Dear Members of the Glen Waverley Primary School Community,

Welcome back everyone!
I hope everybody was able to enjoy a relaxing school holiday break with family and friends. It has been wonderful to see all of the students now feeling refreshed and ready to enjoy the school term; in fact many of them mentioned that they are really pleased to be back at school which is always great to hear. I often mention that I really enjoy the beginning of each school term as I take sheer delight in listening and participating in the sharing of stories as to what occurred during the holidays – for me this always is very exciting and interesting.

What’s happened around our school during the holidays?
The school holidays are always an opportune time to complete various tasks throughout the school as tradespeople can work uninterrupted. These holidays we:
- Updated the lights in the art room, main corridor and in three classrooms
- Refurbished two classrooms (56K’s and 5JT’s) and
- Commenced replacing the carpet in the main corridor.

Classroom Refurbishment Program – it is absolutely wonderful to be in a position to continue refurbishing our classrooms. The children (also staff and parents) in 56K and 5JT were very impressed and extremely pleased to see their classrooms refurbished throughout the break. They have returned to find their classroom completely transformed into a modern, spacious, colourful and bright learning space which is just wonderful.

We also commenced replacing the carpet in the main corridor. In the coming weeks we will continue with this until the entire corridor is replaced. In the very near future we will also replace the carpet in the Out of School Hours Care building which is also a priority.
Our New School Library – I am really proud (and pleased) to announce that our new library is now complete; hooray! And what a magnificent library we have created with new shelving, an office space, reading pit, projection screen and an abundance of soft furnishing. Please feel free to pop in and see our new library for yourself! It really is wonderful to have such a fantastic new resource in our school for everyone to share! The refurbishment of the library would not have been possible without this year’s levy, so a sincere thank you to all members of our school community for ensuring you have settled your school account!

Continuing the library theme – thank you to the Perera, Jayasuriya and Samaraweera families for their kind donation of additional books for our school library. We are extremely fortunate to have so many families in our school who constantly think of us and are willing to make significant contributions.

As our school Principal, I am extremely proud of the facility improvements we have been able to make and have no greater joy than seeing the reaction of the staff, children and parents. Naturally the above projects would not have been possible if it wasn’t for the contributions families have made. Once again, a sincere thank you to everyone for assisting in completing the above projects by ensuring your school levies were settled – the staff, children and I really appreciate it!
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Working Bee
On Wednesday 20th March we held a Twilight Working Bee and what a resounding success it was with approximately 60 parents and children assisting. With so many helpers we managed to fill both sandpits and then concentrate on the sports fields and car park area by spreading soil and mulch and planting a variety of native plants. A sincere thank you and well done to our Environment Captains Senudi and Srijay and also Mirini Lang for all of their efforts in organising the working bee!

Cultural Diversity Week
Our school continues to receive recognition for the wonderful work we are undertaking in the area of Multiculturalism and Cultural Diversity with the following being posted on the Multicultural Commission of Victoria website after Chin Tan visited our school:

Glen Waverley Primary Has Its Own Viva Victoria

22 March 2013

‘With my thoughts I greet you; with my words I greet you; with my heart I greet you; I have nothing up my sleeve.’
In African language, this is how Manaal, a Year 6 Glen Waverley Primary School student opens a segment of the lively assembly to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week. On many of the faces in the hall of more than 500 students, there is a blank look – until it is translated into English. Many may still not understand it perfectly, but it doesn’t matter, because the culture of the school upholds the sentiment.

‘Our school is really multicultural, so myself and my friends are from different parts of the world,’ says Srijay, who is ‘twelve soon’. ‘For example, there’s a new kid called Kevin who’s Chinese; he can speak a little bit of English and Robin helped translate, and now we’re friends.’

Though many of the school’s students have been born in Australia, 98 per cent have a language background other than English and 79 per cent are learning English as an additional language. To the credit of Principal Frank Catalano and his staff, the children not only take it all in their stride, they actively revel in it.

‘It’s quite interesting to have different cultures,’ says Senudi, 11. ‘Every year we have different celebrations and it’s quite nice to understand about different cultures and see what other people’s (traditional) clothes look like.’

