**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dear Members of the Glen Waverley PS 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!

**Our New Classroom**
Unfortunately there still 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.

I am very pleased to report that the tradespeople have completed the extension of the EAL (English as an Additional Language) classroom. Shortly we will finalise the internal components and ensure this facility is ready for the 2014 school year.

**Year 5 Camp**
Last week the Year 5 children and some of the staff enjoyed four glorious days at camp Cavehill Creek which is located in Beaufort (approx. 45 kilometres from Ballarat). The students had the opportunity to participate in a number of fun, creative and challenging activities such as canoeing, archery, bush cooking (making damper), bush art, boulder wall climbing, low ropes course and orienteering.

Overall the camp was an enormous success with the campers returning on Friday afternoon exhausted yet with memories which I’m sure will last a lifetime! A sincere thank you to the staff members who attended – Mr Kitch, Ms Tzimas, Ms Ryan, Mr Knott, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Platt and student teachers Paul and Anna. Well done everyone!!

**School Production**
Only a few “more sleeps” to go before our wonderful school production takes place. I hope everyone has received the notice regarding tickets 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. I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday evening at Crossways!

Our production also received some local media coverage with a wonderful photograph on the front page and a follow up story on page 17. We have included a copy on the next page for your enjoyment.

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**Important Dates For Your Diary**

**SEPTEMBER**
5<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Heart Visit 
6<sup>th</sup> Basket Ball Round Robin
6<sup>th</sup> Levels 1 & 2 Assembly Years P – 2 
6<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Sleep Over Year 3 
9<sup>th</sup> Concert Dress Rehearsal at School Whole School 
10<sup>th</sup> Concert Rehearsal at Crossways Whole School 
10<sup>th</sup> CONCERT – at Crossways Years 3 & 4 
12<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Heart Visit Years 5 & 6 
13<sup>th</sup> Netball Clinic Years 5 & 6 
13<sup>th</sup> Level 4 Assembly Year 6 
16<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Camp 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Year 6 
18<sup>th</sup> Fairy Park Excursion Year Prep 
20<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 3 Assembly 2.00 – 2.30 
               Early Dismissal 2.30 

**OCTOBER**
7<sup>th</sup> First Day of Term 4 

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**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.

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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.
A world of rhythm

Glen Waverley Primary School students are drumming up interest for their school production. Everybody Dance Now will showcase the school's multiculturalism with music and dance from around the world.

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Pupils find their rhythm

EXCITEMENT is building for students, staff and parents ahead of Glen Waverley Primary School's musical spectacular, Everybody Dance Now.

Music teacher Carla Bures said the show would feature a range of cultural dances as well as performances from the school's choir.

"The band is doing a Lady Gaga song, so there's some American pop in there too," Ms Bures said. "There's a big range of things and every class has a different culture they're focusing on."

"It is really nice and special for the parents to see their children on stage."

The show is on Tuesday, September 10, with the junior concert starting at 6pm at the Crossways Centre, 2 Vision Dr, Burwood East. The one-hour senior concert will follow at 7.45pm. To book your seat, phone the school on 9802 9938.
Shane Crawford’s Visit
The children were certainly thrilled and enthralled when ex-AFL footballer and now media personality Shane Crawford visited our school on Monday afternoon. Shane was here to promote the after school AusKick program as we are the first school in Victoria to host such a program. All other programs are conducted at a local football club during the weekend. Attached are some photographs of Shane with the children.

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.
Father’s Day Stall
I sincerely hope all of our dads had a wonderful Father’s Day last Sunday and you were spoilt with lovely gifts and more importantly, quality time with family and friends. I would also like to thank the numerous parents who assisted with last week’s Father’s Day stall. The children thoroughly enjoyed purchasing items from the store (it was also great for the development of their Maths skills!) and it was wonderful to see the sheer delight in their eyes as they proudly displayed their “secret” purchases!

Curriculum Day
The Curriculum Day held on Friday 23rd August was a resounding success as we spent some more time with Steve Willy on revising and developing our whole school approach to Reading with a particular focus on enabling the children to “Think Aloud” and also use a “Reader’s Notebook.”

Thinking Aloud refers to: Making our own thinking public. Some of the strategies we can use include:
- Adult (teacher, parent, older sibling, etc) thinks aloud; students listen
- Adult thinks aloud; students invited to join in
- Adult or students think aloud orally, in writing on overhead/IWB, with Post-its, in a reader’s notebook, drawing
- Students think aloud; adult and other students join in
- Individual students think aloud; adult responds
- Individual students think aloud; compare with others

The Reader’s Notebook is a tool to capture student thinking and understanding about the text the children are reading. It can be used in many ways such as writing notes about the text, making connections with the text, making connections beyond the text, linking to personal experiences, visualising about the text and so on. In the Kids’ Corner section of this newsletter are some examples of Reader’s Notebooks in our school.

