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# OVERPORT NEWS

*From the Principal's Desk.*

## ***School Council and sub-committees —a wonderful way to support your child.***

School Councils comprise of parents, the principal, staff and sometimes community members. Each school council member is also a member of one of its sub-committees and represents the views of the school community. School Council elections are held in February each year.

**All** parents or guardians of students enrolled at the school are eligible to nominate for positions and to vote for parent members. There are four 2 year positions, also, Mrs Jo Price has resigned from School Council which opens up one 1 year position. We thank her for all her contributions.

A timeline for 2017 School Council Elections accompanies this newsletter in an attachment. School Council election nominations open on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February and close at 4.00 pm on Friday 3rd March.**

Being on School Council is a wonderful way to contribute to the governance of the school as well as learn about the processes and developments that impact on your child and all students. Information for prospective members can be found at [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au) If you are interested in nominating for School Council please contact me.

## ***Mathematics –Skills for Life!***

Where would we be without strong skills in mathematics and numeracy?

At Overport we have a structured belief for teaching mathematics and numeracy.

***Mathematics at Overport:***

### **The vision for mathematics at Overport Primary School.**

- For students to learn to value mathematics.
- For teachers to know the curriculum to teach concepts and skills.
- For teachers to know how students learn mathematics.
- To refine our teaching practice to promote student's learning.
- To have a consistent approach to planning and delivery of mathematics for the whole school.
- To prepare students to be numerate and apply learning to real world situations.

### **What are the essential characteristics we want for an Overport student?**

- *Critical thinkers, problem solvers, independent and resourceful;*
- *Able to understand mathematical language;*
- *Able to understand the relevance and application of mathematics in the real world;*
- *And to know the basic maths skills. This will help our students to become confident mathematics users.*

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## **Dates to remember:**

### **17/2 PUPIL FREE DAY**

22/2 District Swimming Sports

23/2 Meal Deal Day

Ed Subcommittee Meeting

@ 3.45pm

27/2 School Council Meeting

@ 7.00pm

28/2 Yr4 Museum Excursion

3/3 SRC Disco

9/3 School Photos

10/3 School Photos

*Thought of the  
week:*

*Have patience. All  
things are difficult  
before they  
become easy.”  
- Saadi Shirazi*



## Curriculum Day Friday 17th February.

Tomorrow our staff will be undertaking a full day of training with our mathematics coach Michael Ymer. The day will focus on our maths planning. Michael will model and work with our teachers to create rich, meaningful learning tasks that will engage our students and develop their mathematical proficiencies: problem solving, reasoning and deduction. We will also continue our work on the Victorian Curriculum to ensure all teachers are knowledgeable about its content and the skills to be taught in their year level.

### *How Can You Help Your Child to Become Confident in Mathematics ?*

Helpful tips for parents to encourage children to think mathematical can be found on 'Pinterest' at:

<https://au.pinterest.com/scholarschoice/math-tips-for-parents/>

*Kind Regards, Julie Gleeson Principal.*



Rupert 2B, Matilda 4B,  
Queen 6D, Saxon PD, Jesse 3C,  
Taiden 3C, Lexdon 4B,  
Kate 6B, Jordana 1A,  
Xavier 4B, Owen PE,  
Elijah 1C, Emily 2B,  
Toby 5D, Piriyanika 6C,  
Violet PB, Florian PD,  
Mary 2C, Ethan PB, Destiny  
PE, Jackson 5B, Taleah 6A,  
Riley PC, Angus 4C  
& Charlie 5D

## Ways a Parent Can Help with MATH

- 1 Look for shapes and patterns in real life
- 2 Have your child measure ingredients for a recipe you are making
- 3 Ask your child to explain the math skills he or she is working on in school
- 4 When helping your child with homework or school assignments, ask him or her to explain how he or she got an answer
- 5 Help your child find some appropriate number and problem-solving games to play online
- 6 Play card or board games that involve counting or patterns
- 7 Ask your child to count change at the grocery store, or to estimate the total cost while you are shopping
- 8 Compare:  
Which is the tallest?  
...the heaviest?  
...the longest?  
...the smallest?  
...the fastest?  
...the hottest?  
...the most expensive?
- 9 Have tools such as a ruler, a scale, a calculator, and a measuring tape available to use in your house
- 10 Encourage your child to track or graph scores or stats for a favorite sports team
- 11 Use dice or playing cards to make a game out of practicing math facts

Point out ways math is part of "real" life: money, computers, music, art, construction, cooking...  
All around us, every day.

# Assistant Principals Reports

Welcome back to the new school year. Welcome also to the many new families who have joined us at Overport this year. We hope you have settled well, and have enjoyed meeting lots of new friends.

We are very excited to be presenting all of our 2017 captains and leaders with their badges at a whole school assembly next Monday morning 20<sup>th</sup> February. Weather permitting, we will hold this assembly on the basketball court. It would be lovely to see our parent community come along to support the new student leadership group of our school.

Thank you to all families who have made payment arrangements for student supplies and term 1 excursions. With our increased enrolments this year, processing all of these payments has been an enormous task for our office staff. We all thank them for their great effort. As you will be aware, you will receive notification towards the end of this term for any excursions or activities which have been organised for term 2.

