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8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **Semester One 2017 - SMART8 Program**

I hope this letter finds you and all of the members of your family well.

The SMART8 Program is an engaging extra-curricular program which provides learning enrichment opportunities for all students from Year Three to Year Six. The program offers a range of electives that are designed to extend a student's personal learning, furthering their knowledge and skills in new or existing areas of interest and passion.

The SMART8 electives are based on Howard Gardiner's Eight Multiple Intelligences, hence the name of the SMART8 Program. At Glen Waverley Primary School we value personalised learning and actively look at opportunities for students to increase their strengths in each of the eight intelligences: Word, Math/Logic, Picture, Body, Music, Interpersonal, Intrapersonal and Nature. Over a four year period (from Year Three to Year Six), students should participate in at least one elective from each of the SMART8 Intelligences.

The electives are offered for one hour, between 2:30pm-3:30pm on a Tuesday, totalling twelve sessions during Semester One (spread over two terms). *Specific dates for Semester One are listed on the next page.*

Students are encouraged to consult with their parents in selecting the elective they will undertake, to focus on a variety of intelligences and choose their electives with the support of their family. *A brief description is supplied for each elective over the page.*

When making your selection, please follow the steps outlined below:

- Read all of the information about the electives that are being offered. Be aware that some electives have a **payment fee** associated and this must be paid for your child to participate. Make your selection carefully as they are run, and costed, on a set number of participants, therefore once your child has committed to an activity no refunds can be given. There are also many electives that have no costs involved.
- Indicate on the form ***five choices in order of preference***. It will not be possible for every student to get their first preference every time, and as such we will continue to monitor all of the choices and keep records of student preferences, with the aim of providing all students with a chance to get their first preference where possible.

**Selection forms must be returned to your classroom teacher by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.**

If your form is not returned by this date, your child will be placed into an elective which has remaining space for students, and this elective may not be one of your child's preferences.

For more information, please speak with your child's classroom teacher or ourselves. Alternatively, you can visit the school website at <http://www.glenps.vic.edu.au/page/72/SMART8-Program>.

Kind Regards,

Arezou Javidi and Nicole Pryde

SMART8 Leaders



## SMART8 Program Outline

**Time:** *Tuesday 2:30pm – 3:30pm on the following dates:*

**Dates:**

<b>Term 1 Sessions</b>	
Session 1	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Session 2	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Session 3	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Session 4	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Term 2 Sessions</b>	
Session 5	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Session 6	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May
Session 7	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Session 8	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Session 9	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
Session 10	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Session 11	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
Session 12	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June

### Selecting Your SMART8 Electives

- Read the information about all of the electives that are being offered. It is important that you understand the need to select preferences carefully, ***as we are unable to move students once they have made their selection and been allocated to an elective.***
- Ensure that you **DO NOT** choose preferences from the Intelligences listed as ‘**already participated in**’ for your child.
- On the Student Selection Form write numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (in preference order) beside the preferred activities you would like your child to participate in.
- Please be aware that some electives have a fee associated with them (***\*\* Denotes a fee***). If you choose an elective that has a fee attached, you will be required to pay the teacher of this elective no later than two weeks from receipt of an account from them.

