**Important Dates For Your Diary**

- **June 22nd**: Junior School Assembly, Yrs Prep., 1 & 2
- **June 29th**: Last Day of Term 2
  Dismissed at 2.30pm
- **July 16th**: First Day of Term 3

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dear Members of the Glen Waverley Primary School Community,

Wow, I really cannot believe that this is the final newsletter for Term Two – it seems like yesterday that we commenced the school year and now we are almost at the half year mark!!

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

**Final Hardcopy Newsletter**

Not only is this the final newsletter for Term Two, it is a historic one as it is the last newsletter which will be distributed in hard copy. I hope all families have registered to receive it via e-mail and are ready for this change in practice. As mentioned over the past few newsletters, to receive an e-mail alert and link to the newsletter simply follow the following prompts:

1. Access our website at: www.glenps.vic.edu.au
2. Click on the Newsletter tab
3. Click on “subscribe here”
4. Include your details

I have had a number of conversations with parents about this issue and it is very pleasing to hear that everyone supports the idea which is wonderful. It is also great to hear that parents appreciate having hard copies displayed throughout our school which are accessible in a number of places. A reminder that they can be found:

- On the Before and After School Care wall
- In the hall foyer and
- Outside the ELC

A sincere thank you to everyone for your support with this issue – it really is appreciated.

**Facilities Update**

Additional space in the Early Learning Centre (ELC) – unfortunately work with this project has not progressed as much as we had hoped due to the inclement weather and the architect having to take an unexpected overseas trip. We are very hopeful that by the time we return from the school holidays the concreting component will be completed – fingers crossed! As mentioned previously the additional space will be used for storage, meeting and learning purposes.

Sports fields and car park – we are still waiting for the final designs to be completed which I hope we will receive very shortly so they can be shared with the school community. At this stage we are anticipating the landscaping and drainage works to commence during the holidays.
Making a Difference
It really is an absolute pleasure being the Principal of such a wonderful school where the staff, parents and students continually go out of their way “to make a difference”!

Some recent examples include:

Suggestion Box: At Monday’s assembly Heshan (School Vice-Captain), discussed how he thought a suggestion box would be a great way for everyone in our school community to have a chance to make proposals in order to further improve our school. Thank you Heshan for thinking and organising this and I hope everyone takes up the opportunity to have their say and hopefully, “make a difference”.

Sponsoring a Child: Also at assembly Jason and Advaith (Junior School Council President and Vice President) announced the country in which our school will sponsor a child from. The result was very close with Sri Lanka receiving the most votes. In the near future a child will be selected and it is wonderful to know that the money raised at next Friday’s “Celebrity Dress up Day” will be used to support our sponsored child.

Super Duper, Toasty Cheese and Milo Days: It has been wonderful to see so many parents and the student leaders organising these special fundraising days as the money raised will also make a difference, this time at a local level – our school library. The $598 raised from selling Super Dupers during Term One has been spent and we are currently waiting for a large parcel of books to arrive. Soon we will know how much we have raised with the Toasty Cheese and Milo days and these funds will also be used to make a difference to our school library.

New Mural: The Student Leadership Team (Year 6 Student Leaders) would like to also make a difference to the entrance of our school and have decided to organise a mural. This is a wonderful idea which will make a significant difference.

UNICEF: Our School Captain Aaliya, invited Adam from UNICEF to visit and present to the entire school at assembly and also met with the Student Leadership Team and the JSC.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of all of our Student Leaders who continually go out of their way to think of means of “making a difference” either at a local, national or international level – congratulations and well done to all of you as you should be incredibly proud of the manner in which you consider the needs of our school and others!

Extra-Curricular Programs Update – After School Chinese Lessons
On Thursday afternoons we provide additional Mandarin lessons in the spare portable. Having an ability to speak and communicate in an additional language is a very important skill which we strongly encourage everyone to develop. Mandarin has overtaken English as the most spoken language in the world and, as one of our parents mentioned a few weeks ago, it is also the “language of business!” The after school Mandarin program is run by the Xin Jin Shan Chinese Language and Cultural School and if you would like additional information please contact Jeanine Ma on 9888 1688 or via e-mail at: jeanine889@hotmail.com

Art Exhibition
Recently a montage which was created by the children in the after school art classes was featured in an art exhibition – refer to the photo. It is wonderful to see the creative talents of our children featured beyond our school as it is a real honour for the children and their families and also a wonderful means for our school to promote what we do to a wider audience. Congratulations to all of the children involved as you should be really proud of yourselves!
SunSmart in Winter
It seems rather bizarre to be writing this, particularly in Australia, however the SunSmart Council of Victoria is encouraging everyone to get some sun exposure during the week to help with Vitamin D levels. Although ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun is the main cause of skin cancer, it is also the natural source of Vitamin D which is essential for strong bones, muscles and overall health. In Victoria the average UV levels are low between May and August making it a great time to get outdoors for some sun. The SunSmart Council of Victoria is recommending people with fair to olive skin to receive 2 to 3 hours of sun exposure to the face, arms and hands, very dark skinned people are recommended to receive between 3 to 6 hours per week. If the UV level rises above 3 or if you are in the Alpine Region then sun protection is recommended.

