**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dear Members of the Glen Waverley Primary School Community,

Welcome to the final newsletter for the 2015 school year!

It really is amazing to think that this really is the final newsletter for the year; that Term Four is coming to an end as is the 2015 school year! What a terrific year we have had with so many significant projects completed and, above all, our students receiving a high quality education and achieving outstanding results across the entire curriculum.

Throughout the year the children at Glen Waverley have been recognised for their outstanding talents and skills, receiving not only school based awards but awards from local, community, state and national levels.

Congratulations to all of our students for their contribution to the school year – I am so proud of all of you!

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**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

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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.

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**GLEN WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL PROJECT**

Help Us Reach Our Goal

$2,731
The 2015 School Year!
As mentioned previously, 2015 has certainly been another wonderful year for our school, where so much has been achieved such as:

Curriculum
- Continued purchasing and updating the amount of technology throughout the school – a new Server, interactive whiteboards, iPads and notebook computers
- Continual emphasis on English, Maths, Thinking, Global Education, Technology and Science
- Embedded our Reading (CAFÉ) and Writing (VOICES) programs throughout the school
- Embedded our social emotional learning program - You Can Do It
- Continual expansion of the on line learning program with the introduction of Spellodrome
- Continued our considerable investment in Reading resources throughout the school and
- Continued to work towards CIS International Accreditation with a clear focus on:
  - A culture of continuous improvement
  - High quality education and
  - Curriculum enthused with international mindedness and a focus on intercultural understanding.

Facilities
- Landscaping, artificial turf, shade sails and outdoor furniture outside the Year 5 and 6 portables and also outside the Before and After School Care building
- Additional landscaping and planting throughout the school
- OSHC Building extension
- Air conditioning in the ELC and in some classrooms
- New goal posts and cricket nets on the oval
- Installation of 4 new modern portables
- New asphalt in the turning circle
- Refurbished the external components of Block A
- A new Science Learning facility and
- Completed the initial planning works and selection of the architectural firm for our new school gymnasium

All in all, a very successful school year!

2015 Year Book
I am hopeful that this year’s Year Book will arrive and be able to be distributed by the end of this week! If not, next week. Never the less, our Year Books are a wonderful memento of the marvellous achievements throughout the year and something which I know the children fondly look forward to receiving and also keeping for many years to come. Please refer to Mr Hudson’s piece.

Student Reports
As a learning community it is extremely important that we value the children’s reports as they are a means of celebrating how much the children have grown socially, emotionally and academically throughout the year. The teaching staff have been working extremely hard to ensure your child’s report accurately reflects their current level of achievement and also the growth throughout the year. The children’s reports will be distributed on Monday 14th December in conjunction with a slip outlining your child’s classroom teacher and room for the 2016 school year. Please ensure you read the report carefully and if you have any queries see your child’s classroom teacher, Mr Kitch, Mrs Gough or myself. Families are most welcome to arrange to meet with their child’s teacher if you would like to discuss the report.

2016 School Accounts
I would like to thank the numerous families who have already settled their 2016 school account and remind those who are yet to do so that if they are settled by the final school day of the year you will receive a $10 discount. We would really like to have as many accounts as possible paid by this date so families will be able to collect their book bags and commence labelling and covering the contents.
A reminder that accounts can also be paid on Friday 22nd January which is when Book Bags can also be collected and the uniform shop will be open from 10 am to 3 pm.
**Congratulations to Aaron**

Aaron (Year 6) is an avid golfer who recently placed 6th in the State championships with a score of 76 – 5 over par which is phenomenal. In fact there was only 3 shots difference between the children who finished 2nd to 6th.

As you may be aware, last Wednesday we held a special fundraiser as Aaron will be competing in the World Championships in Malaysia during the final week of the school year. In total our school community generously raised $630.05 which is just marvellous and School Council contributed $169.95. On Monday we presented Aaron and his family with a cheque to the value of $800 which will be used to support the costs associated with this trip.

Representing your country is always an amazing achievement and something that many, many people aspire to and to be able to do so at such a young age really is an amazing accomplishment. We all wish Aaron well at the Malaysian World Championship and look forward to hearing how he went! Congratulations and well done Aaron as we are all extremely proud of you!

Below is a letter written by Aaron:

**GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Hi my name is Aaron, I am in 6SL and I play golf – as you may have heard at assembly. I have had to pass the qualifying rounds, the regional rounds, and last week I played in the State Championships. Unfortunately I didn’t come first, but I came sixth – shooting a score of 76.

My other amazing news is that soon I am going to Malaysia to play in the Junior World Championships. I am representing Australia which is an amazing achievement for me. I dearly thank everyone who has donated for me to go on this amazing trip. I look forward to coming back to our school and letting everyone know how I went.

I have played golf for two and a half years, my handicap is 17 and my home club is Commonwealth Golf Club. My number one dream in golf is to become a professional player. I have been playing golf tournaments which is amazing some I have won but some I have played bad.

For me it is always a true honour to represent Glen Waverley Primary School.

Thank you for all your support.

Aaron
2016 Student Leaders

On Monday we held a very special assembly in order to announce the 2016 Student Leaders. The Year 5 children have undertaken a fairly rigorous process which culminated in the rest of the student body voting for their respective 2016 school leaders. Congratulations and a special well done to the following children and their families as it is an honour to be a school leader and represent your peers, teachers and our school community:

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Once again, congratulations to the above students and their families. I would also like to acknowledge the children who were not selected, thank you to all of you for your efforts and remember at our school, all Year 5 and 6 students are considered as leaders and you will also be provided with opportunities to lead various school events.
Congratulations to Daniel and Pranav
As mentioned in our previous newsletter, Daniel (Year 3) and Pranav (Year 4) recently attended a special ceremony as they both achieved the equal highest result in the University of New South Wales ICAS Science assessment task. Naturally this is a wonderful achievement and something which the children, their families and our entire school community are very proud of. Congratulations and well done Daniel and Pranav, we are all very, very proud of you!

Year 6 Graduation
Well done to our Year 6 students for being outstanding role models throughout the year and congratulations on the wonderful celebration which was held last night. I’m certain it will be a night the children will remember for many years to come.
This year’s Graduation committee have been responsible for organising the evening and I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Zahra, Kyrylo, Giles, Sandewni, Vidura, Sahasni, Sriprada and Richard. Naturally the Year 6 teachers, Ms Tran, Ms Gooch, Mrs Mastorakis (Tzimas) and Mr Laffy and also Mr Lewis and Ms Pfeifer for their wonderful contributions either via multimedia or music.

