PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Members of the Glen Waverley Primary School Community,

Welcome to the final newsletter for the 2013 school year!
It really is amazing to think that this is the final newsletter for the year; that Term Four is coming to an end as is the 2013 school year! What a terrific year we have had with so many significant projects completed and, above all, our students receiving a high quality education and achieving outstanding results across the entire curriculum. Throughout the year the children at Glen Waverley have been recognised for their outstanding talents and skills, receiving not only school based awards but awards from local, community and state levels. Congratulations to all of our students for their contribution to the school year – I am so proud of all of you!

What have we achieved in 2013?

Curriculum
- Continued purchasing and updating the technology throughout the school – a new Server, interactive whiteboards, iPads and notebook computers
- Introduced a 1:1 iPad program in Years 5 and 6
- Continual emphasis on a Global Education, Science and EAL – English as an Additional Language
- Introduced a new Reading program throughout the school
- Development of fabulous Maths resources such as “tuning in” (warm up) activities and classroom Maths kits
- Continual expansion of the schools literacy approach – using Springboards and Reading Eggs
- Successfully commenced the Scientist in Schools program and
- Considerable investment in Reading resources throughout the school.

Important Dates For Your Diary

DECEMBER
12th Year 6 Graduation
13th Moving Day – 2014 Classrooms
13th Waverley Community Links Day
13th Levels 1 & 2 Assembly
18th 2014 Day
19th Year 6 Fun Day – The Movies
20th LAST DAY OF TERM 4 AND 2013 SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

2014
JANUARY
28th Book Collection and Uniform Shop
30th FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2014

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 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.
Facilities
- Car park and sports field redevelopment – this project was completed with the installation of the large gates and fencing
- Our new library was completed – much to the delight of everyone!
- We finished refurbishing the remaining classrooms in the main building – this was another major project which has made a significant difference to our school
- The corridor and office spaces in the main building were also refurbished
- New telephones were installed throughout the school
- We are in the process of building a new classroom with the Early Learning Centre which should be completed in a few weeks
- We have commenced refurbishing the Year 3 and 4 Building – this will completed next year
- Installed new seats around the Out of School Hours Care building
- We extended the EAL room in order for it to house the Music program as well and
- We have installed two magnificent new murals – one in the hall and the other on the north wall of the Year 3 and 4 building.

All in all, it really has been a fantastic year at our wonderful school!

2014 Student Leaders
Last Monday we held a special assembly to announce the 2014 Student Leaders. A sincere congratulations and a special well done to the following children and their families who were selected as it really is an honour to be a school leader and represent your peers, teachers and our school community:

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Once again, congratulations to the above students and their families. I would also like to acknowledge the children who were not selected, thank you to all of you for your efforts and remember at our school, all Year 5 and 6 students are considered as leaders and you will also be provided with opportunities to lead various school events.

2014 School Account
I would like to thank the numerous families who have already settled their 2014 school account and remind those who are yet to do so that if they are settled by the final school day of the year you will receive a $10 discount. We would really like to have as many accounts as possible paid by this date so families will be able to collect their book bags and commence labelling and covering the contents.

A reminder that accounts can also be paid on Tuesday 28th January which is when Book Bags can also be collected and the uniform shop will also be open from 10 am to 3 pm.
Student Reports
As a learning community it is extremely important that we value the children’s reports as they are a means of celebrating how much the children have grown socially, emotionally and academically throughout the year. The teaching staff have been working extremely hard to ensure your child’s report accurately reflects their current level of achievement and also the growth throughout the year. Your child’s report will be distributed tomorrow (Friday 13th December) in conjunction with a slip outlining your child’s classroom teacher and room for the 2014 school year. Please ensure you read the report carefully and if you have any queries see your child’s classroom teacher, Mrs Hunt or myself. Families are most welcome to arrange to meet with their child’s teacher if you would like to discuss the report.

Congratulations Yohan
Congratulations and well done to Yohan (Year 6) who participates in the Vex IQ Robotics program. His team has qualified to represent Australia in the VEX IQ World Championships which are being held in the USA in April next year. This is a wonderful achievement and we all look forward to hearing how Yohan and his team go. I am also extremely pleased to announce that School Council have decided to contribute $300 towards Yohan’s airfare which is very generous and something Yohan’s family really appreciate!

