Dear Members of the Glen Waverley Primary School Community,

Wow, I really cannot believe that this is the final newsletter for Term One – it seems like yesterday that we commenced the school year!!

As usual so many marvellous things have occurred at our wonderful school over the past fortnight such as:

Our New School Library - is progressing well with the tradespeople working on completing the finishing touches. If all goes according to plan the library should be completed by the end of the term and then we will commence moving in early next term.

Our new school library would not have been possible without family contributions. I would like to sincerely thank all members of our school community for your support with this project and I look forward to posting a number of photographs in our next newsletter. Naturally everyone is most welcome to come in and see our new library once we have officially start using it.

School Council Update
Last Monday was the first meeting for the 2013 School Council and it is wonderful to see a number of new parents. This year is going to be another very exciting School Council year as we embark on a number of new initiatives and also complete some of the governance tasks which we are required to do. The projects we plan to complete this year are:

- Complete the new library
- Continue developing our school grounds
- Complete refurbishing the classrooms in the main building
- Build an extension behind the ELC
- Continue increasing the ICT resources across the school
- Build an extension for the Year 5/6 Area and
- Refurbish the main corridor and admin area

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### Important Dates For Your Diary

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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.
What is the Role of School Council?

Essentially School Council is our school’s governing body and is responsible for the following as outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In essence, the role of school council is one of helping to set the long term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school's operation. It is not about running the school – that is the job of the Principal.

The responsibilities of School Council include:

- Contributing to the development of the school strategic plan (the document that tells people what the school wants to achieve in the future and how it plans to get there). A copy is available on our school website
- Approving the annual budget (the financial plan for the calendar year that tells people how the school is going to provide money so it can implement its strategic plan in that year) and monitoring expenditure;
- Developing, monitoring, reviewing and updating policies (guiding principles designed to influence decisions, actions that the school makes);
- Developing, reviewing and monitoring both the Student Engagement Policy (how the school expects students to behave, how bullying will be managed and the school's approach to managing student behaviour) and the School Dress Code (this includes how students are expected to dress during school hours including travelling to and from school, if the school has a uniform and what that looks like, and any arrangement with clothing suppliers that the school might enter into);
- Informing itself and taking into account the views of the school community when making decisions regarding the school and the students
- Arranging for the supply of the things needed for the conduct of the school (such as goods, services, materials and equipment), including pre-school programs
- Providing meals and refreshments for students and staff and charging for this
- Raising money for things that the school needs
- Making sure the school’s grounds and buildings are maintained
- Entering into contracts for things like cleaning the school or a school council building project
- Regulating and facilitating the after-hours use of the school premises and grounds
- Creating interest in the school within the community
- Making a recommendation to the Secretary regarding principal selection.

What School Council does not do?

- School council does not manage the day to day running of the school. For example, it does not employ teaching staff, decide which classes students will be assigned to, or sort out issues relating to individual teachers and students and/or parents.
- School council does not discuss individual issues relating to teachers, staff or parents – these are very clearly management roles, and therefore the principal's job.
- School councillors are not appointed to represent specific interest groups or permit special interests to dominate the agenda of the council.
- School council is also not allowed to purchase land, buildings or motor cars, and it cannot enter into hire purchase agreements or obtain credit or loans, unless it is given permission by the Minister.
21st March 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (Cont’d)

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Role of School Council members

- Parent members on school council bring their experience as parents at the school and the views of the wider school community to school council meetings.
- DEECD employees bring their educational expertise to school council meetings.
- Community members, if they are on school council, most often bring a particular skill to school council. They might bring accounting skills or building skills or some other skill that the school is looking for at that time.

An example of a school council code of conduct can be found at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/schoolcouncils/operations.htm

Where can you find out more?

For further information on strategic planning, the annual budget, and policy development, see http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/schoolcouncils/strategicplanning.htm

The above information was derived from the DEECD document “Roles and Responsibilities – the Function of School Councils”

I hope the above provides everyone with a clear understanding of the role of our School Council. A reminder that School Councillors are your representatives and it is very important that everyone is aware of who they are. If you have any further queries regarding School Council please do not hesitate to contact or see me.

Twilight Sports
Due to the current Australian Education Union industrial action the school community Twilight Sports will not be held this term. It is our hope that the issues between the AEU and the Government will be resolved as soon as possible which will enable us to reschedule this very popular whole school community event.

