PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Members of the Glen Waverley Primary School Community,

Welcome to the final newsletter for the 2014 school year!

It really is amazing to think that this is the final newsletter for the year; that Term Four is coming to an end as is the 2014 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 and state levels.

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

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.

Important Dates For Your Diary

December
11th CRE Concert in the Hall
11th Graduation Evening Ceremony Year 6
12th 2015 Day Year 6
12th Community Links Sports Day Year 6
16th Graduation Celebration Day Year 6
19th LAST DAY OF TERM 4 EARLY DISMISSAL – 1:30

2015
January
27th 2015 Book Packs Available for Collection
27th Uniform Shop Open 10.00am – 4.00pm
29th FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2015 Yrs 1 – 6

February
2nd FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PREP STUDENTS
Asia Raya School Community Event
A sincere thank you to all of the families who were able to attend last week’s Asia Raya school community event. It certainly was wonderful to see the children perform and learn the significance of the following dances:

Year Preps - Tari Rampak, a warrior dance from Indonesia
Year 1s - Tari Indang, a dance from the island of Sumatra in Indonesia
Year 2s - Ribbon Dance, a dance from China with the ribbons representing flying clouds
Year 3s - Umbrella Dance from China which is about children playing with umbrellas
Year 4s - Fan dance also from China
Year 5s - Pencak Silat, an Indonesian dance which involves martial arts movements and
Year 6s - Tari Topeng, a mask dance from Indonesia.

It was also wonderful to see parents, children and the staff enjoying each other’s company, the BBQ and also the games held throughout the school.

As mentioned on the evening, our school was also very fortunate that this event was sponsored by Raine and Horne Real Estate agency from Keysborough. Betty and her staff kindly provided all of the items required for the event and also assisted throughout the evening. We are very honoured and proud to be sponsored by Betty and her company, in return, if you have any real estate needs, please do not hesitate to contact Betty on 9769 1888 or 0437 673 111 or via email at betty.weeraratne@rh.com.au

Also, thank you to the Community Relations Committee and the myriad of other parents who assisted in various ways such as cooking, serving or assisting with the supervision of the children. All in all, it certainly was another terrific Glen Waverley PS community event!
The 2014 School Year!
As mentioned previously, 2014 has certainly been another wonderful year for our school, where so much has been achieved such as:

Facilities
- The Year 3 and 4 classrooms (Block B) has been refurbished
- The student bathrooms were refurbished
- The remaining areas of the main building were also refurbished eg staffroom and my new office space
- Shade sails were installed in between the main and the Out of School Hours Care/Music buildings
- The Year 3/4 adventure playground area was re-landscaped
- A beautiful new mural was installed on the Block B wall as part of the Artist in Schools program
- The Year 5/6 Advanced Art children painted an amazing mural outside the student bathrooms
- In the ELC we completed the new classroom and storage space and also created a meeting room for the various professionals who visit our school and
- A new storage shed was built adjacent to the ELC.

Curriculum
- Continued purchasing and updating the amount of technology throughout the school – a new Server, interactive whiteboards, iPads and notebook computers
- Continual emphasis on a Global Education, Science and EAL – English as an Additional Language
- Embedded our Reading program throughout the school
- Introduced a new Writing program (VOICES)
- Introduced a new social emotional learning program You Can Do It
- Continual expansion of the on line learning program with the introduction of Into Science, Spellodrome and Skoolbo to support Reading Eggs and Mathletics
- Embedded the Scientist in Schools program and expanded this to include the Mathematician in Schools program and
- Continued our considerable investment in Reading resources throughout the school.

Educational Leadership Beyond our School
It is also wonderful that this year we have had a total of 17 other schools visit in order to view particular elements of our teaching and learning programs. This is a reflection on how highly regarded our school is within the educational community.