Congratulations to Keziah and Duvin
In order to provide the students in Year 3 and 4 with an opportunity to write for an external audience the children participate in the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley’s annual story writing competition and this year Keziah (3TA) and Duvin (4KB) were awarded prizes. Keziah received a beautiful certificate as the runner up and Duvin also received a certificate and a $50 book voucher for being our school’s overall winner. Congratulations to both of the children for the fabulous efforts! Keziah’s story was featured in a previous newsletter and Duvin’s has been included in this fortnight’s Kids Corner section. Well done Keziah and Duvin!

Year 6 Graduation
Congratulations to our Year 6 students for being wonderful role models throughout the year and best wishes as they celebrate their graduation on Thursday 12th December. I’m certain it will be a night they will remember for many years to come. This year we have had a committee who have been responsible for organising the evening and I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Sameer, Bhav, Sabrina, Benaiha, Durangi, Kimal and Jessica and also our wonderful Year 6 staff Ms Dale, Ms Tran, Ms Bures, Mr Younes and Mr Kitch.

At the Year 6 Graduation we also acknowledge a number of children who receive various awards. Please refer to the Year 6 Graduation page (in this newsletter) for a complete overview.

Christmas Hamper Donations
Thank you to the families who have been able to provide donations for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. The amount of items collected was simply amazing and will go a long way to make Christmas a much better time of year for so many less fortunate families in our community. Thank you everyone, your understanding, kindness and willingness to contribute is simply amazing!

Our new classrooms
The new classroom in the Early Learning Centre is progressing very well. All of the external components have been completed and now the trades people are concentrating on the internals such as the roof, walls (plaster boards and echo panelling), electrical and computer wiring and cabinetry. It is our hope that it will be completed before the end of December.

During the holidays the “old” music room portable will be replaced with a “new” double classroom portable from another school. This is wonderful news for our school as the current portable requires considerable work.
Performing at the Wahroonga Aged Care Facility

Last Thursday our School Band, Choir, Chinese Choir and soloists Naveen (Year 6) and Duvin (Year 4) performed for the residents at the Wahroonga Aged Care Centre in Glen Waverley. As per usual the children were absolutely wonderful and thoroughly enjoyed performing for the residents who also enjoyed having the children come in and visit them. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and thank you to and well done to Ms Bures and Ms Wang for their outstanding effort in preparing the children. Also thank you to the various parents who also attended in order to assist or support the children.
Moving Day and 2014 Day
As a means of preparing for the 2014 school year, there are two very important events which we implement at our school. On Monday it is “Moving Day” where the teachers who will be working in different classes next year, will have the opportunity to move their resources and commence preparing their class for Wednesday’s “2014 Day”. A notice has been distributed outlining where all of the classes will be held for the remainder of the year, please ensure you are aware of this.
Next Wednesday 18th December, we will hold a very special day for all of our current Year Prep to Five and new Year One to Six students as they are provided with the opportunity to spend the entire day with their 2014 class and their 2014 teacher. Having the opportunity to familiarise yourself with a new environment, meet your new teacher and class friends is an opportune time for the students (and families) to alleviate some of the issues experienced when children are required to move from one classroom or school to another. I am confident that the day will be an enormous success and I look forward to receiving some feedback from the teachers, students and parents.

Picnic on the oval
A sincere thank you to all of the families who were able to attend this year’s Picnic on the Oval. What a terrific and fun filled night it was as families had the opportunity to spend time together and also enjoy a BBQ dinner. The children certainly had a wonderful time playing on the oval, jumping castles and with one another.
Thank you to the Community Relations Committee and the myriad of other parents who assisted in various ways such as cooking, serving or assisting with the supervision of the children. All in all, it certainly was another terrific Glen Waverley PS community event!
End of Term Awards
In Term Four we have to break protocol and announce the recipients of our end of term awards because if we don’t the children will not be recognised in the school newsletter.

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to receive the Term Four Kiwanis Club Terrific Kids award:

**Prep Area - Sophie (Prep LG)** for the delightful way she interacts with teachers and students. She always does her personal best and listens attentively.

**1/2 Area: Rasna (1MB)** Rasna is a very mature and enthusiastic learner. She is very aware of the Tribes agreement and shows great respect for others. She is always willing to assist teachers and classmates and can be relied on to carry out tasks properly. Well done Rasna!

**Year 3/4 Area: Methuli (3TA)** for being a highly organised student who has a passion for learning. She approaches all work with enthusiasm and challenges herself to improve in all subject areas. Methuli is also a supportive team member who respects and encourages her peers.

**Year 5/6 Area: Destiny (5SR)** For consistently apply herself to improve her learning. She always remains resilient when faced with a challenge. Congratulations Destiny for your hard work throughout the semester.