Srijay, 11, whose parents are originally from India and has lived in New Zealand, has helped make a video on the school’s cultural diversity that will be shown later in the assembly. ‘Doing the interviews, I learnt a lot,’ he says: ‘It was fun getting to know other people’s cultures and find out things I didn’t know about India, Sri Lanka and Malaysia. ‘One thing I learnt about Malaysia is that I thought it was highly populated with multicultural people but it’s more of a native culture.’
For these students, cultural diversity is the norm; during the assembly a talented girl of Asian descent has played the Guqin, a traditional Chinese instrument like a zither. There has been a Chinese choir, Sri Lankan, Greek and Indian dancing. Srijay’s film is put on screen and students see interviews with each other and teachers from many backgrounds. When a teacher who is Australian-born of Australian-born parents comes onto the screen, there is loud cheering. He is described later by the Multicultural Curriculum leader Helen Tomecek as the only ‘ocker’ in the school and, as such, an important influence on the children. ‘Just because these kids speak perfect English doesn’t mean they understand all the nuances of applying the words,’ she explains. Part of Helen’s job is to incorporate such intangible things into the curriculum, which includes a Year 3 program with its Ven diagram showing experiences that are outside a shared zone and those that many students from different backgrounds share. ‘We have to work to make them feel part of the Australian community, so we acknowledge and respect everyone’s differences,’ she says.

A special guest now has the assembly on its feet. The Victorian Multicultural Commission chairperson Chin Tan has invited every child to turn to their neighbour and say hello in their neighbour’s language. If they don’t know the appropriate word, he tells them, finding out should be their task for the week. ‘This school is special,’ Mr Tan says. ‘I want you to care for each other and respect each other – this is important because this is what it’s all about.’ ‘It’s about different people from different places but we’re one family and you make that special.’ Mr Tan invited the children and their families to the Viva Victoria festival at Federation Square on Sunday 24 March to witness even more fantastic performances from Victoria’s multicultural communities.

Isn’t this just wonderful - congratulations and well done everyone!

Year 4 Camp
Our wonderful Year 4 students had a terrific start to Term Two by attending camp at Coastal Forest Lodge in Anglesea. The students, staff and a parent had three wonderful days away where they were able to enjoy the beach environment and also the terrific facilities at the camp. I am very confident they will recall their first camp for many, many years to come. Congratulations and well done to the children for their exemplary attitude and behaviour and a special thank you to the staff and parent who attended – Ms Javidi, Mrs Bailey, Mr Warren, Mr Knott, Ms Wang, Mr McDonald, Clare (student teacher) and parent Evan Dickson.

Student Uniform
A reminder to all families that students are to wear correct school uniform at all times. It is very important that we work together to ensure that our students are fine ambassadors and wear our uniform with pride. I would like to highlight that students wearing runners are to select back or white footwear and DO NOT add coloured shoelaces (e.g. PINK is not acceptable!) Also pants must be navy blue in colour and not have additional stripes and/or designs on them. In keeping with the current Sun Smart regulations and our school policy, students are to continue to wear their sun-smart hats until the end of April.

Junior School Council Update
Congratulations and well done to the JSC for the outstanding events they oversaw last term. The “Red Bag” initiative and the Easter raffle were both resounding successes. It really was wonderful to see so many “red bags” returned to our school in readiness for collection and subsequent distribution and the Easter raffle was a terrific way of ending the term. Sincere congratulations and thank you to Ms Javidi, Mr Hudson and the children in the JSC for their exemplary work in this area and we look forward to this term’s event!

Vacation Care Program
As mentioned in previous newsletters, during the recent school holiday period we conducted our very first Vacation (School Holiday) program which was also an outstanding success with the children completing a magnitude of activities. Congratulations to Grace (our fabulous co-ordinator) and thank you to the numerous families who supported the program.
Student Learning Awards
As a school community it is very important that we acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful achievements of our staff, parents and students. One way of accomplishing this is by participating in award ceremonies throughout the year and also at the end of each term. Our end of term award is provided by the Kiwanis Club of Waverley and we are extremely grateful for their continued support to our school in the form of the Terrific Kids program. The program is a student recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem, and perseverance. At our school the teachers nominate one student from each area of the school – Preps, 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6. Congratulations to the following students who received The Terrific Kids Award for Term One 2013:

Prep Area: Summer (Prep LT) for her caring and considerate approach to building friendships with all the children in her class.