At the Year 6 Graduation we also acknowledge a number of children who received various awards. Congratulations to the following children:

Trish Perry Scholarship Award
Toan and Sriprada

Music Award
Kyrylo and Zahra

School Sport Victoria Award
Kovid

Multimedia Award
Nicholas and Nghi

Art Award
Giles and Minupa

Physical Education Award
Jenny and Sahasni

Languages Award
Gavisha and Rituraj
End of Term Awards
In Term Four we have to break protocol and announce the recipients of our end of term awards because if we don’t the children will not be recognised in the school newsletter. Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to receive the Term Four Kiwanis Club Terrific Kids award:

Prep Area: Arya (Prep SM)
For being an enthusiastic, kind and friendly member of Prep SM. Arya is always respectful and responsible to other members in the school. He strives to complete set learning tasks at his personal best and displays an ‘I Can Do It’ attitude when achieving his own personal learning goals. Arya has shown great growth in all areas of the curriculum and always listens attentively to instructions to ensure he is setting himself up for success. He is a good friend to all of his peers and ensures he always help out a friend in need. Well done Arya on all of your amazing achievements, we are all so proud to watch you learn, grow and achieve!

1/2 Area: Jayda (2PS)
Jayda is an exceptionally capable student who comes to school every day with a positive and ready to learn attitude. She is an active listener who applies her learning and tries her very best in everything she does. Jayda has set an excellent example in class with her manners and cooperation. Congratulations on such an amazing year of learning Jayda!

3/4 Area: Alan (4AM)
This semester, Alan has consistently demonstrated qualities of kindness and care towards others. He is a positive role model who looks out for his teachers and peers to ensure they are safe, included and happy. It has been fantastic to see Alan exude developing leadership traits where he has inspired others to set a great example of how active and informed citizens behave. Alan should be incredibly proud of his growth towards becoming a terrific role model this year inside and outside of the classroom for his peers, congratulations!

5/6 Area: Thomas (5EP)
Congratulations on a wonderful year of hard work, Thomas. You are a wonderful, kind and caring young man who always approaches learning with a positive attitude. You are a highly respected member of the Glen Waverley Primary School community and always go out of your way to ensure your peers and teachers feel appreciated and valued. It has been fantastic to see you grow as a learner and your increased confidence in yourself when completing difficult tasks. You are an exceptional role model to your peers in the way that you take learning risks and clarify your thinking. We can’t wait to see what you achieve next year!

Once again, a special thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Glen Waverley for having the fortitude to implement this program and for supporting our school. Next Friday afternoon at our final assembly for the school year, the children will receive a certificate, trophy and also a $20 book voucher.
Term 4 Principal Learning Awards:
Congratulations to the following students who will receive the Principal Learning Award for this term – once again, these will be announced next Friday afternoon at our final assembly for the school year.

Prep OA – Charles for working hard to complete learning tasks to a very high standard. Charles is very driven to achieve his learning goals and he is extremely proud to share his learning with his peers. Charles is a thoughtful, well-mannered student who gets along with his peers and adults. He has continued to enjoy friendships with many students in this class and他 is always willing to help others. Well done Charles and I wish you continued success in the future.

Prep CB – Gurshaan for always making a huge effort to apply his new learning with care. He works hard to make connections between current and past learning. Gurshaan challenges himself to do his best and has worked really hard all year to consistently do his personal best. In addition, Gurshaan is a good friend and classmate who cares for others and treats them with respect. It has been a great pleasure to have Gurshaan in 0CB.

Prep EL – Ranitha has shown enormous growth this year. He now completes tasks independently and is learning to manage his time. His writing is highly creative and imaginative and he is beginning to read with fluency and expression. His improved concentration during class has allowed him to complete learning tasks to a very high standard. Ranitha is a caring friend to everyone in our class and his confidence has soared this year. Congratulations Ranitha on all your achievements. Keep up the great work!

Prep HT – Nancy for coming to school with a positive and ‘I Can Do It’ attitude towards her learning. Nancy is kind and caring to all her peers and teachers. She is always eager to lend a helping hand and demonstrates a strong passion for learning. Well done Nancy! Keep up the AMAZING learning!

Prep SM - Maahir for trying his personal best in all areas of learning and ensuring that he is organised and setting himself up for success. Maahir is a conscientious, diligent student and demonstrates the ‘I Can Do It’ attitude throughout the day; in the playground and the classroom. He has improved immensely in his reading and writing, persisting at any challenge and succeeding. Maahir completes his work at a consistently high standard. He is kind and caring to other members of the classroom community and is well liked by all of his peers. Well done Maahir on a fantastic year of learning, we are all very proud of your achievements.

1BT - Sithuli exhibits a positive outlook and attitude to all learning tasks. She is proactive and sensitive student who quickly engages with her learning independently and to the best of her ability. She is also always thoughtful in her dealings with others.

1MT – Kusal is a highly motivated student who strives to do his personal best in all areas of the curriculum. He completes learning tasks to a very high standard and takes initiative to ensure that his work is finished on time. Kusal has been an excellent role model for our class and he has consistently shown all the Five Keys to Success. Well done Kusal and congratulations on a sensational year of learning!

1PK – Sruthika is to be commended on her commitment and positive attitude towards her learning. She applies herself in an industrious manner and is a role model for her peers. Sruthika constantly challenges herself academically and always helps others in need. Congratulations on your efforts Sruthika!

1SR - Charlie for consistently demonstrating the ‘Five Keys to Success’. Charlie is a friendly, polite and conscientious student who works to her ‘personal best’. Well done Charlie, keep up the excellent learning! I am very proud of you.
Term 4 Principal Learning Awards (Cont’d)

2CW – Sevin for being an excellent role model to other students by always demonstrating outstanding behaviour and making good choices for his learning. Sevin challenges himself and works independently to achieve the goals he sets himself with an “I can do it attitude”. A great year’s work you have had, well done Sevin!

2MP – Rosheen is a kind and considerate member of the class who goes out of her way to help teachers and students. She always puts in a 100% effort in all her learning tasks and her work is always neat and tidy. Rosheen has a genuine enthusiasm and positive attitude towards school. Congratulations and well done, Rosheen!

2PS - Viktor is a hard-working and enthusiastic learner who always gives his best effort and has a positive attitude towards challenges. He is a respectful and thoughtful student who has demonstrated excellent manners towards teachers and peers and is always willing to help out his classmates. He is truly a role model in 2PS. Well done and congratulations to you Viktor!

2RY: Dinil for persisting in his endeavours to develop himself both academically and socially. You have absolutely thrived in your second semester in 2RY Dinil. Ever smiling, you are an active contributor of the class and a great role-model. An asset to the classroom, you willingly provide assistance to those around you whilst exhibiting the You Can Do It attributes in all areas of your schooling. You have proved yourself a worthy recipient of this award. Congratulations on all your hard work Dinil!

3JK: Lulu is to be congratulated on the mature manner in which she approaches all learning tasks. She is a caring student who demonstrates a great empathy for others both in the school environment and wider community.