Congratulations everyone – Glen Waverley Primary School is now a member of the CIS!
One of the biggest achievements for our school occurred just last week. As everyone would be aware, recently we undertook the gruelling process of becoming a member of the Council of International Schools (CIS). I am extremely proud to report that we have been successful and our school now has Member Status – the first step to becoming an Accredited Member of the CIS.

Naturally this is a wonderful achievement as it demonstrates a commitment to three key aspects of an outstanding school: 
1. A culture of continuous improvement
2. High quality education and
3. Curriculum enthused with international mindedness and a focus on intercultural understanding.

Becoming a member of the CIS is a wonderful achievement which all of us should be incredibly proud of. Congratulations everyone and we look forward to undertaking the next step in the process towards full accreditation! I hope all members of our school community are as proud of our school as I am! Please refer to Lisa Gough’s piece in this newsletter.
2015 Student Leaders
On Monday we held a very special assembly in order to announce the 2015 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 2015 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.
2015 School Account
I would like to thank the numerous families who have already settled their 2015 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 Tuesday 27th January which is when Book Bags can also be collected and the uniform shop will be open from 10 am to 4 pm.

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 were distributed yesterday (Thursday 11th December) in conjunction with a slip outlining your child’s classroom teacher and room for the 2015 school year. Please ensure you read the report carefully and if you have any queries see your child’s classroom teacher, Mr Kitch or myself. Families are most welcome to arrange to meet with their child’s teacher if you would like to discuss the report.

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 Justin, Sanuthi, Ellen, Robin, Lucky, Sid and Jebin and also the staff Ms Tran, Ms Gooch, Mrs Gough, Mr Lewis and Mr Younes.
At the Year 6 Graduation we also acknowledge a number of children who received various awards. Congratulations to the following children:

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Christmas Hamper Donations
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!
Moving Day and “2015 Day”
As a means of preparing for the 2015 school year, there are two very important events which we implement at our school.

On Tuesday we held “Moving Day” where the teachers who will be working in different classes next year, had the opportunity to move their resources and commence preparing their class for Friday’s “2015 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 Jenny or Pam at the main office.

Friday 12th 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 2015 class and their 2015 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.

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:** Needra (Prep MT) for being an excellent role model and for always working to her full potential. Thank you Needra for being a kind, caring and helpful class member and always thinking of others. Well Done Needra for all your hard work this year!

**Year 1/2 Area:** Helaka (1PK), for being persistent and resilient with his academic studies. He applies himself to achieve his personal best and takes pride in his learning. Helaka is a very helpful and caring individual with an infectious bubbly personality. Overall Helaka is to be commended on his efforts and academic success while demonstrating the You Can Do It attributes. Congratulations and keep up the amazing effort!

**Year 3/4 Area:** Karthik (3KC) Karthik always goes the extra mile to do his personal best, has a great thirst for learning, is polite, an active listener who works on feedback for personal and academic growth and is a fantastic support to his peers.

**Year 5/6 Area:** Justin (5PA) for a dramatic increase in his commitment to ‘working tough’ and for setting and achieving a range of learning goals by giving 100% at all times.
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 – Senula.** Senula is a kind and caring student, who is willing to support his peers with their learning. He always listens attentively to instructions and is able to attempt learning tasks confidently. Senula shows persistence and never gives up even if a learning task may appear to be difficult. He is a positive role model to his peers and he displays exceptional manners. Keep up the fantastic learning Senula!

**Prep CB – Aeryn** is to be commended on her fabulously positive attitude towards school and all learning in general. She has been hugely persistent with her writing and has seen the wonderful results for herself. Aeryn has been outstanding this year in helping her classmates to be more resilient and showing them how to make good choices for their own wellbeing and happiness. Congratulations Aeryn on being a fantastic role model and wonderful student!

**Prep LT – Omar.** It has been a pleasure to watch Omar become more confident in his abilities this term. He has shown persistence in all challenging learning tasks and has taken more responsibility for his learning. Omar has shown a fantastic attitude towards working on his learning goals to achieve the best he can. Well done Omar. You have made amazing progress this year and you should be very proud of your achievements.

