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# OVERPORT NEWS

*From the Principal's Desk.*

## *Year 6 Leadership Conference*

Recently our year 6 students had a unique experience developed by our year six teaching team. The conference was opened by a keynote speaker, Natalie Porter an Olympic Basketballer, and parent at our school. Natalie gave up her time to inspire the students to follow their dreams. The focus of the conference was to encourage leadership skills and develop an understanding of themselves as individuals.



## *School Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)*

Each year we develop an AIP to guide our work to continuously improve the education that we offer our students. An overview of this year's AIP is on our website and you can view this at

<http://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/annual-implementation-plan.html>

The full version is also available and on the website.

## *Working Bee*

Our first working bee for the year will be held on Saturday morning 25th March. We strongly encourage you to attend. There will also be planting and work to be done in all garden areas, including around the new toilet block that should be on site then, some painting and some tidying up in the containers. Every family is requested to attend at least one working bee a year. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the morning. We look forward to seeing you there.



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### **Dates to remember:**

- 17/3 Free Dress Day
- 20/3 Yr5 Excursion to  
Immigration Museum
- 24/3 Yr 3-6 House swimming  
sports
- 25/3 Working Bee
- 27/3 School Council AGM  
6.30pm
- 30/3 Meal Deal Day  
District Tennis
- 31/3 Easter Hat Parade  
**Last day of Term 1**  
**2.30pm Dismissal**

*Thought of the  
week:*

*Plans are nothing;  
Planning is everything!*

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*



Addy PC, Stuart 1B,  
Danyl 4A,  
Ethan 4C, Kristy 6D,  
Lewis 2A,  
Affrica 5A,  
Mia PE, Boyd 4B,  
Ruby 6A,  
Anna 5C

**Planning for Teaching and Learning at Overport.** At Overport we use a common planning approach to teach the Victorian Curriculum. Each level has a specific lens through which they plan all units of work together as a level. The planners include a range of entry points for students to ensure that we are meeting their point of need. Teams planning together to deliver a common set of approaches ensures continuity. The lens with which the teachers plan together for Foundation is 'Me'; for level 1 & 2 it is 'Community'; for level 3 & 4 it is 'Nation'; and for level 5 & 6 it is 'World'. Students start their journey learning about themselves, progress to learning about themselves in a community, then move to their place in a nation, and eventually, they see themselves as global citizens who have a purpose in the world.

Lens	Focus
ME	<p><i>What it means to be me ...</i></p> <p>awareness of self how I learn how I interact with others my responsibilities my strengths and areas of improvement my needs and wants belonging identity sense of right and wrong science around me in the everyday</p>
COMMUNITY	<p><i>What it means to be a member of a community ...</i></p> <p>rights and responsibilities rules laws roles safety conservation and landscapes family history celebrations diversity in school and community observable changes and properties</p>
NATION	<p><i>What it means to be a citizen of a nation ...</i></p> <p>compare and contrast cultural groups ethics multiculturalism religion history language cultural influences diversity of countries science as a human endeavour</p>
WORLD	<p><i>What it means to be a global citizen ...</i></p> <p>broadening general knowledge of places and countries current news and affairs science inventions and discoveries influences from other nations global issues</p>

### ***Science at Overport:***

Science is taught across the curriculum at school. It is embedded in various topics. These topics fit within the lens through which each level plans. Why not try some great science experiments at home. This link will take you to a list of terrific science experiments with instructions that you can do at home with your child. <https://sciencebob.com/category/experiments/>

*Kind Regards, Julie Gleeson Principal.*

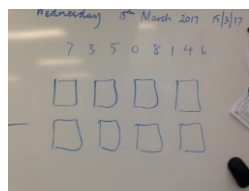
# Assistant Principals Reports

Payment notices have been sent home today for Term 2 excursions and activities. We ask for payment and signed permission forms to be returned by the first day of term 2 – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please note that payment forms for both Prep and Year 4 activities have already been sent home in previous weeks, and also there are no activities requiring payment next term for Year 2 and Year 5.

Tomorrow is a **FREE DRESS DAY**. Students are required to bring along a donation for our Easter Raffle. Thank you in advance to the group of parents who have volunteered to collect these donations in the morning, and bundle them into raffle prizes. Your help is very much appreciated. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at our Easter Hat Parade.

Our school disco was a terrific success last Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Not only was it great fun, but we were also able to raise a total of \$653.35. As mentioned earlier, half of this total will be donated to the Mekasari School in Bali, and the other half will be donated to a family within the school who are raising funds for a support dog through the 'Dogs for Kids with Disabilities' program. Thank you to all who supported these two great causes.

