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 school community. As per usual, there is so much to enjoy and celebrate!

Facilities Update
Sports Field and Car Park Redevelopment - The landscapers continue to work feverishly in order to complete this project although the wet weather has certainly made things very difficult for them. Over the past fortnight the majority of their focus has been on completing the seating and garden beds which look terrific and have already made an enormous difference to this area of the school. In the coming weeks they will complete the additional garden beds and some minor concreting. Once again, a sincere thank you to all members of our school community for your patience and understanding with this project.

2013 Year 2 Classrooms – one of our concerns this year was that the Year 2 classes were too far removed from the Year Prep and One classes. Our plan is to move the 2013 Year 2 students into the “old library and computer room” in order for our junior classes to be in close proximity of one another. This process commenced recently and we have already started to refurbish these rooms. A make-shift library has been set up in the portable at the end of the school and the computers from the computer lab have been moved into classrooms. We are hoping to complete the refurbishment process by mid – Term 4 so our current Year 2 classes can move into this space.

Next year we plan to refurbish the current Year 2 classrooms and create a state of the art library. This will be another significant project which will go a long way to improving the school’s facilities and the educational outcomes of the children.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders are available from school five days a week. The service is provided by Gourmet Delish 9808 9838. Menus and ordering procedures can be obtained from the School Office.

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.
Individual Student Achievement
As mentioned on numerous occasions, the staff and I are extremely privileged and honoured to work with students who are so industrious, respectful and willing to make a difference to their own lives and those of others. Recently Rusal (Year 6) entered the Officeworks School Supply Sampler competition which involved creating a video – Rusal chose to make one about a “sharpeners”. He subsequently won the competition and received a $50 Officeworks voucher which is terrific. However, the main prize is winning a $1,000.00 Officeworks voucher for our school! This is a fantastic achievement Rusal in which our whole school community is extremely grateful for. We look forward to receiving the voucher and using it to purchase items for our school. Well done, congratulations and thank you very much Rusal!

Sporting Success and Achievements:
Best friends Sarah and Isabella (Izzy - both in Year 6) also have something to celebrate. Sarah has been chosen to represent Victoria in the State Under 12 Cricket team and Izzy the State Taekwondo team. Sarah will be participating in the national tournament in December which is being held in South Australia and Izzy during the forthcoming September school holidays with the tournament being held in New South Wales. Qualifying and representing your state really is an amazing achievement. Congratulations and well done Sarah and Izzy the entire school community wishes you the very best of luck!

Enrolments
Once again, I would like to remind families with children who will be beginning school in 2013 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.

Curriculum Day
On Tuesday we held our final Curriculum Day for the year where we focused on further developing our understanding of the inquiry learning model and we also developed our units of work for the “odd years”. The day was an overwhelming success which was organised by our Curriculum Team and facilitated by Marilyn Schneider from Global Education Victoria. I look forward to sharing the units of work with the school community once they are finalised.
University of New South Wales Assessment Tasks
As most members of our school community would be aware, for quite some time we have invited our students to participate in the various University of New South Wales assessment tasks. The tasks assess student ability in the curriculum areas of: Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics. Last week we received the Computer and Science results and overall they are very pleasing.

Why have these tests? At our school we use the University of New South Wales assessment tasks as simply an additional assessment tool (or measure) in which we measure the progress of individual students and groups of students. We look for areas of concern, strength and general patterns. Quite a number of our families are very keen for their children to participate as it also provides parents with another descriptive assessment of their child’s progress.

How are the results used? The teachers, Darren and I use the results to gauge overall school performance and investigate issues as mentioned above. As educationalists, we also use the results to inform any future planning—such as additional support or extension programs. Classroom teachers also spend quite some time dissecting and investigating the results and also use them to guide their curriculum planning and implementation. Some families also utilise the reports as additional support when applying for secondary schools.

Overall we find the University of New South Wales Assessment Tasks as being a terrific addition to what is already a very thorough and comprehensive whole school assessment program at our school.