Once again, a special thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Glen Waverley for having the fortitude to implement this program and for supporting our school. Next Friday afternoon at our final assembly for the school year, the children will receive a certificate, trophy and also a $20 book voucher.

**Term 4 Principal Learning Awards**
Congratulations to the following students who will receive the Principal Learning Award for this term – once again, these will be announced next Friday afternoon at our final assembly for the school year.
Term 4 Principal Learning Award Recipients

Prep LG – Daphne for the willingness shown to work with other students and the way she strives to do her Personal Best, particularly when trying to achieve learning goals that relate to Writing and Writing development.

Prep LT – Suhani has made outstanding progress over this semester. She has a great attitude towards learning and is motivated to always try her best even when a task is challenging. She listens attentively and shows mutual respect to her peers and teachers. Suhani has grown in confidence, especially in reading and writing, and is very proud of her own achievements. I wish her another successful year in Grade 1!

Prep LD - Ardhithya has been working exceptionally hard throughout the semester to learn the sounds of the letters. He is now able to use his knowledge to write the beginning and ending sounds of words and can work independently to write two sentences. Ardhithya listens attentively in class and now participates in class discussions. Well done Ardhithya on your terrific progress throughout the year!

1MB - Vishal is an enthusiastic, lively and fun-loving student who has worked so hard to improve in all curriculum areas. He has shown improved maturity and responsibility for his own learning. Great effort Vishal.

1KG – Jackie has worked very hard this year to improve her English language skills and is now confident in Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening. She is always tries her personal best and is a very friendly student, who gets along well with all her peers. Jackie has been a delight to teach this year.

1SR – Daham for always trying his best and for being a wonderful and friendly class member. Daham consistently shows all the TRIBES agreements. It has been a delight to teach you this year Daham. Keep up the excellent learning.

2RL – Dini. Throughout the year Dini has taken responsibility for her own learning, she has managed her learning goals very well and always makes sure she is working towards them. She constantly looks for feedback on her work, taking advice on board and applying it to her learning, as a result has had a very successful year. Keep up the awesome learning Dini and good luck in Year Three.

2CB – Hritik for making much better choices at school, which has led to an enormous improvement in his learning. He has grown in maturity and should be really proud of his achievements across all areas of the curriculum.

2CW – Umaiza for being an inquisitive and curious learner who always enjoys a challenge. She approaches all areas of her learning with enthusiasm and always asks for help when she needs it. Umaiza always makes positive choices and is an excellent role model to other students, well done Umaiza!

3DJ – Anujah for always working to the best of her ability and for showing respect and empathy towards others. Anujah is a wonderful role model to her fellow students.

3KC - Enuki for always working to her personal best, using her initiative during learning time, striving for self-improvement and always having a smile for her friends and teachers. It has been a pleasure to have Enuki in my grade this year.

3TA - Binuki is a creative and responsible student who applies herself diligently to all subject areas. She has excellent organizational skills where she uses her time wisely and presents her work to the best of her capabilities. Binuki always tries to add something extra to her work to show her understanding. She eagerly takes on additional school commitments and is an outstanding Glen Waverley Primary citizen.

4SW - Ye Ji has made outstanding progress this year with all of her learning. She is writing longer and more detailed texts that engage the reader. Ye Ji has improved her public speaking and presenting by slowing down her speech and making her message clearer. She has also achieved terrific results with her spelling and her maths work. Ye Ji always tries her best and she is often one of the first students to finish her work because she is able to focus on the task at hand. Well done on a great year Ye Ji!

4AJ - Manuja has been a wonderful member of our class this year. He is a patient, kind and caring student who always makes the effort to help others. Manuja continually works hard, asking questions and persisting until he produces his best work. Thank you for a fantastic year.

4KB - Duvin for consistently achieving his personal best. He listens to feedback and works hard to improve his work. Duvin displays excellent manners and always helps his teacher and classmates willingly and cheerfully. Duvin should be extremely proud of his achievements this term.
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Term 4 Principal Learning Award Recipients

5JT - Sid has experienced many successes this term due to his persistence and wonderful work ethic. He has worked really hard to write informative explanations, and achieve all his reading goals. Sid has also made a conscious effort to make better choices and be a better friend to his classmates. Well done Sid, I’m so proud of you!

5SR – Joseph is a hard working student who always does his personal best. During the term he has worked on the goal of adding detail to his writing and as a result has created many fantastic, interesting writing pieces. Joseph also has impeccable manners which he uses at all times. Well done, Joseph.

