LEVEL LEADER’S WELCOME

It is hard to believe that we are over the halfway point of the year already, with so many of our children completing so much fantastic learning in the first semester. There were many highlights during this time including:

- A marvelous whole school Science Day with so many great Level 3 projects.
- An excursion to CERES Environmental Park were students took part in some hands on learning to support their science unit on how plants grow.
- Seeing many happy faces at the school Fun Run and House Sports day.
- Our students presenting and discussing their learning at the student led conferences.

It has been so pleasing to see the children return to school with such a positive attitude towards their learning and showing great engagement in the classroom. During this term some of the events that our students are looking forward to include:

- The school concert at Robert Blackwood Theatre, Monash University, Clayton.
- An incursion to support our inquiry unit on sustainability and how different natural resources can be used.
- The Level 3 Sleepover, which helps develop our students for the Level 4 camp next year.
- The whole school disco to be held at Glen Waverley Secondary College.

As always the committed staff of Glen Waverley Primary School are looking forward to working with you and your child to ensure the best for your child’s education for the second half of the year.

Greg Edwards,
Level 3 Teaching and Learning Leader.
CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

LITERACY
As always Level 3 will continue to run a strong literacy program based on the whole school reading strategies of CAFÉ and writing strategies of VOICES. The early term focus has been on reading and writing poetry and it has been delightful to see how engaged our wonderful students have been when learning about this genre of literature. In addition to this our students will also begin to learn joined cursive writing in preparation for gaining pen licences when graduating to Level 4 in 2016.

MATHEMATICS
In Mathematics students will continue to learn the foundations of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication whilst also being engaged in learning tasks on money, area, perimeter and fractions. One of the focuses that will be prominent in the classroom this term is ‘Number Talks’ which encourages students to think about their reasoning in their problem solving and share this with their peers. The school will also continue provide students with access to the online program Mathletics which helps students further their understandings of the mathematical concepts they are learning about in class.

INQUIRY LEARNING
This term Level 3 students will be focusing on the inquiry question of “Sustainability, who is responsible?” Through investigating this question students will learn and build upon their knowledge of different natural resources around from around the world how we can create a sustainable future for many generations to come.

Once the students have identified the various natural resources from around the world it will open the door for them to begin learning about how natural resources are converted to create man made resources and how this can impact of future generations.

The Level 3 students will participate in an incursion on Friday, 4th September 2015. The incursion will run for 90 minutes with different learning tasks that the students will be engaged in ranging from observing biodegradability of processed materials, processing raw materials into another form and understanding waste can be used as a resource.

SMART 8
In the first semester Level 3 students enjoyed being engaged in the SMART 8 program for the first time, taking part in various speciality subjects on a weekly basis each Tuesday afternoon. In Term 3 students have been asked to request a new specialty subject to take part in for the second semester. It have been fantastic to see and hear the students enthusiasm for SMART 8 and how much benefit they receive from the program.

We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning and are always welcome to any conversations regarding the education of your child.
The Year Three Sleepover

As you would be aware, the Year Three Sleepover is coming up, and will be held on Friday the 4th of September straight after school, and conclude on Saturday the 5th of September at 9:00am.

The children will participate in a number of fun activities during the evening session before they settle down to sleep. They will be provided with snacks, dinner, dessert and breakfast organised by our staff.

A detailed notice with a permission slip has been sent home with all students.

It is a very exciting time for the Year Three and it provides opportunities for them to be independent throughout the event.

For your reference a list of the items the students can bring to school for the sleepover include:

- Doona/blanket/sleeping bag (please note that if you are planning to purchase a sleeping bag consider the rating as students will need a good quality one for future camps at GWPS)
- Small mattress
- Pillow
- Pyjamas/slippers/dressing gown
- Change of clothes for going home on Saturday.

Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush
- Medications
- Torch
- Deodorant
- A teddy/toy to cuddle
- A refillable drink bottle

*Please ensure that all personal items and bedding are clearly named. There are to be no electronic devices brought to school for this event.
**SCHOOL CONCERT 2015**

Every second year at Glen Waverley Primary School our children take part in a school concert. This year the school concert will be divided into two, a junior concert consisting of Levels P-3 and a senior concert with Levels 4-6. For the first five weeks of term the students will spend approximately 30 minutes each day rehearsing their dances, ensuring they will be able to give the performance of a lifetime on the night.

The Year 3 students will be performing in the first concert for the evening beginning at 6pm in the Robert Blackwood Hall at the Monash University Campus, Clayton.

The students in 3JK & 3GE will be performing ‘Walk the Dinosaur’, whilst 3MT & 3AJ will dance to ‘Beat It’.

Information about costume requirements will be going home shortly.

The children are very excited and we are looking forward to seeing family and friends on the night.

If you have any queries regarding the night please see your child’s teacher.

**VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR**

The Victorian State School Spectacular is an annual event which showcases the outstanding musical and dance talents of students in Victorian public schools.

The spectacular is held at Melbourne’s Hisense Arena and gives participating students the chance to perform to an audience of over 2000 people.

Glen Waverley is proud to be a participant of the Victorian State School Spectacular with some students from Levels 3-6 taking part as a part of the choir. Excitingly, the event is telecast on commercial TV later in the year.

This year the following Year 3 students are taking part:

- 3AJ: Geena and Imashi
- 3GE: Ally and Thinuri
- 3JK: Darlene, Harani and Vani
- 3MT: Jasmine and Karina

We wish them all the best in what will be an exciting and memorable experience for them.
ICAS 2015

During Terms 2 and 3 many of our students have been participating in ICAS testing in the areas of Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:
- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Merit to the next 10% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

The following table indicates the dates of the tests sat by the students last term and when they are on this term:

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Congratulations to all our students who have put in their best efforts in participating in these tests this year.

Liz Kemp,
ICAS Coordinator