1/2 Area: Vincent (2CW) for always trying hard and for being consistent towards his work. He is also a very good role model.

3/4 Area: Fahad (4SW) for applying himself in all learning situations and also for being respectful and considerate of others - often putting their interests ahead of his own, he assists in preparing activities in the classroom and he always has a positive attitude.

5/6 Area: Nicole (6SY) for being a self-motivated student who produces school work of an exceptional standard. She is always willing to help out her peers and is considerate of others. Congratulations Nicole!

As Principal, I also believe that it is very important that I acknowledge the wonderful work the students complete and as a result I have a term award for each class. Congratulations to the following students who received The Principal’s Learning Award for Term One 2013:

Prep LG – Brian for the outstanding way he has settled in to school and for making the most of every learning opportunity by always working to produce his personal best work.

Prep LD – Sofia for being a friendly and caring class member. Sofia is always willing to help a friend in need. Keep up the good work Sofia.

Prep LT – Sangy for always being willing to help others both in the classroom and in the playground. She constantly tries her best and demonstrates a good understanding of what she learns at school.

1MB - Randiv who always trying his hardest with every activity. He always listens attentively and willingly assists others when they need help.

1KG - Simran who always approaches her work with enthusiasm and presents a very high standard. She is a caring and friendly student who has settled into Glen Waverley Primary School exceptionally well.

1SR - Esther for always listening carefully and attentively to instructions and to others. Esther consistently shows her personal best in all areas of learning. She is a helpful and caring friend. Well done Esther, keep up the great learning.

2RL - Serandi for always applying herself 100% to everything she does. Serandi is polite, respectful, hardworking and friendly. Congratulations on a wonderful start to the year.

2CB - Leonard for always doing his personal best, following instructions carefully and quickly, and having a really positive attitude towards his learning.

2CW - Alexander for always trying his best with every task that is assigned to him. He is a helpful and reliable member of our class and an excellent role model to those around him. I am very impressed with his efforts so far this year. Well done Alexander!

3DJ - Ow litha for demonstrating excellent work habits, always willing to rise to a challenge and being a good friend to others.

3KC - Elisa who has settled in very comfortably and confidently in her new school. She always works to her personal best and shares her strengths with her peer group to help their learning. Elisa happily tackles any task and completes work to a high standard.

3TA - Sethmi for being a keen contributor to all classroom activities. She is a responsible class member who diligently applies herself to her work. In particular, Sethmi has shared her ICT knowledge and expertise with her classmates in order to build their PowerPoint skills.
25th April 2013

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4SW - Sehansa has excelled at being a kind and considerate buddy to Esther in 1SR. Sehansa is a role model in the class for adhering to all of the Tribes agreements and most importantly she always comes to school with a positive and eager attitude.

4AJ - Lihansa for making a very positive start to her new school. She always embraces others in a friendly, warm and welcoming manner. Her work is consistently done to a level of excellence and she loves taking part in new and challenging activities. A wonderful student to have in 4AJ!

4KB - Amasha is an outstanding role model for the students in her class as she always participates in class activities with enthusiasm and achieves her personal best. She is willing to help her classmates and teacher, and always does what is needed with a smile on her face.

5JT - Paige has displayed incredible resilience this year, and no matter what, always displays a dedicated and diligent work ethic. She is always kind to others and makes an effort to include or help them. She has also taken on responsibility in running library sessions and urging others to keep the library clean and respect the books.

5SR - Andy has had a fantastic start at Glen Waverley Primary School and proven to be great friend to his classmates. He always tries his hardest at everything we do in class, particularly his writing which is always well presented and detailed.

56K - Isaac has achieved outstanding results and growth during Term One. The maturity with which he approaches his schooling has set a fine example for his peers. Isaac should be extremely proud of the manner in which he conducts himself at school. Congratulations!

6ND - Jainam for settling in really well to Glen Waverley Primary School. His enthusiasm and passion to do his best is exceptional and he is a great role model for his peers. He is inclusive, always polite and gives 110% in everything he does.