56K - Natasha. Throughout Term Four Natasha has shown remarkable growth in her ability to work independently. She has worked hard to develop her presentation skills and used these to produce an absolutely outstanding Keynote presentation about cyclones, which she shared with the class. Congratulations Natasha, you are a superstar legend!

6ND - Mihir is a student who is always looking out for others. He ensures they are included and is a positive role model with his good manners and his great work ethic. Mihir is a star who has been a great asset to Glen Waverley Primary School.

6SY - Natasha for always displaying a great deal of positivity during all group activities. Her natural leadership and her positive attitude always ensure that her peers achieve to the best of their ability

6LT - Jalani for working persistently to improve her confidence when presenting in front of the class. She is now a regular and active participant in our class discussions. Jalani always works hard and loves learning.

As the end of the school year draws closer, very shortly we will be saying goodbye to a number of students who are moving out of the area. We wish them all the best in their new schools and hope that they keep in close contact with their Glen Waverley Primary School friends for many years to come.

We are also saying goodbye to some of our staff who will be working in other schools or teaching overseas:

Mrs Karen Hunt (Acting Assistant Principal) will be returning to Glenallen Special School
Ms Laura Donoghue (Prep LD) will be teaching in the United Kingdom and
Mrs Lara Taylor (Student Wellbeing Officer) will be teaching at English as a Second Language at Holmesglen TAFE.

Naturally we thank you for being part of the Glen Waverley PS community, strongly encourage you to keep in contact and sincerely wish you well with your future endeavours.

Congratulations to Mr Kitch

Over the last few months we have been very busy interviewing for various positions across our school. As mentioned in the last newsletter, Mr Darren McDonald is now the substantive Principal at Burwood East PS, hence recently we interviewed for the substantive Assistant Principal position at our school and I am very pleased to announce that Mr Damien Kitch, one of our school’s senior teachers, is the successful applicant. Congratulations and well done Damien, I am certain you will be outstanding in this role!
2014 Staff and Class Structure:

In lieu of the above the 2014 Staff Team will be as follows:

**Foundation (Year Prep):** Clare Baizanos, Lee-Ean Teoh, Michelle Tzialis and Olga Anagnostou

**Year One:** Marion Barnes, Samantha Rich, Penelope Kolovos and Elizabeth Kemp/Jackie Gilbert (sharing a class)

**Year Two:** Nicole Dale, Chloe Walsh and Peter Shen

**Year Three:** Debbie Jacobs, Arezou Javidi and Kerryn Callas

**Year Three/Four:** Tania Smith

**Year Four:** Kylie Bailey, Sarah Donald and Matthew Knott

**Year Five:** Jennifer Tzimas, Paul Austin and Simone Ryan

**Year Five/Six:** Lisa Gough

**Year Six:** Claire Gooch, Lindy Tran and Sam Younes

**Specialist Programs:**

- **Music and Year 3 – 6 EAL:** Carla Bures
- **Year F-2 EAL:** Helen Tomecek
- **Mandarin:** Esther Wang
- **Physical Education:** Shae Warren
- **Physical Education and Multimedia:** Roland Lewis
- **Visual Arts and Cultural Awareness:** Aubrey Hudson
- **Reading Recovery and Junior School Support:** Lyn Clugg
- **Student Wellbeing Officer:** Natasha Niemann

**Learning Assistants:** Natalie Doyle, Kay Platt, Soula Lucas, Rosemary Bandara, Nicole Rowland and Liz Steinke

**Administration:** Pam Marsh and Jenny Bednarz

**Principal Class:** Frank Catalano and Damien Kitch

**School Holiday Vacation Care Program**

Once again Camp Australia have organised a wonderful school holiday program which consists of a number of really exciting activities at our school premises and excursions to Kryal Castle (Ballarat) and the Rock Climbing centre in Bayside. The program commences on Monday 6th January and will run through to Tuesday 28th January (excluding Monday 27th January as this is a public holiday). Included in the newsletter is an overview of the program and the associated costs. Please be aware that all families are entitled to a 50% rebate and a further rebate depending on the family income. To book your child, access the Before and After School Care link on our website or at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

**What’s planned for our school over the holidays?**

Over the summer break we plan to:

- Complete the new classroom in the Early Learning Centre
- Install the “new” double portable and
- If time allows, continue refurbishing the Year 3 and 4 building.
Principal Awards:
Congratulations to the following students who have received a Principal’s Award recently:

1MB: The entire class for fantastic story writing

2CW – Nemo and Xuanhao for excellent writing, Trevin, Mohammed and Julian for fantastic Maths work involving reading and creating graphs, Kavi for making a beautiful Christmas card and Shubham and Methuli for being great friends