Prep Enrolments
I would like to remind families with children who will be beginning school in 2013 that we are taking enrolments for the Prep Year and look forward to welcoming many new students to our school. Currently we have approximately 55 children enrolled for Prep next year with places filling fast. Hence I strongly encourage you to ensure you get your child’s enrolment form and return it to Jenny or Pam as soon as possible. We also ask that members of our school community assist us by informing any of their neighbours of the enrolment procedures and direct them to the office to collect an enrolment form or our school website – www.glenps.vic.edu.au. School tours are available every Tuesday morning commencing at 9:30 and also upon request. Please call the school on 9802 9938 to book a tour.

Student Reports
The teaching staff have completed the mid-year reports and I have spent quite some time reading and making a comment on all of them as well. Overall our children are performing well above the state expected level of achievement in all areas of their learning which is a real credit to our teachers, the children and also our families. Your child’s report and Parent-Teacher Interview confirmation slip will be distributed tomorrow (Friday). Please ensure you read the report with your child and then also make some time to read it in isolation in order to prepare for the parent/teacher interview. You may also like to jot down a few questions that you would like to ask your child’s teacher. You will note that we have extended the interview times to 15 minutes and families with children in Years 3 to 6 are in for a real treat as the Parent Teacher Interview is going to be led by your child! We commenced this process with Year 4’s last year and this year we have expanded it. I look forward to hearing what families think of this approach.

Our reports are quite detailed outlining what your child has achieved, their rate of progression, how they are progressing compared to state expectations and, most importantly, what we as a school will do and what you as a family can do to assist your child with their development.

The saying “It takes a village to raise a child” is a very poignant reminder that we all need to work together for the betterment of each child’s development. I look forward to discussing your child’s report and overall progress in the coming days as we cross paths. Feel free to see me if you would like to discuss your child's report or have any feedback regarding the reporting process.

Swimming Program
Thank you to those families who have returned their notice and payment for our annual swimming program which will be held throughout weeks 3 and 4 of next term. If you are yet to return your note and payment please do so by tomorrow as the swimming complex would like us to finalise numbers.

Chicken Pox
Recently a notice was distributed outlining that we have had a case of Chickenpox (or chicken pox) in our school. For those who may not be aware, it is a highly contagious illness caused by primary infection with varicella zoster virus (VZV). It usually starts with a skin rash mainly on the body and head rather than at the periphery and becomes itchy. On examination, the observer typically finds lesions at various stages of healing. Chickenpox is an airborne disease spread easily through coughing or sneezing of ill individuals or through direct contact with secretions from the rash. A person with chickenpox is infectious one to two days before the rash appears. They remain contagious until all lesions have crusted over (this takes approximately six days). People who have not been immunised are contagious during the entire period as new lesions keep appearing. Crusted lesions are not contagious.

Chicken Pox can be particularly dangerous to pregnant women. If any member of your family has not been immunised I strongly suggest that you consider doing so.
Next Friday:
A reminder that next Friday (29th June) is the final day of term. We will have an assembly at 2 o’clock either in the hall or outside the Early Learning Centre, where the Kiwanis Terrific Kids and the Principal Learning Awards for the term will be announced. The students will be dismissed at 2:30 and After School Care will commence straight after assembly.

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

12B: Akshaniya for a fabulous model about the different clothes we wear in summer and Lauren for being a terrific friend.
2SY: Mevan for trying really hard to learn how to tie his shoelaces up
3DJ: Justin and Sriprada for writing some amazing “mystery stories” which were very difficult to solve
4AC: Ishika, Anjuhan, Justin and Nisuli for fabulous homework assignments involving space
5DK: Sendi and family for a very kind and generous donation

BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their special day recently and also throughout the school holidays:

OLG: Shay
1AJ: Hritik
1KR: Harini
12B: Alexander and David
2CM: Leo and Rose
2SY: Selina, Movinya and Anujah
3KC: Yoshina
4AC: Ha-Sung and Channa
4LC: Ellen, Danish and Everley
5DK: Cassie, Sneha and Hiruni
5JA: Ben and Daniel
5SB: Izza, Angel and Simran
6PS: Abdullah and Rusal
6RL: Wendy and Bradley
6ND: Deepanshi, Parth and Hyelee

Wishing everyone a safe and happy end of Term 2. I also hope everybody has a wonderful two week vacation period and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 16th July with an assembly in the school hall.