3AJ: Kavi for putting himself out of his comfort zone to develop his confidence and learning habits. He is very courageous in sharing his opinions and ideas regardless of what others think, and is a wonderful friend to have. You have had a great year Kavi!

3GE: Emily has been an outstanding member of our classroom for the entire year. She shows great persistence and has fantastic getting along skills. I have enormous respect for everything she has achieved this year. Keep it up in 2016!

3MT: Henry is consistent with his learning. He always concentrates and focuses exceptionally well, his answers involve deeper level thinking and his rigorous learning experiences are outstanding. He completes all learning tasks to an excellent standard and he is always ready to help others. He cooperates well with others in his groups and participates in class discussions. Overall this term Henry's learning has improved every day and he always ready to be challenged with his learning.
Term 4 Principal Learning Awards (Cont’d)

4AM: Mohammed is a responsible and conscientious student who consistently strives for his personal best in all areas of learning. He is organised and always ensures his learning tasks are completed to an exceptional standard. Mohammed has also demonstrated wonderful teamwork skills, where he is flexible and supportive towards his team members in setting them up for success. I would like to congratulate Mohammed for having such an outstanding year in Level Four. It has been fantastic to see the dedication Mohammed has exuded towards becoming a successful life-long learner!

4MK Sulynne has really matured as a student this term; she has grown in confidence and is now ready for Year Five. She always comes to school with a smile and is constantly organised for her learning, demonstrating persistence with higher order learning tasks. Sulynne is also proud of her ability to get along with everyone in our class. Well done Sulynne!

4SD Zayaan is considerate throughout the day to each and every peer. It has been wonderful to see his progression with his learning, which include his careful handwriting, an organized Reader's Notebook and valid contributions to Maths Talks. Zayaan you have shown dedication and maturity towards your learning and we look to you as an exceptional role model. Keep it up next year!!

4TS: Umar. Congratulations Umar. Your learning has flourished this term as you use the YCDI Keys to Success to persist with your learning. It is wonderful to see your enthusiasm and self-confidence as you develop further strategies to assist you with building on your knowledge of maths concepts and skills. You are determined to improve your personal learning and are listening with intent. You should be very proud of all your improvements.

5EP: Thiviru. What a fantastic year you have had at Glen Waverley Primary School, Thiviru. You are an extremely conscientious student who consistently completes his work to a high standard. It has been wonderful to see you setting a positive example by ensuring you work tough when a learning task is challenging. This incredible attitude has meant you have taken more learning risks and have grown academically in all areas. On top of all this, you have managed to attend every single day of school and have never arrived late. What an amazing student you are, Thiviru. Keep it up!

5PA: Matthew has demonstrated outstanding interpersonal growth in Term Four. He has developed maturity and ‘getting along’ skills which have enabled him to foster strong, positive relationships with his peers. Matthew’s improved resilience and persistence has been exceptional. He is able to focus and commit to learning tasks and this has been evident in his academic growth. Most significantly, Matthew has developed social responsibility and an awareness of other peoples’ feeling. He shows this by increasingly making good choices and assisting others. You should be extremely proud of your achievements in 2015, well done Matthew!

5PD: William uses outstanding manners and makes strong choices in and outside the classroom. He respects the students in our grade; he always uses positive words to describe other students work, he listens to other students’ opinions and he helps others when they encounter difficulties. William is a bright and hardworking student, who is willing to take risks with his learning. We have been so lucky to have had him in our grade for the past six months. Congratulations, William!

5SR: Joe works persistently in all learning areas to achieve his personal best and develop his knowledge. He completes learning tasks to an extremely high standard and manages his time well to meet deadlines. As well as being an excellent student, Joe is a wonderful role model for our school community. He demonstrates respect for our school environment by cleaning up the classroom and yard without being prompted. Well done on completing an excellent Term Four, Joe.
Term 4 Principal Learning Awards (Cont’d)

6CG: Sebastian has blossomed this year. He has a positive attitude in class and approaches all learning tasks with enthusiasm. Sebastian has worked very hard to achieve his best, and has made terrific improvements in his work. He should be commended on his outstanding growth and dedication this year. Congratulations Sebastian!

6JT: Novin has worked exceptionally hard this year to ensure he is successful in his learning endeavours. He has shown exceptional dedication towards his learning, and it is this attitude that has enabled him to progress immensely across all areas. Novin is an enthusiastic learner, loyal friend and jovial classmate. He should be extremely proud of how he has utilised the Five Keys to Success in order to re-evaluate the way in which he goes about his learning. Congratulations Novin, you’re a star!

6LT: Adrian is a conscientious and hardworking student who applies himself to complete all set tasks to a high standard. He is a kind and helpful student who is well respected in the school community. Adrian often looks out for his peers and makes sure they are included in groups and games. He is an exceptional role model and who consistently demonstrates the five keys to success. Congratulations Adrian!

6SL: Manuja, it has been tremendous to see the growth in your learning in Term 4, and also across the entire of 2015. You exude positivity in your approach to learning, and are an enthusiastic participant in all learning tasks. You seek out advice from your peers and teachers to achieve success in your learning, and your ability to use feedback in a constructive manner has seen the production of a number of high-quality pieces of work across all curriculum areas. Well done!
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Cont’d)

10th December 2015

PRINCIPAL AWARDS:
Congratulations to the following students who have received a Principal’s Award recently:

Prep EL: Maddie, Michelle, Chiru, Zen, Sachin and Lushalu for being really responsible members of our school community, Okith for completing excellent learning in Chinese class and Thiyaga, Akshara and Chiru for being great friends
Prep HT: Burhanuddin for being a very supportive and encouraging friend
Prep OA: Ananya for creating a wonderful spelling game, Jithya, Amali and Ananya for being terrific friends and Deanna for receiving a medal at Kumon
Prep SM: The whole class for writing very articulate letters to me

Prep EL: Maddie, Michelle, Chiru, Zen, Sachin and Lushalu
Prep HT: Burhanuddin
Prep OA: Ananya
Prep SM: The whole class

1BT: Suprit, Hemish, Surya, Ishan and Yash for being really responsible members of our school community and Anika for being a great friend
1MT: Noah and Nuoyan for writing terrific letters to their Year 2 teachers
1PK: Janessa and Darshini for creating a wonderful princess caterpillar to display outside their classroom, Shanza, Ganuli and Sruthika for creating a wonderful spelling game, Janessa for writing a wonderful photo story about being in Year 2 and Sruthika for being a great friend
1SR: Rithila, Kisara and Charlie for writing excellent letters to their Year 2 teachers and Max, Odelia, Christina, Ann, Charlie, Alizeh, Kisara, Dev, Aeryn, Vishy and Hansalee for being responsible members of our school community

1BT: Suprit, Hemish, Surya, Ishan and Yash
1MT: Noah and Nuoyan
1PK: Janessa and Darshini
1SR: Rithila, Kisara and Charlie

