Dear Members of the Glen Waverley Primary School Community,

Farewell to Mrs Hannah Hallas
Next Tuesday is Mrs Hallas final day with us before she commences Maternity Leave in order to have her first child. Hannah has been an invaluable member of our staff team for the past 2 years and on behalf of the entire school community I would like to wish Hannah and her husband Jake, all the very best with the impending birth. We look forward to seeing Hannah and her baby in the coming months.

Our New Classroom
Unfortunately there has not been any progress with the extension behind the Early Learning Centre since our last newsletter as we are still waiting for the Building Permit to be issued – hopefully this arrives shortly so work can commence. Never the less, the tradespeople have made significant progress with the extension of the EAL (English as an Additional Language) classroom with the walls erected, the initial electrical wiring and the majority of the flooring also completed. We are hoping that this project will be finished by the end of this term.

Parent Opinion Survey
A sincere thank you to the families who have completed this year’s Parent Opinion Survey. The surveys have now been mailed and we look forward to receiving the results in the coming months.

School Production
I hope everyone has received the notice regarding tickets for our school production and have returned the order form to school. I strongly encourage everyone to do so as soon as possible as seating is limited at the Crossway Centre. A reminder that this year’s 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 the Crossway Centre (Springvale Rd Burwood) so please ensure this date is in your diary. Also 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.

Notices regarding costumes have also commenced to be sent home, please keep an eye out for these too!

## Important Dates For Your Diary

### AUGUST

23rd
- CURRICULUM DAY – NO CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOL

- Fathers’ Day Stall
- Fathers’ Day Stall
- Year 5 Camp 27th – 30th
- Year 6 Camp Parent Information Evening
- Melbourne Heart Visit
- Chesterfield Farm Visit
- Maths Evening for Parents
- Level 3 Assembly

### SEPTEMBER

3rd
- Hooptime
- 2014 Prep Transition
- Firemen Visit to School
- Melbourne Heart Visit
- Basket Ball Round Robin
- Levels 1 & 2 Assembly
- Year 3 Sleep Over
- Concert Dress Rehearsal at School
- Concert Rehearsal at Crossways
- Concert Rehearsal at Crossways
- Melbourne Heart Visit
- Netball Clinic
- Level 4 Assembly
- Year 6 Camp 16th – 20th
- Fairy Park Excursion

20th
- Last Day of Term 3
- Assembly 2.00 – 2.30
- Early Dismissal 2.30

### 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.
Family Maths Evening
Thank you to the numerous families who attended the Maths information evening which was held on Monday. It really was amazing to see the hall filled with approximately 150 parents as consultant Michael Ymer explained the “Glen Waverley Primary School” method of teaching Mathematics. Michael also outlined a number of key issues pertaining to how children learn mathematics which was not only very interesting but also very well received by the attendees.

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 – Book Week and our Whole School Approach to Reading
Wow, what an exciting week it has been for everyone as we celebrate Book Week and our school’s reading program. We commenced the week with a special assembly where the following children discussed our school’s reading program and how it is making them a better learner and reader. Congratulations, well done and thank you to: Anvita (Year 2), Nethini (Year 3), Sam, Sehansa and Fahad (Year 4) and Shreya, Kin and Dylan (Year 5) for being prepared to present to the whole school and for also doing an outstanding job!

Research indicates that good reading encompasses 12 main strategies. The children are learning these and as they do so, the strategy forms their Reading Learning Goal. The following diagram outlines the 12 strategies under the umbrella of:
- Thinking within the text
- Thinking beyond the text and
- Thinking about the text

Thank you to the D’Souza Family
Thank you to Devon (3KC), Dylan (56K) and their family for donating a wonderful Thomas the Tank train set, some shelving and a Christmas tree. The train set and Christmas tree have been placed in the Early Learning Centre for everyone to share and enjoy for many years to come and the shelving will be used in the art room. Thank you to Nive, Steve, Dylan and Devon - your generosity is very much appreciated!