Frank Catalano
Principal
Dear Parents and Friends,

The term is almost at its end but still there are lots of things happening in and around the school. Teachers are currently finalising mid-year reports for all children, which will be issued to parents on Friday 22nd June. These reports will present parents with an up to date picture on their child/children’s performance at school, both socially and academically. Reports take several hours per student to complete and I would like to thank teachers for their commitment to work late at night and on their weekends.

In the final week of this term –Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th June - we will then be conducting formal Parent Teacher Interviews to discuss mid-year reports, and to present student portfolio work. If you have particular concerns regarding your child’s progress, an appointment can be made with your child’s teacher at any time by contacting them via your child’s diary, or via the school office.

We would be very grateful for any feedback you would like to give regarding our reports and student lead conferences.

At GWPS, we engage in the ongoing assessment of our students. Much of this assessment is housed in our Student Portfolios, which is one of the tools we use to report to parents about their child’s work habits and their personal and academic development. Within your child’s portfolio you will find learning tasks which have been selected from a number of teaching and learning areas.

As our teaching and learning embraces the whole child, your child will share classroom work that demonstrates this learning journey. Share the journey with your child, as it involved their head, heart and hands. When you receive your child’s portfolio take time to reflect with them, chat about their goals and celebrate their successes.

**Reading and English Hints**

1. Reading Comprehension is a developmental process. Always discuss readers and Library books in detail. Often the pictures hold additional information and assist children to further develop their ability to comprehend what is read.

2. Set aside a regular time to read to your children every day. Studies show that regularly reading out loud to children will produce significant gains in reading comprehension, vocabulary and the decoding of words. Whether your children are preschoolers or preteens, it will increase their desire to read independently.

3. Children with a large array of reading materials in their homes often score higher on standardized reading tests. Tempt your kids to read by having a large supply of appealing books and magazines available at their reading level. Put the reading materials in the car, bathroom bedroom, family room and even by the TV.
The Digital Excellence Program (DEA) is an online program to assist and extend students’ ICT skills. Our students monitor and drive their own learning through this program which is integrated into all aspect of their learning. Once they have completed tasks they receive a digital excellence badge to keep forever.

The program offers them the opportunity to further their skills from home by logging on to the DEA website. This can be accessed via Glen Waverley Primary School’s website. Achievements in ICT will be celebrated fortnightly through this newsletter. Here are some students who have achieved badges in the last fortnight.

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EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

Keep Collecting !!!

Thank you to all the families and staff who have been collecting their stickers from Woolworths. Please keep collecting your stickers until the end of August. Keep an eye out for double sticker days also.

Many Thanks

Principal & Staff

If you need any more sticker sheets we have some at the office or you can get more from your local Woolworths.

13th June to 14th August 2012

Our school has registered for the Coles Sport for Schools promotion again this year, after successfully earning free sports gear last year. When $10 is spent at a Coles, Bi-Lo or Pick N Pay store, you can receive a point’s token voucher. When our school receives a certain number of points, we get free sporting equipment!

If you shop at Coles, Bi-Lo or Pick N Pay remember to ask for your points vouchers. Students can bring in these vouchers to the school where we have a big token box near the office.

Thank you in advance for your support.

You will receive 2 vouchers for every $10 spent from today until Sunday 24th June
The Kids Corner section of this fortnight’s newsletter has been written by Stephanie and Emily 6ND which is part of a class book titled “Inspector Glen” and also Aaliya who has written about the visit from UNICEF.

THE CASE OF THE STOLEN GOLDEN RING!
Stephanie and Emily

The day before the ‘Class Party’ Sally Brooks told her friend, Tracy Magee, that she is going to have a class party and I am going to wear a ring to the party. After they finished chatting, Tracy Magee went home and told her sister, Vicky Magee, that her friend was going to bring a ring to the party. On the next day, it was the day of the ‘Class Party’. Everyone was dancing and having fun and all of the sudden she felt something. It was the ring, “IT’S GONE!!” Sally Brooks cried out, “My Precious gold and silver ring, it’s gone.”

After school, she called Inspector Glen who promised to get her ring back.

Immediately the next day, Inspector Glen went to the Sally’s house to get some clues. She said she was dancing and the ring was on her finger and then she felt something.