0SM: Maahir, Eshita and Saloni and 2MP Simran and Arjun for receiving beautiful medallions from Kumon as part of the 2015 Advanced Student Honour Roll

0SM: Maahir, Eshita and Saloni
2MP Simran and Arjun

1BT: Yash, Amy and Sethuli for receiving medals from Kumon for their advanced learning

1BT: Yash, Amy and Sethuli

1PK: Omar for making excellent progress with his understanding of fractions

1PK: Omar
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Cont’d)

10th December 2015

PRINCIPAL AWARDS (Cont’d)

2CW: Umavin for being a very responsible member of our school community by returning a lost ball and Simran for receiving beautiful medallions from Kumon as part of the 2015 Advanced Student Honour Roll

2MP: Anvi, Rosheen, Akisa, Hannah, Simar and Dhiya for writing beautiful letters to me, Aarav, Sia, Uthum, Daniel, Akisa, Dhiya, Ved, Brian and Aiden for writing wonderful reports about animals, Lewis, Matthew, Aiden, Sia, Rosheen, Brian W and Dhiya for writing fabulous book reviews and Arjun for receiving beautiful medallions from Kumon as part of the 2015 Advanced Student Honour Roll

2PS: Rojan and Stephanie for making wonderful cards for my office, Vinuki, Sanija Keisha, Sangy, Suhani, Yash, Daniel, Aarav, Aahana, Heshan, Sissi, Ishaan, Vihaan and Bill for writing wonderful information reports about pets and Sayuni, Vihaan and Vinuki for being really responsible members of our school community by ensuring our school yard is neat and tidy

2CW: Sia for receiving a trophy from her gymnastics club

2MP: Sia, Alkan and Ved for writing fabulous recounts about the Year 2 performance at assembly which are also featured in the Kids Corner section of the newsletter

2MP: Jayda for receiving a prize for her outstanding drawing skills and Anvi for being a great and supportive friend

3GE: Ally, Anuk, Sandhi and Thinuri for creating beautiful lotus flowers which depict their personal attributes and Esther and Adarsh for creating wonderful designs of coats which consider the materials required and the weather

3MT: Karina for being a wonderful assistant at a recent interview for our school radio program

4MK: Zaahid, Dulaj, Viduwantha, Vinuka, Dineth and Kaveen for creating wonderful PowerPoint presentations about animals

4SD: Cao-Tri for making wonderful progress with his reading skills, he has moved 4 levels and Ivan for being a great friend

4AM: Kisuri and Min for creating a wonderful graph about different kinds of fractions, Kaveeshi for being a great friend, Lily and Sai Shail for completing amazing home learning about forces and frictions, Valerie and Enuri for competing very creative pieces about "The Fire Stealer", Zuha for creating a wonderful poster about the rainfall in Glen Waverley, Kisuri, Min and Harsha for being a very supportive friends, Nathan for making outstanding progress with his spelling and Tanay and Mohammed for displaying a wonderful mathematical quiz

4TS: Kendi for receiving a prize from the Waverley Rotary Club for the Essay she entered in their writing competition.
PRINCIPAL AWARDS (Cont’d)

5PA: Nathaniel for conducting a marvellous interview about our school for our school radio program
5SR: Duwan and Josh for completing very interesting maths projects involving area, nets and 3D shapes which culminated in the creation of 3D robots

6CG: Animesh for creating a wonderful machine which is capable of turning plastic into fuel and Jana for creating a machine that saves coral

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their special day during December:

Prep CB: Amaya, Jordan, Mischa and Isaac
Prep EL: Madelyn Prep OA: Parin
Prep HT: Ian, Angela, Aarushi, Krish and Advay
Prep SM: Arayna, Sophia and Kenui
1BT: Om, Ethan, Mayon and Gagana
1MT: Needra, Kheenav, Vineeth and Bernice
1PK: Omar, Ganuli and Darshini 1SR: Nithilan
2CW: Tiffany, Sevin and Sanchit
2MP: Sia, Dhiya and Jaicee 2RY: Dinil
2PS: Sangy, Thejan and Daniel
3AJ: Daniel 3GE: Vishnu 3JK: Rasna and Dinidu
3MT: Elina, Vedant, Hridya and Radith
4AM: Yamila 4TS: Angel
4MK: Aditi, Lumbini and Kaveeshi
4SD: Leonard, Eva and Sudhu
5EP: Thiviru and Joyce
5PA: Meher, Juwon and Ching
5PD: Risara and Dulvin
5SR: Richard, Amnaaz, Bryan and Joe
6CG: Sebastian, Isum and Jana
6LT: Sahasni 6SL: Simran and Jai
Christmas Hamper Donations
A sincere thank you to the families who have been able to provide donations for the Best Chance Christmas Appeal. The amount of items collected was simply amazing and will go a long way to make Christmas a much better time of year for so many less fortunate families in our community. Thank you everyone, your understanding, kindness and willingness to contribute is simply amazing! Please refer to Natalie Doyle’s piece.

School Holiday Vacation Care Program
Once again Camp Australia have organised a wonderful school holiday program which consists of a number of really exciting activities. The program commences on Monday 4th January and will run through to Wednesday 27th January (excluding Tuesday 26th January as this is a public holiday). Please be aware that all families are entitled to a 50% rebate on the total cost plus a further discount depending on their family income. To book your child, access the Before and After School Care link on our website or at www.campaustralia.com.au
Included in this newsletter is an overview of the Summer Vacation program.

Moving Day and “2016 Day”
As a means of preparing for the 2016 school year, there are two very important events which we implement at our school. Next Monday is “Moving Day” where the teachers who will be working in different classes in 2016 have the opportunity to move their resources and commence preparing their room for “2016 Day”. Naturally they will subsequently remain in this location for the remainder of this year. Please ensure you are aware of where your child’s class has moved to – if you need assistance, maps have been placed throughout the school or please see Julie or Jenny at the main office.
Wednesday 16th December, we will hold a very special day for all of our current Year Prep to Five and new Year One to Six students as they are provided with the opportunity to spend the entire day with their 2016 class and their 2016 teacher. Having the opportunity to familiarise yourself with a new environment, meet your new teacher and class friends is an opportune time for the students (and families) to alleviate some of the issues experienced when children are required to move from one classroom or school to another. I am confident that the day will be an enormous success and I look forward to receiving some feedback from the teachers, students and parents.

Goodbye to some of our friends:
As the end of the school year draws closer, we will be saying goodbye to a number of students who are moving out of the area. We wish them all the best in their new schools and hope that they keep in close contact with their Glen Waverley Primary School friends for many years to come.

We are also saying goodbye to some of our staff who will be working in other schools, travelling or retiring:
Mrs Olga Anagnostou, Ms Melinda Tippet, Mr Matthew Knott, Ms Pippa Davis, Ms Claire Gooch and Mrs Jo Holdsworth.
Naturally we thank you for being part of the Glen Waverley PS community, strongly encourage you to keep in contact and sincerely wish you well with your future endeavours.

