As most of you are aware, we are running the SMART8 program once again this year. We feel that the program has been well accepted by our students and find it an exciting new way of delivering curriculum that provides enrichment opportunities to all students in Years 3-6 at Glen Waverley Primary School. The program offers a range of activities that extend the students’ learning and furthers their knowledge and skills in new or existing areas of interest and passion.

Here are some of the activities our students have been participating in this Term.

**DANCE** - Brighton Dance Academy
The classes are movement classes, encouraging the students to not only exercise physically but to also experience mental stimulation in a different form.

**CHESS** - Chess has been provided at Glen Waverley Primary now for many years by Dark Horse Chess Club – Mr. Geoff Saw. The teachers employed by Geoff are of the highest calibre.

**DRUMS** - Students play and learn about a variety of tuned and untuned percussion instruments. They look at different musical time signature, rhythmic phrases, tempos, accents, musical scores and closely look at how to play different percussion instruments. The main focus of this group is to get the children playing and listening to one another and work together to produce music.

**POTTERY** – Students discover the tactile medium of clay and learn about the ceramic process and how to manipulate and sculpt the clay into a number of three dimensional forms.

**ROBOTICS** - Students have learnt an Understanding of Robotics language, how it works and how to program Robotics to perform simple tasks. They are using a robotics program on the computer to control their Lego robots. At the end of the program there will be a competition for the smartest Robot.

**BODY JAM** - Students will participate in a variety of activities involving a mixture of dance, aerobic and self defence moves. These moves will be in a sequence co-ordinated to pop music. The activities are created to provide excellent physical exercise, to increase fitness levels, to improve co-ordination and provide a form of self expression.