**Prep MT – Zak** for being a dedicated and hardworking learner who always taking risks with his learning and for planning his time well and setting personal goals to make him a successful learner. Well Done Zak. You are a STAR!!!

**1MB – Jayda** you teacher is so thrilled with your enthusiasm for learning and your growing independence in the classroom this year. Your confidence has developed and you have constantly presented your home learning tasks to the class with clarity and volume. What a great effort! Well done Jayda!

**1KG – Heshan** for a huge improvement in both his reading and writing Skills. Heshan started the year with limited literacy skills and has worked persistently over the year to improve, with great success. Heshan can now read fluently, with expression and has great comprehension skills. Furthermore, he is now able to independently write informative and imaginative texts that include a beginning, middle and ending. We are so proud of the achievements that Heshan has made this year.

**1PK - Hannah** for applying herself to achieve her personal best in all of her academic studies. She has developed a very good work ethic and contributes her ideas during class time. Hannah is a responsible person with a caring nature. She demonstrates the You Can Do It attributes by being organised with her CAFÉ Reading Box, as well as getting along with everyone, and having a go at challenging herself. Congratulations Hannah keep up the fantastic effort!

**1SR – Lilly** for consistently showing all the YCDI keys to success. Lilly is a great friend who enjoys all aspects of school. She also has such a wonderful attitude to learning. Well done Lilly on a successful year in Grade 1!

**2CW - Sai** for being a kind and compassionate student who always takes on responsibilities and helps others around her. She is dedicated and hardworking and always strives to achieve her personal best. What an excellent effort you have put in to your learning!

**2ND - Dihein** is an amazing student who has achieved so much over the whole year. He is a respectable, polite and well-mannered student who is a terrific role model for his peers. Dihein applies himself diligently to his studies and is the first to look after his friends. Congratulations Dihein, you are a superstar!

**2PS: Shivam.** He is a quiet achiever who always takes his learning seriously by giving his best effort. He has come a long way both academically and socially and has enjoyed a successful year at Glen Waverley Primary School. Congratulation Shivam!

**3AJ: Julian** for always putting others first and going out of his way to help his friends. He is a responsible student who enthusiastically completes tasks to the best of his ability. It has been a pleasure teaching Julian this year.

**3DJ Aditi.** Aditi strives to do her personal best, she has a positive attitude toward school and is a caring friend to her fellow classmates. She is to be congratulated on her efforts!

**3KC Anvita.** She has a wonderful attitude towards learning always working to her personal best. She has a positive, happy attitude and is a supportive classmate to others.

**34S: Tanay.** Congratulations Tanay. Your learning has flourished this term as you are an enthusiastic student, eager to learn new skills, concepts and knowledge. Using these tools and information, you have demonstrated great mathematics project work and science investigations. You are using our CAFÉ and VOICES strategies within your literacy to demonstrate your deep understandings of a variety of texts and the ways in which they are written. Fantastic!
TERM 4 PRINCIPAL LEARNING AWARDS (Cont’d)

4KB - Senan for the outstanding effort he has put into his work this term. He has consistently listened to feedback from teachers and other students, and used this to improve his own learning. Senan demonstrates excellent getting along skills and always seeks to include others, within and outside the classroom. Well done and keep up the excellent attitude, Senan!

4MK - Shardul. Shardul has had an excellent term where he grasped that if he took his time with his learning he learnt more and the presentation of his learning vastly improved. He became the class ICT expert and would often assist other students with their learning using iPads and netbooks and completed ICT learning to a high standard.

4SD - Varun. Varun has shown a motivated approach to all learning tasks and organises himself efficiently to maximise his learning time. It is wonderful to see his positive attitude each day and he sets an excellent example for his classmates. Keep extending yourself Varun, you have had a fantastic year of learning!