**Forms must be returned to Glen Waverley Primary School by**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**

**any later and you may miss your preference**

**GLEN WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**SMART8 Program Elective Descriptions**

SMART8 (Intelligence)	ACTIVITY ELECTIVE
<b>Word</b>	<p><b>CREATIVE STORY WRITING</b></p> <p>Do you enjoy creating stories? Creative Writing will give you the opportunity to write, illustrate and publish your very own storybook. Students will develop their craft of story writing, and gain an understanding of the creative writing process. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to get their 'weird and wonderful' thoughts onto paper to bring them to life. Students will be encouraged to delve into their creative minds to produce something they can treasure forever!</p> <hr/> <p><b>POETRY</b></p> <p>Come and explore the various forms of poetry in English Literature. Students will learn to compose, publish and perform a variety of poetry styles... will you publish yours in our school newsletter?</p>
<b>Math/Logic</b>	<p><b>ROBOTICS**</b></p> <p>This semester Robotics is being offered as part of the SMART8 program as a <b><i>paid activity and will run from 2:00pm-3:30pm</i></b> in the ELC. We are extremely fortunate to have secured the services of Mr Evan Bailey, who is a renowned robotics expert and will be teaching the lessons. Mr Bailey is a successful RoboCup Junior Australia facilitator in multiple divisions. He now assists in the running of the competition and also leads robotics mentor workshops, teaching teachers the skills required to run robotics programs in their schools. He has previously assisted with robotics programs at other schools and enjoys working with students to design, build and program their robots.</p> <p>Over the course of the semester students will apply problem solving skills, teamwork, develop computer based programming and build mechanical robots using NXT units and Lego. Working in small teams, students will build their robots to complete a number of missions and undertake set challenges as they work together to build upon their skills each session. <i>The program will conclude with a session where parents and families are invited to join us for a showcase of the robots and to celebrate the students' achievements.</i></p> <p><b><u>Who can enrol for Robotics?</u></b></p> <p><b><i>The Robotics Program is open to <u>Year 5 and Year 6 students only</u> and is available to <u>26 students</u> who will be selected based on a <u>first-come first-served basis</u>.</i></b></p> <p>The program is suitable for beginners or those with prior robotics experience. You will learn basic mechanical building and computer based programming concepts which will then be applied to the Lego NXT Robots. Students will have the opportunity to test their skills in a friendly 'BattleBots' competition and undertake various challenges.</p> <p><b>The cost of this program is \$10.00 per student, per session, which totals \$120 for the semester. Notifications will be sent to the families of students who are accepted into the course, which will include payment details.</b></p>

	<p><b>STRATEGY GAMES</b></p> <p>A place where LUCK has no chance! Want to work-out your brain muscles? Learn and apply different tactics to win against your opponent. A range of strategy games from around the world will be explored and students will realise that the only way to beat their opponent is through quick and well thought out decision making.</p> <p><b>GEOMETRY AND DESIGN</b></p> <p>Learn to use geometry to your advantage to create images of buildings that an architect would be proud of. This subject will effectively combine the elements of measurement, shape and visual art.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Picture</b></p>	<p><b>CROSS STITCH</b></p> <p>Students will learn the art of cross stitch and the techniques required to produce this beautiful art form. Each student will have the opportunity to work on the same project each week, to be able to take home their own cross stitch piece of art at the end of the semester!</p>
	<p><b>ORIGAMI</b></p> <p>Origami is one of the traditional Asian art techniques of folding paper. It is creative and even better when shared. There is nothing like the fun you get when transforming a square plain paper into a work of art. Students will learn how to fold various things such as flowers, animals and clothes.</p>
	<p><b>DRAWING</b></p> <p>Come and draw! In this SMART 8 activity, you will be faced with a series of challenges that all revolve around drawing. You may be asked to draw an object using only straight lines, create a landscape only using dots, explore the use of patterns, colour and shapes to create pieces of art or even draw objects while blindfolded! Over the semester you will build a portfolio of amazing pieces of art, something you can treasure forever!</p>
	<p><b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b></p> <p>Learn to capture stunning memories in new, unique perspectives! Students in this group will learn about the functionalities of a camera, key elements and techniques to crafting beautiful photos and images, and essential photo editing methods. The program is suitable for students who love to be creative and those who are willing to take a risk in exploring new perspectives in the world we live in. The class will also involve various plays of light, colour and movement in and out of classrooms. The class is recommended for students in the upper years as each student is required to bring an iPad or camera of their own.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Body</b></p>	<p><b>SOCCER SKILLS</b></p> <p>Who is a better soccer player; Messi, Ronaldo or YOU!? In Soccer Skills you will continue developing your dribbling, passing, heading and shooting skills and your overall vision, tactical awareness and technique through a series of drills, soccer games and analysis of your favourite players. Most importantly, you will learn how to work as a team. So come along soccer stars of the future and let's score some GOALS!!!!!!!!!!</p>
	<p><b>ZUMBA</b></p> <p>Zumba will be a fun and creative Colombian dancing experience! Involving dance and aerobic movements performed to an amazing track of music. The choreography incorporates hip-hop, samba, salsa, merengue and mambo. This is the perfect combination of dance, fitness and fun</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music</b></p>	<p><b>PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE</b></p> <p>The Smart 8 Percussion Ensemble will involve students working together using pitched and non-pitched percussion instruments. Students will study music from a number of different cultures including the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, African and Brazilian music. Students will learn basic technique on djembes, bongos, snare drums, guiros, clave, tambourines and shakers. Students will do extension work on beat and rhythm and learn a variety of rhythmic patterns. Students will compose their own rhythmic pattern and learn basic arranging skills. They will further develop their skills in ensemble playing</p>
	<p><b>RAP 101</b></p> <p>One of the more popular forms of poetry that exists is rap - and it is certainly Mr. Laffy's favourite! Come along and find about the history of rap, the skills that go into creating a meaningful set of rhymes, and learn how to use your writing and music production skills to create your own piece of rap music!</p>
	<p><b>KEYBOARD** - Ms. Rosemary McCarthy</b></p> <p>Rosemary has taught in our school for many years providing keyboard and flute lessons. She has also worked with our Junior School Choir. Rosemary's preferred instrument is piano.</p> <p>This class is for BEGINNERS who want to learn music from the very first basic steps. As there will be 5 students in the class, everyone will be working on the same piece of music each week, so if you have prior knowledge of playing piano/keyboard, this is not the class for you. Students <b>MUST</b> have at least a basic piano keyboard at home, as regular practice is required between lessons.</p> <p><b>**The fee is \$12 per lesson (Total of \$144.00), invoiced in the first lesson of the Smart 8 semester. Please do not return payment with your Selection Form.</b></p>

