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

**Facilities Update**

**Our New Classroom**

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the building permit for our new classroom (behind the Early Learning Centre) has been issued. At this stage the timber is expected to be delivered next Tuesday and hopefully by our next newsletter we will be able to include some photographs of our new classroom taking shape!

**Additional library shelving**

Our new library continues to grow at a rapid rate of knots and as a result we have had to organise some additional shelving which have been placed along the corridor. It really is wonderful to see our library growing as we believe it is the “heart” of our school’s Literacy program. One of the reasons why the additional shelving was necessary is due to the large number of books which have been donated by many families throughout the year.

Recently the Ruwanpura family (Sayuri Prep LT) also donated two large bags of books which will soon join the “ever expanding” range of texts available for the children to borrow and enjoy. A sincere thank you to Supun, Bhagya and Sayuri for their very kind donation. Naturally the entire school community is extremely grateful for your generosity!

**Important Dates For Your Diary**

**OCTOBER**

31<sup>st</sup> Life Education Van
31<sup>st</sup> CERES Incursion Years 5 & 6
31<sup>st</sup> Responsible Pet Ownership Year Prep
31<sup>st</sup> Chess Lesson 10 Participants

**NOVEMBER**

1<sup>st</sup> Life Education Van Year 6s
1<sup>st</sup> Summer Sport Round 3 Yrs Prep-2
1<sup>st</sup> Levels 1 & 2 Assembly Years 5 & 6
4<sup>th</sup> Life Education Van Whole School
5<sup>th</sup> **CUP DAY – NO SCHOOL**
6<sup>th</sup> Life Education Van Participants
7<sup>th</sup> Life Education Van
7<sup>th</sup> Chess Lesson 11
8<sup>th</sup> Life Education Van Year 6s
8<sup>th</sup> Summer Sport Round 4 Years 5 & 6
8<sup>th</sup> Level 4 Assembly GWPS
8<sup>th</sup> Whole School Disco
11<sup>th</sup> Life Education Van
12<sup>th</sup> 2014 Foundation Transition Session
12<sup>th</sup> SMART8 Session 5 Years 3 – 6
13<sup>th</sup> CSIRO Incursion Years 1 & 2
14<sup>th</sup> CSIRO Incursion Years 1 & 2
14<sup>th</sup> Chess Lesson 12 Participants
15<sup>th</sup> Summer Sport Round 5 Year 6s
15<sup>th</sup> Level 3 Assembly Years 3 & 4

**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. http://www.studentlunch.com.au/Ordering_online.html

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Situated in the West Wing on the School Grounds
Open Monday between 3.00 – 4.30 pm
Closed Public 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.
Parent Opinion Survey
Last week we received the results of the 2013 Parent Opinion survey and I am very pleased to report that they were tremendously positive which indicates that our school community is extremely pleased as to how our school is progressing. All of the 18 variables were in the 4th (top) quartile. A sincere thank you to those families who completed the survey as your feedback is invaluable. Also congratulations, well done and thank you to the wonderful staff who work tirelessly for the benefit of the children and their families. Glen Waverley Primary School is an outstanding school because we all work together for the common goal of providing the best possible education for our students – thank you everyone!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS HALLAS
I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Hallas (and her husband Jake) have had a baby girl - Lily Eliza Hallas! She was born on Monday the 14th October at 1:46am, weighing 3.62kg. Incidentally the 14th is Mrs Hallas’ birthday too so Lily was holding out to share it with her mum. Mrs Hallas said, “It is the best birthday present ever!!!!” Lily is now at home and is feeding and sleeping really well. Hannah and Jake are totally besotted with her and can't wait to bring her in for everyone to see and hold her at school.

Congratulations Hannah and Jake and welcome to the Glen Waverley Primary School family Lily!
2013 School Fees
As I’m sure the majority of families would be aware, as a Victorian Government school the Government provides for much of our school’s basic operational requirements with a financial grant that is paid to the school in quarterly instalments. This covers items such as cleaning, gas and electricity, water rates, facilities, telephone, furniture, some buildings and grounds maintenance, administration, some curriculum support and professional learning for the staff.
In order for us to provide educational programs of a standard and quality expected at Glen Waverley, we need funds in addition to those provided by the Government which is generated by family contributions. Next week the 2014 School Fees notice will be distributed which outlines how school community funds were used this year and what we have planned for next year.
You will note that School Council has differentiated between the Essential Student Stationery Supplies and Curriculum Requirements as some families are eligible to claim the Essential Student Stationery Supplies (Book Packs) when completing their annual tax return. We strongly advise you to keep a copy of the School Fees notice and receipt for such purposes. Naturally as with all school related financial issues, if a family requires making additional arrangements please do not hesitate to contact me.

Payments can be made from next week and a reminder that a $10 discount applies if you settle your account prior to the end of the 2013 school year.

