PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Members of the Glen Waverley Primary School Community,

I really find it difficult to believe that this is the final newsletter for Term Two – it seems like yesterday that we commenced the school year and now we are already at the half way mark. “Time really does fly” when you are having fun!

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

Rashmi Mishra’s Visit

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, our school was one of two that were chosen to host a Principal from India recently which really is a wonderful honour. Rashmi is the Principal of the K.V. Andrews Ganj school and has a student population of almost 4,000 children. She described her classrooms as being wall to wall rows of desks and contains just the one computer that is predominately used by the teacher to project onto a screen for the 45+ students in each class to see. Effectively she runs two schools on the one campus; from 6:50 to 12:20 “Shift One” arrives with their designated teachers and then from 12:30 to 6:00, “Shift Two” arrive. This is required due to the vast population in India hence it is quite sensible for the school’s facilities to be shared in such a manner.

Rashmi spent her day with us viewing our whole school reading program with 1PK and 2CW, the multimedia program with children from Years 3 and 4, the 1:1 iPad program with 5SR, the Childfund Connect Global Education program with the Year 6’s and also an art class with 5JT who were using their iPads to take photographs. She even managed to squeeze in an interview for our school’s radio program which was terrific.

Important Dates For Your Diary

June

27th
LAST DAY OF TERM 2
LUNCH 12.30 PM
ASSEMBLY 1:45 PM
DISMISSAL 2:30 PM

July

14th
FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
22nd Year 5 Camp – 25th
29th ICAS UNSW English Exam Yrs 3 – 6
29th Firemen Visit Foundation
29th SMART8 Lesson 1 Yrs 3 - 6

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders are available from our service provider Balance Living Catering five days a week. Ordering is done through an online service, details of which are available on our website or visit http://www.balancedlivingcatering.com.au/school-lunch-ordering.html

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.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (Cont’d)

Facilities update
Once again, it is wonderful to be in a position where as a school we are able to focus on the development of our school facilities. Throughout the past fortnight we have worked on:

- **Block B (the Year 3/4 Building)** – installation of “bag boxes” for the children to house their school bags, new cupboards for the staff to store resources and also the carpet has been installed in the corridor
- **Externally** – new garden beds have been installed throughout the school such as around the Year 5 and 6 portable and the front entrance, garden mulch spread and new plants placed in the garden beds.

I have had a number of staff, children and parents comment about the “under the sea” mural which the Year 5 and 6 Advanced Art class students are currently completing. This really is a terrific project that the children are thoroughly enjoying and I am certain will remember fondly for many years to come. Congratulations to Mr Hudson and the children involved as you should be extremely proud of your amazing work that has turned a dull area of our school into something quite exotic and extremely interesting. Included are a few photos of what has been completed thus far.

After school Rashmi spent some time with the staff and discussed the education system in India which is naturally quite different to what we experience in Australia. All in all it was wonderful having Rashmi in our school as the children thoroughly enjoyed it, many parents were able to meet her and as a staff we certainly enjoyed learning from her.
What has been planned for our school during the school holidays?
Continuing the facilities theme, the school holidays are a wonderful opportunity for trade’s people to complete work throughout the school. These holidays we will refurbish 3DJ and 3KC’s classrooms which will involve painting, installing echo panel, new cabinetry, electrical works and laying new carpet. It will be wonderful to have these two classrooms completed as they are the final two classrooms to be refurbished in our school.
I know Mrs Jacobs, Ms Callas and their students are eagerly waiting for their classrooms to be refurbished and can’t wait to see the final product after the holidays.
Once again, I look forward to sharing photos of this project after the break.

Thank you to the Lang and Williams Families
As mentioned a few months ago, over the previous school holidays a number of trees had to be removed from the back of the school as recommended by an arborist. In lieu of this, over the weekend the Lang and Williams families were kind enough to plant some new trees which is just fabulous. A sincere thank you to Mirini and Alan (and their respective families) for completing this task for our school community and we look forward to the trees blossoming in the coming years.

Student Reports and Student Led Conferences
I hope by now all families have received their child’s mid-year report and also attended the Student Led Conferences.
It is wonderful to see that our students, your children, performing well above the expected level of achievement in all areas of their learning which is a real credit to our teachers, the children and also our families.

The Student Led Conferences were once again very successful as it provided the children with the opportunity to articulate what they have learnt so far this year and their learning goals for next semester. I often reflect on how much education has changed and this is an example of it. Congratulations to all of the children for their wonderful efforts with their conferences and to our wonderful classroom teachers for all of their efforts in preparing the children.

The saying “it takes a village to raise a child” is a very poignant reminder that we all need to continue to work together for the betterment of each child’s academic, social and emotional development. Once again, a sincere thank you to all of our school families as I am aware that you do support your child’s development in so many ways. I often discuss this issue with families which, to me, is another example of what makes our school a GREAT SCHOOL!