3DJ: Nachiket for being a wonderful helper throughout the school
3KC: Dulvin also for being a wonderful helper throughout the school
3TA: Darren for creating a wonderful tip truck as part of his home learning and Thisen for being a great friend

4KB: Amasha for creating a wonderful poster and a video of a robot for her home learning, Sriprada for being a great friend and Kovid for receiving a Kumon medal for working 3 years above the expected standard
4SW: Sandweni and Kovid for writing a beautiful thank you card

56K: Lawrence, Yohan, Bonnie and Angel for distributing the 2013 Year Book and Natasha for creating a wonderful Keynote about Cyclones on her iPad
5SR: Jenica for making a wonderful iMovie about the importance of exercising
6ND: Clara, James, Seniru, Prashiksha and Shaughn for being fantastic helpers

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their special day in the second half of December:

0LT: Sangy, Jaicee and Omar
0LD: Tiffany and Dinil
0LG: Sevin and Sia K
1MB: Rasna
1SR: Daniel, Vedant and Radith
2CB: Leonard and Suvan
2CW: Yehan and Sudhu
3TA: Meher, Juwon, Amnaaz and Risara
3KC: Richard, Bryan, Dulvin and Joe
4KB: Jana
4SW: Isum and Sahasni
5SR: Aldric and Heleni
5JT: Dunil, Jacinta and Sanuthi
56K: Shangyou and Derek
6ND: Jessica and Hayden
6SY: Rohit
6LT: Minoli and Trevis
In closing,

I would like to bid a fond farewell to our fabulous team of Year 6 students. This year the Year 6 students have set a fine example and have lead the school with a true sense of commitment, sincerity and pride. I am absolutely thrilled with the leadership of all our Year 6 students particularly our 2013 School Captains Izza, Rajat, Senisa and Lahiru who all must be congratulated for their outstanding leadership commitment, endeavour and qualities. I look forward to seeing and hearing all about the Year 6 students’ successes as they progress through their secondary education and beyond. I would also like to wish every Year 6 student the very best in the years ahead and remind them that “once you are a part of the Glen Waverley PS family, you are always a part of the Glen Waverley PS family”. I strongly encourage all of you to come back and visit us!

Also, a sincere thank you to our wonderful team of parents who have helped with many and varied events and programs throughout the year. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank every single parent for their support, assistance and encouragement as we have made our way through the year. Team spirit, trust, loyalty and integrity are part of what makes Glen Waverley such a fabulous school. It is really great, that our parents are willing to support their children, the staff and the professional judgements that are made to ensure that our school provides the very best learning environment for their children. As you know our team of staff certainly give their heart and soul to their job and their passion for education is evident. I would like to thank the numerous parents who provide us with support and feedback and for also realising that at times our job is not easy. We have a fabulous school community who are generous with the time and effort they give to nurturing, assisting and encouraging all that we do at Glen Waverley.

Naturally it would be rather remiss of me not to mention our extremely hard working staff. The teachers and support staff at Glen Waverley are relentless in their quest to make our school the best school possible. Thank you one and all!

Final Day of school arrangements Friday 20th December
A reminder that we will finish school at 1:30 on Friday 20th December; as a result the students will not need their lunch unless they will be attending After School Care which will commence at 1:30. Please ensure your child has a snack for the day. Due to the early finishing time, lunch orders will not be available on this day.

We will be holding our final assembly at 12.45 pm in the court yard (outside the Early Learning Centre) or in the school hall if the weather is not suitable. We strongly encourage as many parents as possible to attend in order to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students throughout the year and also bid a fond farewell to those who are leaving our school.

2014 Return Dates
Year 1-6 students will return to school on Wednesday 29th January and Foundation (Prep) students will begin on Thursday 30th January.

Happy holidays everyone. I sincerely wish all members of the Glen Waverley Primary School community the very best throughout the forthcoming summer break. To those members of our school community who celebrate Christmas, Merry Christmas to you all.

Please stay safe and enjoy your time with family and friends.
Take care and I look forward to seeing everybody in 2014!

Frank Catalano
Principal
This fortnight’s Kids Corner consists of Duvin’s (Year 4) winning story as part of the Glen Waverley Rotary Club competition.

The Mystery in Glen Waverley

That night Kingsway was crowded with formally dressed people walking in the street talking to each other and smelling the aroma of the delicious food in all of the restaurants. People love being in Kingsway because of the lovely food, the charismatic and generous community and the beautiful moonlit stars. Kingsway can also be quite spooky when it is empty. I was strolling down the pavement on my way home when someone in a scruffy cloak runs up to me and says, “Meet me at your house. Wait, sorry, no the house near your school and I will give you everything you desire!”