6SY - Ethan for approaching all classroom activities with a positive attitude and the desire to always achieve his personal best.

6LT - Robin for always working hard and trying his best. He is also a very patient and helpful member of the class. Thank you for giving up your time to help others; you are a great role model.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A PRINCIPAL’S AWARD RECENTLY:

1MB: Shrey for learning all of his spelling words, Sandi for excellent reading, Karina for being a wonderful friend and Ramike for playing really well in the yard.

1SR: Shay, Ameen and Bilaal for making excellent choices in the school yard.

2CB: Aryan for being an excellent helper.

3TA: Sethmi for being a great friend and Meher for creating an amazing PowerPoint presentation about her family and festivals.

4AJ: The whole class for assisting with moving into the library.

4SW: Harry for being excellent helpers and the whole class for assisting with moving into the library.

5JT: Neev, Mitchell and Minul for being excellent helpers.

56K: Rish and Neel for being excellent helpers.

6SY: Manaal and Prathibha for being excellent helpers and Heather for creating an amazing pie graph of favourite minerals.

6ND: Prashika and Sabrina for being excellent helpers and the whole class for being the first to provide suggestions for our new school mural.
BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their special day in April:

0LD: Srinidhi
0LG: Sayuni, Shub, Alice and Harley
1MB: Sahas
1KG: Jackie, Eeshalee and Anuk
1SR: Nehara, Kisandi and Bilaal
2CW: Julian
2RL: Hai
3DJ: Reuben and Haeun
3KC: Enuki
3TA: Darren and Shardul
4AJ: Disura, Elizabeth and Kelvin
4KB: Anthony
4SW: Ye Ji, Kovid and Chamu
5JT: Sid
5SR: Lucky, Arda and Prakrit
56K: Bonnie and Yohan
6LT: Srijay, Shalini and Rebecca
6ND: Thimna and Sabrina
6SY: Bhav, Dean and John

Wishing everyone a safe and happy fortnight,

Frank Catalano
Principal

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM
8th April – 9th June 2013

It’s back, simply start collecting your stickers at every Woolworths store from the 8th April, 2013. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent, excluding purchases of liquor, smoking/tobacco products and gift cards. Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into a collection box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths. We have a collection box outside the office, you can place your stickers and cards in this box.

Please get all your family members involved, Aunties and Uncles, Grandparents and other work colleagues, so we are able to purchase some valuable resources and equipment like we did last year. It was a fantastic success and we hope this year can be the same.

Attached to this week’s newsletter is a bank sticker sheet for you to print off and fill up. There will be spare sheets available near the office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Principal and Staff - Glen Waverley Primary School

A Big Thank You!

I wish to thank all of the 19 parents who came last Tuesday morning to the “Helping your Child to Read”, Parent Helpers Reading session. It is great to have so many keen participants who are willing to give up their time to help our students with their reading. It is important to keep reading, an enjoyable experience for our children both at home and at school. This session will give confidence to our readers and helpers to maximise learning opportunities in these valuable reading experiences both at home and at school. Our teachers and students are looking forward to working with you.

Thank you so much for your continuing support.

Lyn Clugg
Welcome back – I trust that the break was relaxing and that you all managed to have some enjoyable family time during the holidays. The McDonalds managed a bit of time away camping. In amongst feasting and swimming and riding our pushies (usually in that order) we also managed to squeeze in a movie or two.

Welcome to the families and students new to our school this term. We are looking forward to a term filled with learning, special days and activities galore. It was a very busy first week for the Year four students who attended camp at Coastal Forest Lodge, which was a huge success. It was fantastic to see all the students engaged in the array of activities organised by the Level Four Team. A big thank to Miss Arezou Javidi for her leadership of this camp and the efforts of all the adults who attended.

Our Athletics Carnival last term was a great success. The day was very successful with students challenging themselves across many events. After a lot of running, jumping and throwing, the eventual winner was Hume. Congratulations to all students on a fantastic effort. I would like to acknowledge the spirit and behaviour that our students displayed at the carnival. It was a joy to see the effort made, the persistence and the support that the students gave to each other during the day.

