Dear Parents and Guardians,

The year has started so positively that the teachers of the senior school are looking forward to each day; working with this exceptional group of Year 5 and 6 students. The students have settled in extremely well into the new school year and have taken to the TLC building with all the maturity and sensibility that we know they possess. The year will be filled with excellent learning programs and special events that will keep the students engaged and challenged.

**Homework** this term comprises of 15 minutes of home reading, the study of spelling words and times tables and the weekly research project. The standard of homework has been great so far and students have enjoyed sharing their projects with each other in and out of the classroom.

The **Year 6 leaders** will be receiving badges for their roles of responsibility next week. A special assembly will take place on Tuesday 24th at 9am and the Frankston City Major will be in attendance. We are very confident in the student leadership group this year and the work they will do to enhance our year at Overport.

**Next Friday is a student-free day.** This will be a day for all teachers to continue their work with Adam Voigt on Restorative practices.

Coming up on Thursday, 26th February is the **Billy Tea Bush Band**. This will be a day where all grades will take part in a bush dance workshop during the day. They will learn dances that they will then perform for you at 6.00pm in the evening. This will be a great day. Bring a picnic at 5.00pm before the Family Bush Dance at 6.00pm.

On Thursday, 12th March, we will have **school photos**. All students are to wear the correct OPS school uniform. The photos are especially important for the Year 6s as their photos will appear at Graduation in term 4.

**Mathletics** is active again! All students are encouraged to complete the lessons and play ‘Live Mathletics’ at home. We will be using the program at school but would like students to support their learning at home too. Students have also received their Reading Eggs logins. They can complete literacy activities at home too.

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**DEPRESSION**

Depression is a foggy grey
Bland and tasteless
It looks like a broken
heart that is unmendable
And sounds like an echoless call
It feels inescapable and neverending

Depression

Jess (6C)

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**SELFISH**

Selfish is a dark black
It tastes like brussel sprouts
And smells like a bushfire burning
With an empty hole of spaces
It sounds like gunshots
Feeling no friends

Josh K (6C)

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**LOVE**

Love is the colour of violet
And tastes like warm, melted chocolate
The smell of roses, red ones
Sounds like singing birds on a tree
And feels like endless, forever life.

Paris (6C)

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**POETRY**

**LOVE**

Love is a powerful violet
It tastes like pink fairy floss
And smells of roses
It’s a sound of birds singing
And feels like a warm hug

Indiah (6C)

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*** UNIFORM REMINDER ***
School shoes must be predominantly white or black
Yr 5/6 Sport

It’s only 2 weeks into our sporting year and students are already trialling for Winter district inter-school sports in one of the following: netball (1 girls and 1 mixed team), soccer (1 boy and 1 girls team) and Australian rules football (1 mixed team). Students who successfully make it into a team will start competing against other schools in our Bayside district early next term. There are some students who would prefer not to compete or who may eventually not make it into teams and they will have had some fun sporting activities planned for them. Year 5/6 sport takes place between 9am and 11am on Fridays and Mr Lukas has asked students to ensure that they wear appropriate footwear (runners) and clothing (girls, preferably not dresses) and be sun smart during this time (hats and sunscreen).

There are a number of our students who competed in District Swimming Trials, very early before school yesterday morning, at the The Pines Swimming Pool. We are eagerly awaiting official results to see who may have qualified to make it to the next stage of competition which is divisional level.

Thank you to Mr Lukas for organising all our sporting events and activities!

Death

Death is a dark, misty black
It tastes like burning skin
And smells of rotten fruit
A shadow in an abandoned room
Sounds of screaming children
It feels like a crushed heart.

Caleb (6C)

The Level 4 team are delighted to introduce the Year 5 & 6 CLUBS for Term 1; starting this Friday 20th February. The students are very excited and will enjoy the following hobbies on offer:

- Mrs. Houston – Crafts
- Mr. Bryant – Cricket
- Miss Yanni – Computer
- Mr. Freeman – Singing
- Mrs. Sanders – Board Games
- Mrs. Lacey – Readers Theatre
- Miss Rachelle – Drawing techniques

Buddies

Year 5 have started "Buddy Training" and are very excited to be helping our new Preps become familiar with Overport Primary School. The Buddy program involves Year 5 children working closely with a Prep child to help them integrate into school life. This is a very special relationship the children develop together as they meet weekly to join in a variety of activities. Here are some thoughts from Year 5...

"My Prep buddy kept beating me in the games he is really cool." (Rory S)
"The buddies are adorable, mine just kept asking me to come here." (Imogen)
"I taught the buddies how to play 'duck,duck,goose.' (Mackenzie)
"He was really good with the hoola hoop." (Isaac)

Integrated Studies: Living Things

This term the students are learning about the growth and survival of living things; with a focus on the structural features that help them to survive in their environment and how they are affected by changes around them.

DID YOU KNOW?
Aye-ayes have long bushy tails to help them balance and keep them warm.

DID YOU KNOW?
Meerkats have dark circles round their eyes, which act like sunglasses, helping them see even when the sun is shining very brightly.

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DID YOU KNOW?
Bactrian camels can go for months without drinking water. When they do drink, they can consume 30 gallons of water at one sitting!

DID YOU KNOW?
Humans are able to design and use technology such as air conditioners, warmer coats, better diving suits and lights to see in the dark enabling them to adapt to almost any environment!