PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Members of the Glen Waverley Primary School Community,

Welcome to the Education Week edition of our school newsletter!

Education Week is one of the most important weeks in our school calendar as we celebrate the wonderful things we do throughout our school. This year we had an array of special activities such as:

Monday: It was absolutely wonderful to commence the week with a very special assembly and it was fabulous that so many parents attend. Congratulations to all of the children who performed as you certainly should be very proud of yourselves and thank you to Mrs Hallas for overseeing and coordinating the assembly. Thank you and well done everyone!

Tuesday – was certainly a very busy day for everyone. Rather than the entire school going to Jells Park, this year we decided to hold the Cross Country closer to school with the Year 3 – 6 children running at Larpent Reserve and the Years Prep – 2, having a “sports extravaganza session” at school. These were followed by a whole school BBQ which was not only scrumptious but also a terrific way for everyone to come together. As usual, a huge thank you to the numerous parents who assisted with the BBQ – the children and staff really appreciate your time and effort.

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 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.

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Important Dates For Your Diary

May
23 Chess Session 7 Participants
28 SMART8 Years 3 – 6
29 Hands on Science Incursion Year Prep
30 Chess Session 8 Participants
31 SDSSA Cross Country Participants

June
3 Café Program – Parent Information Night Years 3 – 6
4 SMART8 Participants
5 ICAS UNSW Science Exam Whole School
6 Level 4 Science Fair Year 6s
6 Chess Session 9 Participants
7 Winter Sport – Round 4 Year 6s
10 Queen’s Birthday – No Students to attend School Year 6s
11 SMART8 Participants
12 Camp Information Evening Year 5s
13 Chess – Session 10 Participants
14 Winter Sport – Round 5 Year 6s
17 ICAS UNSW Writing Exam Participants
17 Botanical Gardens Excursion Yrs 3 & 4
18 ICAS UNSW Spelling Exam Participants
18 SMART8 Years 3 – 6
20 Chess – Round 11 Participants
27 Chess – Round 12 Participants
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Years 3 – 6 Cross Country Event
and
Years Prep – 2 Sports Extravaganza
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (Cont’d)

The annual Open Night was also very well attended. I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed the various classroom activities as well as attending the Book Fair. It really was absolutely wonderful to see so many current and future parents in the school.

Wednesday – What a thrill for our school band and choirs who had the opportunity to perform at The Glen Shopping Centre. Once again the children were simply brilliant and entertained the vast number of shoppers! Well done and congratulations to all of you, thank you to Mrs Hallas and Ms Wang for their endless hours of preparation and also the numerous parents who attended – your support means a great deal to the children and staff!

Today (Thursday) has also been very busy. We held an Open Morning for all current and perspective families and at 11:30 we commenced the first of 3 rotations where the children had the opportunity to complete a Science or Computer activity. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and it was also wonderful to see so many parents in the classrooms.

Tomorrow (Friday) approximately 60 students in Years 4 – 6 will be participating in the Syndal District Cross Country event. I congratulate all of the children who will be representing their families and our school and also wish you well. I look forward to hearing how you all go!
Artist in Schools Program – throughout the week the children have had the opportunity to continue working on our new school mural with renowned and award winning artists Yaping Jiang and John McCallum. The mural is beginning to take shape and already looks terrific. It will be wonderful when it is completed as it will be a real feature of our school. If you are yet to see the mural please ensure you make your way to the Science Shed, I’m sure Yaping and John would love to see you.

All in all, it has been a very exciting Education Week at our school and I hope the children and families have enjoyed celebrating the week with us!

Better Parents Ask Better Questions Information Session
Thank you to the numerous parents (approximately 70) who attended the Better Parents Ask Better Questions Information Session on Monday 13th May. The session focused on how questions can be used to facilitate discussion and also manage inappropriate behaviour. The feedback was extremely positive and I am really pleased to report that some of the participants have already commenced utilising the strategies learnt.
English Classes for Parents
I am really pleased to report that two of our parents (Asha and Chaitali) have been able to organise English classes for members of our school community. The classes are being held at the Kerrie Neighbourhood House (corner of High Street Road and Gallagher’s Road) every Monday and Thursday from 12 to 3 pm.

I am extremely pleased that the above parent learning programs have been implemented as it not only demonstrates our school’s willingness to implement such programs but also our desire to ensure that all members of our school community are provided with additional learning opportunities.

Mother’s Day Stall
Although this already seems to be “old news”, I hope all of our mums enjoyed Mother’s Day and you had the opportunity to spend the day relaxing with family and friends. I would also like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank all of the mums and dads who assisted with the Mother’s Day stall. The children thoroughly enjoyed attending the stall and purchasing a gift for their mum which would not have been possible if it wasn’t for the wonderful parents who assisted – thank you very much to all of you, your efforts are, once again, really appreciated!

