Welcome

Welcome back to another exciting and busy term, planned with many learning opportunities for our students. The school disco is occurring on Friday 31st July, from 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Students will be able to purchase special merchandise prior to the event that they can wear on the night. This will be a fantastic night full of dancing, music and laughter! Our school concert ‘Lights, Camera, Action’ is on Tuesday 18th August and already the four grades are choreographing their dance moves! Camp is occurring this term and the camp information night for parents will be held on Wednesday 29th July from 6pm – 7pm in 5EP. Also this term, students will have the opportunity to participate in two Family Life incursions. These sessions will be taken by trained professional Gail Miller, who will provide students with a greater understanding of the physical and emotional developments that will be happening to them. We look forward to working with your children for another terrific term!

Cave Hill Creek Camp

The Year Five staff and students are getting very excited about the Year Five camp to Cave Hill Creek! The Cave Hill Creek camp is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience the pristine Victorian bush. Over the course of the four day camp, students will complete a range of outdoor learning tasks which are both physically and mentally rewarding. They will showcase their resilience and persistence, also they will have a fantastic opportunity to develop strong relationships with other students.

The camp will be held from the 25th to the 28th of August, 2015. The camp is situated 19km north of Beaufort and a 45 minute drive north-west of Ballarat. The fantastic bush setting provides students with a range of learning tasks including canoeing, low ropes course, bouldering, orienteering, bush cooking and bush art. For more information head to www.cavehillcreek.com.au.

School Concert

Glen Waverley Primary School proudly presents ‘Lights, Camera, Action’! Year Five staff and students have been working hard in preparation for this year’s biannual School Concert. The concert is a celebration of music and dance in film. Each performance group has selected a piece of music to perform a representation of film through dance. The four Year Five classes will be split into two performance groups to present their concert piece. The students will demonstrate many of the You Can Do It keys to success such as confidence, persistence and resilience as they work towards their big performance!

Inquiry

“How Did Immigration Patterns Shape Australia?”

In Term 3, students will be exploring “How Did Immigration Patterns Shape Australia?” Through this unit they will look to identify immigration patterns of particular nations, explain why these patterns changed across the 19th and 20th centuries and consider how
immigration patterns have influenced the development of Australian culture. Highlighting concepts of environment and sustainability, students will investigate what effects a changing and growing population have on the physical environment and what humans can do to protect flora and fauna. Finally, students will learn how government and democracy evolved in Australia over the 19th Century in the lead up to Federation in 1901. Students’ learning will take place through classroom experiences as well Home Learning tasks set each week.

**ICT in the Classroom and at Home**

During Term 3 the Year 5 students and teachers will continue to use the Edmodo Application. Students receive a range of learning resources on Edmodo including instructions, PDFs and home learning. They are also able to submit their learning tasks and support other students with queries about school related areas, such as a challenging maths question. Make sure you create a parent account to track what your child is working on and share their wonderful learning. Further instructions can be found by following this link: [https://support.edmodo.com/home#entries/24000145-how-parents-sign-up-for-parent-accounts](https://support.edmodo.com/home#entries/24000145-how-parents-sign-up-for-parent-accounts).

Glen Waverley Primary School is now using TiqBiz. The TiqBiz app is a useful communication device between home and school. The benefits of TiqBiz for our school community are:
- **Push Notifications will contain reminders and timely information about events happening around our school**
- You will be able to add these school based events to your personal calendar
- You can access school newsletters, canteen price lists and more via your smartphone
- You can notify the school if your child is absent by sending a message from your smartphone
- You will be kept-up-to-date with information regardless of where you are.

TiqBiz is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and Windows phone devices. If you don’t have a mobile device, there is also an app available for the computer, both on Mac and PC. Please see your child’s teacher if you need any support setting it up.
**Mathematics**

Throughout Term 3, students will build their knowledge of addition and subtraction of fractions, and also working with fractions on a number line. Furthermore, they will learn about the relationship between equivalent fractions and decimals numbers. Students will add and subtract decimals; they will multiply decimals by whole numbers and perform divisions by non-zero whole numbers. Students will continue to extend their understandings regarding measurement of perimeter, area, converting units of measurement and ratio. Open ended learning tasks and the 1-to-1 iPad program will be utilised in order to cater students that are learning at different levels, and to provide students with the opportunity to challenge their learning.

The Advanced Mathematics Program will provide 20 Level 5 students with the opportunity to participate in learning tasks aimed at extending those students that are particularly gifted in mathematics. The Advanced Mathematics Program will continue to be run by our mathematics specialist Di Xue.

**English**

The Year 5’s have been engaged in a variety of learning tasks during Semester 1 requiring them to set goals and reflect on themselves as readers. During Semester Two, students will continue to learn new reading strategies, develop and expand on prior ones and work towards being more independent learners. Our Whole School Approach to Reading emphasises the importance of comprehension as well as, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary. During Term 3 we are looking at a range of reading strategies in all of these areas including: bias and prejudice, fact and opinion, summarising, synthesising and author’s purpose. Most importantly students will receive individualised reading goals to personalise their learning and growth.

During Term 3 the teachers and students in Year 5 will continue to embrace Glen Waverley Primary Schools Whole School Approach to Writing. This learning approach involves the continued use of a Writer’s Notebook, in which students collect ideas and practise writing strategies, just like real authors. We will also be focusing on the text types of information reports and biographies. We will also be focusing on the text types of information reports and biographies. These units will be taught with emphasis on the writing traits using the VOICES model. VOICES is a systematic approach for looking at writing part by part. As writing is a complex activity, this approach can help people break down the task and help it be understood better. During writing lessons the teacher models and supports students to develop skills in the six VOICES areas. The purpose of VOICES and the Writer’s Notebook is to create relevant and authentic learning task encouraging students to be lifelong learners with a passion for writing. To ensure students receive the support to achieve this they will regularly conference with their teacher to discuss their writing and develop personalised writing goals.

**Level 5 Team**

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