2016 Staff and Class Structure:
The 2016 Staff Team will be as follows:

**Foundation (Year Prep):** Clare Baizanos, Lee-ean Teoh, Emily Laughlin, Harrys Tsigas and Samantha Matsoukas

**Year One:** Debbie Hunter, Olivia Devitre, Elisha Park, Chloe Prince (Walsh) and Samantha Rich

**Year Two:** Manuela Pertile, Rebecca Young, Mithuna Thiruvasagan and Ruby Robertson

**Year Three:** Greg Edwards, Debbie Jacobs and Elizabeth Kemp (sharing a class), Arezou Javidi and Anat Garzberg

**Year Four:** Sarah Donald, Peter Shen, Anna Meng, and Trish Singh

**Year Five:** Tania Smith, Jeff Chen, Paul Austin, Penelope Kolovos and Simone Ryan

**Year Six:** Elizabeth Rennie, Jennifer Mastorakis (Tzimas), Laura Donoghue and Sam Laffy

**Learning Assistants:** Natalie Doyle, Kay Platt, Soula Lucas, Liz Steinke, Nicole Rowland, , Gurbiner Baghat, and Samantha Pergadis.
What's planned for our school over the holidays?
Over the summer break we plan to:
- Refurbish the sick bay
- Install new seats and cupboards in the staff room and
- Upgrade the front office area (install a new bench) and enlarge the serving area.

Final Day of school arrangements Friday 18th December
A reminder that we will finish school at 1:30 on Friday 18th December; as a result the students will not need their lunch unless they will be attending After School Care which will commence at 1:30. Please ensure your child has a snack for the day. Due to the early finishing time, lunch orders will not be available on this day.
We will be holding our final assembly at 12.45 pm in the court yard (outside the Early Learning Centre) or in the school hall if the weather is not suitable. We strongly encourage as many parents as possible to attend in order to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students throughout the year and also bid a fond farewell to those who are leaving our school.

2016 Return Dates
Year 1-6 students will return to school on Thursday 28th January and Foundation (Prep) students will begin on Monday 1st February.

In closing,
I would like to bid a fond farewell to our fabulous team of Year 6 students. This year the Year 6 students have set a fine example and have lead the school with a true sense of commitment, sincerity and pride. I am absolutely thrilled with the leadership of all our Year 6 students particularly our 2015 School Captains Amasha, Duvin, Akshata and Raghav who all must be congratulated for their outstanding leadership commitment, endeavour and qualities. I look forward to seeing and hearing all about the Year 6 students’ successes as they progress through their secondary education and beyond. I would also like to wish every Year 6 student the very best in the years ahead and remind them that “once you are a part of the Glen Waverley PS family, you are always a part of the Glen Waverley PS family”. I strongly encourage all of you to come back and visit us!

Also, a sincere thank you to our wonderful team of parents who have helped with many and varied events and programs throughout the year. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank every single parent for their support, assistance and encouragement as we have made our way through the year. Team spirit, trust, loyalty and integrity are part of what makes Glen Waverley such a fabulous school. It is really great, that our parents are willing to support their children, the staff and the professional judgements that are made to ensure that our school provides the very best learning environment for their children.
As you know our team of staff certainly give their heart and soul to their job and their passion for education is evident. I would like to thank the numerous parents who provide us with support and feedback and for also realising that at times our job is not easy. We have a fabulous school community who are generous with the time and effort they give to nurturing, assisting and encouraging all that we do at Glen Waverley.

Naturally it would be rather remiss of me not to mention our extremely hard working staff. The teachers and support staff at Glen Waverley are relentless in their quest to make our school the best school possible. Thank you one and all!

Happy holidays everyone. I sincerely wish all members of the Glen Waverley Primary School community the very best throughout the forthcoming summer break. To those members of our school community who celebrate Christmas, Merry Christmas to you all.

Please stay safe and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Take care and I look forward to seeing everybody in 2016!

Frank Catalano
Principal

The final Kid’s Corner of the year has been written by some of our Year 2 children who wrote a recount of a recent assembly performance.

**Alkan**

On Monday I asked myself, “Why is everyone wearing a cap and not a school hat?” then I remembered that we were going to sing “Inertia” and, I forgot my cap, oh man!

I was embarrassed, however I said to myself, “I can do this!”

It was our turn and we got up and sang. It was awesome and so much fun!”

**Sia**

“This is going to be fun!” we were at the front singing the Inertia Rap. I was really nervous because people were watching us.

We started singing:

“What is Inertia, let me clue you in ……”

The teachers were blown away and they joined in with us. We were singing along with 2CW, 2RY and 2PS without the music. I thought we were good enough to show the whole world!

**Ved**

I usually don’t like assembly. Why can’t we do our learning, huh? When I came to school I realised many grade 2’s were wearing caps and not school hats. Then it hit me (that’s an idiom for saying, “I remembered”), we are going to sing Inertia, I thought happily!

It was soon time to sing, “Three, Two, One ....

*What’s Inertia, let me clue you in*

*First law from Isaac Newton says, objects stay on the course unless affected by an outside force*

This was the happiest assembly of my life!
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS- BALANCING SCREEN-TIME WITH FAMILY-TIME

As an Assistant Principal of our school, I look back on 2015 with fond memories of the achievements of our students. I am extremely proud of each and every one of our students for the contribution they have made to improve their own personal learning and to collaborate with their peers. I know that all of our students are looking forward to an exciting 2016 and taking their learning even further!

As we get closer to the Summer break, many of our students will be taking a break from the organised routines of study and classes, meaning that they find themselves with additional recreational time. As a parent in today’s busy world, we can sometimes see our children wanting to make up this recreational time with increased ‘screen time’ and we have all heard them request things such as “…just one movie please…I need to finish this game…etc…”

Without realising it, children can often find themselves exposed to increased ‘screen-time’ as they spend more and more hours indoors, without the routine of a school day to monitor what they are doing. As televisions, tablets, smart phones and other digital devices become more commonplace, so do the myriad and types of content available for children to access if unsupervised over the holiday break and much of this content is inappropriate for primary school aged children.

The TV left on the latest hit crime drama while you’re cooking. The family computer or tablet unlocked with access to unmonitored content. The smartphone on which mum or dad have been spotted using Facebook. These are just some ways in which primary aged children might interact with content that is beyond their comprehension. As the saying goes, ‘children are not mini-adults’ and seven to eight-year-olds in particular do not have the worldly knowledge or mental capacity to set apart events happening a world away from them, nor the maturity to rationally process content beyond their years.