Computer Skills:  Congratulations to the following children:

High Distinction:  (top 1% in the State)
Year 6:  Ashwin

Distinction: (top 10% in the State)
Year 3:  Akshata, Prakhar,
Year 4:  Christi and Neev
Year 5:  Hiruni, Heshan, Kimal, Yohan, Arya and Sithumya
Year 6:  Pranav, Yuhong, Jimmy and Adeepa

Credit:  (top 20% in the State)
Year 3:  Anya, Saipriya, Advaith, Deetya and Chamu
Year 4:  Channa, Nisuli, Pimal, Rish and Ishane
Year 5:  Binura, Simran, Robin, Amr, Minoli, Senudi, Sabrina and Izza
Year 6:  Zareef, Kavindha, Heshan, Thomas and Ani

Science Skills:  Congratulations to the following children:

High Distinction:  (top 1% in the State)
Year 5:  Heshan

Distinction:  (top 10% in the State)
Year 3:  Kovid, Prakhar, Tao Woo (Joshua) and Advaith
Year 4:  Neev, Nisuli,
Year 5:  Ethan, Kimal, Arya, Izza and Senudi
Year 6:  Zareef, Daniel, Pranav, Yuhong, Ani and Jimmy

Credit:  (top 20% in the State)
Year 3:  Chamu, Deetya, Sandewni, Akshata, Vihan and Vidura
Year 4:  Channa, Adam M, Christi and Rish
Year 5:  Hiruni, Yohan
Year 6:  Kavindha, Dev, Rusal, Heshan, Corey, Ashwin, Oneli, Piyumini and Adeepa

Congratulations and well done to all of these students as you should be really proud of yourselves!
Junior School Council Update
On Monday evening Jason and Advaith our Junior School Council (JSC) President and Vice President attended the School Council meeting in order to present the JSC Constitution which was not only favourably received by School Council but by the staff on a previous occasion. Jason and Advaith also spoke about:
- What their roles entail,
- The events the JSC have been responsible in organising and have planned for the remainder of the year and
- The recent leadership skills development session they completed.

It was absolutely wonderful to see two Year 3 students have the courage and skills to present to a group of adults in such a professional and polished manner. Congratulations Jason and Advaith, you both should be very pleased with your effort and achievement. Also a sincere thank you to their respective families for bringing the children to the meeting – your efforts are also appreciated!

Let’s bring in an expert!
Last week we continued with the practice of bringing an expert into our school in order to work with the children. Yaping Jiang is a renowned artist who is currently working with all of the children in order to further develop their artistic skills. I hope your child has spoken about this experience with you and we look forward to sharing what the children have created in the coming weeks.

Outdoor Education Programs
There is certainly a great deal of excitement in the Year 5 and 6 classrooms as the staff and children continue working on their respective camps. Next week the Year 5’s are off to Cave Hill Creek which is located 19km north of Beaufort, a convenient 2 hour drive on the Western Highway from Melbourne, and only 45 minutes from either Ballarat or Ararat. The children are departing on Monday and returning on Wednesday afternoon – we all wish them a safe, rewarding, challenging and memorable camping experience and look forward to hearing all about their adventures upon their return.

Further information can be obtained on the Cave Hill Creek website: www.cavehillcreek.com.au

Such as:
“We are often asked about the origins of the name Cave Hill Creek. It is quite simple really; the creek that flows through our lake is known as the ‘Cave Hill Creek’. The Cave Hill Creek cascades over Raglan Falls and down off the northern slopes of Cave Hill in the surrounding Mount Cole State Forest. It is at Raglan Falls, over the small granite cliffs that visitors to Cave Hill Creek can try abseiling. Similar is the logic behind the origins of the name Cave Hill. That is, the southern slopes of Cave Hill feature a large cavern created when the lower half of a large rock face collapsed leaving a large overhang. The local Beeripmo balug aborigines refer to the cave as Bukkertillible. It can be seen clearly to the north when driving along the Western Highway between Beaufort and Buangor.
Cave Hill Creek’s logo also finds it origin in the local forest. It features a flowering Grevillea montis-cole (commonly known as Grevillea Mount Cole or The Glut Grevillea). The grevillea is endemic to the eastern slopes from the Glut picnic ground to Cave Hill Creek. It is a small shrub identifiable by its red flower from October to March. Grevillea montis-cole is listed as rare in Victoria.”
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A PRINCIPAL’S AWARD RECENTLY:

1AJ: Binadie, Kaveen, Valerie and Julian for fabulous writing about their “communication” unit of work (featured in the Kids’ Corner section) and Sapna for being a good friend

2CM: Snigdha and Rose for creating a wonderful scene for their mascots animation

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Wishing everyone a safe and happy fortnight,

Frank Catalano
Principal
Miss McCubbin asked 2CM, How have you used new technology this year? How has it helped your learning? Here are their thoughts.