Vacation Care Program
Once again Camp Australia has been able to offer a terrific array of activities both within and beyond our school for the forthcoming school holidays. If you would like your child(ren) to attend any of the days please contact or see Grace at the Out of School Hours Care building or on 0422 009 098, alternatively you can register by accessing our website: www.glenps.vic.edu.au and follow the links to Before and After School Care.
Once again we look forward to sharing some photographs of the July Holiday program in our next newsletter. An overview of the Vacation Care (Holiday Care) program is included in this newsletter.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A PRINCIPAL’S AWARD RECENTLY:

0MT: Minh and Emily for scoring perfect scores in their weekly spelling and Zac, Christie, Mansie and Needra for fabulous text to self writing

1KG: Hunar and Erin for fabulous writing which is featured in the kids Corner section of our newsletter

1MB: Vehan for making me a wonderful ice cream cone out of paper, Ardhi and Alkan for marvellous writing about the Science incursion

2CW: Darlene for being very brave and Kisandi for being a wonderful friend

2PS: Ramike and Shayhan for being really responsible children by looking after our school grounds and also for writing a wonderful piece which is also featured in this fortnight’s Kids Corner, Shayhan also for being very proactive and deciding to remind everyone of the need to put rubbish in the bins – his speech is also included in the Kids Corner section.

4MK: Elisa for writing an outstanding story titled “Vegie Attack” and Amanda for being a great friend

5 JT: Raghav, Aadith, Duvin, Dusura, Venitha and David for being wonderful members of our school community and looking after our school grounds

5SR: Anthony and Manuja for being wonderful and very proactive members of our school community, Akshata, Deetya, Sam and Riya for composing their own musical theatre track in music

6CG: Emre, Benham and Senaak for mentoring the children in Prep LT in the multimedia room and Chithi for making a torch out of a plastic container (very clever!)

6LT: Lucky for making me a wonderful loom bracket coloured yellow and green in order to support the Australian soccer team in the World Cup

6SY: Satakshi, Supreena, Shalynne, Christi, Dilmi, Andy, Robin, Praveen and Lavindu for composing excellent musical theatres, Joseph and Kin for being outstanding members of our school community.

2ND: Geena and Imashi for amazing home learning projects explaining why water is an essential part of life

0MT: Matthew for fantastic homework about floods and for making great progress with his reading

0LT: Dev, Viddu and Varuna for amazing science projects about the weather and natural disasters

5SR Anju & Kyrylo for composing their own musical theatre track in music

0LT Archit for completing two programs on the computer and Kisara for being a great friend

1KG Aiden for a wonderful project about saving water around the home and Alfred for being a great friend
**BIRTHDAYS**
Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their special day during the first half of July:

Prep MT: Max  
Prep LT: Himesh  
1KG: Vicktor and Hunar  
1MB: Nikita  
1SR: Daniel and Kushali  
2PS: Shayhan  
3AJ: Hritik, Jaden and Nemo  
3DJ: Jason  
3KC: Harini  
34S: Victoria and Naveen  
4MK: Sahiru, Rose and Movinya  
4KB: Anujah  
5JT: Elizabeth T, Yoshina and Ching Ching  
5PA: Keisha  
5SR: Cindy  
6LT: Rebekah and Channa

**Reminders**
A reminder that tomorrow (Friday) is the final day of the term and the children will be dismissed at 2.30pm.
As per usual an assembly will be held outside the Early Learning Centre (weather permitting) beginning at approximately 1:45 pm where the Principal Learning and also the Kiwanis Club’s Terrific Kids Awards for the term will be distributed. I look forward to seeing as many families as possible at our final assembly for the term.
The final day of term is also a free dress day and there is no cost for this activity.
Naturally our After School Care Program, will commence at 2:30 pm.

I hope everyone has a wonderful, safe and happy two week break and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 14th July.

Frank Catalano  
Principal

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**Winter Holidays- Engaging Experiences for Everyone**

Throughout the last week of school we have held our Student Led Conferences, which have provided our students with the valuable opportunity to celebrate learning with their families. It has been extremely rewarding to see how confidently the students were able to engage their families when presenting their portfolios. The articulate manner in which the students presented and their sense of pride when sharing their achievements was outstanding. This success of these Student Led Conferences are proof that children love engaging in learning, and the Winter Holidays are a perfect opportunity to take that love of learning beyond the classroom.

When the weather is cold, windy and wet we can all too easily fall into the trap of spending the Winter Holidays stuck indoors and achieving very little learning. Living in Melbourne we are extremely fortunate to have so many wonderful attractions that take place over these school holidays.

A quick search of the internet provides a myriad of engaging activities for children of all ages.  
*On the next page is just a snippet of the many adventures that you may like to try over the holiday period*
# Winter School Holidays

20 Jun 2014 - 12 Jul 2014, Melbourne Museum
Come along to the Melbourne Museum these winter school holidays, and enjoy special activities with the cost included with admission entry.