He then turned and ran away quickly. But while running he dropped an interesting note, I realised it had my profile on it!

I was shocked out of my wits. I did not know how he knew my name was Ben, that I am 12 years old and I love music and sport. I started running home in the darkness when I dropped the note the weird guy dropped. As I was picking up the note, another man with a giant beard and crooked smile gently pats me on the back and says in a haunted voice, “I can help you, come!”

He suddenly snatches the note from the cold ground and whispers, Come to 185/2 Kingsway, hurry!”

I had no choice, if I wanted my note back I might as well go there. I unwillingly dragged myself there, yet I was regretting it after I saw the meeting place! It was the Monash Library! It was quite lonely and very quiet on this moonlight winter’s night. Everyone there was quiet as a mouse concentrating on their work or reading a fabulously exciting book. In the reading pit there was a little boy all on his lonesome trying to stay away from the chilly wind outside. The librarians were enthusiastic as always, talking amongst themselves and helping all the people in the library. There were not many people all in the toilets so it wasn’t as hideously stinky like it normally is. The children and the DVD section was the busiest place. It was almost like people bustling all over a Melbourne train station. The gigantic adult section was in pin drop silent as the adults were so busy reading their books. I saw the man who wanted me to go to the library, I sat next to him but he didn’t say anything to me other than, “I am coming”, he then paused and quickly said, “Oh, and here’s your note …. Ha, ha!”

My hair stood up on end like a cat when he said that as I got that scared that I started speeding out of the library with the note clutched firmly in my wrist and I raced home. I got home, jumped in my bed and fell asleep in an instant.

The next morning I went to my glorious school (Glen Waverley Primary School). During recess I was playing handball when the man dressed in the cloak walked up to me and said, “Remember, come to me”.

I ignored him and scampered to the oval. After school I ran straight to my house and I saw the man in the dark cloak and he spotted me. He ran towards me with a peering look in his eyes and said, “You have the note and you have forgotten to come!”

It was the same man from last night and the man in the cloak was furious with rage. He started pacing straight towards me. I started screaming me head off and then I started relentlessly running all over the beautiful Glen Waverley.

“Oh what a nightmare”, I said to myself as I entered Century City Walk. I glanced at a cosy sofa near the lobby, not long after I was cuddled up and was dosing away when my delightful sleep was ruined by a ground shaking thud! I woke up startled, “You get up!” a mean man said in a death defying tone! There could only be one person with such an annoying voice, it was the man in the cloak. He then made me be silent and took me out of Glen Waverley in a carriage. He took me to a tall and odd building with nettles and damp plaster everywhere you look. He took my hand and then ……

My mum said, “Ben, Ben wake up, it is time for school!!”

“Oh, what, where am I?
“What do you mean WHERE are you? You are at home silly and if you don’t get up soon you will be late for school!
“Oh, it was only a dream!”
Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and Awards

Last night, Thursday 12th of December, the Year 6 students, their families and the staff celebrated the end of Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. It was an amazing night where students were able to celebrate the wonderful finish to their Primary School years. Families rejoiced in the occasion and proudly took photos while the students let their hair down and danced the night away.

As part of the Graduation Ceremony, students achievements were acknowledged with each student receiving a Graduation certificate and class banner. Awards were given out to students who displayed outstanding performance in each of the Specialist classes—Physical Education, Art, Languages (Mandarin) and Music.

Another highlight was the tradition of awarding the Trish Perry Memorial Scholarship for Endeavour. This scholarship was made in honour of a former Principal of Glen Waverley Primary School, Trish Perry. It acknowledges two students who display commitment to their academic endeavour and are actively involved in our school community.

In 2013, two Year 6 students have been selected for the Scholarship by the staff and Principal, Mr Catalano. The chosen students are given $100 towards their Secondary School education together with a small engraved plaque and certificate. The students’ names are also engraved on the perpetual trophy which is displayed near the office.
Another busy term in chess, with some very close games and results. Well done and congratulations to all participants in the Chess Program. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Joise’s lunch time group:
Dineth, Daniel and Prakhar

Joise’s after school group:
Sameer, Jacinta and Wonjun

Tim’s after school group:
Shangyou, Kaveen, Sahib

Tim’s lunch time group:
Arjun, Rachale, and Vingesha
Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs. If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA in 2014:

1. The student must be below the age of sixteen;
2. The student must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on census day, 28 February 2014 for the first instalment and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment;
3. On Eligibility Day, 28 January 2014 for the first instalment and 14 July 2014 for the second instalment, the claimant must:
   - be a parent or legal guardian of the student;
   - be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder; or
   - be a temporary foster parent.
4. Submit their application to the school by the due date.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as: uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. Your EMA is paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account.