Curriculum Day
A reminder that tomorrow (Friday 23rd August) is a Curriculum Day and the children are not required at school. As a staff we will continue working with renowned Reading consultant Steve Willy as we investigate the latest research in reading education.
Book Week
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A PRINCIPAL’S AWARD RECENTLY:

All of the prep children for working so hard on their reading and writing skills
0LG: Harley for making great choices in PMP class and Yug for being a wonderful helper and friend
1KG: Jake for fabulous writing and Simran for being a great friend
1MB: Imashi for making great progress with her reading and also for going to another school and letting other teachers watch her learn
1SR: the whole class for fabulous writing and their work on the different types of crops
2CB: Hritik for building and explaining how his pumping station works, Madison for being a great friend and Madison (again) and Alyssandra for showing initiative by tidying up the computer cables in their classroom
2CW: Kavi for drawing a wonderful picture of our school and Peri for being a great friend
4KB: Amasha for being very proactive and designing a new uniform for our school, Sriprada for being a great friend and Giles for being a wonderful helper
4AJ- Inha for fabulous EAL work learning about “used to and but not any longer”
4SW: Yoshina, Nicole and Amaya also for fabulous EAL work learning about “used to and but not any longer”
56K: Sean for fantastic fractions work, Isaac for being a great friend Isaac (again), Dylan, Natasha, Rehan and Shu Yuan for amazing writing and Justin and Derek for being wonderful helpers
5JT: Dilni for terrific mathematics - Dilni worked out how compound interest works!
5SR: Andy, Alex and Ming for outstanding EAL work about different countries throughout the world and Brock for being a wonderful helper
6SY: Manaal for being great helpers when recording the Book Week books which I read for the children and Senoli for being a wonderful helper
6LT: Manoli, Steven and Kelvin also for being great helpers when recording the Book Week books which I read for the children
Book Week assembly presentations - Anvita (2RL), Nethini (Year 3DJ), Sam (4KB), Sehansa and Fahad (Both in 4SW) and Shreya and Kin (both in 5JT) and Dylan (56K)

0LT: Omar for making terrific choices and working really hard in class
1SR: Anuk for creating an amazing homework diorama with his grandfather
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (Cont’d)

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

0LD: Trinity, Ravindu and Rehansa
0LG: Advaith, Kavinthi and Yug
0LT: Gayodha, Lily and Victoria
1MB: Thinuri, Akshala and Harani
1KG: Pawan
2CW: Isara and Xuan
3TA: Pulindu
3DJ: Nachiket
4AJ: Vignesha, Amrita, Vihan, Justin and Inha
4SW: Kyrylo
4KB: Rituraj and Dyson
5JT: Minul
56K: Justin
5SR: Nandinee and Neel
6LT: Jalani

Wishing everyone a safe and happy fortnight,

Frank Catalano
Principal

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**Year 6 Winter Sport Round Robin**

On Friday August 16th, the Year 6’s represented the school in the annual SDSSA Winter Sport Round Robin held at Ashwood College.

We had teams in every sport which were -
- AFL Football
- Mixed and Girls Netball
- Kickball
- Soccer Rounders
- Voleystars

Every side played 4 games and had a win, but more importantly all of the students enjoyed the day, even though we finished 5th.

The highlight for the teachers was that all of the students had shown vast improvements from when they first began to where they are at now, showing greater understanding of their respective sports. For this I would like to congratulate all of the Year 6 students and I hope you go on with your choice of sport in the future.

Matt Knott
Congratulations to the following students who received the Specialist Award for the month of August:

**Artist of the Month:** Nadeeja from 6ND

**Chinese Language Achievement Award:** Dihein from 1MB

**Sportsperson of the Month:** Kavinthi from 0LG

**Musician of the Month:** Yerin from 5JT

**Artist of the Month:** Nadeeja from 6ND
Dedication to mum: The most important person in my life

Prologue: Queen Elizabeth was lying in her deathbed for 4 months now. She was getting weaker by the minute, but she was determined not to end her life yet, until she shared her secret....