We are extremely pleased with developments we have made to our whole school reading program and we look forward to continually sharing this with our school community. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to see Kerryn Callas (English Teaching and Learning Leader), your child’s classroom teacher or myself.
Thank you to the Arunagirinathan Family

The Arunagirinathan family (Kavi Year 2 and parents Giri and Subi) are wonderful helpers across our school. Giri has worked very closely with the Year 5 and 6 staff and has developed an amazing Learning Content Management System (LCMS) using Moodle. The LCMS is in the process of being trialled this year and I am certain will make an enormous difference as it will be an online space where the children and staff will be able to host a variety of digital resources.

Also, Kavi and Subi found some money at a shopping centre recently. The money was returned to Centre Management who tried to find the owner however were not successful in doing so. Instead the money was returned to Kavi and Subi who decided to use it to purchase additional books for our school library. Thank you very much Giri, Kavi and Subi for your wonderful support of our school – your efforts and thoughts are really appreciated by everyone!

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

1MB: Karis and Sonal for being great classroom helpers
1KG: Vani for also being great classroom helper
2CW: Kavi for donating some books to our school and Binadie for being a great friend
3TA: The whole class for outstanding home learning projects involving making yummy food from the children’s country of origin,
5SR: Anju for drawing a wonderful picture and Benham for being a great friend

3TA - Methuli for creating an amazing home learning poster about different foods, dances and costumes in various countries and Keziah and Meher for being fabulous friends

6SY: Jeff, John and Srinath for learning how to ride a bicycle in preparation for the Year 6 camp
56K – Lawrence also for learning how to ride a bicycle in preparation for the Year 6 Camp

0LG: Alfred for creating a wonderful silhouette of the many ways in which a person can make really good choices
BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their special day during the first half of September:

OLD: Sethmi
OLG: Uthum
1SR: Kavin
1MB: Yonal and Binu
1KG: Anthony
2CW: Isha, Binadie and Tanay
2RL: Kaveen, Tharindu, Anvita and Steven
3DJ: Vigyan and Nathaniel
4KB: Anja and Kevin
5JT: Wonjun and Paige
5SR: Nisuli
56K: Irin
6LT: Becky and Rachael

Wishing everyone a safe and happy fortnight,
Frank Catalano
Principal

The Concert Raffle

The Junior School Council would like to extend a big thank you to all the families who have donated various goods and services to go into our Concert Raffle Draw. We have several exciting hampers to give away, as well as many prizes such as vouchers to restaurants, singing, karate and guitar lessons, tax return services and prizes from the Good Guys.

Members of the Junior School Council will be selling raffle tickets at school every day until the concert. Families will also have the opportunity to buy raffles on the night of the concert. They cost 50c for one or $1.50 for four.

Thank you again for all your support and GOOD LUCK on winning one of these great prizes.

Arezou Javidi and Aubrey Hudson
on behalf of the JSC
Our School Concert 'Everybody Dance Now' is fast approaching. In fact, it will be held on Tuesday night next week at Crossways! All staff and students are very excited to be performing for you and they have been giving their heart and soul to ensure that the concert is a big success.

PHOTOS ON SALE
In the foyer at Crossways we will be displaying class photos of your children in full performance dress. If you are interested in purchasing them, you can place an order at the foyer. The photos will be conveniently sized at approximately half the size of an A4 sheet of paper, the perfect size to place in your photo album. All photos will cost $5.00.

CONCERT RAFFLE TICKETS
At both the Junior and Senior School Concerts there will be raffles. We have managed to acquire a range of awesome prizes including Karate lessons, electrical goods and hampers. Tickets cost 50 cents each or $1.00 for 3. We are currently selling them at school during lunchtime, but you can purchase them on the night just prior to the drawing of the raffle.

We can’t wait to see you at what promises to be a very special night.
Mrs. Hallas, Ms. Bures & Mr. Hudson (Concert Coordinators)
A BIG ‘THANK YOU’ TO VERMONT SOUTH BUNNINGS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF PLANTS AND THEIR TIME TO COME AND HELP OUR STUDENTS SET UP GARDEN BEDS.
The Kids Corner section of this fortnight’s newsletter has been written by Jenica and Adam W in 5SR who are sharing some of their Reader’s Notebook entries and also some writing:

**Jenica: (Text to Self-examples) Text - Charlotte’s Web**

“When I went on an excursion and everything looked like the olden days. The trees were all lined up”

“I’ve been to a farm that was very sunny. There were strawberries growing in the beautiful sunlight”

“I’ve seen the sea in the horizon amongst a beautiful view”

“I went on a trip to Mornington; I was snorkelling and saw a lot beautiful fish. Just like the Queensland Coral Reef”

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**Waiting For Dad** – by Adam W

*It was a cold wintery night and my body was shivering. I was left alone and it was dark. I could not really see much because of the smoky haze and fog. All I saw was a dark horrifying tree. I was waiting for my father to pick me up.

