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# OVERPORT NEWS

*From the Principal's Desk.*

## *Garden Club! What a joy!*

Our enthusiastic students are learning about the environment through Garden Club. Thank you to Mr Mallinson and Mrs Wheeler for their work in the vegetable garden inspiring our students.



### Dates to remember:

- 3/3 Nominations for School Council close
- SRC Disco
- 9/3 School Photos
- 10/3 School Photos
- 1st Inst. For Yr 4 camp
- 14/3 Parent Helpers Course
- 9.00am
- 15/3 Divisional Swimming
- Carnival
- 17/3 Free Dress Day
- 25/3 Working Bee

### *Preps First Assembly.*

**Preps First Assembly:** Next Monday, 6th March is our Prep students' first assembly. We warmly welcome our prep parents to attend.

### *Car Parking!*

This is a reminder to our parents that the parking bay directly across the school on the roadside is a "2 minute" drop and go area. Parking officers from Frankston Council will randomly oversee the situation and fines will be issued. While we understand that parking is of a premium, it will assist everyone if we all obey all parking regulations. However, I am meeting with Frankston Council next week to express our concerns over the lack of parking. Please note this also applies to the staff car park. **This is not a drop off or collection point for children and it is highly unsafe practice. Please do not exit at the canteen gate and walk children through the carpark. Parents are not permitted to park in this area at any stage.** Thank you for complying with this direction.

### *Attendance is A Big Deal!*

**Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things are school every day – missing school puts them behind.** Research clearly tells us that regular attendance and prompt arrival at school are key elements in success. The need to establish positive attendance behaviours in the early years of schooling, to support student attendance at transition points and to raise parent and community awareness of the fact that, where academic achievement is concerned, every day counts!

*Thought of the week:*

*Education is the most powerful weapon that we can use to change the world!*

*- Nelson Mandela.*

*...continued overleaf*



Also, students arriving late in the morning miss vital learning. It is every parents responsibility to ensure their child has the best possible opportunities to make the most of his/her learning day.

1. Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance for their school life..
2. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of year three.
3. By year 6, poor absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
4. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects.
5. Regularly arriving late impacts on both academic and social development.

Give your child the best start: The link below has attendance tips for parents.

<https://sacscip.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Attendance-Tips-For-Parents.pdf>

[www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)

*Kind Regards, Julie Gleeson Principal.*



Lehara 3D, Sara  
4A, Bodhi 6A,  
Gracie PE, Daniel  
1D, Taj 2B, Kai  
2C, Thalia 1D  
& Tilly 3B

## EVERY DAY COUNTS



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For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:  
[education.vic.gov.au](http://education.vic.gov.au)



# Assistant Principals Reports

Next week is school photo week. Class, individual and family photos will be taken on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Please see our confirmed schedule for both of these days:

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>:** Preps, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 along with Family groups and school and house captains.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5, along with further family groups if necessary.

Students are reminded to be in full school uniform on the day of their photos.

School council has approved Uniform and Confidentiality policy updates. Please note that our Uniform policy now reads:

- Appropriate footwear is a fully enclosed shoe which can be securely fastened and which is **preferably** black or white.
- The only hats that are acceptable are navy wide-brimmed or legionnaire style Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy.

The statement regarding hats removes the requirement of an Overport hat. As long as hats are navy and broad-brimmed or legionnaire, they are an acceptable part of our uniform. Full copies of these policies are now on our website.

School council also agreed to the addition of extra uniform items for our girls. These items are: a plain navy skirt, navy skort, and a navy tunic. All of these items are available at Primary School Wear. PSW have been advised of these additions to our uniform list.

Asthma plans – did you know they needed to be updated every year? If you have noted that your child has asthma on their enrolment form, then you **MUST** provide the school with an up to date copy of this plan at the beginning of every year.

What happens at assembly each week? Our school or house captains host our assemblies. We sing the National Anthem and our School Song. Specialist leaders announce awards. Overport Cares awards are presented. Teachers and classes make presentations each week. Parents are most welcome to join us for our assemblies.



Our Parent Helpers course is coming up straight after the long weekend. Please return your reply slip if you are planning on attending. A copy of this is on tiqbiz with this newsletter.

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 next few weeks I will focus on our rules and outline how our students can adhere to them. The following list provides some examples of how your student can **BE RESPECTFUL** in the classroom, in the playground and in specialist learning environments.

- Raise your hand if you have something to say to the whole class
- Do as the teacher asks the first time
- Let others play games without interference
- Put all rubbish in the bin
- Be kind and courteous to everyone; use language such as please, thank you and excuse me
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Wait your turn to speak
- Clean up after yourself

## Yard Leaders Award

Throughout the week our senior school Yard Leaders will be nominating children who exhibit our school rules in the playground. Each week at assembly a nominated student will be chosen at random to receive the yard leaders award and a prize from the yard leaders 'prize box'.



*Yard Leaders, Mitchell and Bel  
on duty in the playground.*

**Tess Higgins**  
Assistant Principal – Student Wellbeing and Engagement





## Extend OSHC at Overport

What an amazing week we had last week. We were very excited to make inspirational word rocks. The children wrote all sorts of words on their rocks as well as decorating them with glitter and sequence. Then we made rock boxes to keep our inspiration rocks safe. Also the school SCR will be running a disco on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 4pm til 6.45pm. As the disco is being held in the school hall, after school care will be in the multi- purpose room. We will be in the multi-purpose room for the full afternoon session.

If you child is attending the disco you will need to make arrangements for them to be dropped off/collected as we are unable to arrange this. Please let the Extend staff know if your child will be going to the disco then coming to ASC.

Please note, children will only be released into the care of your authorised person.

If you need to update these details please do so via the parent portal or contact Extend Head Office.

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.

### 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.

### Kelly and the Gang

**Week 4 Activities- All things Green**

**Monday: Frog in a pond**

**Tuesday : paper train tree snake**

**Wednesday : fake snot**

**Thursday : cupcake turtles**

**Friday : shamrock paper plates**

# DON'T FORGET!

orders are due:

Monday 20th March 2017

## '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.*

*Sophie 1A, Thomas 1B, Alphie 1C,  
Luke 1D, Oliver 2A, Owen 2B, Ethan 2C,  
Cherry 2D, Campbell 3A, Tilly 3B, Jesse 3C,  
Owen 3D, Ronan 4A, Cooper 4B,  
Phina 4C, Shae 5A, Vlad 5B, Caleb 5C,  
Mitchell 5D, Corey 6A, Ella 6B,  
Vivian 6C & Kayla 6D*

### Year Level Reminders for this week:

#### Foundation

**Year 1** A reminder to bring a drink bottle to school every day with water inside to have a drink whenever you need one during classtime.

**Year 2** A reminder to do your Big Talk homework ready for your Big Write each week.

**Year 3** Please ensure you help your child with their talk homework next week. Remember 'if kids can't say it, they can't write it'

**Year 4:** A reminder to assist your child to do their 'talk homework' each week ready for our Big Write on Thursdays.

**Year 5:** A reminder to assist your child to do their 'talk homework' each week ready for our Big Write on Friday.

**Year 6:** Ask your child about the Year 6 student conference Year 6 participated in on Wednesday.