More than just putting parental locks and passwords on devices, experts say it is imperative that parents take a more firsthand approach in guiding their children through this maze of content. Lakshmi Singh is a freelance educational author who provides some very practical tips for parents, in a recent article at parentingideas.com.au

Fiction vs. reality: Although most kids between seven and eight years of age know the difference between fiction and reality, the ‘type’ of reality portrayed in reality TV shows may not be something that they easily grasp, says Lynne Jenkins, author and clinical psychologist. “If what they are watching is scripted to be more dramatic, then that is how it is for them, unless an adult lets them know otherwise,” she says. The strung-out tensions between contestant teams, fabricated cat-fights and prolonged focus on habits that annoy each other could all come across as normal, unless kids are told otherwise, she says. While children of this age may be exposed at school to some adult concepts like the dangers of smoking, they don’t necessarily understand in great detail the information presented in health programs, for example says Jenkins. “They will need a sensible adult to explain what they are seeing in a way that won’t cause them to take on too much information that they aren’t really ready for, or don’t really need to know about yet. For example, at seven or eight children don’t really need to know about drugs leading to death and disease. That can be something to be discussed at least in senior primary.” The same concept also applies to games and apps, she says. “Children believe what they see. Parents have to communicate that a movie or game is not real life,” she says. Even if exposure is inadvertent, the impact can be very obvious, she says. “If a child is constantly playing or watching violence their understanding in handling their own emotions can become aggressive. What a child sees repeatedly is what they learn. It becomes acceptable to be aggressive and they can become desensitised to violence.”
Limiting Exposure: Sometimes culture and religious beliefs mean parents limit or screen what their children can watch. Here, an honest explanation as to why parents believe their children shouldn’t be viewing or interacting with such programs may be in order, especially if there is a risk that they may go behind your back and source it, says Jenkins. “If [the reason given] is something like: ‘Just because’ or ‘Because I said so’ a child with a certain personality might go looking for it themselves to find out why they can’t watch it. If, however, a parent acknowledges that their child would like to watch the show and explains that the reasons have to do with their family values or culture for instance, it might be better received,” she says.

Regular exposure to content where the language might be peppered with profanities and disrespect may also impact an impressionable children’s speech, says Jenkins. “If they are exposed to expletives regularly, whether on a show or in their house, they will absorb them as ‘normal’. This ‘spongelike’ phenomenon applies more to younger children, but if a seven or eight-year-old has been exposed to such things for most of their life, they will become normal for them.”

With the upcoming school holidays it could be time to apply some of the tips below:

1. Set boundaries from early on in children’s lives. Instil the message that we only watch G or PG material in our family.

2. Watch news programs when kids have gone to bed. This is especially important if a child (of any age) is anxious or has a predisposition to anxiety or worry. If they do come across tragic events, reassure them that even though these events have happened in real life, the child, their family and friends are safe.

3. Be prepared to keep pace with children as they grow older. Assess whether an M-rated show might be appropriate for a particular child’s personality, intelligence and maturity by watching it first. Be available for explanations and fast forward any questionable parts.

4. Always encourage open discussion about content your children interact with, allowing them the confidence to ask questions when confused.

5. Don’t allow TVs and other devices in kids’ bedrooms.

6. Use parental locks and passwords but try to invest more in gaining their trust.

7. Above all, enjoy the holidays as a much valued time to spend together as a family.
A TIME TO REFLECT................

Have you noticed that with the end of the year comes a frenetic energy, a sense of something huge coming to an end? Like a full stop at the end of a sentence, we are all struck by the learning and development of each and every student as we reflect on 2015 and prepare all students for the move into 2016 and their next academic year.

Writing my last Curriculum Corner article for the year, I can hear the happy voices of students outside my window, they are Year 6 students in their final 2 weeks of Primary School, and this morning I was amongst our Prep children as they independently got themselves organised for rigorous learning today.

The year 6 cohort are feeling a mix of apprehension and excitement as they participate in transition days and prepare for their successful move to high school. Our Prep students are nearly ready for Year One, talking a great deal about their first transition from the end of a school year into a new classroom and year level. The excitement can be mixed with nerves for students at all stages; Prep and Year 6 as well as the years in-between, which is why we hold our 2016 day in the final week of school.

As always, we plan for students to be successful, and by incorporating “2016 Day” next Wednesday, we are giving students an opportunity to experience what school will be like next year, in their new classroom, with their new teacher and with a new group of friends. New members of our school community that will be joining us in 2016 will also be with us on this day, giving them a chance to meet and learn how friendly and welcoming our community is.

As teachers prepare their students for 2016 day and beyond, we feel many things; excitement at how ready children are to move on to their next stage, pride over how far they have come, and privilege for the year spent supporting their learning and development. As we reflect we celebrate, before shifting our focus to our new group of students, their needs and their future growth as we plan for a rigorous year of learning ahead.

Great Expectations

It’s time for us to say good-bye our year has come to an end. We’ve made more cherished memories and many more new friends.

We’ve watched your children learn and grow and change from day to day, hoping all the things we’ve done have helped in every way.

So it’s with happy memories we send them out the door, with great hope and expectations for what next year holds in store.

(Original author unknown)

Happy Holiday Everyone!
Kindest Regards
Lisa Gough
Assistant Principal
(Curriculum)
On Tuesday 1st December, 6JT visited the Glen Waverley Secondary College Year 7 students to review their mathematics projects. Their projects included hidden mathematical concepts inside Gardens, Artwork & Architectural models. Grade 6 visited them to assist, and ease their transition into Glen Waverley Secondary College on Tuesday 8th December 2015.

The projects were very detailed and had a lot hidden details and other interesting math concepts. The Year 7 students had to choose between a building, garden or art piece to create. Everyone had an enjoyable time looking at and learning from the projects. The projects had to contains some "real life" math application. Such as tessellations, Fibonacci sequence and other concepts that the Year 6’s didn’t know of before.

We learnt that the stakes are high in secondary school, the Maths at G.W.S.C. is creative and at the same time extremely informative. The projects were colourful, complex and applicable to real life. The Maths concepts we saw included the Golden Rectangle and the Rule of Thirds.

This was such a fantastic opportunity! This benefited us Year 6’s greatly, as we got an idea about what Year 7 Maths is about. It was overall an amazing experience that got us excited about going to Year 7 next year!
The students in the school choir and band have been very busy performing in the local community of late. On Thursday 26th November, the Junior Choir performed at The Manor Aged Care Facility in Glen Waverley. The children sang marvellously, and we even managed a standing ovation after nearly every song. After performing, we had the chance to talk to some of the residents, and meet some people who were over one hundred years old!

On Thursday 3rd December, the Senior Choir and the School Band also visited The Manor. The children set up their instruments very efficiently in a small room and sang and played brilliantly. It was wonderful to have one combined item with both the band and the choir performing ‘Gold’. Again, the performances were very well received and the children were able to get to know some of the residents after they performed.