Athletics Sports
There is certainly a great deal of excitement and anticipation in the air at the moment as the children and staff from Year 3 – 6 prepare for the athletics carnival this coming Monday at Central Reserve (corner of Springvale and Waverley Roads). We expect to commence at 10 o’clock and should be completed by 2:30. It promises to be a very exciting day and we would love to have as many parents as possible there to assist and support the staff and children.

School Photographs
It certainly was a very hectic day on Friday 8th March with the photographers having to take literally hundreds of photographs throughout the day. Thank you for supporting this annual event which obviously makes outstanding mementos that will be cherished for many years to come. We are looking forward to receiving the photographs early in Term Two.

Student Uniform
A reminder to all families that students are to wear correct school uniform at all times. It is very important that we work together to ensure that our students are fine ambassadors and wear our uniform with pride. I would like to highlight that students wearing runners are to select back or white footwear and DO NOT add coloured shoelaces (e.g. PINK is not acceptable!) Also pants must be navy blue in colour and not have additional stripes and/or designs on them. In keeping with the current Sun Smart regulations and our school policy, students are to continue to wear their sun-smart hats until the end of April.

Arriving on Time
All families are reminded that students are to be at school before the first bell each morning. We consistently have a small stream of students arriving after the bell each morning. This situation does not provide a good start to the day for the students who are late and is also very distracting for the teacher and the class when a student enters the room. Often the teacher must stop and begin instruction again to accommodate the latecomer. I do ask that all families make a huge effort to be at school on time every day!
Cultural Diversity Week
This week is another very important week in our school calendar as we celebrate and acknowledge the cultural diversity which makes up our wonderful school. This year is the 11th state-wide Cultural Diversity week which is organised by the Multicultural Commission of Victoria. The Commission oversee a magnitude of events throughout the week culminating with the Viva Victoria Multicultural Festival being held this Sunday at Federation Square from 12 to 6 pm. Included in our newsletter is a copy of the program which can also be found at:

At our school we celebrated Cultural Diversity Week by holding a number of activities such as:

On Tuesday morning we held an assembly with a very special guest, Chin Tan the Chairperson of the Multicultural Commission of Victoria. Chin was extremely impressed with the assembly as we showcased the following:

| School Choir; Lead by Mrs Hallas and accompanied by Rosie Maurus (piano teacher) |
| Winnie (Year 6) played the traditional Chinese instrument the Guqin |
| Indian Dancing by Year 2 and 3 students: Sapna, Anivta, Isha, Harini, Sana and Akshaniya |
| These students were trained by Durga and Sashi (2 of our school mums) |
| A Video presentation – Srijay, Manaal, Minuri, Steven and Kelvin have created a documentary about our school “Glen Waverley Primary School Multicultural and Proud” |
| Sri Lankan dance with Minoli, Senisa, Methuli and Anuk |
| Trained by another of our Mums, Sandi and accompanied by Sandi and her husband Gin |
| Our newly formed Chinese Choir lead by our Languages teacher Miss Wang |
| Greek Dancing with Ms Tzimas |

A sincere thank you to all of the parents, staff and children who made the assembly possible as it truly was a very special occasion for everyone at our school.
21st March 2013

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (Cont’d)

Chin Tan was overwhelmed by the assembly and said many times that our school is amazing as we really acknowledge and promote our multiculturalism.

After the assembly Chin was interviewed by Senudi and Sithumya in our TV studio with Steven (ICT Captain) recording. Once again, Chin was most impressed. A copy of the interview will be played on the TV in the foyer and also sent to Chin. He hopes it will also be posted on the Multicultural Commission website.

Also on Tuesday we were very fortunate to have the Shenanigans Dance group in our school as they taught the children a number of dances from around the world. This was a wonderful incursion in which everyone thoroughly enjoyed and a special thank you to Mrs Hallas for organising it.

Today (Thursday) we celebrated “Harmony Day” with the children completing various multicultural activities before we all met on the oval for a wonderful whole school picnic.

Tomorrow (Friday) the children in Year Prep to Two will be visited by the Lazytown incursion which focuses on eating well and being active. This too promises to be another exciting and educational program for the children.