Student Uniform
As we move into some very cold and wet weather, 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 are allowed to wear a coat or jacket to and from school in order to keep themselves warm and dry. At school if it is too cold or too wet, the children will remain indoors.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A PRINCIPAL’S AWARD RECENTLY:

3KC: Dulwan for completing excellent home learning (homework) and Ian for being a great friend

4KB: Kieren for completing amazing homework

56K: Lawrence and Durangi for being great helpers and Abby for making fantastic progress with her Maths skills

6ND: Bunin and Prashiksha for being great helpers, Clara for creating amazing “Box and Whiskers” graphs about a 10 second challenge and Shireen for being a wonderful friend

6SY: Prathibha, Minuri and Manaal for being great helpers

6LT: Minoli for being a great helper

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their special day recently:

0LD: Sofia, Jessica and Amy
0LT: Sayuri and Tharusha
0LG: Sophie, Sanija and Radhika
1SR: Kenul and Yenula
1KG: Kavin
1MB: Branaa
2CB: Vinuka and Deshitha
2RL: Sanithu
3KC: Tuan
4AJ: Neha
4KB: Yasmin and Raghav
5JT: Dilni
5SR: Jenica
56K: Mahek
6LT: Subeen and Rachel
6SY: James and Binura
6ND: Clara and Thilini

Wishing everyone a safe and happy fortnight,

Frank Catalano
Principal
23rd May 2013

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Darren McDonald

ENCOURAGE EXERCISE

Education Week is a wonderful time for schools to open their doors to parents and the broader community to showcase their programs and achievements through information nights, open days, student display, performances and other special events. It is also that time of the year when summer has gone, autumn is here and winter is on its way which means it is getting colder outside. The cold weather does not mean that it is time to curl up inside and put physical activity on hold for a few months. Actually, quite the opposite – encouraging children to be active during the colder months is a great foundation for laying positive habits for their later years and helping to create a generation who enjoy and participate in physical activity all year round. Exercise decreases the stress hormones such as cortisol and increases endorphins. Endorphins are the body’s natural feel-good chemicals, and when they are released through exercise, your mood is boosted naturally. So how much activity do children need? Children should participate in approximately 60 minutes of physical activity - including activity that makes them “huff and puff” - each day. There are endless opportunities for physical activities at school, which also provide the opportunity for social interaction with peers. The activity can be spread throughout the day – it does not have to be all at once. As with most things, variety is the key. So next time you are kicking the footy in the backyard, playing Frisbee or just going for a walk after school, think about how much good it is doing... and don’t forget to drink lots of water while you are exercising! For more tips on ‘healthy kids’, please go to the following site: http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/sitefiles/GoodForKids/documents/ActiveKids[1].pdf

WHY READING EVERY NIGHT IS SO IMPORTANT

The following article really illustrates just how important the practice of reading nightly is.

Why Can’t I Skip My Twenty Minutes of Reading Tonight? (Source Unknown)

Let's figure it out - mathematically!

☐ Student A reads 20 minutes five nights of every week;
☐ Student B reads only 4 minutes a night...or not at all!

Step 1: Multiply minutes a night x 5 times each week.
☐ Student A reads 20 min. x 5 times a week = 100 mins./week
☐ Student B reads 4 minutes x 5 times a week = 20 minutes

Step 2: Multiply minutes a week x approximately 4 weeks each month.
☐ Student A reads 400 minutes a month.
☐ Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

Step 3: Multiply minutes a month x 9 months/school year
☐ Student A reads 3600 min. in a school year.
☐ Student B reads 720 min. in a school year.

➢ Student A practices reading the equivalent of ten whole school days a year.
➢ Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice.
➢ By the end of Year 6 if Student A and Student B maintain these same reading habits, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days.
➢ Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days.

One would expect the gap of information retained will have widened considerably and so, undoubtedly, will school performance. How do you think Student B will feel about him/herself as a student?

Some questions to ponder:
☐ Which student would you expect to be the more proficient reader?
☐ Which student would you expect to know more?
☐ Which student would you expect to write with greater proficiency?
☐ Which student would you expect to have a broader vocabulary?
☐ Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

It really is food for thought – so make sure your child/children are reading EVERY night.
This fortnight’s Kids Corner has been written by Minoli who is a member of our school’s Radio Committee.

On the radio station we talk about what is happening around our school and we play some songs. For example last Friday was Superhero Day and we interviewed some of the Prep children. We asked them what they dressed up as and why they chose that superhero.

On the radio committee we work together to create a segment which has the following parts:
- Introduction
- School events
- Interviews and
- Organise which songs to play.