QuickSmart is a program we provide for students in years 4-6, who require support with recall of number facts. QuickSmart is delivered through 3 weekly sessions of 30 minutes, with students participating in pairs. The goal of QuickSmart is specifically to develop automaticity (speed and fluency), which has been found to enable children at this age a much better opportunity to learn the broader concepts being taught back in the regular class program. Now in our third year of providing QuickSmart, we have a very strong track record of achieving outstanding results for the participating students. Our Instructors, Mrs Soula Lucus and Rose Bandara are to be commended for their continuous commitment and teaching skill in the area of QuickSmart.

This Thursday 25th April is a public holiday for Anzac Day. There will be no school on this day, with classes resuming on Friday morning. Anzac Day is a time for reflection and a time to be thankful for the life that each of us and our families are entitled to in Australia, as a result of the sacrifices made by Australians during times of war and through peace-keeping missions, both now and in the past.
TERM 1 REFLECTION
By Clara Nam 6ND
April 15 2013

In Term 1, we started off with making posters, to display around our classroom. We made flags from our nationalities, and made the tribes agreements posters. I enjoyed making posters and flags a lot.

ENGLISH - we wrote our diary entries about the people who escaped from war. We also wrote an exposition on why immigrants should and should not come to Australia. The diary entry helped me work on my spelling and punctuation skills a lot.

Diary Entry

NUMERACY - we started to work on our maths projects on graphs, surveys and Tallies. We surveyed people from both 6SY and 6ND. I enjoyed how we included 6SY because we got a chance to interact with different people.

Maths

INQUIRY - Kelly and Rahul from child fund connect came to Glen Waverley Primary School, to make videos to send to sponsored countries. We made photo stories, on how we are different to them in Australia. I really enjoyed having Kelly and Rahul with us.

Inquiry

SPORT - we had our athletics carnival and inter-school sport. The athletics carnival was extremely fun. I enjoyed all the different sports in it.

Athletics Carnival

MUSIC - we all started on our compositions, and started to play on the glockenspiels. I have enjoyed playing my piece on the glockenspiels

LOTE - we are learning how to say Australia's continents. I enjoyed learning how to say these continents in a different language.

Overall I had a great first term.
YEOR FOUR CAMP

Camp was crazy! Everyone was bouncing around with excitement! I enjoyed the first rotation which was archery. I forgot to pull it back properly and had it flying around. I hit the white bit of the target. I was disappointed to find that people did a little better than me and got a bullseye. The dinner was great! Some kids had beef, gravy, peas, corn and potatoes, while vegetarians had peas, corn, potatoes and pumpkin.

The next day we did beach rotations. I liked Mr McDonald’s surprise. We were allowed to climb the cliffs edge at the far corner. We had a look at the rock pools and I saw a cone shell! We washed our hands in the sea water and ate morning tea. I felt daring with the other kids and stood on the rock and waited for the tide to come in.

The last rotation for my group was yabbying. Almost everyone was successful to catch a yabby. I caught mine with Gareeth. I was pulling in the bait and Gareeth swipeed at the meat and there was a yabby. Ours was the cleanest yabby out of the group and the most aggressive. It nearly twisted it’s pincers trying to pinch me. We had burgers for lunch when we got back.

We got ready to go back to school and we left after an hour. We played a laughing game on the bus on the way back to school.

Camp was great and I can’t wait for next year! 

Darren 4AJ

Last week Grade 4 went on camp. I felt excited boarding the bus because it was my first camp. We had to come early so our parents could sign us in. I put my luggage on the big bus and I was sitting next to Kevin. He was on the window side. The bus was heading to the Botanical Gardens in Geelong. I was looking at the view.

We arrived at the Botanical Gardens. When I first entered, the flowers smelt lovely. There were two people helping us do activities. One was Possum and the other was Sharna. We got split into groups. Our class was with Sharna first. We were hunting for mini beasts and used magnifying glasses to see them. But Sharna said we should find the leaf curl spider. I found one leaf curl spider. It looked cool.

After that we went with Possum. She told us to pull out pea plants because they don’t let them grow. I pulled a small one out with a red pea. Then we arranged them into size order. Mine went in the middle. The biggest one was Anja’s and the smallest one was Possum’s. After this we entered the bus for Coastal Forest Lodge.