During the morning yesterday, the curriculum focuses in our Year 5 area were literacy and numeracy. Two classes were working on a persuasive writing exercise, with some very interesting discussions about how we go about changing rules, the role of the people and the role of government in these decisions.



Numeracy was the focus in the other Year 5 classrooms: fractions and number problems. Mr Pryor posed an interesting puzzle for his class. You might like to have a go at solving this too. Using all 8 digits on the board, can you come up with a subtraction equation where the answer is the smallest number? If you can't see the digits clearly in the photo, they are: 7,3,5,0,8,1,4,6.

Next week our Year 5's are heading up to the city to visit the Immigration museum. We know this will be an extremely interesting day for them.

**Whole school cross country** – this will be held on **WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH**. This event was inadvertently left off our March Reminder notice. My apologies. All students in the school will be involved in this event, and are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day.

Have a great weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder**  
Assistant Principal

## SCHOOL RULES

At Overport Primary School we use a set of four positively stated school rules. These rules are;

### Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Learner

Our rules help us to maintain a positive, respectful and safe school through consistent and clear expectations. Over the last two weeks a list of examples have been provided on how your child can **BE RESPECTFUL** and **BE SAFE** in the classroom, in the playground and in specialist learning environments.

This week, the focus rule is, **BE RESPONSIBLE**. Being responsible is an important element of student's success at school and beyond. The expectations related to responsibility, in general terms, is about students being in charge of their own actions. A responsible student is accountable for their own behaviour and understands the importance of the other rules and expectations of the school. Other examples of responsible behaviour include:

- Being dependable so people know they can count on you
- Keeping one's word and agreements
- Meeting commitments
- Doing something to the best of one's ability
- Accepting credit when you do things right and acknowledging mistakes

At Overport Primary School we aim to ensure that all students are taught how to be responsible in the playground, classroom and on-line learning environments. Our school expectations for responsible behaviour include:

- Play fairly; take turns, follow rules and allow others to join in.
- Keep the playground clean; use the bins provided.
- Be in the right place at the right time i.e. at the line up area when the bell has sounded.
- Return equipment when it has been borrowed.
- Clean up after yourself.
- When using ICT equipment, print only when necessary, carry portable devices with two hand, log off when you have finished using it and report any issues to a teacher.

### Obedience V Responsibility

Following directions, doing as the teacher asks and not questioning authority are school expectations, however they are examples of how to be obedient, not responsible. Obedience relates to the school rules of being safe and being respectful. Doing a task or job because it needs to be done or using initiative and doing something without being told to do it is an example of a child being responsible. As teachers, we often have to allow our students to learn and do things a different way, not how we would do it. This assists our students to feel a sense ownership. We expect our students to be accountable to their own behaviour choices, we assist our students to do this providing explicitly and high expectations along with a clear understanding that all behaviour has a consequence. If you have any questions regarding our school rules please talk to your child's classroom teacher or drop by the office for a chat.

**Tess Higgins** Assistant Principal





Another busy week with lots of fun and activities.

We made paper chain snakes, crocodiles and frog in a pond with some interesting coloured ponds... green, red and orange.

Lots of the children made use of the nice weather we've been having with soccer, football outside and fish out of water and other outdoors games.

Our new preps have settled into before and after school care extremely well, learning new games and having fun. Just a small reminder for our prep friends to meet with your Extend leaders in your lines after school.

## AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.

New booking terms: Great news! In response to parent feedback we are pleased to announce that our Holiday Program booking terms have now changed to provide greater flexibility for families. See Terms and Conditions on our website for further information.

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend!

Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media, and get active with a variety of outdoor sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Autumn Holiday Program.

To check out what's on visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the Parent Portal.

### Tammy and the Gang

#### Week 7 Activities

**Monday: Felt Monsters**

**Tuesday : Time Capsules**


**Wednesday : Monster Feet**

**Thursday : Hangman Comps**

**Friday : Burlap Pillows**



# DON'T FORGET!



## SCHOLASTIC Book Club

orders are due:

**Monday 20th March 2017**

No late orders will be accepted due to the end of term approaching

## Canteen News

**End of term meal deal on  
THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH.**

**Order forms went home today and  
should be returned by  
MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS or  
COUNTER SALES AVAILABLE ON THIS  
DAY**

**60% of primary school leavers are  
not able to swim 50m.**

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