5JT – Ghaareth. Ghaareth is an exemplary student in everything he does. He comes to school with a positive attitude, gives his best effort when completing all learning tasks, shows passion and true sportsmanship during sport training and extends kindness and empathy towards other students. Ghaareth, you are a true super-learner! Congratulations on a wonderful year of learning and for being such an outstanding role model for your peers. Well done!

5PA - Keisha. Keisha has demonstrated remarkable persistence and resilience in Term Four. Her commitment to personal development has been rewarded in the form of outstanding improvements in her writing. Keisha is a role model for getting along in 5PA. She accepts people for who they are and is enthusiastic about working with different students every day.

5SR – Dyson. Dyson you have made incredible progress during Term 4. You have become a more independent learner and have worked persistently to achieve all your goals. It has been wonderful seeing your writing improve and become more descriptive and detailed. Well done on completing a successful year and keep up the great work in 2015.

56L - Elnaz for the dedicated way she has worked to improve her writing over the year. As she has made this tremendous effort, her confidence has grown, which can now be heard in the VOICE of her writing.

6CG - Destiny. Destiny has a wonderfully positive attitude towards her learning and her peers. Throughout the year she has worked hard to achieve her best on all learning tasks. Destiny persisted in accomplishing her learning goals, especially those she found challenging. She gets along with others and always lends a hand to those that need it. Congratulations Destiny on your outstanding accomplishments this year!

6LT – Jebin. Jebin 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. Jebin very patient and a wonderful mentor, who volunteers to explain and teach mathematical concepts to his peers. Well done Jebin!

6SY - Christi for being an exceptional role model to her classmates and the school community. Thank you for being so positive, hardworking and caring. You teachers and classmates really appreciate your attitude and maturity.
As the end of the school year draws closer, very shortly 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 or retiring:
Mrs Pamela Marsh is retiring after 27 years of wonderful service as the school’s Business Manager
Mrs Rosemary Bandara is also retiring after 5 years at our school
Ms Kerryn Callas is moving to Tucabia which is located in northern New South Wales
Mrs Jackie Gilbert is taking a year’s leave
Ms Carla Bures will be teaching at the Blackburn English Language School and
Mr Sam Younes will be teaching at Mullum Primary School.

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.

2015 Staff and Class Structure:
The 2015 Staff Team will be as follows:

**Foundation (Year Prep):** Clare Baizanos, Olga Anagnostou, Emily Laughlin, Harrys Tsigas and Samantha Matsoukas

**Year One:** Penelope Kolovos, Marion Barnes and Helen Tomecek (sharing a class), Samantha Rich and Melinda Tippet

**Year Two:** Manuela Pertile, Rebecca Young, Chloe Walsh and Peter Shen

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

**Year Four:** Tania Smith, Anna Meng, Sarah Donald and Matthew Knott

**Year Five:** Pippa Davis, Elisha Park, Paul Austin and Simone Ryan

**Year Six:** Lindy Tran, Jennifer Tzimas Claire Gooch, and Sam Laffy

**Specialist Programs:**

**Music:** Lucy Pfeifer

**Year F- 2 EAL:** Lisa Gough

**Year 3 – 4 EAL:** Damien Kitch

**Year 5 – 6 Languages (Mandarin), Advanced Maths and EAL:** Di Xue

**Year P – 4 Languages (Mandarin):** Esther Wang

**Physical Education:** Shae Warren

**Physical Education and Multimedia:** Roland Lewis

**Visual Arts:** Aubrey Hudson

**Reading Recovery and Junior School Support:** Lyn Clugg

**Student Wellbeing Officer:** Natasha Niemann

**Learning Assistants:** Natalie Doyle, Kay Platt, Soula Lucas, Gurbiner Baghat, Nicole Rowland, Jo Holdsworth and Liz Steinke

**Administration:** Julie Milward (Business Manager) and Jenny Bednarz (Office Manager)

**Principal Class:** Frank Catalano (Principal), Damien Kitch (Assistant Principal) and Lisa Gough (Acting Assistant Principal)
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 5th January and will run through to Wednesday 28th January (excluding Monday 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 rebate 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.