When we arrived at Coastal Forest Lodge, we met Iona. She was the manager. She told us about cabin rules. No food or drinks, no shoes and no damaging the cabin. I was in room 16 with Raghav, Akib and Dyson.

Our first rotation was hut building. We had to use logs and sticks to build our hut. I was working at the back putting giant logs on. It was also supported by a tree. When we finished our hut it could fit 8 people! Mr Knott took two photos, outside and inside. It was a great experience for me.

Our second rotation was sports. We could play with any sports object. I was playing with the vortex with Suhail. I caught it two times. The vortex made a whistling noise when it flew.

At nightfall we went on a bush walk. I found a 1 metre stick to roast marshmallows. When we were on the walk I saw two Kangaroos. At the fire we roasted marshmallows. The fire was burning hot and my marshmallow tasted gooey.

In the morning we went yabbying. We had to tie meat on a rope and throw it into the water. We caught eight yabbies. One was really big. I called it “The Yabby King”.

Next we went on the bus to Anglesea. We did two activities, a scavenger hunt and beach sculpture. For the scavenger hunt I found a seashell, seaweed and cuttle fish. The cuttle fish was laying eggs on the beach.

Our beach sculpture was a battle castle with spikey seaweed in the moat to not let in intruders. I worked with Sahib, Akib and Kevin. Mr Warren was also making one. I didn’t know what it was. When we were heading for the bus I saw that Mr Warren’s art was a smiley face saying ‘Hi’. It was funny.

On the last night day we went on a farm walk. Allen and Alley came with us too. Our first animal we were going to meet were the horses. You shouldn’t stand behind them or they will kick you. I fed the brown horse with some bread. It was a bit ticklish when they ate from your hand.

After this we fed the cows. You shouldn’t throw the bread outside the fence because they’ll knock it down. The cows tongue felt rough when I fed it. Then we played on the hay bales. I played tiggy on them with Akib and Sahib. It was really hard to get on them. I fell over a few times.

When we were at G.W.P.S I felt tired.

I wish I could go to camp again. 

Jana 4KB
Congratulations to the following students who received the Specialist Award for the month of March:

**Chinese Language Achievement Award:** Fahad from 4SW

**Musician of the Month:** Kimal from 6ND

**Sportsperson of the Month:** Prashiksha from 6ND

**Artist of the Month:** Olivia from 56K
5/6K Stop-Motion Scene Shots

Nash flies high!
To BE CONTINUED!

Olivia Y. Olivia M & Rebekah
Move the Lego to the left.
We used our iPads and Lego to create a short animated film about a Vietnamese migrant.

Pimal
This is heavy!
I built the Sri Lankan Parliament House as a homework project.

Lawrence
I researched and wrote my own diary about a Chinese migrant from the 1800’s.
4SW can’t stop raving about the Year 4 Camp!

Between the 17th and 19th of April, our grade four students embarked on their first school camp down at Anglesea. Below, are two extracts from 4SW’s short camp reflections while others have contributed quotes. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the large variety of activities we did over the three days – fortunately the weather was very kind to us on our stay.

“On the 17th of April the grade fours went to Coastal Forest Lodge Camp in Anglesea for three days and two nights. It was a really long bus ride and I thought the kids would be much more restless, but they coped pretty well. My favourite part was yabbying. My partner was Prakhar. Our yabby was huge, it was bigger than my middle finger. It took us a really long time to get the yabby, but at the end we succeeded. I was so relieved that we at least caught one. Yabbying is one of the experiences from Camp I can never forget.” Written by Advaith Prabha of 4SW.

“We went to Camp on Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th April. Almost every grade 4 went. The Camp was at Coastal Forest Lodge in Anglesea. The rotation I liked most was hut making. It could fit up to nine people. On Wednesday at night, the teachers and the students went on a bushwalk. It was very dark and cold, so that’s why we were asked to wear at least 4 layers of clothes. On Thursday we had trivia night. It was really fun answering questions and drawing pictures. On Friday we went on a farm walk. We got to feed, touch and groom ponies and horses. My experience at Camp was awesome. I will never forget grade 4 Camp. I give Camp a 10 out of 10.” Written by Elnaz Abbass of 4SW.