Queen Elizabeth’s beloved daughter Miranda knelt by her mother’s bed grasping her mother’s cold, clammy hand. Hot wet tears trickled down her porcelain white face. “Mum don't leave me now.” she wept.

"My darling girl, go to the fireplace and you will find a loose brick." The queen gasped " what is it mum?” The princess asked. But they were the last words spoken by the queen.

Princess Miranda’s heart ached as she wept. The most important person in her life just left her!

Princess Miranda wept for days in her beautiful bedroom, which was decorated with the palest lemon and pink striped wallpaper. In the middle stood an enormous four poster bed dressed in the most delicate pink floral bedclothes. In one corner was an enormous doll house complete with a felt grass lawn and in another was a gleaming white rocking horse. A large Persian rug took up most of the room and luxurious cream curtains tumbled to the floor tied back with fist size silver tassels.

The last words her mum said rang in her head. “There is a loose brick in the fire place” she had said. Just as the princess was about to leave the room king Harold entered. "Dad" she cried and ran into her father’s grip. "Honey are you ok?” He asked worried about his daughter's red, tear stained face. "I know it is a hard time for us darling, but you have to be strong” he said. That’s why I think you need a new mum". A tear ran down his pale face as he said this.

Princess Miranda ran her finger through the fire place looking for a loose brick. Finally she found one down the bottom. She pulled it as hard as she could. The brick slid over to reveal a little space behind it. The princess put her hand into the tiny space to find a hidden treasure chest. She put the brick back into its space and ran into her room clutching onto the little box. She ran into the room and locked the door behind her. She sat down on her bed and looked at the chest. There was a little padlock on it which she easily mangled with an ornament. She slowly opened the chest to reveal three beautiful teddies. All of them were a chocolate brown. The first teddy had a gleaming red bow on its head. The second teddy had a dainty little flower on its head. The third was plain with just a smile on its face. Princess Miranda stared at the little toys and thought " this is my mums treasure to me, I have to treasure this forever." She thought and stored them in a very safe place.

After the death of her mother, time passed slowly for princess Miranda. Eventually the days blended into one and the king was married to a beautiful widow named Rosina. Having thought that the Rosina loves children the king married her hoping she would be a devoted mother to princess Miranda. But he was wrong, she did not turn out to be a good mother to princess Miranda at all.
Being the prettiest princess in the kingdom, the stepmother was jealous of the princess’s beauty. Rosina made the princess work day and night. Scrubbing, washing, making the dinner was the princess’s new life. King Harold was never aware of this as he thought Rosina was a great mother. Rosina was pretty and thought that if the princess died she would be the prettiest. So she brewed up an evil plan to kill the princess.

The next day the king got an invitation from another kingdom for the birth of a new prince. Rosina refused to go, seeing her chance to put her evil plan into action. As soon as the king was gone she told the princess they were going on a trip. Obeying her stepmother’s command the princess got ready to go on the trip.

Rosina led the princess into the deep dark forest near the woods. Stories had said that there was a witch who eats children in these woods. Knowing these stories are true, Rosina led the princess into the depths of the woods. She commanded her to stay there until she came back.

Knowing Rosina wouldn’t come back, the princess set of to find home. After a few hours she could make out a house covered by bricks. She ran to the house which was covered in dark green moss. She knocked on the dark wood door. Just as she was about to leave, seeing that no one was home, the old door creaked open and an old face appeared. "Hello there young lady", she said with a smile that would scare the bravest of the knights.

"Ah hello there, I’m kind of lost", the princess said uncertainly. "I was hoping you could help me find my way back." The princess requested doubtfully. "Well of course honey" she said with a sickly sweet tone. "Come in for a cup of tea, my darling" the old lady commanded.

The princess cautiously entered the little cottage, taking in her surroundings. A large pot sat in the middle of the timber floor. There was a fireplace and two brown armchairs. “Have a seat my dear” the old lady said. The princess carefully sat down. "I’m going to have a good dinner tonight" the old lady said with a cackle.