Inspector Glen asked if she told anyone else about the ring. The victim said, “Yes, I told my best friend.” So Inspector Glen and Sally went off to Sally best friend’s house (Tracey).

Sally asked Tracey “Did you tell anyone else about my ring?”

Tracey said “I only told my sister, but I know that she would never take it.”

After that, Tracy ran all the way to her room and cried because she thought that Sally was not going to be her friend anymore.

Who took Sally’s ring? (You’ll find the solution at the bottom of this page).

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**Answer:**

Vicky got scared, but she did not want to be a liar so she gave back Sally’s ring.

Glen Waverley Primary School Website
Receive notification of last minute news via email, ie. cancellation of sporting events due to inclement weather 😎 Follow the link under ‘Save our Trees’ on the front page of our website to register.
You will also receive notification when our latest newsletter is available for viewing on line.
Not sure of term dates, lost a notice or permission slip, how much is a hat? You can find all this information when you visit our Web Site at [www.glenps.vic.edu.au](http://www.glenps.vic.edu.au)
Our children’s work and achievements are also showcased on the site together with information about our school and upcoming events.
On Monday at Assembly, we had a UNICEF speaker called Adam Baidawi, who is the young ambassador for UNICEF in Australia. He talked about child’s rights. He told us that in one day 21,000,000 children die, and UNICEF is trying to reduce that number to 0.

After assembly Adam spoke to the Junior School Council and Student Leadership team about things that UNICEF does and how we can MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

He also mentioned a few Celebrities that help a lot with UNICEF, they were Angelina Jolie, Iker Cassilis, Harry O’Brien, Nick Dal Santo, Lenny Hayes and many more.

Ambassadors of UNICEF

Iker Casillas from Real Madrid FC (Soccer). (Goodwill UNICEF Ambassador)

Nick Dal Santo from St Kilda FC

Harry O’ Brien from Collingwood FC
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.

FREE FITNESS OPEN DAY- ALL AGES AND FITNESS LEVELS (4YRS+)

**WHAT:** Free Personal Training and Fitness classes from young kids all the way to older adults. We will also hold the Mad Athletes designed **CARDIO DANCE** classes for all ages, to be taken by former Top 20 “So You Think You Can Dance” contestant Serge Zubaryev.

**WHO:** Michael Dracos (Head Trainer/Director) and Serge Zubaryev (Head Trainer) are both qualified Personal Trainers and registered with Fitness Australia. Michael is also a qualified tennis coach with Tennis Australia and has a strong tennis and running background. Serge has run his own studios in Ukraine, and is a top class Dancer.

**WHEN:** Saturday 7th July from 10am (**BOOKINGS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL**)

**WHERE:** Lum Reserve Tennis Club, Wheelers Hill (Enter off Lum Road or Cintra Avenue).

Classes will also be available in Wantirna South or in-home visits.

**OFFER:** Sign up to any kids class, mums/dads class, older adults class, cardio dance class or 1 on 1 session on the day and receive a **FREE Mad Athletes Shirt.** *SIGN UP WITH A FRIEND AND RECEIVE 1 FREE BONUS CLASS*

For more information or to book your position contact Michael Dracos.

0403 131 096 – madathletes@yahoo.com.au

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**Nunawading Spectres Basketball Camp!**

The Nunawading Spectres are offering a **boys only** basketball camp on Monday 9/07/12 – Tuesday 10/07/12 and a **girls only** basketball Camp on Thursday 12/07/12 – Friday 13/07/12 from 9.00am – 12.00pm. This camp is open to prep through to Grade 6 of all levels. Spectres coaches and players will be coaching both days. Our aim is to provide fun environment and promote confidence, while increasing participation in sport.

**WHO:** This is available to all Primary School girls and boys from prep to Grade 6.

**WHEN:**
- **BOYS:** Monday 9/07/12 – Tuesday 10/07/12, 9.00am-12.00pm
- **GIRLS:** Thursday 12/07/12 – Friday 13/07/12, 9.00am-12.00pm

**WHERE:** Forest Hill Secondary College Mahoney’s Rd

**COST:** $50 Registration fee for the 2 day program.

To Register - Forms can be downloaded from [www.meba.basketball.net.au](http://www.meba.basketball.net.au) complete the form post it to P.O Box 6183 Vermont South 3133, or alternatively drop it in to Nunawading Basketball Centre.

Registrations close on Monday the 2nd of July 2012.

For further enquiries please call the Nunawading Basketball Centre Mon-Fri 9am-4.30pm on 9802 6711