# Winter School Holidays at Melbourne Star
20 Jun 2014 - 12 Jul 2014, Melbourne Star Observation Wheel
Teens up your winter with a visit to Melbourne Star and heaps of fun, free activities during the school holidays.

# Dive Into Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium
26 Jun 2014 - 14 Jul 2014, Melbourne Aquarium
Immerse yourself in the magical underwater world at Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium’s Moonlit Garden these winter school holidays!

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### Keep Track of Your Holiday Learning

Keep a journal of places you visit, this could include photos, tickets, interesting items and even making a documentary! Ask your parents if you can take a friend along to share the experience! Think about what you are interested in and research what’s happening in your local area!

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The activities above are represented in good faith and no responsibility is taken by the school as to the quality of the experience.
The Kids Corner section of this fortnight’s newsletter has been written by Erin and Hunar (both in Year 1) and Shayhan (Year 2)

Erin and Hunar were provided with a visual prompt of two frogs sitting on a lily pad and beside one another with their feet in the water. Then they had to write a piece which reflects the picture. They wrote:

Erin and Hunar (1KG)

**Elsa and Julie’s Treasure:**

Once upon a time in the zoo there lived two frogs known as Elsa and Julie. They are girls and they are best friends. They had a beautiful pond – it was very clean. They loved their pond.

One day they went into the pond and found a box, they looked in it and found some treasure. It was the best thing they ever found.

Mad, Mad Anny!

By Erin (1KG)

Far away from the city in a pond with reeds all around there lived two frogs named Anny and Charley. One day Charley, full of fun, decided to play with his friends. He then jumped on Anny when she was asleep on a comfortable lily pad and then Anny said, Go and live over there you menace!"

“Oh Anny, I’m sorry. Can I stay?”

“OK”, said Anny with a mad type of voice.

Charley said, “I’m sorry Anny.”

Then they made up and were friends again and they both said, “I love you!”

Shayhan’s speech for assembly:

By Shayhan (2PS)

On the holidays I went to Wombat Valley with Vishal, Ramike and Bilaal. Ramike’s sister, Bilaal’s sister and Vishal’s sister came too. We played UNO cards and we sang Sri Lankan songs. We had a BBQ and we played at the park. We were really tired for a few days after.

Good morning everyone,

I have noticed that there has been lots of rubbish in the playground. I do not like to see rubbish in the playground because it looks messy. When visitors come to our school they will not like to see all of the rubbish around the school, they might think the kids don’t care how it looks.

I think if you see rubbish on the ground you should pick up the rubbish and put it in the bin. If you see someone drop rubbish tell them to pick it up. I think if the school brought more bins and put around the playground, this might help keep the school clean.

Thank you for listening teachers, parents and students.
Last Friday, 23 lucky Grade 6 boys and girls got to represent our school at the annual Syndal District Soccer Round Robin Day that was held at Eastern Lions Soccer Club in Burwood. Both the boys’ and girls’ teams played in four matches against other schools throughout the day. Although we didn’t make it through to play the final, our students represented our school with great distinction with both the way they played as a team, and also the wonderful sportsmanship that they showed. The boys’ team finished with 1 win, 1 draw and 2 close losses from their four games while the girls continued to improve with each game and were rewarded with an exciting win in their last match. Overall, it was a wonderful day and experience for all of the students involved and I would like to thank Ms Tran and Taylah Doyle for their help and support on the day.
Leadership Day at Glen Waverley

On Thursday the 15th of May all Year 6 leaders were excited to host leadership day at our school. When the students from Mount View and Glendal arrived, we took them on a school tour. They were impressed with our facilities, especially the Multi-Media room.

Next we worked in our leadership groups to build the tallest free standing tower out of newspaper and masking tape, but we were not allowed to talk. This was very tricky, however we came up with an ingonious idea to communicate by writing our ideas on a piece of paper. We learnt the importance of verbal and non-verbal communication.

After recess, Bianca Chatfield, Captain of the Melbourne Vixon’s netball team, came to talk to us about her experiences with leadership and team work. She shared her experiences and taught us that if you make a mistake, it is important to be honest and acknowledge them to your team. Bianca also talked about how to be a good leader through leading by example.

After lunch we worked in our school groups to discuss ideas for our Positive Change Project. There were many great ideas and we cannot wait to start the project next term.

School Vice Captains

Dilmi and Dylan
The Junior School Councillors were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to engage in a leadership development training with Gary Ryan an experienced facilitator of leadership programs. They had a lot of fun, while also learning important lifelong skills of teamwork, public speaking and decision making. Here is what one student had to say.