Congratulations everyone on an outstanding Cultural Diversity Week and hopefully I will see some members of our school community at the Viva Victoria festival on Sunday!
Global Education
Last week the children in Year 6 spent some time with members of the Childfund Connect program. This initiative involves using Skype, smartphones, digital video and/or handheld pocket video recorders to film experiences and post them on line on a shared resource which is accessed by children in Timor-Leste, Vietnam, Laos and Sri Lanka. We are incredibly proud to be the only school in Victoria participating in this program which is a real thrill for the children and staff. The Year 6 children have been divided into 2 groups with one group working with children and schools in Vietnam and the other Timor-Leste (east Timor).

The program is broken up into two parts. In Term 1 and 2 the students will connect with their partner school. Then they will learn about their partner’s country and participate in a video exchange project. In Term 3 and 4, the students will participate in an international project involving all ChildFund Connect schools and communities in Australia, Laos, Timor-Leste, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

The above are examples of how the students at Glen Waverley Primary School are developing their awareness of:
- Global issues
- Are becoming more globally aware
- Developing their sense of global citizenship and
- Are prepared to make a difference to their world.

More information can be found at the Childfund Connect website: www.childfundconnect.org

We look forward to sharing the children’s experiences with the very exciting project throughout the year.
Vacation Care Program
As reported in the last newsletter, our school has been granted permission to implement our very own Vacation Care (Holiday Care) program which will commence during the forthcoming April holidays. Included in this newsletter is an overview of the program and the associated costs. Please be aware that ALL FAMILIES are entitled to a 50% rebate (which is not means tested) plus a further rebate which is determined by your family’s 2011-2012 annual taxable income. If you have any questions pertaining to the Vacation Care program please do not hesitate to contact or see Grace (OSHC coordinator) or me at school.

Next Week and the Easter Break
A reminder that next week is the final week of the term and the children will be finishing school at 2.30pm on Thursday 28th March.
As per usual an assembly will be held either in the hall or outside the Early Learning Centre beginning at approximately 1:45 pm where the Principal Learning Awards for the term and also the Kiwanis Club’s Terrific Kids Awards will be distributed. The final day of term is also a free dress day and there is no cost for this activity. I look forward to seeing as many families as possible at our final assembly for the term. Those families who utilise the After School Care Program, this will commence at 2:30 pm.

For those families who celebrate Easter, have a Happy Easter! I hope everyone enjoys spending additional time with your family and friends and most of all stay happy and stay safe. I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday April 18th.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A PRINCIPAL’S AWARD RECENTLY:
1SR: Ameen for completing 3 pages of writing, Chloe and Esther for teaching me a terrific new game called Tic, Tac Toe
1KG: Vicky for teaching me a terrific new game called Tic, Tac Toe
1MB: Branaa for terrific reading. Branna read the book “Me” without making a mistake!
2RL: Jay for making great progress with his reading skills
3KC: Klein for becoming an Australian citizen and Dilara for being very brave
3TA: Sethmi for completing a fantastic PowerPoint for homework and how to make our school better
4AJ: Nicolas, Vincent, Riya, Elizabeth W and Akshata for wonderful interviewing skills
56K: The whole class for creating amazing stop motion animations about migration to Australia
6ND: Craig for becoming an Australian citizen

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

0LD: Isabelle
0LT: Chanu and Venuja
1MB: Shrey
1KG: Jake and Kavi
2CB: Min
2RL: Rohan
3DJ: Sendiya
3KC: Snigdha and Dilara
3TA: Methuli
5SR: Adam
56K: Christi and Diniru
6LT: Patricia
6SY: Natasha

Wishing everyone a safe and happy last week of Term One and also a wonderful 2 week break.

Frank Catalano
Principal
The Kids Corner section of this fortnight’s newsletter has been written by students in 3KC who have been writing persuasive texts requesting an interview with me.

Dear Mr Catalano,
May I have an interview with you? When are you available? When the lunchtime bells goes as that would be perfect for me?
From Chanuli:

Dear Mr Catalano,
I would like to know when you can come in for an interview. You can come at 2:30 but not at home time. Firstly are you going to be available and secondly which day are you coming? Last but not least, I would like to know when you are coming in for the interview.
From Jess.

