th: Interschool Sport Round 4  Year 6s
- 9th: QUEENS BIRTHDAY – NO SCHOOL  Whole School

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**SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS**

Lunch orders are available from our service provider Balance Living Catering five days a week. Ordering is done through an online service, details of which are available on our website or visit http://www.balancedlivingcatering.com.au/school-lunch-ordering.html

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**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.
Our new shade sails
It is wonderful to have our new shade sails installed, although one may argue a little ironic considering the lack of sun we have had in recent weeks! Never the less, the shade sails are certainly a welcomed improvement to our school’s facilities and something which everyone should be able to cherish for a long time. I would like to thank the numerous parents who have commented about these and our wonderful students who simply amaze me with their endless amount of praises and gratitude.

Student Bathroom Refurbishment Program
I would like to thank the numerous parents who have made the effort to see me and comment about our refurbished student bathrooms. It certainly is terrific to have this project completed very early in the year which, once again, would not have been possible without the financial assistance from our families who have contributed by paying the extra levy – thank you everyone!

I would also like to congratulate the following children who have been selected to partake in the Year 5/6 Advanced Art program and will be responsible for painting an underwater theme in the student bathroom foyer area. Congratulations to:

- 6LT: Paarnicka, Lucy and Olivia M
- 6SY: Jenica, Olivia Y and Kin
- 6CG: Nisuli and Robin
- 5/6L: Sam, Kyrylo and Neha
- 5PA: Sandewni
- 5SR: Amasha and Amaya
- 5JT: Yeji

One of the children’s first tasks will be to survey the entire student body and ascertain which sea creatures they would like in the mural, and then commence the process of painting it. We look forward to sharing photos of this as it gets completed.

Student Uniform
As we move into some very cold and wet weather, a reminder to all families that students are to wear correct school uniform at all times. It is very important that we work together to ensure that our students are fine ambassadors and wear our uniform with pride. I would like to highlight that students are allowed to wear a coat or jacket to and from school in order to keep themselves warm and dry. At school if it is too cold or too wet, the children will remain indoors.

School Photographs
By now everyone should have received their school photographs. I sincerely hope that families are pleased with the quality and that they are terrific mementos for many, many years to come. If you do have any concerns with your photographs please let me know.
15th May, 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (Cont’d)

Student Voice
One of the elements of our school which I am really proud of is the fact that we encourage and allow the children to express their ideas about “how to make our school even better”. Recently three Year 2 students, Yenula, Vishal and Bilaal, approached me and asked whether we could have additional “4 square” courts painted on the school grounds. Naturally I am really proud of the boys for doing so and their request has been granted.

Last week Anton from Action Line Marking visited our school and with the help of the boys has determined where the additional 4 square courts will be placed and also managed to ask for a few other things to be painted - which we have decided to keep as a surprise for now.

Once the weather fines up Anton will return in order to complete the new line marking and we look forward to sharing these with everyone.

Well done and congratulations Yenula, Bilaal and Vishal – it really is wonderful that you were prepared to see me about this in order to improve our school and hopefully in the next week or so our new line marking will be completed.

Enrolments
I would like to remind families with children who will be beginning school in 2015 that we are taking enrolments now and that they are also 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.

NAPLAN Assessment Tasks
This week our Year 3 and 5 students participated in the NAPLAN assessment tasks. I wish all of the children well and also thank the Year 3 and 5 teachers, Mrs Jacobs, Ms Callas, Ms Javidi, Ms Smith, Ms Ryan, Ms Tzimas, Mr Austin and Mrs Gough and the families of the children completing the assessment tasks for all of their work in ensuring the children are prepared. Best wishes to all and we look forward to receiving the children’s results in August.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A PRINCIPAL’S AWARD RECENTLY:

**Prep CB**- Malachy for being a very proactive and caring member of our school by returning a lost diary of a classmate

**Prep MT**- Minh for fabulous writing and amazing improvements he has made with his learning

**1PK**- Uthum for fabulous persuasive writing which is featured in the Kids’ Corner section of the newsletter

**2ND**- Vishal, Yenula and Bilaal for being really proactive members of our school by requesting additional line marking in our school

**2PS**- Shayhan for fantastic writing about his mum, Karina for being a wonderful friend and Branna for making beautiful chocolate aliens

**3AJ**- Ryan for amazing writing about his weekend and Shubham for being a great friend

**4MK**- Srijit, Dhruv and Thomas for being really responsible members of our school community by looking after our new student bathrooms

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their special day during the second half of May:

- Prep CB: Yoyo
- Prep LT: Varun
- Prep MT: Tej, Alexa and Peta-Grace
- Prep OA: Senula
- 1KG: Jessica, Tharusha and Amy
- 1MB: Sayuri
- 1SR: Sofia
- 2CW: Kenul
- 2ND: Chathuka and Yenula
- 2PS: Branaa and Kavin
- 3KC: Venuka and Sanithu
- 34S: Deshitha and Tuan
- 56L: Dilni, Neha and Yasmin
- 5JT: Raghav
- 6SY: Jenica