There are two groups of children on the Radio Committee and in my group there is Sithumya and Yohan. I really enjoy going “live” so everyone in our school can hear what we are saying and what the people we are interviewing are also saying. Being on the Radio Committee is like being on a real radio station as we have to plan all the things we are going to say and do – it is great fun!! We go live every Friday at lunchtime and also when it is too wet to go outside.

Being on the Radio Committee is a great experience and we are looking forward to training other children in the school commencing next term. Our school’s radio station can be found at 87.8 FM, if you are near the school or are in the car park waiting to pick up your children, please listen to the best radio station in Australia –

Glen Waverley Primary School FM, 87.8 on the FM dial!!
A Message from Our School Wellbeing Officer

Hi Everyone,

My name is Lara Taylor and I would like to introduce myself as the new School Wellbeing Officer at Glen Waverley Primary School.

Being a qualified teacher allows me to work with students in groups and individually. I am also a specialised teacher in Remedial Mathematics, EAL and am a Chaplain with Access Ministries. I will be helping teachers and aides catering for various academic needs with individual students as well as in small groups. I will also be involved in creating and implementing different wellbeing programs to cater for the needs in the school.

I will be at school Tuesday and Wednesday each week, so if you would like to get in contact with me, please feel free to do so. My office is located in the After School / EAL building opposite the staff room and offices.

I am very excited to be a part of such an excellent school community and I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year.

Lara Taylor
School Wellbeing Officer

BOOKS WANTED!!!

Do you have any “Preloved Children’s” books at home that you no longer read????

Glen Waverley Primary School would love you to donate any unwanted Children’s Books that are in good condition (no rips, tears or writing) to build up classroom libraries and for use in school and home learning programs.

Your Support Is Greatly Appreciated!

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.

Attached to this week’s newsletter is a bank sticker sheet for you to print off and fill up. There will be spare sheets available near the office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Principal and Staff - Glen Waverley Primary School
Inside OLD

OLD students have been learning all about weather this term. In our class we have talked about the different seasons, extreme weather conditions and how the weather effects what we wear.

The students have loved recording the weather each day and are learning more about the weather symbols.
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Next Generation Dance Studio
Annual Winter School
1st – 5th July 2013

LOCATION:
Our brand new studio
141 Mountain Highway
Wantirna VIC 3152
(at the rear of Goodlife Health Club)

Cost:
$300
$150 deposit required per student upon enrolment.
Remaining $150 due before the commencement of Winter School on July 1st 2013.

Payment Options:
Pay by cash in person, cheque or direct deposit.
Cheques made payable to NG Dance Studio
Direct Deposit:
NG Dance Studio
BSB: 013-402
Account Number: 369-4007-36
(please use student’s name as the reference)
Enrolment forms can be posted along with deposit to:
PO BOX 4823 Knox City, Wantirna South 3152 Victoria

How to Enrol:
Visit our website to download an enrolment form or phone the office on 0459 333 236.
www.nextgendancesstudio.com.au

Please read the following important information:
- All students are to bring their own snacks, lunch and a bottle of water on each day.
- Students are to arrive at 10:00am and will finish at 4:00pm.
- Suitable dance wear is to be worn, e.g. leotard, stretch pants or comfortable clothing and hair is to be pulled back off the face.
- If students have their own dance shoes (jazz and ballet shoes), then they need to bring these along. If not, students must have either bare feet or sneakers.
- Please make sure that all emergency contact details and medication are provided as well as notifying the teachers of any medical conditions the student may have.
- Students will be split into suitable groups depending on their age and dance experience.
- On the last day, around 3:00pm, students will perform a small showcase for family and friends. Details will be provided closer to the time. No costumes are required, however students will be required to wear their Winter School t-shirts (which they will receive on the first day).
- Photos and videos may be taken during the performance.

Next Generation Dance Studio is taking enrolments for Term 3. Please visit our website for more information, or phone 0457 333 236 and come and see what we are all about!
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My Woolworths Earn & Learn Points

Support your local school
Stick Woolworths Earn & Learn Points in the squares below, then drop your completed Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet into the Collection Box at your school or your local store. They will be redeemed for educational resources.

my name is: ________________________________

my school is: ________________________________

Entry to the promotion is open to registered primary and secondary schools and eligible early learning centres (ELC) in Australia. Promotional period is from 6th April - 5th June 2015. Speak to your school or ELC to ensure they are registered or visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn and check online. One Woolworths Earn & Learn Point is given for every $10 spend. Excludes purchase of liquor, tobacco and gift cards. Woolworths Earn & Learn Points will not be accepted by Promoter unless attached to a Points Sheet. Woolworths Earn & Points Sheets must be received by the Promoter by the 26th July 2015 for counting. For full set of terms and conditions please visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.