Dear Mr Catalano,
I am writing to you so you can come and attend an interview. You should come because I have some really good questions to ask you. I think you will be interested. You should really come because a lot of people also want to ask you questions. Will you be available after lunch?
From Sethini

Dear Mr Catalano,
I was wondering if you can meet me in the classroom. Firstly are you available to come to 3KC during lunch. Secondly you should come because I would like to interview you for something really important about our work. Lastly, you could come any day of the week.
From Dulvin

Nb. I am meeting with 3KC this Friday at 12:30 and am really looking forward to it! I just hope they don’t ask too many “tricky” questions!!
I see...
...his name is Buddy and he is 7 months old. -Vihan
...black eyes, a yellow face and a white body. -Vincent
...that it is beautiful and we can maybe teach it to say hello. -Neha
...a cute, tiny budgie walking and eating seeds. -Vignesh
...he needs lots of food and water everyday with love and care. -Chathuni
...that Buddy loves to chat with Sunflower. -Elizabeth T

I feel...
...happy because we got a budgie in our class! -Darren
...that after a few weeks he will feel comfortable staying with us. -Riya
...like we have a very shy and new classmate. -Nick
...excited Buddy came to our class. -Sohib
...he’s going to be friends with our class. -Aislinn
...responsible, to not scare him. -Chris

Buddy joins 4AJ
...if I’ll keep it well when Miss Javidi lets us have it for a day. -Paul
...if Buddy gets scared when a human hand is trying to grab him. -Mahod
...if Buddy has a sister or a brother. -Kaiyan
...what the life of a bird is like. -Akshata
...how we can take care of Buddy. -Amrita

I wonder...
...how many years will it take for him to talk? -Disuru
...if Buddy is shy. -Kelvin
...if Buddy can get hiccups. -Elizabeth W
...if Buddy will learn how to talk. -Manu
HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH READING AT HOME OR IN THE CLASSROOM

Would you like some tips on how to help your child with their reading? If so, you are invited to a come to a “Parent Helpers Program” at school. This will take place in the staffroom on Tuesday the 23rd of April at 9.00-10.00 a.m.
If you are available to help with reading with and to children at school, please let your teacher or me know.
I am looking forward to meeting you there and working with many of you in the classrooms.

Mrs Lyn Clugg

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

8th April – 9th June 2013

It’s back, simply start collecting your stickers at every Woolworths store from the 8th April, 2013. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent, excluding purchases of liquor, smoking/tobacco products and gift cards. Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into a collection box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths. We have a collection box outside the office, you can place your stickers and cards in this box. Please get all your family members involved, Aunties and Uncles, Grandparents and other work colleagues, so we are able to purchase some valuable resources and equipment like we did last year. It was a fantastic success and we hope this year can be the same.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards,

Principal and Staff
Glen Waverley Primary School
This term has seen plenty of excitement in sport for GWPS. It all started on February 19 with the Syndal District School Sports Association (SDSSA) swimming trials, where 14 students participated and we finished with a second and 2 third placing’s.

Adam in 5SR finished second in the 50m backstroke and because of his efforts he went on to represent GWPS and the SDSSA at the Monash Waverley District heats, finishing 5th in his heat, a great effort. Well done Adam.

The next sporting event we saw the Year 6 introduced to their interschool sport at the SDSSA summer sport round robin held at Jells Park. We had a side in every sport: Kanga 8’s cricket, softball, tee ball, rounders and Danish rounders. The students competed in 4 matches of their chosen sport for the day and had a great day. We were very competitive in each of the games, with all game results being fairly close. Well done to the Year 6’s for great participation and sportsmanship on the day.

On Monday 25th the staff and students are excited about the Year 3 – 6 athletics carnival. The day has been planned in further development of the school sport curriculum; however, also for the chance for students to represent Glen Waverley PS at the SDSSA athletics carnival held early Term 2. All the students have been busy practising this term in the track and field events for this day. Students should remember to bring food and water for the day, along with their hat and sunscreen.