The princess got a bit suspicious as the old lady told her to stand near the boiling pot. Just as the old lady was about to push the princess into the pot.....

Three little figures appeared from the side and sprang into action. The first figure tied a rope around the old lady's legs. The second one pushed princess Miranda out of the way. The last little figure pushed the wicked old lady into the boiling pot. The wicked witch burned down into ashes. The princess was safe, and wanted to know who the three little heroes were. Three little brown teddies appeared in front of the princess. The princess gasped. "Bu... Bu...but how" she mumbled. "Hi there" said the teddies confidently. "Hi, oh my gosh! You're alive! But how? How did you know I was in trouble?" Questions shot out from the princess's mouth like bullets. "Well, firstly we were always alive but you never noticed, secondly, we know when you are in trouble because we have special senses. Anyway you're safe now and that's all that matters." They replied. "Come on now, let's get you home." They said as they led the princess out of the cottage.

The princess was safely in the palace again. King Harold was back, aware of the situation. The evil stepmother Rosina was gone forever. The king, the princess and the teddies lived happily ever after.
The students in 5JT are enthused about the new reading program in their class! They now describe reading sessions as “fun”, “exciting” and “awesome”. What an achievement! They focus on 2-3 reading strategies per week. This week, their reading foci are comparing and contrasting, and using punctuation to improve phrasing and expression.

Here is what some of the students of 5JT have to say about reading in their class.

“Horses, elves, fairies...it is a whole new world. I love books because they give you permission to enter a whole new world of imagination” - Thepuli.

“In 5JT, we learnt how to recall facts and details which was very fun!” - Sreya.

“We do lots of fun activities. Ms. Tzimas reads us a book and then we get independent reading time in which we get to read a book of choice and we do activities that make us understand what we are learning” - Neev.

“The reading program is really interesting. I think you’ll learn a lot because of the types of books we read and how we make connections using sticky notes” - Minul.

“Reading in 5JT is good because we read a wide range of books and do a wide range of cool, understandable activities” - Anjuhan.

“Reading has gone from ordinary to awesome, because we each have a special book box containing sticky notes to write our thoughts on while reading. We can’t lose our books now!” - Channa.

“In reading, we have our own reading goal. I am feeling happy because we get to improve our reading” - Satakshi.

“I love reading in our class because we use thinking tracks to write down our opinions and ideas” - Dilm.

“ I think that reading is fun because we can choose our own book, but it has to be just right for us” - Kin.

“We learn how to become more fluent and put emotion into our reading” - Paige.

“It is fun because of the amount of time we get to read independently” - Muhammad

As you can see, the new structure and content of their reading sessions is getting students excited about reading and totally engaged. They have a new-found passion for reading expressively and understanding and analyzing what they read.
EVERYBODY DANCE NOW
TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
SAVE THE DATE!

Teachers and students have been working hard on preparing class, choir and band items for our upcoming School Concert. We are all very excited to showcase our talents with all of our families and it has been wonderful to see students in all classes practicing their items. Tickets are now on sale so please come along to our special night to be held on Tuesday, 10th September at the Crossways Centre. The Junior Concert for Years Prep-3 will begin at 5:45pm and finish at 6:00pm and the Senior Concert for Years 4-6 will begin at 7:00pm and finish at 7:45pm.

We have been very busy in the music room this term! Junior School students have been using the interactive music house to learn about where the space notes go on the staff and also changes in pitch. Years 3 and 4 have been learning some African drumming rhythms using the djembes and have been practicing Call and Response patterns. Years 5 and 6 have been creating their own melodies using a range of notes to set a mood. We have also been very lucky to have another marimba to play in the music room and students are doing a wonderful job of learning their marimba parts whilst performing in their class groups. So far it has been a fantastic term and I am looking forward to continuing to work with all the students in music.

Miss Bures
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