<b>INTERPERSONAL</b>	<p><b>POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY</b></p> <p>This is a science focussed interpersonal subject that delves deep into chemical and physical reactions our brain reflects when we are feeling happy. You will be exposed to a huge bank of new vocabulary based around anatomy, science, biology and wellbeing. The lessons will be university style, such as small tutorial groups, short sharp lectures and experimenting to gather findings. Digital learning devices will be an absolute asset to this learning.</p>
	<p><b>KNITTING</b></p> <p>We will be learning the skills required to knit small squares. These squares will be sewn together and made into blankets. We will then donate them to the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre in Dandenong so that they can be warm over the Winter.</p>
	<p><b>DRAMA</b></p> <p>Are you interested in expressing yourself in a dramatic way? Or maybe improving your confidence in a fun environment? Come along to this Smart 8 Drama experience to act up a storm through a variety of games and activities.</p>
<b>INTRAPERSONAL</b>	<p><b>YOGA</b></p> <p>This Yoga program is a creative and playful class welcoming students to the joys of yoga. Children love doing yoga and it is so good for their health and wellbeing. Yoga is a healthy, holistic and non-competitive way of exercising. The classes involve visual meditation, joint rotations, limbering and a range of strength, balance and flexibility postures. We will also learn breathing exercises to develop mindfulness and relaxation.</p>
	<p><b>MASTERCHEF</b></p> <p>During Masterchef, students will learn a variety of safety and hygiene skills before indulging in some delicious foods that they will learn about, prepare and cook! Who is GWPS' next mini-masterchef?</p>
	<p><b>SOFT TOY MAKING</b></p> <p>In 'Sewing soft toys' students will learn basic hand stitching skills to design and create their own soft toy. They will also be encouraged to use recycled materials and think about how their sewing skills can help the community.</p>
<b>NATURE</b>	<p><b>BEAUTIFYING GWPS</b></p> <p>This activity will look at growing some beautiful flora; we will be beginning with nothing, so we will be investigating the best areas for our new garden/s, how we would like to set up our garden and finally what we are going to plant and hopefully grow! Throughout the process of all this we will be looking at the advantages of a home/local garden and finally we will touch on some of the science as to why and how plants grow!</p>

**GLEN WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SMART8 PROGRAM ELECTIVES – 2017  
STUDENT SELECTION FORM SEMESTER 1**

Family Name ..... Child's Given Name..... Class .....

SMART8 (Intelligences)	ELECTIVE TITLE	<u>SEMESTER 1 PREFERENCES</u> Please make 5 choices Numbered 1, 2, 3, 4,5 in order of preference
WORD	Creative Story Writing	
	Poetry	
MATH/LOGIC	ROBOTICS**	
	Strategy Games	
	Geometry and Design	
PICTURE	Cross Stitch	
	Origami	
	Drawing	
	Photography	
BODY	Zumba	
	Soccer Skills	
MUSIC	Percussion Ensemble	
	Rap 101	
	KEYBOARD **	
INTERPERSONAL	Positive Psychology	
	Knitting	
	Drama	
INTRAPERSONAL	Yoga	
	Masterchef	
	Soft Toy Making	
NATURE	Beautifying GWPS	

Signed Parent/Guardian ..... Date .....

\*\*Denotes payment required

Please return this form to school by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

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