Prep Prom
What a fantastic evening was held last Friday night at Glen Waverley Secondary College’s Treseder Hall when we celebrated the Prep children completing their first year of schooling by holding their Prep Prom.
The children looked absolutely marvellous in their various “fairy tale costumes” and throughout the night they demonstrated just how much they have grown and developed as they performed a number of songs and dances for their families and teachers in a very confident manner. As mentioned on the evening, their ability to present and speak in front of a large audience is just amazing!

Thank you to all of the Prep families for all of your efforts in preparing the students, our magnificent Prep teachers (Ms Teoh, Ms Donoghue, Mrs Clugg and Mrs Gough), Ms Bures for assisting the children with the songs and dance, Kay who worked tirelessly with the children, Mrs Hunt for taking photographs, Mr Kitch and Mr Knott for their endless support and our fantastic School Captains (Izza and Senisa) who also did us all proud with the manner in which they assisted on the evening. I am certain everyone will remember the 2013 Prep Prom for many years to come - congratulations and well done everyone particularly the Year Prep students!
Curriculum Update
This term’s Science units of work have commenced extremely well and it is also wonderful to see the children grasp the various concepts as they are delivered. This term’s units are as follows:

- **Level 1 (Year Prep/Foundation)** – “Life Cycles” The children are exploring the concept of life cycles and currently have chicken incubators in their classrooms. This very popular classroom “exhibition” enables the children to view the life cycle of chickens as an incubator is brought in containing eggs and slowly, but surely, the eggs hatch! This is a wonderful learning opportunity for our younger students who thoroughly enjoy the experience!
- **Level 2 (Year 1 and 2)** – “Spot the Difference” the children are investigating how food changes when heated, cooled and how it reacts with a variety of additives
- **Level 3 (Year 3 and 4)** – “Smooth Moves” The children are completing a physics unit where they are investigating various concepts to do with “pushing and pulling”. I took sheer delight in observing 3TA complete a “tug of war” task last week which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!
- **Level 4** – “Essential Energy” The children are investigating how energy is formed and used throughout the world. Last week they spent some time using our new “energy sticks” which are used to develop the children’s understanding of open and closed circuits.

**How do they work?** The Energy Stick's sensing circuit is so sensitive that it can detect even a very small amount of electricity that travels across our skin! It's completely safe, and it's a great way to learn about conductors of electricity. The Energy Stick is a great tool (toy) to explore the science of electricity and circuits. Electricity is defined as the flow of electrons through a circuit (and circuit is based upon the word circle). In order for the Energy Stick to become activated, the two ends must be connected in a circle by something that allows electrons to flow through it.

**What Does It Teach?**
When the children put one hand on the top and the other on the bottom of the Energy Stick the flashing lights and sound maker let you know that you've completed the circuit. The Energy Stick sends out a safe electrical signal that powers the flashing lights and buzzer when you use your body to complete the circuit. The electricity travels safely on our skin to complete the circuit.

It has been wonderful to see the various Science units to come to fruition as I am very proud of our Science units and the wonderful learning opportunities they provide the children. They really are an excellent means of reinforcing many scientific concepts which the children will be able to use for many years to come.
School Disco
The children are certainly very excited about next week’s school disco which is always great fun and a wonderful way of celebrating the end of the week. The disco is being held from 5:30 to 9 and is broken up as follows:
Year Prep to Three – 5:30 to 7 and
Year Four to Six – 7:30 to 9:00

I look forward to seeing many parents and children at the disco and don’t forget your dancing shoes!

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

1MB: Karis, Jasmine, Sandi, Rasna, Thinuri, Imashi and Vanessa for being fantastic helpers around our school and Karina for leading the school oath at assembly, Karina, Jasmine, Randiv, Dihein and Harani for being wizards at completing Literature Circles
2CB: Zaahid for making great progress with his reading skills and pronunciation of words.
2CW: Kavi for a fabulous retention of the poem “My Country”, Peri for being a wonderful friend, Trevin for making a beautiful Christmas card and Julian for being a wonderful friend
3KC: Lauren, Rose, Dulwan, and Dulvin for being very creative and planning for a special fundraising event to raise money for cancer research and Klein for writing the fabulous story a mysterious happening at GWPS
3TA: Shakya, Meher, Binuki and Methuli for wonderful rehearsing in preparation for the GWPS talent show
3DJ: Thomas, Simar and Nathaniel for delivering excellent speeches about machines
4AJ: Neha for being a wonderful school helper
4SW: Ye Ji also for being a wonderful school helper
56K: Natasha and Abby for making excellent chocolate balls
5SR: Cheyenne also for making excellent chocolate balls
6SY: Senoli, Jessica, Heather, Natasha and Maddy for working incredibly hard on developing a student code of conduct
6ND: Thimna and Naveen also for working incredibly hard on developing a student code of conduct
6LT: Jainil for working incredibly hard on developing a student code of conduct