Our final excursion was on Monday 7th December with the Chinese Choir, Junior Choir and Senior Choir performing at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church for the Leisure Time Christmas function. All the choirs sang very well and it was lovely to be able to share our learning and spread some joy during the holiday season.

All our audiences were incredibly please with the standard of our performances and with the polite, orderly way in which the children conducted themselves, so all the children should be congratulated. We are also extremely grateful to all the parents who assisted with the excursions and walked with the students. These excursions aren’t possible without parent help, so thank you very much to all concerned.

I’d like to take this opportunity to wish all the students and their families a safe and restful school holidays and I’m looking forward to making more wonderful music with you next year.

Lucy Pfeifer
Music Coordinator
Glen Waverley Primary School’s students joined millions of their peers from around the world this week in expanding their ‘coding’ skills, through their participation in our ‘Hour of Code’ event.

Our students are privileged in that they use a wide range of ICT resources, such as iPads and Netbooks in their daily learning, and the event was a chance for them to understand the coding, programming, and construction of the apps and software that they use as part of their education.

*Every* student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. It helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.

Competing hour-long coding tutorials based on popular games such as Minecraft, Flappy Bird and movies such as Star Wars and Frozen, the students learned the basics of programming characters and objects and created their own simple games and apps.

As a school, we were extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to have ‘*professional software engineers*’ Katherine, Konstantin, and Annabel from MYOB who joined us to take part in the ‘Hour of Code’, explaining to the students how they use programming in their jobs, and assisting students to complete the tutorials. They were thoroughly impressed by the capabilities of the students and their ability to work independently to solve coding ‘problems’. Samples of the students’ work were even featured on the live Twitter stream for #HourOfCode, with their work seen worldwide by those taking part in countries from around the globe.

Here are some of the reflections of students who took part in the ‘Hour of Code’:

“It was fun making the codes for the games, and I liked that we could put in different directions and be creative” – Eujin 6SL

“Actually making code was the best thing. I really liked the Flappy Bird tutorial” – Anushka 4MK

“The thing that I enjoyed most when programming games is that we were actually setting up the theme of the game and making up the rules of it. I like it because you can do a lot of things whilst doing computer programming and this website might help us in the future. You never know!” – Zahra 6SL

“It was great. I want to be a ‘Coder’ when I grow up. I found it challenging because I had to test lots of codes, but it was fun” – Govind 6SL

“When you are making the games you get to play them afterwards. I enjoyed finding out and solving what you needed to do” – Dulaj 4MK
Wow, what an amazing day! Let me tell you why. On Tuesday the 1st of December, all the Year 2 students went to Scienceworks. Believe it or not, there was a place called 'Nitty Gritty, Super City'.

-Layodha

We had an amazing day! We learnt about technology and visited the Alice in Wonderland exhibition. There were lots of illusions.

-Lewis

We used forces to build. I got to have time pushing the wheel barrow and bring up bricks to build a wall.

-Sevin

It was interesting to find that an apple from years ago was double the size of a normal apple of today.

-Liam

I got to design a car for the future that had a force field.

-Ben

It was one of my best excursions I ever had in my life.

-Keisha

I liked every bit of Scienceworks, visiting and looking but my favourite part was the Alice and Wonderland exhibition. If you go in, you look taller but you're actually not.

-Yunha

I would recommend this place to other people. I rate Scienceworks 5 stars.

-Buwanogi
The Term 4, Syndal District School Sports Association Interschool Sports competition has now come to a conclusion.

Unfortunately, the weather prevented us from proceeding with a couple of matches earlier in the term but apart from that, it has been a very successful competition for everyone involved.

Participating in the designated Summer Sports of Cricket, Danish Rounders, Rounders, Softball and Tee Ball, our students showed a lot of progress from their matches in these sports earlier in the year. So much so, that I am proud to announce that our Rounders team finished 3rd in the competition; our Softball team were the runners-up in their competition after having a close loss in their final game; while our Tee Ball team went through the seven round competition undefeated to take out the District Tee Ball title. Once again, congratulations to all the students and staff involved in such a successful and beneficial program!

Mr Warren – PE and Sport Teaching and Learning Leader

Kovid wins our 2015 SSV Academic and Sporting Achievement Medal

I would like to congratulate Kovid on being Glen Waverley Primary School’s School Sports Victoria Academic and Sporting Achievement Medal winner in 2015. Kovid has continued his outstanding learning in the classroom where he has demonstrated a strong work ethic towards his studies in ALL areas of the curriculum. Furthermore, Kovid has had a high achieving year in his sporting pursuits, including:

- Being a star performer in the school Cricket and Kickball teams during interschool sports.
- Being a key member of the school Basketball team which won the District Tournament.
- Winning the school Discus and Shot Put competitions at the School Athletics Day.
- Winning the Discus and coming 2nd in the Shot Put event at the District Athletics Day.
- Finishing 2nd in the Monash-Waverley Divisional Discus and then attending the
- Monash-Waverley Regional Athletics in Discus.
- Attending the District Swimming Carnival.
- Attending the Cricket and Basketball trials that lead to the State team.

What a huge year and wonderful way to finish your Primary School years, well done!

Mr Warren – PE and Sport Teaching and Learning Leader
Last Friday, over 50 of our Year 3 and Year 5 students attended a District T20 Blast Cricket Gala Day at Jells Park as an additional celebration of the Sporting Schools Cricket Program which we ran this term.

With five different schools in attendance and over 250 students present on the day, Jells Park was full of enthusiastic cricketers who enjoyed the fun atmosphere which included music being played across the venue and plenty of give-aways being handed out.

For our Year 3 students, this was their first taste of what a District Interschool Sports event is like. And while the heat had worn them down by the end of the day, the smiles on their faces as they achieved various personal and team success throughout the day was very rewarding to see.

For the Year 5 students, this was a wonderful progression towards the many events that they will be given the opportunity to participate in next year when they are in Grade 6. It was particularly pleasing that we had enough female participants that we were able to form a team to compete in the Girls’ division.

I really want to commend the students and their parents for making the effort to attend the five morning clinics and preparation sessions that started at 8am. We must also thank the adults who supervised and helped umpire and score with each of our teams on the day – Ms Ryan, Mr Edwards, Ms Nat Doyle, Manasi Gore and Dilum De Silva.

Mr Warren – PE and Sport Teaching and Learning Leader
Year Book Front Cover Competition

To showcase our wonderful school and celebrate a year of outstanding student achievement, each year GWPS produces a Year Book. Since its conception, we have hosted an annual Front Cover Competition open exclusively to our graduating Year 6 students.

There was a very high calibre of entries this year, with our Level 6 students creating artworks above and beyond the design brief. I would like to sincerely thank and congratulate all the competition entrants for their effort and initiative, which has resulted in such tremendous artworks. This fantastic example of ‘gradual release of responsibility’ gave rise to a difficult decision making process to decipher the winner.