Wishing everyone a safe and happy fortnight,

Frank Catalano
Principal
The Kids Corner section of this fortnight’s newsletter has been written by Uthum in 1PK who has written a very persuasive piece

“STUDENTS SHOULD ALWAYS DO THEIR BEST LEARNING”

I believe that students should always do their best learning.
   Firstly, it will help you improve your learning skills.
   Secondly, you will become brilliant and amazing.
Thirdly, it will help you so, so much and will help you get an A+ at everything like Maths.
   Fourthly, you will become a better person.
   Fifthly, you can get a job and you can survive even longer.
Sixthly, you can get money and good food that will help you.
Finally, I strongly believe students should always do their best learning!

Term 2 - Second Hand Uniform Sale

When: Wednesday 21st May 2014
Time: 3.00-4.00pm
Place: Outside the Uniform Shop

Green long & short sleeved tops, shorts, trackpants $2
Hats $2
All other clothing & bags $5

All items bought as seen
No refunds given
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
DAMIEN KITCH

RESILIENCE – A KEY STEP TO SUCCESS

This term, as part of our school’s You Can Do It (YCDI) Program, the students are explicitly discussing and learning techniques related to “confidence”. This is one of the YCDI keys to success and through building a child’s confidence this leads towards an improved level of resilience.

Resilience, in an educational sense of the word, refers to psychological hardiness and a person’s ability to deal with life’s knocks and setbacks, both big and small. Resilient children are able to accept life’s disappointments, bounce back quickly from social rejection, persevere when learning doesn’t come easily and generally have a positive attitude to life. But what helps to make someone resilient?

Resilience is a mixture of attitude, skills and abilities and character. Some children are born with a resilient spirit. They are naturally determined and spirited. But resilience is also fostered by early childhood experiences and is a skill which can be explicitly taught, as in the YCDI Program.

Resilient kids have healthy thinking habits. They tend not to overreact when things go wrong. They have a sense of optimism about themselves and the future. Some kids are born optimistic but most pick up their optimism from the significant adults in their environment. As parents, it pays for us to be optimistic rather than negative as children often base their actions upon what is modelled for them.

Resilient kids are also independent and good problem-solvers. As parents we can develop autonomy and resourcefulness by teaching kids the skills of independence and giving them opportunities to resolve some of their own problems. Overprotection robs children of opportunities to develop resilience. Chores and domestic responsibilities, caring for siblings and looking after their own well-being are some ways children can show their capability as family members.

Social competence is an attribute resilient kids have in common. They are able to mix well with others and link with friends when they experience disappointment or some hardship. As parents we can develop socials skills by interacting with our children, providing opportunities for children to interact with others, and teaching and modelling appropriate social behaviours.

As you visit the school in the coming weeks, keep an eye out for our exciting YCDI displays which are going up around the school.
The Curriculum Team enjoy planning events that create opportunities for the school community to come together. **Education Week** is a time we can celebrate the way in which we all work together to support student learning at Glen Waverley Primary School. We have long known that if all stakeholders (parents, teachers, students and extended community or family members) collaborate on this vitally important task, student learning outcomes are maximised. **Education Week** is a time that we would like to invite you to join us at one of the events listed below, to celebrate the wonderful learning and community we have developed together.

**Monday May 19th**
- **Whole School Assembly**
  We will commence the week at 9:00am with a whole school assembly showcasing;
  4SD-A Sailor Went to Sea on the recorders
  Recorder Band-Go Tell Aunt Rhody
  56L-Amazing Grace on the Federation Bells

**Tuesday May 20th**
- **Performance at The Glen Shopping Centre.**
  10:00am to 10:30am, Level 1, Outside JB Hi-Fi
  The School Choir and Chinese Choir will both perform.

**Wednesday May 21st**
- **Fun Run And Fitness Challenge**
  Years 3-6 at Larpent Reserve, Glen Waverley commencing at 9:15 until 11:00 am
  Years Prep – 2 at Glen Waverley Primary School commencing at 11:30am until 1:00pm
- **Community BBQ**
  1:00pm at Glen Waverley Primary School.

**Thursday May 22nd**
- **Glen Waverley Primary School Science Fair**
  9:00am – Welcome to parents and community members as we commence in the school hall.
  9:30-10:00am - The Prep and Year 1 classes will be opening their classrooms for you to wonder through and see some amazing science work.
  10:00-10:45am - The Year 2-6 classes will be open for you to see the children’s individual projects.
  11:00am. The morning session will end at 11:00am in the hall where a yummy morning tea will be provided.
- **Open Night 5:30pm to 7:00pm.**
  If you are unable to attend the Science Fair during the day, we hope you are able to come after school for a "Twilight" session from 5:30-7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you all on this special day.

