Over the last two terms Glen Waverley Primary School has undergone a number of improvements especially in Information Communication Technology.

We have a new Netbook trolley with 16 new Acer Aspire One Netbooks that are used across the school. The Netbooks are being used every day and the children are loving them, as are the teachers. They provide us with a great deal more flexibility when using the technology, not only in our classroom, but also throughout the entire school. Our classrooms no longer “have walls” as a result of such technology which is really exciting. These new Netbooks can be used wirelessly around the school to access the internet, programs, or students’ work which is stored in their own personal drives.

The school has upgraded 18 classroom computers to state of the art Acer computers, which are all running Windows 7. Over the coming week we will be performing upgrades to all computers so they will be running Windows 7.

**A big thank you must go to Mr Paul Van Den Bergen (parent) who has donated two server cases so we can store all of our servers and network equipment in a safe place.** These upgrades have made a huge difference to how we use computers in the classroom and these improvements couldn’t happen without parents supporting the school. As families would appreciate, technology can be quite expensive (particularly when purchasing for 337 students) and unfortunately funding provided by the Government is not sufficient for us to purchase all of the necessary equipment, hence it is imperative that all families contribute by ensuring school fee accounts have been settled. Also, as many of our parents work in industries and professions which have access to technology, please keep our school in the back of your minds when your business is upgrading technology or furniture – you never know we may be able to use some of the equipment in our school.

We are extremely proud of the calibre of work our students produce and the above equipment will go a long way to supporting them to further develop their ICT skills and knowledge and, when parent contributions increase, we should be in a position to purchase additional technology for the students to use. Please feel free to come in and see me or call if you can assist the school with our ICT requirements.

Thank you - Alistair Chapman ICT Coordinator