## Year 1 in Focus:

Reading together is a great way to start the school day. This is just what our Year 1 classes were up to yesterday. Take a look!



Supporting students with additional learning needs at Overport PS is done by way of our Literacy Enrichment Assistance program. This runs over 3 days; led by teacher Mrs Sharron Hearn and supported by our integration aide Sue Rose. This term we have the opportunity of supplementing this program with the trial of an online program: Mindplay. This is an individualised online program aimed at making reading more enjoyable by improving reading speed and accuracy. A small number of students will take place in this trial, after which we will determine if it is a program we will consider in the future.

## Reminders:

Photo days will be 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March. Order envelopes have been sent home, and can now be returned to school. Full school uniform is to be worn on the day please.

School council subcommittees will be meeting next week – Buildings & Ground's meet next Monday 20<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm, and Education subcommittee meets next Thursday afternoon at 3.45pm. All are welcome to attend.

Please remember that tomorrow is a **PUPIL FREE DAY**.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder**

**Assistant Principal**

Welcome back to school for 2017 and welcome to Overport to all our new families. My name is Tess Higgins and I am one of Overport Primary school's two assistant principals for 2017. Part of my role at the school is to promote student wellbeing and engagement, ensuring that our students are happy, safe and engaged in our school. I work with students, their families and our teachers around academic concerns, behaviour management, social and emotional learning needs and students with learning or physical disabilities.

Over the past few weeks our teachers have spent time getting to know their students through our 'Getting to know you week'. During this time our teachers plan and teach activities with the aim of building strong relationships with their students and promoting positive interactions and strong relationships between students. When students have strong relationships with their peers and teachers they are generally happier, feel safer and are able to engage more readily in their learning.

As part of this year's 'Getting to know you Week' all our students took part in a Planks workshop. This workshop is designed to encourage group collaboration and positive social interaction through hands on building activities. I have attached a few photos of our students taking part in the workshops, it seems that all our students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to build, create and get along with their peers.



During the 'Getting to know you week', and throughout the year, our teachers work with their students to develop the behaviour expectations in the classroom and in the playground. These expectations are guided by our school rules and values. Our school rules are positively stated and taught explicitly to all our students. The rules are Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be a Learner. The school values represent what is important to us as a school, they are linked to the word CARES, and they are Commitment, Acceptance, Respect, Excellence and Strength. Each week at assembly a student from each class receives a CARES award from their classroom teacher for demonstrating these values. The award winners collect a certificate and their name is displayed in the weekly newsletter.

If you would like to know more about our school wellbeing programs or policy please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher or drop by and see me.

**Tess Higgins**

**Assistant Principal – Student Wellbeing and Engagement**



## 'OVERPORT CARES' AWARDS



These certificates are awarded at assembly each week for children who have excelled in an academic or social endeavour throughout the previous week.

All of 1A, All of 1B, All of 1C, All of 1D, Izzy 2A, Oscar 2B, Lily 2C, Eli 2D, Marshall 3A, Jet 3B, Hamish 3C, Rina 3D, Codie 4A, All of 4B, Tania 4C, Aria 5A, Baran 5B, Anna 5C, Ryleigh 5D, Desiree 6A, Kobe 6B, Leila 6C, & Andrew 6D

## Canteen News

A new price list for term 1 has been sent home

Please use new menu, there are small price changes across the menu due to suppliers increases.

The canteen is not regarded as a fundraiser but as a service for the school community, we do however have to be financially viable and pass on supplier costs as they occur.

Monica Champion

Back to School

Morning Munchies

Thursday February 23rd

Return orders by Thursday  
February 16th

\*No other lunch orders or counter sales  
available on this day \*

Order forms have been sent home



## Extend OSHC at Overport

What a week we had last week...it was so hot that the children got a special treat of zooper doopers 2 days in a row. We continued with our placemats and our birthday fish. We are also talking about how and what to decorate our display doors with this term.

A reminder also that all children must have a sun smart hat for after school care, a wide brimmed hat or a bucket hat to protect their face, neck and ears.

### Are you a Proud Parent?

Post your proud parent moment on Extend's Facebook page with a short caption and hashtag #ProudParent to win a

GoPro Hero5 plus more prizes worth over \$1000.

Winner announced on Facebook on Monday 27 February. For terms visit [extend.com.au/proudparents](http://extend.com.au/proudparents) Kelly and the Gang

### Week 4 Activities- Rock week

Monday : Word rocks

Tuesday : Stone Minions

Wednesday : Rock stars

Thursday : Rock cakes

Friday : Rock boxes

## Year Level Reminders for this week:

**Foundation:** All Preps are settling in really well and have met their Year 5 buddies this week.

**Year 1 & 2 :** Take home readers going home this week, parents please sign home diaries each night.

**Year 3:** Homework has begun! This week, the students have completed their homework in class. Next week, books will be sent home to be completed.

**Year 4:** Homework has started this week. Please return homework on Friday. Please ensure excursion notes have been returned.

**Year 5:** Homework has begun this week and will be due back next Monday. Please continue to return any notices that we are waiting for.

**Year 6:** Please remember to read each night.. Homework has been discussed and your first submission is due next Monday.