Mrs Lisa Gough
Leading Teacher - Curriculum
DRESS UP AS WHAT YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP DAY

Hooray! It’s here! The first dress up day of the year is finally here! This term the Junior School Council has organized a ‘What you want to be when you grow up’ day! On Friday 30th of May, 2014, you can dress up as ANYTHING you want to be in the future. You can dress up as a doctor, police officer, a teacher, an actor and any other ideas you can think of.

On the day you must bring a gold coin donation ($1 or $2 coin) for our sponsored child in Bangladesh, Diganta. So add the 30th of May to your diary and don’t forget to bring a gold coin donation.

By Shalynne (6SY) and Nisuli (6CG)
YEAR 4 CAMP!

On Wednesday 30th April, 74 Year 4 students and 8 teachers set off for camp at Coastal Forest Lodge, Anglesea. For many, this was the first time away from the family and the feelings were quite positive, with a few anxious but had soon forgotten this feeling as it turned into excitement. As we said our “farewells” to the parents, we were off on the road to our first destination, Scienceworks Planetarium.

We were joined by Mr Catalano and we enjoyed a show called ‘Tilt’ that had a focus on the earth’s tilt and why we have seasons. We then spent some time playing with the exhibits. Next we moved on to Coastal Forest Lodge where we started our activity rotations of low ropes, archery/mini golf, hut building and photo trail. The evening started with a bush walk led by Mr Warren. When we arrived back, we had the chance to look through the school telescopes and iPads at the stars and also to roast marshmallows with Mrs Tomecek by the fire and sing camp songs with Mr Lewis and Miss Smith.

On the morning of day 2, Mr Kitch arrived and helped us through our camp rotations which were enjoyed by all, with plenty of “bulls-eyes” at archery and “hole-in-one” at mini golf, in addition to successfully completing the low ropes course and finding all the clues in the photo trail. After lunch we were off to Anglesea main beach. Here we spent three hours playing beach games such as soccer and throwing the frisbee, going on a beach walk, exploring the shallow waters of the river mouth (estuary) and noodling (collecting beach knick-knacks) to create space themed beach sculptures; which were all fantastic. We arrived back to Coastal Forest Lodge and got changed into warm clothing for the evening as straight after dinner it was time for Miss Donald’s fantastic trivia. We managed to not only do trivia, but different challenges such as dress up the spaceman, it was a lot of fun had by all.

The third and final day started off by packing up and heading off on a farm walk where we got to meet and feed the animals. We met cows, sheep, alpacas, horses and donkeys and got to feed them too, although most got covered in cow soliva whilst trying to feed them but it was fun. We then headed to the dam where Alan (owner) taught us how to catch yabbies’ and we caught heaps. We carefully picked them up from behind their pinchers and posed for plenty of photos.

We walked back to camp and it was time to say farewell to Iona (manager) and all the staff at Coastal Forest Lodge, and thank them for a wonderful time and for all of their help. With the students being so active, food was always in high demand and fortunately we were all very well fed and catered for with breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner all freshly made and supplied by the camp. The staff ensured that our cabins and beds were comfortable ensuring that for those who did not provide adequate sleeping that there was something we could borrow.

I would like to thank Miss Smith, Mrs Bailey and Miss Donald for their assistance in organising a successful camp. A big thank you to Mr Catalano, Mr Kitch, Mrs Tomecek, Mr Lewis, Mr Warren and Miss Fitch who gave up their time to assist with the Year 4 camp.

Mr Knott
Camp Leader
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.

Creative Craft for Children (7-12yo)
The Waverley Community Learning Centre is running a 5 week program to make a range of creations exploring texture, colour, materials & objects on Thursdays 4-5.30 for 5 wks starting 29th May at cost $75 (BYO art smock)
Details: 9807 6011 or waverleyclc.org.au

Karate for Kids Taster (7-12yo)
The Waverley Community Learning Centre is running a 3 week introduction program to learn fundamental karate & self-defence techniques on Sundays 2:30-3:30pm starts 15 June at cost $40 (wear comfortable clothing).
Details: 9807 6011 or waverleyclc.org.au

Bookings essential for all classes. Details: www.waverleyclc.org.au or 9807 6011 / email: info@waverleyclc.org.au

GLEN WAVERLEY PRIMARY
NAB AFL AUSKICK School Program
Register and pay online at aflauskick.com.au/registration
Type in Glen Waverley Primary in the find centre locator

FAQ - If you miss the first session, you can join the following week.
No specialist clothing required (football boots not necessary)
Parents welcome to be involved in the sessions.

COST @ $60.00
Includes: 6 weeks of skills and game play, football kit with a football, cap

CHECK US OUT ON

Classes are held at Waverley Community Learning Centre
5 Fleet Street, Mount Waverley 3149
Ph: 9807 6011
web: www.waverleyclc.org.au or email: info@waverleyclc.org.au
Office hours
Mon-Fri 9am – 4pm