On Thursday the 12th of June 2014, the Junior School Council had very fun leadership training with Gary Ryan. We learned about confidence, the importance of self-talk, teamwork and also learnt how to be a leader. For confidence, we had to persuade everyone to do something and also use eye contact. Then we had some fun learning to juggle balls, this was to help us understand the importance of self-talk. We had to make ourselves believe that we could do it and we did. Then we practised teamwork, by working in small groups to build a tower with only 30 straws, 1 metre of tape and strong enough to survive the hurricane. The Junior School Councillors appreciated Gary for coming and teaching us how to be a leader.

By Shalynne 6SY
Our Inference Stems can be used when reading any book to track our thinking. **Why not try using one when reading at home?**

We wrote letters to other students in the class. By using the clues we needed to make an educated guess about which student wrote the letter. This is inferring!

Each student created a **ME BOX** that represents aspects of their personality. We made inferences to identify which student matched the items!

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Dear Pen Pal,
I am a boy. I haven’t received our class mascot for the weekend yet. I am a very fast runner and a great handball player. My favourite food is chicken rice. Yum! I love learning about space and know many words on this topic.

JUAN

Dear Pen Pal,
I am a girl. I was born during the last six months of the year. I like to wear black shoes and am never wearing glasses at school. I sit on a table with five other students.

Akwasi

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Can you infer what this student likes? Maybe you can make an inference about which 4SD student this is?

Akwasi Hamblen
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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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2nd Glen Waverley Scout Group

Places are now available in the Joey Scout Mob for girls and boys to join us. All children aged 6 & 7 years old are welcome, as well as 5 year olds who are currently attending school.

Joey Scouts offers a range of activities which will challenge, build confidence, and make friends in a safe and caring environment.

We meet at the Scout Hall in Napier Park, High Street Road, Glen Waverley. Our meeting time is Monday evenings in term time, from 5:45pm – 6:45pm.

For further information, please see our website: www.2ndglenwaverley.org, email joeys@tozer.net or phone Geoff on 0433 308 461.

Calling Mount Waverley High, Mount Waverley Secondary College ex students & staff

Mount Waverley Secondary College turns 50 in 2014, and we are calling on alumni, ex-students and staff to help us celebrate. Our celebration is planned for October 11, and we will have reunions, memorabilia displays, a cocktail party and rooms themed for each decade.

Join our Facebook page to receive exciting updates or register on our website:

https://www.facebook.com/MountWaverleySecondaryCollegeAlumni
www.mwsc.vic.edu.au

Footloose
The Musical

Mount Waverley Secondary College presents

Alexander Theatre, Monash University,
Wellington Road, Clayton

7:30pm 17th & 18th July
2:00 & 7:30pm 19th July

Tickets $25 adults, $20 concession and $80 family
Tickets on sale at www.monash.edu/mapa
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**STEAM TRAINS FOR KIDS**

**Family Railway Fun**

**MALDON STATION**

Trains from Maldon to Muckleford – Rtn to Maldon

**Sat / Sun : July - 12 / 13**

Train Rides - Steam & Diesel.
Animal Farm. Model Railway.
Clown on board. Novelty Rides.
Sausage Sizzle.
Horse Cart Rides
Donkey Rides
Jumping Castle

**JOIN THE FUN**

**From 10.00am**

Adults : $ 25    Kids : $15    Family $75 ( 2ads & 3ch )
Fare covers most activities – On Line Bookings Available

**PH : 5470665**

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**Bop till you Drop Performance Camp**

Our programs are focused on developing performing arts skills, while gaining self confidence.

**Classes include:**

SINGING, DANCING, ACTING, cooking, self-motivation science and team challenges.
On the second day the children will perform in a concert and receive a graduation certificate

**Yarraville:** 8th & 9th April
1st & 2nd July
23rd & 24th Sep

**Langwarrin:** 10th & 11th April
3rd & 4th July
25th & 26th Sep

**Glen Iris:** 14th & 15th April
8th & 9th July
30th Sep & 1st Oct

**Ringwood:** 16th & 17th April
10th & 11th July
2nd & 3rd Oct

Age 5-12 years, $130 for 2 day program.
Book a month in advance for early bird special of $115

**Bookings Essential**

Call 1300 13 03 13
or email
victoria@boptillyoudrop.com.au
www.boptillyoudrop.com.au

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**Yarra Valley Water**

**Be Smart Choose Tap**

**July School Holiday Netball Clinic**

Learn from the best these school holidays.

- Coaches include
  - ANZ Championship player Joh Curran & Monash University Storm VNL players
  - Meet Australian Diamond
  - Bianca Chatfield

**Friday 11th July 2014**

Sportlink Vermont South
2 Hanover Road, Vermont South
9:30am – 12:00pm
(Registration 8:45am)

**Cost:** $10.00 per child
Future stars aged 5yrs – 14yrs

Register online
www.monashuniversitycentral.com.au

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