What’s planned for our school over the holidays?
Over the summer break we plan to:
- Complete the installation of the new portables
- Commence the extension of the Out of School Hours Care building
- Complete the external components of Block B and
- Install new bag boxes and cupboards in the main building.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

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

Prep CB: Dennika and Mavishka for fabulous writing about their Melbourne Cup holiday
Prep LT: Charlie for receiving a certificate for swimming and Anika and Ganuli for being great friends
Prep OA: Senula and Surya for creating wonderful posters for my office and Mayon for being a great friend

1MB: Anvi for receiving an advanced honour medal from Kumon and Arjun for being a great friend and for also receiving a medal at Kumon and martial arts, and Sevin, Saum and Alkan for being great friends

1SR: Sofia and Sanna for writing a beautiful letters for my office wall and Ravindu and Kushali for being a great friend

Students in Year 2: Kuvam, Devesh, Daniel, Randiv, Ramike, Bilaal, Sayuni, Vishal, Yenula, Kenul, Radith, Shivam, Sam, Henry and Harindra for making excellent play choices in the school yard
2CW: Vishal, Kenul and Senhus for creating a brilliant rap song using their weekly spelling words
2ND: Sophia and Sandhi for asking terrific questions for a class survey, Bilaal, Vishal and Dihein for making outstanding progress with their reading goals, Jessie for making an amazing recording of the Three Little Pigs, Radith for achieving 100% accuracy with his reading assessment and also showing outstanding comprehension, Varun for being a great friend and Anujana, Emily and Alicia for making some wonderful posters for my office wall, Bilaal and his family for becoming Australian citizens and Dihein for being a wonderful friend
2PS: Ondrea for making an amazing recording of the Three Little Pigs

3DJ: Zaahid for being a very responsible member of our school community
34S: Kisuri and Kenui for outstanding maths work involving fractions
4KB: Amy for creating an amazing card during Smart8 card making sessions and Senan for a huge improvement with his home learning and Darren for being a great friend
4MK: Elisa for creating a wonderful joke book, Srijit for creating an amazing iMovie advertising the 2015 Guinness World Records book and Amanda and Diyon for being great friends

5JT: Ghaareeth, Venitha, David, Duvin, Ye Ji and Elizabeth W for being fantastic helpers in our school
5PA: Chao for being a great friend

6LT: Lucky for receiving a trophy from the Tanya James Dance School for completing classical ballet at a recent concert
**1KG: Srinidhi** and **5PA: Hari** for attending the motorcycle expo at the Melbourne Showgrounds recently and riding a real motorcycle

**1MB Sanija** for completing amazing reading and writing and **Saum** for being a great friend

**3AJ: Iswahri** and **Sana** for completing outstanding home learning tasks

**1SR: Simran** for receiving two medals from Kumon
Final Day of school arrangements Friday 19th December
A reminder that we will finish school at 1:30 on Friday 19th 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.

2015 Return Dates
Year 1-6 students will return to school on Thursday 29th January and Foundation (Prep) students will begin on Monday 2nd 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 2014 School Captains Olivia, Pimal, Dilmi and Dylan 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 2015!