I am proud to announce the winners of the 2015 edition of the GWPS Year Book Cover, as voted by our Junior School Council representatives, to be Victoria (6LT) and Ye Ji (6JT)! Together, Victoria and Ye Ji have produced an artwork that is both superb in quality, and conceptually sophisticated. Employing painstaking detail, wonderful composition, with a style derivative of the Surrealist movement, Victoria and Ye Ji have depicted an elaborate ‘GWPS success making machine’. Hidden in the detail are secret objects, with a key that will be located on the back page for the reader to refer to. Congratulations Victoria and Ye Ji!

This concludes our hectic schedule of poster competitions for the year. During 2015 GWPS students have produced outstanding artworks that have earned numerous accolades from state competitions. Next year GWPS will be bustling with more competitions, beginning with the Victoria Multicultural Commission Poster Competition, open to all students during Term 1.

Mr Aubrey Hudson

(GWPS Visual Art Teacher)
It has been a fantastic term in chess and another year completed. Students have continued to learn more strategies in chess and have had close and intense matches between them. Congratulations to all the chess players on their dedication and enthusiasm. Looking forward to seeing more enthusiastic chess players next year. Please look out for the chess notice at the start of 2016!

Peter Shen & Olga Anagnostou
Chess Program Co-ordinators

**Term 4 Winners**

Lunchtime Winners:
Minupa (6LT), Deshitha (4AM), Ziheng (6LT), Bill (2PS), Archit (1PK), Saum (2CW), Arjun (2MP), Ricky (1MT) and Ivan (0CB).

Afterschool Winners:
Jenny (6LT), Jack (6LT), Kelvin (6SL), Ben (2RY), Ryan (2PS), Liam (2CW), Tejas (0HT), Ryley (0CB), Aaron (1BT) and Dihein (1PK)
Thank You
Community Christmas Donations

An enormous thank you to our Parents, Guardians and Staff for your generous donations to the Best Chance Wishing Tree Appeal.

We received an immense amount of donations, which was fantastic. Due to your donations, you have made a difference to at least 50 families in our local community this Christmas.

As you can see, my car was stacked high and the donations overflowing. Thank you once again for supporting this cause.

As a school community, we have all made a difference to a family this Christmas.

Thank you from the Health and Wellbeing Team,
Principal and Staff
State Schools’ Relief
Year 7 uniform package initiative

Fact sheet for parents

The Affordable School Uniform Program

Program background
Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind. As part of the Victorian government’s uniform expansion program, every Year 7 (in 2016) government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a free uniform pack.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

What’s included in the uniform pack?
The uniform pack includes all basic uniform items needed to start secondary school (approx. value $225):
• Jumper x 1
• PE shirt x 1
• PE shorts x 1
• For girls: a dress (or shorts or trousers x 1 and a shirt x 1 (long or short sleeve))
• For boys: shorts or trousers x 1 and a shirt x 1 (long or short sleeve)

How can parents apply for the packs?
The 2015 CSEF recipients can apply for a pack from 1 December 2015 by contacting the secondary school where their child will attend. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools. Parents who missed this year’s CSEF applications or were ineligible in 2015, can apply in 2016. The 2016 program will be promoted via school newsletters and websites.

What if parents have already purchased their child’s uniform?
Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniform for 2016 are entitled to a winter package available next year.

Can parents who are ineligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund or who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions
• Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
• Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
• A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
• The order is valid for 75 days from date of issue.
• Once expired, a new application must be lodged. Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
• Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
• No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
• Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
• The maximum voucher value is $225 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.

More Information
Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
A Summer of Colour

Glen Waverley
774 High Street Road Glen Waverley VIC 3150
0422 009 098 (06:45-18:30)

Monday 4 January 2016 $53.88
Mina’s Majestic Murals
Mina loves colour too! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Tuesday 5 January 2016 $71.38
Neon Summer
Join in a disco with a difference! Shhhhh!

Wednesday 6 January 2016 $70.88
Rainbow of the Future
Construct your very own robot that spins and makes awesome patterns and designs. Now that’s COLOURific!

Thursday 7 January 2016 $53.88
What a Colourful World!
Where will we go? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Friday 8 January 2016 $53.88
Wild Animal Patterns
Ready for a colourful safari? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Monday 11 January 2016 $53.88
Green and Gold
Who’s favourite season is Summer? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Tuesday 12 January 2016 $70.88
Colour-Coded
A fun-filled Team Building Program

Wednesday 13 January 2016 $68.88
Going Green
Make your own mini Green House!

Thursday 14 January 2016 $81.38
Aqua-Marine
Melbourne Sea Life Aquarium - What better way to celebrate aquamarine than with a trip to the aquarium!

Friday 15 January 2016 $53.88
Yellow Brick Road
Imagine where it will take us? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please), wet weather gear, art smock, and suitable clothing for active and sunsmart day. An afternoon snack will be provided.
## A Summer of Colour

**Glen Waverley**

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<td>$53.88</td>
<td>Gem's Golden Galaxy of Games</td>
<td>Join Gem for a galactic adventure! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</td>
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Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nuts products please), wet weather gear, art smock, and suitable clothing for and active and sunsmart day. An afternoon snack will be provided.
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**JUNIOR SELF DEFENCE & FITNESS CLASSES in 2016**

**GLEN WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Saturdays 1.30pm – 2.30pm
(Classes starts 30th January 2016)

Boys and Girls
Ages 6 - 11

Contact Cliff Wilson to register:
Tel. 8786 9076 Mob. 0418 150 405
EMAIL: cliffwilson@caydam.com
WEB: www.caydam.com

First trial lesson is free!

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**Special Intensive Summer Holiday Course**

for Selective Schools and Scholarship Test

1. **Special Intensive Course**
   Date: 4 – 15 Jan / Mon - Fri: 10days

2. **Intensive STTC Course**
   Date: 18 – 22 Jan / Mon - Fri: 5days

Limited Seats! Enrol Now So You Don’t Miss Out!
Enrol before 22nd December to get Early Bird Discount!
FREE Before & After Class Care Available from 8:00am – 5:30pm

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**Contact ROSHAN on 0425 662292 / 9700 2655 / 9793 7000**

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**Learn music here at school**

Come and join in the fun of learning to play violin, here at Glen Waverley Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2016.

Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9818 2333.

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**SONNY TYRE & AUTOCARE**

**BUY 3** DUNLOP TYRES

**GET 1 FREE**

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**Academic Success with PRE-UNI NEW COLLEGE**

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The Little Rookies Soccer School is currently taking expressions of interest for its new beginner classes starting in 2016 at Gardiner Creek Reserve Burwood.

Fully Accredited Coaches Run The Program,
For Boys And Girls Aged 5-8

For more information e-mail: r_skillen@live.com.au
or contact Roy on: 0452490424