LEVEL LEADER’S WELCOME

Welcome to what will be another exciting year of learning at Glen Waverley Primary School. Already the year has begun with so much energy and enthusiasm from all of the children, parents and staff involved in our school wide community. In the coming weeks our school will be holding the ‘Get to Know You’ interviews which will give parents the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher to talk about their learning.

I would also like to take this opportunity to formally welcome Anat Garzberg to Glen Waverley Primary School, who will be teaching 3AG. In addition to Anat this year’s Level Three team is comprised of five other teachers; Debbie Jacobs, Liz Kemp, Arezou Javidi, Greg Edwards and Marion Barnes. Some of our parents and students will be familiar with the names and faces of the teachers in our Level whilst others will be getting to know them for the first time.

As always our school will continue to provide well structure and vibrant learning outcomes for the students in all subject areas. Much of our learning this term aims to reflect our inquiry question “What does it mean to be a part of the Australian community and a citizen of the world?” Throughout this unit we will be investigating different communities within Australia and the world and the differences and similarities between them. During this unit we are also aiming to inform our students of the four school values of integrity, global empathy, initiative and respect.

As proud members of the Council of International Schools we are pleased to announce that this year we will be aiming to achieve full accreditation. It is an exciting time to be a part of the GWPS learning community and we thank you in advance for the continued support that we know you will provide us with throughout the year. As always our school is will continue to offer a range of extra-curricular programs to suit the needs of all children. Some of the many opportunities that the school will make available to Level Three students include Advance Mathematics, State School Spectacular and SMART 8. It’s going to be another great year at GWPS!
NEW TEACHER INTRODUCTION

My name is Miss Garzberg but some students like to call me ‘Miss G.’ I teach 3AG and am extremely thrilled to be teaching at Glen Waverley Primary School this year! I have been teaching for six years. I first started teaching in Queensland where I grew up. I then moved to Melbourne and began teaching at St. Anthony’s Primary School in Noble Park.

Before starting this year, I heard such wonderful things about the teaching and learning happening at Glen Waverley Primary School. Now, not only can I see the AMAZING things happening around the school but I’m also lucky enough to be part of it. All the staff, parents and students have been extremely welcoming and I look forward to meeting many new families as the year goes on.

HOME LEARNING

This year, students will receive their Home Learning on Fridays. They will have seven days to complete the tasks provided and thus it is due the following Friday. There will be two Home Learning books—one for each subsequent Friday. This is to allow students with the opportunity to complete each task to their best ability. Please ensure your child’s Home Learning is completed by Friday morning. Students are to complete their Home Learning grid including ONE Inquiry activity and ONE Spelling activity and reading. Please encourage your child to complete their Home Learning tasks as the activities support our in class curriculum.

Student diaries will need to be brought in each day. Please feel free to communicate with your child’s teacher through this diary.
Getting To Know You Interviews

As you would be aware from the notices given out last week, we will be conducting our ‘Getting to Know You’ Interviews. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to become more familiar with what your child is doing while at school, and for you’re their classroom teacher to know more about your child’s life outside of school. These interviews will be held on Wednesday the 17th of February and Wednesday the 24th of February. It would be wonderful to have all parents attend.

Smart 8 Program

Many of you may be wondering what Smart 8 entails and how it is run. Smart8 is a multidisciplinary program that runs over eleven weeks each semester. It runs on Tuesday afternoons, and will begin on Tuesday the 16th of February. The program aims to improve students development in the different multiple intelligences, which are highlighted on the notices given out previously. Students are grouped in multi-age groups from years three to six. It is intended that through these years of participating in the program, they are provided with the opportunity to engage in one of each multiple intelligence strands. It is important to understand that while all students are provided with the opportunity to choose activities they would like to participate in, it is not always possible to give them first preference, and not to be disappointed as eventually they will be able to experience programs from almost all the different intelligences. Smart 8 is a program that students not only love to be a part of, but also gain a great deal. For more information please do not hesitate to see your child’s classroom teacher.

School Photos

The Whole School photo day will be held on March 4th, 2016. Please ensure that your child is prepared for this day. Notices with further information will go home in the near future.
Up-coming Sporting Events

On Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th February, the students in all Year 3 classes will be participating in some free 40 minute clinics run by Hockey Victoria.

Earlier in February, the students were involved in an Athletics Clinic as this is a major learning focus for their Physical Education lessons with Mr Warren in Term One.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

On Friday 11th March, all Year 3-6 students will be catching a bus down to the Waverley Athletics Track at Central Reserve, Glen Waverley to participate in our school Athletics Day.

Here, the students will compete in age and gender groups in the eight events of: Hurdles, 100 metre sprints, 800 metre distance race, Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump, Discus and Shot Put.

Students are encouraged to wear a t-shirt in their house colours. They will also have the chance to earn House points along the way with an overall House winner to be announced.

Parents are most welcome to come and watch on this day.

TWILIGHT SPORTS

On Wednesday 23rd March, the school will be holding it's annual Twilight Sports events for all families and students. This year, to coincide with the 2016 Rio Olympics, all events will have an Olympic theme to them. It is a great opportunity to meet your child’s friend’s families and have fun at the same time.
**HATS**

Glen Waverley Primary is a ‘Sun Smart’ school and therefore school approved sunhats are to be worn outside at all times during Terms 1 and 4. “No hat, no play” is a phrase all students are familiar with; if you are not wearing your hat then you need to be seated in a shaded area. School approved sunhats can be purchased from the Uniform Shop – there is a choice of three styles; legionaries, bucket or slouch. Other styles and colours are not permitted.

Our Uniform Shop operates each Monday, during the school term, between the hours of 3.00pm – 4.30 pm. For prices and ordering please refer to the school website: http://www.glenps.vic.edu.au/

**Please note:** It is important that all jumpers, jackets and hats are named with both the first and second name so that the owner of any misplaced clothing can be found. A laundry or permanent marker will be fine or a sewn or iron on label is also suitable.

**BRAINFOOD**

The brain requires nutrients just like your heart, lungs or muscles do. The time between breakfast and recess snack is quite long therefore class teachers would like all students to bring to school a piece of fruit or a small container of cut up fruit or vegetables such as watermelon, strawberries, cucumber, carrot or cantaloupe to eat at 10.00 am.

**DRINK BOTTLES**

It is also important that students are well hydrated particularly during the warmer weather. A named drink bottle containing water can be kept on the students table during class time and also taken to P.E.