Frank Catalano
Principal
BIRTHDAYS

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

Prep OA: Om and Mayon
Prep LT: Omar, Ganuli, Kheenav and Darshini
Prep MT: Needra, Vineeth, Christie, Nithilan, Kate and Bernice
1KG: Daniel and Sia K  1MB: Sevin
1PK: Tiffany and Jaicee  1SR: Sangy and Dinil
2CW: Hridya  2ND: Radith and Daniel
2PS: Vishnu, Vedant and Rasna
3DJ: Aditi and Leonard  3KC: Sudhu
34S: Ching, Bryan, Eva and Joe
4KB: Meher, Jiwon and Kevin  4MK: Dulvin
4SD: Richard, Risara, Amnaaz and Stephanie
5JT: Simran  5PA: Sebastian
5SR: Isum, Sahasni and Jana
56L: Sanuthi, Derek and Jacinta
6CG: Dunil and Helini  6LT: Aldric

KIDS CORNER

The final Kid’s Corner of the year contains chapters 7 and 8 from Binadie’s amazing story, “Wishing Upon A Star”.

Chapter 7
His horn is longer than others and his wings were wider and there was a crown perched on top of his head. He opened his mouth to speak and said, “You are right. Thank you for stopping our war.”

Just then flare landed.
“Way to go Molly!”
“Yes thank you, said the older phoenix, but now you must return to your land.”

Chapter 8
“Yes but if you ever want to return you must take this feather. Just say when you want to return and you will!”
“Thank you and bye!” she said as she disappeared into the sunset!

Well done Binadie and thank you for allowing me to share your beautiful story with the rest of our school community.
Online Learning Platforms and Holidays –
An Opportunity for Continuous Learning

What a wonderful year it has been for the students of our school throughout 2015! As the Assistant Principal, I am extremely proud of the academic, social and emotional growth achieved by students across our school, from Prep to Year 6.

As our Year 6 students move on to the next stage in their educational journey, I wish all of you ‘good luck’ for the future. I look forward with anticipation to hearing about your experiences, as you will always be welcome to share your growth with the GWPS Learning Community.

For the students who will be returning to our school in 2015 and for those who will be joining our school for the first time, I wish you all the best for the upcoming holiday period. I hope that you enjoy a well-deserved break and spend time with your families and friends. The holidays are a great time for “rest and relaxation” but they also present you with the exciting opportunity to continue your learning through the use of our Online Learning Platforms, which are all available for your continued and personalised use over the holiday period!!!

You can personalise and drive your own learning over the holiday break through undertaking ‘Learning Tasks’ within Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Into-Science and Skoolbo.

At the beginning of Term 4, we launched ‘Skoolbo’ across the school and a number of students have achieved outstanding results in the areas of Maths and English. Below are some of the Skoolbo learning achievements which are absolutely outstanding!

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<th>Highest Participation Rate on Skoolbo</th>
<th>Most Improved on Skoolbo</th>
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<td>Sayuri (1MB): 49,360 correct answers</td>
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<td>Simran (1SR): 11,932 correct answers</td>
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<td>Ching (34S): 10,758 correct answers</td>
<td>Dihein- Class 2ND</td>
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<td>Dihein (2ND): 10,126 correct answers</td>
<td>Ching- Class 34S</td>
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<td>Mohammad (4MK): 8,435 correct answers</td>
<td>Rosheen- Class 1MB</td>
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<td>Snighda (4MK): 8,354 correct answers</td>
<td>Yannik- Class 1MB</td>
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As a school we are continuously adding to our Online Learning Platform, and during 2015 the students will be provided with access to ‘Spellodrome’ to complement the existing online
It is my pleasure to inform you that Glen Waverley Primary School has been granted CIS School Membership. Welcome to the CIS community!

- Michele Anderson, CIS, 5/12/14

I am sure that you share in our joy as we conclude the 2014 year as a proud, newly accepted member of the Council of International Schools (CIS).

The Process
On the 2nd and 3rd of December, we welcomed Mr Ray Davis from the CIS to Glen Waverley Primary School where he spent his time verifying the details and data contained in our membership application. In addition to this, he examined extensive school documentation, became familiar with our guiding statements, policies and procedures, and then interviewed numerous staff members, teachers, parents and students. As mentioned in previous articles, one of the many features of aligning ourselves with the CIS, is the rigour in which schools are examined so that member schools are truly representational of top quality world standards in education.