Rose and Keziah- We use the dictionary on the iPads to help us understand words we don’t understand.

Rahal and Prakrit- We have used the iPads this year. We used the App “POW Strip Design” put and photos in the boxes and wrote captions in a bubble.

Bryan and Daniel- We use the program Springboard into Comprehension. That program helped us learn about Compare and Contrast in reading groups.

Enuki and Chanuli- We like the Green Screen room because we can make some movies. It helps us not to be shy and be brave.

Reuben and Tuan- The Mathematics Program on the IWB helps us learn our maths sums.

Shardul and Leo- IWB activities helps us learn our maths facts quickly. The Green Screen room helped us act with expression.

Diyon and Pulindu- The computers help us write interesting responses to books in reading groups. Computers also help to improve our typing skills.

Hannah and Deni- We used the iPads to sequence the book. Tidalick using Pow Strip Design.

Nathaniel and Sendiya- We’ve used iPads this year. It helped us make picture slides and sequence parts of a story.

Snigdha and Klein- We use Spellosaur on the iPads because it helps us learn how to spell new words.

Katie and Kammi- We use Springboards on the IWB. It makes the books come alive!

Shakya and Tiffany- We love the iPads. When there’s a word we don’t understand we can look it up on the iPad.
23rd August, 2012

The Kids Corner section of this fortnight’s newsletter has been written by students in 1AJ who have been writing about their current “Communication” unit and Krittika in 3DJ has written a procedural text on how she created her 3D model.

**How we communicate?**

Email is a way to communicate. We use email to give information to people. We open it up to check what people wrote to us. We use Skype to talk to people around the world and it is good for talking.

**Binadie**

My brother uses Skype and Facebook. He has Skype and Facebook on his phone. He uses Skype and Facebook ten times a day. I am very lucky to have a brother. I am learning how to use Facebook and Skype.

**Valerie**

My favourite things about communication?
It is using Google and the iPad. I like them because they are useful for me. I like playing games and other things like watching movies. I like it so much sometimes I can’t stop.

**Kaveen**

On the iPad you can see and talk to someone if you download Skype but you need his name first.

**Julian**

**My Mascot - By Krittika 3DJ**

**How I made my mascot.**

Things I used for my mascot:
- Felt – orange, white and pink
- Tissue paper roll (to hold up the neck)
- Tissue paper (for the stuffing)
- Wool (for the plait).

How you make it?
1. We traced the body and the hands around the orange felt and the legs on the white felt
2. My mum stitched it and we stuffed the body, hands and legs with tissue paper
3. We made the face and traced it with texta. We also made a little plait with wool and pinned it on my mascot’s ear
4. My mum and I found some clothes for us to wear as well

What do the clothes represent?
The clothes my mascot is wearing represent tennis. I could not find yellow pants so I decided to give my mascot a green shirt.

Why is Flikity my mascot’s name?
I chose Flikity as my mascot’s name because it has “kity” at the end and my mascot is a BIG KITTY (Tiger)
The Digital Excellence Program (DEA) is an online program to assist and extend students’ ICT skills. Our students monitor and drive their own learning through this program which is integrated into all aspect of their learning. Once they have completed tasks they receive a digital excellence badge to keep forever.

The program offers them the opportunity to further their skills from home by logging on to the DEA website. This can be accessed via Glen Waverley Primary School’s website. Achievements in ICT will be celebrated fortnightly through this newsletter, which is prepared by the ICT captains Nidula and Shane from Year Six. Here are some students who have achieved badges this year.

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**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

We have a variety of school community events coming up this term and next term, including a Father’s Day stall, a new families’ afternoon tea and a school disco. The Community Relations Committee is looking for more parents who are free and happy to help out at any of our upcoming planned events. We are always in need of extra parent helpers and so any help would be most appreciated. The Community Relations Committee will next meet on Tuesday 11th September at 3:45pm in the staffroom. If you would like to come along and hear about our upcoming events and help with any planning, you are most welcome. Please note that the ‘Picnic on the Oval’ listed in the note sent out is on Friday 7th December - not 7th September as stated.