“I enjoyed it a lot and can’t wait to go on Camp next year” – Sehansa

“Archery was really fun but at the same time it was really hard.” – Nitish 4SW.

“I liked hut making because it was fun and we built it with sticks.” – Amaya

“My best highlight was the beach. I had a hunky dory time.” – Deetva 4SW.

“In my opinion my favourite activities were yabbying, archery, low ropes, trivia night and the night bushwalking.” – Harf 4SW.

“On the first day we went to the Geelong Botanical Gardens. My favourite part was finding mini beasts.” – Ann 4SW.

“I think the teachers and parents who came along should be very proud of themselves, I had a lot of fun.” – Riya 4SW.

“My two favourite activities were hut making and the night bushwalk. I had the best Camp ever. I wish I could stay longer.” – Sanduni 4SW.
“On Wednesday we had a camp fire, we ate yummy marshmallows.” – Yoshina 4SW.

“When we cooked marshmallows in the campfire, inside was all melted but the outside wasn’t burnt. It was delicious!” – Ye Ji 4SW.

“We went to a beach called Point Addis, my favourite activity was climbing the sand dunes – and we slid down them.” – Fahad 4SW.

“My favourite activity was low ropes because there were lots of challenges. We helped each other a lot so we got through easily; well it was a bit hard. Camp was amazing, it really was a great experience.” – Sandewni 4SW.

“Most of the activities I enjoyed; yabbying I caught two yabbies and in archery I was the only person that got my arrow on the target. I had a fantastic time at Year 4 Camp.” – Sahasni 4SW.

“We were the best team because we got 17 yabbies in 1.5 hours. The biggest was 21cm long and the smallest yabby in the bucket was about 2.5cm.” – Leo 4SW.

“My favourite thing was yabbying. What you do is tie some meat to some string. Then when you feel a tug you slowly pull the string and when you see the meat, scoop it up from the back with a net. I really enjoyed grade 4 Camp.” – Kyrylo 4SW.

“On the second day of Camp we went to Point Addis beach. My favourite activity was climbing the sand dunes. I also enjoyed looking at the rock pool.” – Vidura 4SW.

“My favourite activity was yabbying because Leo and I caught the biggest yabby. I liked Camp a lot.” – Suhail 4SW.

“The best thing I liked was feeding the Angus cows because their tongues were so rough.” – Kovid 4SW.

“Soon we had sports and my favourite sport was basketball with Ye Ji, it was so much fun.” – Jennifer 4SW.
The 2013 Junior School Council had an incredibly busy and successful start to the year. Within weeks of forming, our JSC members consulted with their classmates and then met back together to create a ‘think tank’ like atmosphere. Through this effort we managed to plot out all the various fundraising activities for the entire year. Our donations this year will go towards helping Diganta (our World Vision sponsored child from Bangladesh), the ‘red nose goes green’ SIDS and Kids campaign (helping parents cope with SIDS), towards Redkite (a charity that supports children with cancer), towards an animal charity and towards adding to our school facilities!

Last term we focused our attention on raising money for Diganta and SIDS. Through an Easter Egg raffle where families generously donated their Easter Eggs, we managed to raise an impressive $227 for Diganta. The JSC members worked tirelessly to organize, promote and run this raffle and their hard work paid off. Also, as you can see, there were some very happy prize winners at the end of term 1.

For the ‘RED NOSE GOES GREEN’ SIDS and Kids campaign, families kindly donated a massive 635 kg of goods! This translates to $158.75 Being directly donated to aiding parents who have experienced the tragedy of SIDS and additionally contributes to its research and prevention. Once again, all JSC members worked very hard to make this campaign work, and also in the process discovered they had muscles they never knew they had. They managed to transport all 635kg of red bags to different locations throughout the school.

Miss Javidi and Mr Hudson are extremely proud of all the 2013 Junior School Council members and can’t wait for the good work to continue throughout the year. The JSC’s dedication towards altruistic thought and action has begun making a massive difference not only to the hearts and minds of our school community, but also to our local and world community. The notion that the GWPS community are global citizens is well and truly alive and flourishing.

Miss Javidi and Mr Hudson (JSC coordinators)
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