Soobin of 2CB and Abi of 2RL for making excellent chocolate balls
BIRTHDAYS

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

Prep LG: Akshay
Prep LD: Ardhitya
1SR: Joelle
1MB: Jasmine
2CW: Methuli
2CB: Madison
3KC: Akshaniya
3TA: Nifty, Rahal Shaky, and Sethmi
4AJ: Manuja
4KB: Amasha and Eujin
4SW: Sehansa and Tianlong
5JT: Jerry
5SR: Alex, Jiwoo and Destiny
56K: Durangi
6ND: Bunin and Nikitha
6LT: Pamali

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 Klein (3KC)

A Mysterious Happening at Glen Waverley Primary School

All of the heroes made a team called 70203 and waited at their base. Waiting patiently for something to happen was Trashi, Bashi, Warhog and Nine Tailed Fox.

Then a meteor hit class 3KC. The whole classroom broke except for my tub. Miss Callas’ desk was destroyed into smithereens. All of the tables were broken. The whiteboard was broken and it smashed all of the windows.

Trashi came along and fixed the tables, computers and the iPads. Bashi fixed the walls and windows. Warhog got the supplies and Nine Tailed Fox fixed the doors.

Everything was back to normal thanks to the heroes!
In 1SR we have been learning about intersections, mapping and location. We went for a little walk to the corner of Springvale Rd and High Street Road to discuss the location of the different places and landmarks near GWPS. After our walk we made a class map of the intersection. This information was used to help us make our own maps. We used lots of different shapes to make the buildings, trees and the houses. Once we had finished our maps we reflected on our learning.

An intersection is where things cross over each other. Springvale Road crosses over High Street Road. To the right of GWPS are houses. The Centro is the biggest place in the map. Behind GWPS are houses. Esther

When 1SR went out of the school to learn about location and mapping we took photos. Then Miss Rich talked about all the places close to GWPS. I learnt that there are lots of trees and lots of grass next to the road (the park) near Mountain View Hotel. This is important, I learnt that an intersection is when 1 or more things cross over something else. Sophia

I learned what an intersection is. An intersection is two or more roads that cross each other. Everything is made out of shapes. I also learnt that Mountain View is a hotel not a car showroom or a car wash place and one more thing, the car park is enormous. Daniel

The Most important thing I learned in Math is about intersections. Behind GWPS is houses and I learned how to fold kinder squares to make houses. The biggest shop at the intersection is The Glen Centro. The McDonald’s next to the school is the first McDonald’s to open in Victoria, Australia. Bilaal
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Do you have unwanted items at home? Would you like an opportunity to get rid of them and make some money?

If your answer is YES, we have a solution for you!

NUNAWADING HORSE AND PONY CLUB IS HOLDING A CARBOOT SALE

WHEN: Sat November 23rd 8am—1pm
WHERE: DRUMMIES BRIDGE RESERVE, High Street Road, Glen Waverley

We supply the space at $20 per spot,
YOU sell the items and KEEP the money.
How easy is that?

To book a place contact either
Rosie 0413 550 641 or rosiehow@hotmail.com
Kerrie 0427 995 922 or khobbs01@optusnet.com.au
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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

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SEMINAR DATES & TIMES
- Sunday 16th November: 10am-1pm

LOCATION DETAILS
- Glen Waverley Primary School
- 774 High Street Road
- Glen Waverley

CONTACT DETAILS
Janette Scott: 0434 763460
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- Sausage sizzle

November 17th
10am to 4pm

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**Victorian School of Languages**

Is your child interested in learning another language?

At Glen Waverley Secondary College on Saturday mornings and Tuesdays after school, the Victorian School of Languages offers classes in:

- Japanese
- Bulgarian
- Hindi
- Greek
- Indonesian (1st & 2nd language)
- French
- Chinese (Mandarin 1st & 2nd Language)

These classes are available to any Victorian school student.*

**Grade 1 to Year 10 students:** $70 per year  
**Year 11 & 12 VCE students:** $85 per year

* Note: For International (non-permanent resident) students, contact VSL Area regarding fees

The Victorian School of Languages is a government language school within the Department of Education, consistently producing exceptionally high results in VCE languages every year. There are currently 55 languages offered through the Victorian School of Languages at 40 different schools around the state. Most classes run on Saturdays, but some run after school during the week. VSL also offers a range of Distance Education language programmes, through to VCE.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in one of the VSL languages offered at **VSL at Glen Waverley Secondary College**, please contact us at:

**Email:** east2@vsl.vic.edu.au  
**Phone:** 9802-4326

Information regarding other languages and other VSL centres can be found on the VSL website: [http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au/](http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au/)

Or contact the **VSL Head Office** directly:

**Email:** vsl@vsl.vic.edu.au  
**Phone:** 9474-0500