In addition to our building of the school sports program are the extra-curricular programs we offer in sport. BIG5 currently hosts a cricket program on a Tuesday after school in Terms 1 & 4 and will be running a soccer program in Terms 2 & 3. Dance Oz host a dance program at lunch time on Monday that teaches modern dance to students. Local tennis coach Steve Blundell hosts a tennis program after school on a Friday. All of these programs are a great way to introduce students to these sports, with fantastic numbers participating in the programs. For more information, please contact or see Mr Knott (PE teacher) or contact:

BIG5 soccer on 1300 787 071 or info@big5sports.com.au
Dance Oz on 1300 787 071 or info@danceoz4kids.com
Steve Blundell on 0412 873 492 or steveblundelltennis@gmail.com
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<td>Tuesday 2 April, 2013</td>
<td>The Secret Garden</td>
<td>$48.15</td>
<td>Activities include fun group games (outside in nature of course), getting arty with flora and fauna and more activities to discover the wondrous natural environment.</td>
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<td>A Colour Explosion</td>
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<td>Follow the rainbow to a treasure of activities coloured with the full spectrum of fun! We will be wearing blue, remember to wear your favourite colour too! Arts and Crafts Themed incursion</td>
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<td>Thursday 4 April, 2013</td>
<td>Game On</td>
<td>$64.15</td>
<td>Put on your game face and have lots of fun! There will be exciting group activities, show off your arts and craft making skills and use your imagination to make new disc. Please arrive by 8.45am</td>
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<td>Friday 5 April, 2013</td>
<td>Rio Carnival</td>
<td>$48.15</td>
<td>Ola Amigos! Come feel the rhythm of the Samba as we celebrate Brazilian Carnival with instrument making, festive Brazilian games and jungle themed activities.</td>
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<td>The Sky's The Limit</td>
<td>$48.15</td>
<td>Up, up and away! Discover the magic of flight and master the forces of nature with activities focusing on the elements of the air, gravity and the atmosphere.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 9 April, 2013</td>
<td>Splashing Around</td>
<td>$48.15</td>
<td>Ring in the Thai New Year dancing, animal crafts and activities to celebrate the Songkran Water Festival. Experience the magic of Southeast Asia!</td>
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<td>Wednesday 10 April, 2013</td>
<td>The Croods</td>
<td>$64.15</td>
<td>Step back in time to the dawn of man and become a cave kid! The Croods (PG) is a great new film. There will be cave man dress-ups, paintings and an obstacle course. Please arrive by 8.45am</td>
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<td>Thursday 11 April, 2013</td>
<td>Make Some Noise</td>
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<td>Clap your hands and move to the beat, tune in and get loud! Today is all about creating sound in a new way. Join your friends for some exciting sound experiments.</td>
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<td>Friday 12 April, 2013</td>
<td>Hogwarts</td>
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<td>All aboard the Hogwarts Express! Share in the enchantment, wave your wand and cast a spell of fun! Quiditch Incursion</td>
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*Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please) wet weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for an active and sunsmart day.
*An afternoon fruit snack will be provided.

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**Waverley Raiders Basketball Club**

Is currently seeking players to join our teams for the Winter Season.

Please contact Shelley Proctor on 9511 7880.

Or email proctors3@bigpond.com for more details.

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**Ashburton Primary School Grand Fair**

24th March 2013

10am-4pm

Come clown around with us

Fakenham Road Ashburton  www.ashburtonps.vic.edu.au


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**Super Soccer Kids**

S.S.K is a soccer clinic for boys and girls between the ages of 5 – 12 to come and learn the skills of the game in a fun and enjoyable environment.

Every session runs for 45 minutes with activities that will develop their skills in dribbling, passing, controlling the ball and working in a team. Every session will also end with a game.

S.S.K is run during every school term and all sessions are indoors, so no matter what the weather training will always be on.

For clinic locations, session times and fees, please call Greg on 0413 919 727 or email at supersoccercamp@gmail.com

NEW LOCATIONS STARTING NEXT TERM

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Glen Waverley Primary School 774 High Street Road, Glen Waverley 3150

Ph: 9802 9938  Fax: 9886 1590  Email: glen.waverley.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au  Website: www.glenps.vic.edu.au
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ORDER YOUR LUNCH

The Fun & Easy Way!

Online Lunch Ordering Option is now available

- Replaces paper bag orders
- Pre-paid online. No cash required
- Faster and more accurate
- Order in the morning or a week in advance

A parent or guardian will need to register on the website to order from the online menu. Instructions below...

Registration is easy and free!

Using any PC, go to www.studentlunch.com.au
1) Click Register Now! and enter your email
2) You are emailed a link to the online form.
   Choose your own username and password
   and enter your contact details
4) For each child, click "Add a student" and follow the prompts to place an order

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If you need help, please contact

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