The EMA is paid in two instalments, instalment one is paid from March onwards and instalment two is paid from August onwards.

For 2014, the payment amount for primary foundation students is $200 and the payment amount for primary years 1-6 students is $150. It is distributed over the two instalments as indicated below:

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How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form. The form must be completed in full and signed by the applicant. Then please lodge the form at the school office in person, it is essential that schools sight a copy of the Centrelink card to verify the spelling of the applicant’s name.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014.
The Premiers’ Reading Challenge finished in September and we have now received the certificates and teachers have handed them to the children. The children have really enjoyed reading the books from the challenge and have obviously benefited from the program. Thank you to the teachers and parents who encouraged their children to read and also those that assisted the children in getting their books onto the website. Included below is a list of children that completed the challenge. Congratulations to you all. What a remarkable effort.
Hopefully we will have even more children completing the challenge next year.

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We are getting to that exciting time of year! So many things are happening and excitement and change are in the air. Our Year 6 students are enjoying their last couple of weeks of Primary School and have taken to the task of getting ready for graduation with a great deal of energy.

Working together with their peers, they have created an engaging movie chronicling their year.

This work has prompted a lot of reflection about the fun experiences students have had throughout the year.

Here are some quotes from the students of 6SY about 2013:

Heshan: “I have enjoyed year six and helping out around the school. I loved going on camp.”

Manas: “I will miss all of the teachers that I have had! I’ll also miss all the memories of primary school.”

Sendi: “I had fun being with my friends and I liked being a role model for all of the younger students.”

Gavin: “I like interschool sports and working with the teachers and my friends.”

Victor: “It was a very good year. It is really exciting because graduation is coming up.”

Minuri: “I have enjoyed all the funny moments with my teachers and friends.”

Dean: “I have loved all the fun things we have done this year like going to camp and athletics day.”

Jessica: “I enjoyed going to GWSC for our fun maths morning.”
Congratulations to the following students who received the Specialist Award for the month of November:

**Artist of the Month:**
Nisuli 5SR

**Chinese Language Achievement Award:**
Dunil 5JT

**Musician of the Month:**
Duvin 4KB

**Sportsperson of the Month:**
Craig 6ND

**Artist of the Month:**
Nisuli 5SR
Highlights in Prep OLT

**Late Night:** “I enjoyed eating lots of pizza and watching Peter Pan.” Arjun.

**PMP:** “I liked trying all the different activities.” Tharusha.

**Firefighter Visit:** “We sprayed the garden with the long hose. It was heavy!” Suhani.

**Swimming:** “I learnt how to swim really fast.” Jaipee.

**Prep Prom:** “The best part was getting my certificate and my buddy bear.” Chanu.

**Fairy Park:** “We played in the playground and it had the biggest slide!” Viktor.

**School Disco:** “Miss Teoh danced with us and it was funny.” Erin.

**Hatching Chickens:** “It was interesting watching the chickens poke through the egg shell.” Lilly.

**Life Education Van:** “We learnt about healthy foods and met Harold the Giraffe.” Victoria.
Next year we will be introducing the You Can Do IT (YCDI) Program as part of our Student Wellbeing. The core purpose of the YCDI program is to develop young people’s social and emotional capabilities. The program is based on The 5 Keys of YCDI Education Success.

The 5 Keys are:

1. Confidence (academic, social)
2. Persistence
3. Organisation
4. Getting Along, and
5. Resilience

Central to the development of these 5 Key Foundations is instilling in young people 12 Steps to Success, including:

1. Accepting Myself
2. Taking Risks
3. Being Independent
4. I Can Do It
5. Giving Effort
6. Working Tough
7. Setting Goals
8. Planning My Time
9. Being Tolerant of Others
10. Thinking First
11. Playing by the Rules, and
12. Social Responsibility

The program covers all year levels and is therefore compatible with our philosophy of having a whole school approach to everything we do and putting the students at the centre of everything we do. The keys to success are not limited to school life but are valuable skills that people can transfer to all areas of life for the rest of their lives.