All I could hear was a freaky wind.*

*After about an hour my father called me to ask, “Are you OK?”*

*“Yes I am OK, but why are you taking so long?” I replied.*

*“I am running a bit late Jacob, I will be there soon.”*

*After the call I saw a big black scary crow and I started to get scared.*

*I was just standing there waiting for my dad.*

*Then I decided to take a walk, I didn’t have a torch so I had to walk in the dark”*

I hope everyone has made connections to Adam’s text such as being able to visualise the setting, connect with how Jacob is feeling and maybe also recall a time when you were waiting for someone to pick you up. All really valuable components of becoming a literacy expert!
Fire Fighters Visit The Preps
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Get Ready for Summer
Learn to Swim, Survive and Enjoy the Water

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452 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley  www.myswimworld.com.au

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**Kid's Holiday Program**

**INTENSIVE 5 DAY PROGRAM STILL ONLY $60**

Monday 23 Sept – Friday 27 Sept
Reserve your place to avoid disappointment!

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Do you love animals and want to learn more about them? Our holiday program offers animal lovers of all ages a chance to get up close and personal with their favorite creatures.

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**Information**

23rd September - 4th October 2013
RSPCA Education Centre,
Burwood East

Please read our program information before making any booking.

**Book now**

**Enquiries**
P 03 9234 2286
E Education department
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WAVERLEY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE

ADULT WORKSHOPS - NEW

Limestone Sculpture Workshop: Saturday from 10 – 4pm for 1 day at $125 in Mt Waverley on 7 September.
Well known sculptor, Jenny Whiteside, will show you how to carve organic or figurative forms from limestone blocks. Cost includes small block of limestone and all the equipment required for you to complete your sculpture on the day. Requirements: comfortable old clothing and closed toe footwear.
BYO lunch - coffee, tea, kitchen and microwave available. For 16yo and over.

Self Defence for Adults Workshop: Saturday from 9:30am – 11:30am at $15 in Mt Waverley on 7 September.
This course will introduce you to the techniques needed to deal with an attacker and also cover different situations and how to deal with them. Helpful ideas for street protection and exercises in assertiveness and body language make this workshop one that will improve seniors confidence and awareness. Dress in comfortable clothes.

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

WAVERLEY RAIDERS BASKETBALL CLUB

We are currently seeking players to join our teams for the Summer Season.

Please contact Shelley Proctor on 9511 7880
Or email proctors3@bigpond.com for more details.

Let the Kids Join in the Fun

Sunday 24th November 2013

Puffing Billy Railway Station Gembrook

Children aged 3 to 12 years get the chance to run with Thomas the Tank Engine and Puffing Billy

For more information and registration go to: www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au
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Join our New 12 week Weight Loss Challenge to Lose Weight, Feel great, Win Prizes!
All this for just $49!

The 12 week Weight Loss Challenge includes:
✓ Nutritional Education
✓ Weekly Weigh In
✓ Free weight loss coaching & support
✓ Free Wellness Evaluation & Body Scan Analysis
✓ TOP 3 Winners will WIN CASH $$$

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Start: Tuesday, 17 Sept. 2013
End: Tuesday, 3 Dec. 2013
Venue: Vermont South Community House, Karobran Drive, Vermont South
Fees: $49 only (for 12 weeks)

Success is high in these competitions and seats fill up FAST.
Everyone wants to get those extra kilos off before summer arrives.
Call us now so you can get into the best shape of your life before Christmas!!

Improve your Health,
Get your life back on Track.
This is about you and your Journey.

If you lose, you Win!
To secure your place call Maria 040 2818750 or Hubert 040 8219405.
Email: shedkilosnow@gmail.com

Girl Guides
Glen Waverley
Girl Guides Club
meets for a variety of activities
Wednesday nights.

Guides is all about fun and friendship for girls aged 7 - 17

We always love to have new members join us.

Call us to organise a "Come and Try" session

GROUP LEADERS:
Bridget: 0433783575 for ages 7-11
Hayley: 0402409515 for ages 12-17

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T-Ball & Baseball
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