The Feedback
Ray recognised our community as one that is strongly connected, he re-enforced our belief that we are fostering close associations between students, parents, teachers and the wider community, he found the results of this is tangible. Other features he identified were summarised for School Council and include the following;

- The emphasis we place on learning - the children actively talking about their learning, teachers actively engaging with the children about their learning.
- The research based approaches we implement towards teaching and learning throughout our school.
- The obvious focus on developing the individual needs of the children (evident through individual Reading, Writing and Maths goals), ILP's and the PSD.
- The learning intention in every lesson was very clear (TIB, WILF and WALT).
- Our focus on collaborative professional learning that is scaffolded through ongoing work with high caliber consultants and coaching for best practice.
- Our learning environment (facilities) have aged, however what we have done with them is amazing and a real credit to all of us, we maximise these well.
- Classroom displays have a clear purpose for learning and almost have a "question mark" attached to them in order to engage the children and provoke thinking.
- It is very clear by the interactions we have with families and the manner in which we conduct our business, that we really are a "family school" as the strong connections are evident.
- Our documented curriculum is outstanding and a real credit to all of us.
- Our strategic planning (SSP and AIP) are examples of best practice and have clear goals, direction and intentions.

What Next
We do not plan to rest now that our membership status has been confirmed. As we constantly look for ways to make our great school ever greater, we have communicated to the CIS our desire to become a fully accredited school within the next two years. As we commence preparation for a four day preliminary visit, we welcome this process as a vehicle that encompasses a rigorous, transparent school self-study.

We thank the parents, school committee members, teachers, additional staff and of course our students for their part in our CIS journey so far.

Mrs Lisa Gough
Leading Teacher – Curriculum
On Thursday 23rd of November Marli the dog visited the Prep students. The students learnt about the responsibilities of pet ownership and how to approach a dog safely. Several students practised walking up slowly and stopping, asking the owner 'May I pat your dog please?' Also letting the dog smell their hand and then stroking the dog gently on its back.

Here are some comments from students in OOA about their reflections of the dog's visit.

Marli the Dog came to school. We learnt about dog safety. Her owner was Eva. Her dog spends most of the time sleeping. Sahil

Today Marli and Eva came. I learnt if a dog has a red and yellow tag the dog might bite. Senula

Marli came to school. I patted the dog. We saw pictures about dog safety. Yalithi

Eva the owner and Marli the Dog came to school. She showed us how to pat the dog. Elaine
It has been an exciting term in chess and another year completed. Again some games in the after school group kept going well after the class finished! Well done to all the students who have been involved in chess. Chess will be occur next year, watch out for the information about the chess program for Semester 1, 2015 in early Term 1.

Samantha Rich and Peter Shen
Chess Program Co-ordinators

Term 4 Winners

Tim’s Lunchtime Group:
Meher (4KB), Sejal (2PS), Summer (1SR), Shin Ji (3DJ)

Malcolm’s Afterschool Group:
Robin (6SY), Achintha (6CG), Nemo (3AJ)

Tim’s Afterschool Group:
Kushali (1SR), Vimani (3AJ), Daniel (1SR), Elaine (1KG)

Malcolm’s Lunchtime Group:
Elisa (4MK), Kovid (56L), Jenny (5SR)
What a great seven rounds of competition it has been between the schools of Glen Waverley, Parkhill, Syndal South, Highvale, Pinewood, Sussex Heights and Burwood East in the Syndal District Summer Interschool Sports competition of cricket, tee ball, Danish rounders, softball and rounders. We finished off our last round strongly against Syndal South Primary, winning in tee ball, rounders and cricket (thanks to a six being hit off the last ball!), and having close defeats in the softball and Danish rounders. The final results saw GWPS take out the Danish Rounders crown with a 5 wins and 1 loss record (1 bye). Our cricket and tee ball teams also won five out of their six matches to finish equal top of their respective ladders. The rounders team finished the competition well to end up on four wins and two losses which had them finish in third position, while the softball team was on the wrong side of some very close losses to finish with two wins and a draw from their six matches. The combined results had us second overall which is a fantastic effort and just reward for our students and their progress.