There will be more details about the YCDI program in future Newsletters in 2014. In the meantime if you would like to know more information visit -

http://www.youcandoit.com.au

Student Wellbeing and Engagement Team
Each year, ChildFund Connect runs a film festival encouraging children to get creative expressing their ideas on different topics using film. This year, over 1000 children from Australia, South-East Asia and South America were asked to create short films around the topic of ‘Family’. The short-listed films have been translated into nine languages and used as an education resource for children to extend their cultural and global awareness.

On Wednesday the 4th of December, our students participated in the ChildFund Connect Film Festival. ChildFund Connect Coordinator, Kelly Royds, presented eight short-listed films from around the world, where students had to vote for the film which they thought had the best actors, storyline and camera angles.

Glen Waverley Primary School entered the competition and was very fortunate to be selected as one of the films to represent Australia in the ChildFund Connect Film Festival. Congratulations to Izza, Senisa, Senudi, Thilini, Aisha, Senoli, Yash and Jainam, who created a magnificent video titled ‘Family Matters: Respect Your Elders.’ We look forward to finding out the winners of the film competition in January.
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<td>Musical Folly Sing, dance and play your way through the day to the beat of a different tune.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 8 January 2014</td>
<td>Sports Spectacular Get your heart racing and blood pumping through a wide range of activities! Our experts will have you running, hopping, skipping and dodging your way through the day!</td>
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<td>Around the World in a Day Join our performing artists today as they take you on a journey through their customs, traditions and cultures.</td>
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<td>Witches, Wizards and Warlocks - Frozen We are off to the movies today to see “Frozen”, the hilarious film about Olaf the Snowman.</td>
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<td>Surf N’ Seaside - Yabbies Come and explore the world of Yabbies today where we will be learning how to catch them and we even get to do some yabby racing.</td>
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<td>Beach Antics What do you get up to when you go to the beach? Sand castles, swimming, cricket, surfing? Come and let us know. Don’t forget to wear your beach shorts.</td>
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<td>Super Service Challenge - Rock Climbing Challenger ready? We’re off to the amazing Bayside Rock Climbing Centre to see how far we can climb up the walls...literally!</td>
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<td>It’s a Celebration - Bears</td>
<td>Ever wondered how toy bears are made? Find out today as we make our very own toy bears to take home. Start thinking of a name for your new friend.</td>
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<td>A magical kingdom of wonder awaits! We're off by bus and ready on the look-out for fairies, goblins and more at Kryal Castle. Please arrive by 8:45 AM for a 9:00 AM departure.</td>
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www.campaustralia.com.au
Thank you to Selina in 3TA and her family for donating five badminton racquets to the school from their club.

One of the most popular sports at Glen Waverley Primary School is badminton and so with this donation of great quality racquets they will be added to our developing stock of sports supplies to enhance the learning in sport at school.

THANK YOU!

To the parents and students of our wonderful Community—a huge thank you for your donations.
This is just a sample of what we received, 12 huge boxes filled to the brim.
Such a wonderful feeling knowing that you have helped someone less fortunate than ourselves.
Have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Principal and Staff
Glen Waverley Primary School
Wider view for young filmmakers

CHILDREN are often told to respect their elders, but a group of Glen Waverley Primary School students are finding out exactly how the message translates.

The Year 6 students made a three-minute film about respecting elders as part of a global film festival. The film will be shared with children in other countries, and in turn the Glen Waverley students will watch the films created by their counterparts.

Students have spent the year interacting with counterparts in Vietnam and East Timor, finding out about their hobbies and diets, as part of the project.

Year 6 teacher Lindy Tran said learning about cultural differences directly from other children had enormous impact.

“They got to see what other kids do in their leisure time, they’re not sitting around an iPad or computer, they’re out climbing trees and doing things we wouldn’t normally do,” Ms Tran said.

“It’s given them a great insight in that regard.”

Glen Waverley Primary School Year 6 students made a short film to share with schools in Vietnam and East Timor.
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.

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5D Australian Open Tennis January Clinics

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH & PRIZES!!

The 5D Australian Open Hot Shots and Junior Clinics are suitable for all players of any standard. Focus of the clinic is technical development, tactical development, fun games and rallies! Register quickly as spots are limited!

5D AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS CLINIC DETAILS:

Where: Legend Park Tennis Club, Capital Ave, Glen Waverley
When: Tuesday January 21st 10am – 12pm
Age: Hot Shots Clinic (5-11yrs) Junior Clinic (12yrs+)
Cost: $25.00
Registration Due Date: January 16th
Equipment: All equipment / racquets supplied

Register: (M) 0412-873-492 (E) 5thdimensiontennis@gmail.com (W) www.5thdimensiontennis.com.au