Thank you in advance for your support,
Pauline Paine, on behalf of the Community Relations Committee

Our School has four Houses -
La Trobe - Yellow
Hume - Green
Mitchell - Blue
Fawkner - Red
House points are given by Teachers to students for a variety of activities.
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JUNIOR KARATE
SELF DEFENCE CLASSES
GLEN WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Fridays 5.45pm – 6.45pm
Contact Cliff Wilson for more info:
Tel. 8786 9076 Mob. 0418 150 405
EMAIL: cliffwilson@caydam.com
WEB: www.caydam.com
First lesson is FREE!
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

VERMONT SOUTH CRICKET CLUB
www.vssc.com.au

REGISTRATION DAY
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME for Season 2012/2013
Saturday 1st September 9am to 12pm @
Livingstone Primary School Oval (Melways 62 G7)
Free Clinic and BBQ from 10am-11:30am

MILO IN2CRICKET
For children aged 4 to 8
12 week program
Sunday mornings 10-11am
(1st session 21st October)
ONLY $50 (Includes Cricket Pack)

UNDER 10 KOOKA CRICKET
Non competitive competition
Games: Friday evenings
(commences late October)
ONLY $50

UNDER 12’S, 14’S & 16’S
Competitive competition
Games: Saturday mornings
(Friday nights may also be available)
Training: Weeknight TBC 4-5:30pm
ONLY $55

We also have 4 senior sides covering all levels of cricket that play on Saturday afternoon. New players are always welcome.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
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Come and join us at the RSPCA!
Take action to help animals.
Learn about the RSPCA.
Hands on animal activities.
Animal inspired art.
Go behind the scenes.
Meet rescued animals.

Visit www.rspcavic.org to find out more about
our holiday and youth programs for ages 5-18 years.

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Pinewood PreSchool
Ladies Market
Friday 24th August, 7.30pm
@ Pinewood Pre-School
13 Pinewood Drive, Mount Waverley
Jewellery  Craft  Handbags  Lingerie
Giftware  Scrapbooking  Sweets
Shoes  Handmade Cards  Skincare  Enjo

$2 entry (Includes raffle ticket)
Finger food, Champagne and Wine provided
Contact Jo - 0412 058 230
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Celebrating people of all abilities
Melbourne 9th Sept | Bendigo 15th Sept | Geelong 16th Sept

About Scope
Starting in 1948 as the Spastic Children's Society of Victoria, today Scope is a not-for-profit organisation providing disability services that positively impact the daily lives of over 7,000 people with a disability and their families across 95 sites.

Scope See Me September
Community Change
Scope See Me September is a month long campaign aimed at encouraging the community to See the Person, Not the Disability.

The objectives of Scope See Me September are:
- Provide engagement and participation opportunities:
  - Scope Young Ambassadors Conference
  - Walk With Me: Melbourne, Bendigo & Geelong
  - Scope See Me September Ball
- Raise awareness of the issues people with a disability face
- To generate support for Scope

For further information on Scope See Me September visit www scopeseemeseptember org au

Scope Walk With Me
Melbourne, Sunday 9th September
Bendigo, Saturday 15th September
Geelong, Sunday 16th September

Scope proudly partners with Ability First Australia to run Walk With Me, in Melbourne, Bendigo and Geelong. Other walks take place nationally during September.

Commenced in 2010 Walk With Me is a public participation event conducted nationally. The aim is to raise awareness and celebrate inclusion and the achievements of people with a disability, as well as raising much needed funds.

It is not a fun run, nor a competitive fitness event but a recreational 2km or 4km walk, providing family, friends, colleagues and members of the general public with the opportunity to walk alongside people with a disability in a non-competitive, lively, fun and very public environment.

In 2012 Walk With Me will expand to include a third walk in Bendigo. Walk With Me in Victoria will be incorporated into the celebration of our returning Paralympians. This is a result of a recent partnership with the Victorian Institute of Sport.

"It empowers, it unites and, importantly, it creates greater awareness..." Therese Rein, official Patron Walk With Me.