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<th>TOTAL WINS</th>
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<td>Parkhill Primary</td>
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<td>Equal 2nd Danish, equal 1st cricket, equal 5th tee ball, 1st rounders, 1st softball.</td>
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<td>Glen Waverley Primary</td>
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<td>Syndal South Primary</td>
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<td>Pinewood Primary</td>
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<td>Burwood East Primary</td>
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**January - Glen Waverley Holiday Club**
774 High Street Road Glen Waverley VIC 3150
0422 009 098 (07:15-18:15)

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# Summer 2014/15

**Choose Your Fun These Holidays**

Come for a day, everyday or anything in between

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<td><strong>WARNING:</strong> Today will be out of this world! Click on the heading for more information</td>
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<td>We don't like Cricket. We LOVE it!... Click on the heading for more</td>
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<td>Picture Perfect</td>
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<td>SNAP! Bring along your photos for your very own frames! Click on the heading for more</td>
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<td>Wednesday 28 January 2015</td>
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Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents. **Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.**

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015. Glen Waverley Primary School will not be receiving any additional funding.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage. The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms. The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

If you have any questions about this change, please speak to Mr. Catalano.

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**Footwear and school** by Bjorn Lahdo

Correctly fitting footwear is important for ALL children starting or returning to school. By following these key points, you will provide your children with the best opportunity to increase comfort and participation and decrease the risk of lower limb injury.

**Before putting them on:**
- Fastenable shoes are much more supportive than slip on shoes so laces are best. Velcro and buckles are sufficient
- The shoe should have a firm heel counter, a stiff sole (midfoot) up to the forefoot - which should bend well.
- Breathable shoes are best and leather provides a good balance between breathability and durability.
- The heel height should be no more than 2.5cm.

**Trying them on:**
- Always fit both shoes, as the size between both feet may vary.
- Consider fitting and purchasing within a week or two of school starting.
- Length = thumbs width (approximately 1-1.5cm) between the longest toe and the end of the shoe
- Width = should be snug, the heel should fit securely but the toes should have room to move freely.

**Once they’ve been purchased:**
- Try to encourage your child to wear a shoe in around the house for about a week prior to school starting to minimise risk of blistering.
- Kids activity levels may be more suited to a shoe with cushioning. Handing down shoes when wear patterns have already been established is not advisable
- Assess the shoes regularly - as often as monthly - checking for fit, and wear patterns.
- If your child is reporting any foot, or lower limb pain, or you have noticed uneven wear patterns, it is wise to have them attend a podiatrist. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to ring us at Glen Waverley Foot Clinic.
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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-on-one lessons 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, 2015.

Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9816 2333

www.creativemusic.com.au

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Waverley Salvation Army invites you to:

Carols in the Carpark

Saturday 13th December

Come join the fun from 6pm.

Family activities for all ages including a petting zoo, balloon making, giant slide, face painting, craft, food and a visit from Santa!

Carol service starting at 8pm

Join the community as we celebrate the joy of Christmas!

THE SALVATION ARMY

958 High Street Road, Glen Waverley

For more information call (03) 9803 2587 or visit www.salvationarmy.org.au/waverley

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bestchance multicultural Food Fest

A free community event which celebrates diversity through your tastebuds

Food trucks selling:
- Momos
- Quesadillas
- Donas
- Curry
- Hot Dogs
- BBQ
- Cheesepie
- Puri
- Chola
- Sathuma
- Pizza

FREE ACTIVITIES:
- Face Painting
- Music, Dancing
- Photo with Santa!

Friday 12th Dec 2014
5pm—8pm
583 Ferntree Gully Rd, Glen Waverley

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