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OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

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Dates to remember:

MAY

- 21/05 School Council Meet
@ 7.00 pm**
- 22/05 Jollybops science
incursion Yr 1 & 3**
Professor Maths Yr 4
- 23/05 Meal Deal - Sushi Day**
- 25/05 Scienceworks Excur
Yr 5**
- 29/05 District Cross County
for those who qualified**
- 27/06 Education Week
Open Night**

Thought of the week:

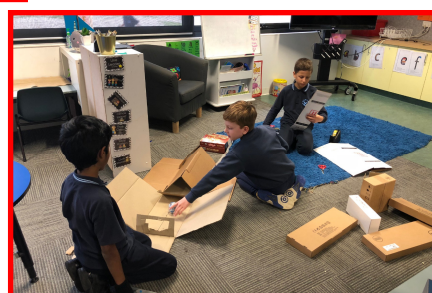
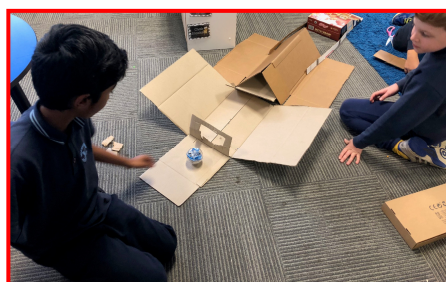
*I can't change the
direction of the wind, but I
can adjust my sails to reach
my destination!*

James Dean

Coding— New Technology—the way to their future!

Some of the year 4, 5 and 6 students are currently attending a coding club at lunch time with Mrs Wilmann. During this time they are working with robots called 'Sphero' and 'Dash n Dot' and using recycled materials to build obstacle courses to use as a path for the robot. This incorporates all areas of the curriculum, particularly 'Digital and Design Technologies'. The current students involved have begun creating an obstacle course with the theme 'Around the World' and they are incorporating all of their knowledge about the world as well as integrating animals into their design.

The benefits of children engaging in coding are far and wide. It allows them to build lifelong skills such as computational thinking, identifying and creating steps to solve problems, logical reasoning, learning how things work, algorithms and most importantly perseverance and the ability to collaborate with others.



Staffing Change.

We know that you join us in wishing Mrs Nikki Gilham all the best as she leaves to begin her family leave with the impending birth of her first child. We have recently employed Alison Cumberlidge who will begin next week. This will provide time with Mrs Gilham before she leaves ensuring a smooth handover. I am confident that the students and families will make her welcome to our Overport community.

Dogs in the school ground.

Family pets are usually very friendly. While your dog maybe under your control when on a lead, it is essential that we ensure the safety of everyone. We have a number of students highly uncomfortable, and some frightened of dogs. Therefore, I would like to remind our families that dogs are not permitted in the school grounds at drop off or collection times. Thank you for your support.

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Principals Report (Cont)

Extend—Out of Hours School Care.

Following a recent meeting with the director from Extend, our before and after school care provider, we are delighted to announce that they will be freezing the cost to parents for the coming three and half years. This has come about because of the excellent partnership we have between our school and the company. This is a bonus for the families that use the wonderful service. We are very pleased to be able to offer this to our families and are delighted with the service and care that they provide.

Help keep your child healthy this flu season

Key tips to keep your child healthy and minimise the spread of infection.

- ⇒ Good general hygiene remains the best defence against infection.
- ⇒ Encourage your child to regularly wash their hands.
- ⇒ Encourage your child to cough or sneeze into their elbow, not their hands.
- ⇒ Seek medical attention if your child has cold or flu-like symptoms.
- ⇒ Children exhibiting such symptoms should limit contact with others, and stay at home until the symptoms have passed.
- ⇒ If a child becomes ill at school with these symptoms, the school will contact the family and arrange for the child's collection.



*Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson Principal.*



Connor PB, Jade 3B,
Any 6A, Torres 1C,
Liam 1C, Brooke 5C,
Daniella 6D, Saya 2D,
Chad 4D, Riley PA,
Ella 45E, Georgia 5A,
Hannah 6B, Sean 5B,
Shreya 6C, Kosta 2A,
Ethan 3B, Beau 4A,
Matilda 4B, Tania
45E, Willow, 2A,
Thomas 2B, Cherry
3C, Isabella PC, Noah
PC, Caleb 6C, Charlie
3B, Ashanti 45E,
Cooper 5A,
Nanditha PD, Evie
4C, Jasmine 5B,
Alexandria PD, Tully
PA, Seth 3B, Oriana
2B, Thomas 2C

Art News:

As part of Education Week, Karingal Hub Shopping Centre have invited Overport to participate in their Creative Exhibit showcasing student's art work.

74 students have had their work chosen from Prep through to grade 6 with work completed in Art in Term 1 and 2.

The pictures will be displayed on boards in the Centre court of Karingal Hub – outside Spendless Shoes - from Friday 18th to Sunday 27th May.

Students whose work is displayed will be notified this week. Come along and have a look at the fantastic work.

Lynne White
Art Specialist





Assistant Principals Report

NAPLAN TESTING

Congratulations to our students in years 3 and 5, who this week completed the NAPLAN tests. It is important to remember for those students who completed the tests, that they cannot pass or fail the assessment. We spoke to our students before the testing about the importance of trying their best but also remembering that it is only a snapshot of what they are achieving at school. The results are helpful to us as a school, they can assist us to identify student strengths, and the areas to be addressed or improved. The NAPLAN tests will now be sent to the NAPLAN assessors for marking. Student results will be available to families and the school later in the year.

The Child Safe Standards

Protecting children and young people from abuse is our responsibility. The Victorian Government is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. As part of the Victorian Government's commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report, which found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in our community, there is a new regulatory landscape surrounding child safety, underpinned by the new PROTECT Child Safe Standards.

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

The seven Child Safe Standards are:

- 1. Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety.**
- 2. A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety.**
- 3. A child safety code of conduct.**
- 4. Screening, supervision, training and other human resource practices that reduce the risk of child abuse.**
- 5. Procedures for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.**
- 6. Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.**
- 7. Strategies to promote child participation and empowerment.**

In meeting the requirements of Child Safe Standards, schools must be inclusive of the needs of all children, particularly students who are vulnerable due to age, family circumstances, abilities, or indigenous, cultural or linguistic background. Overport Primary School staff are aware of their Child Safe responsibilities and they will receive regular and ongoing training and support to successfully implement the PROTECT program.

For more information about PROTECT please follow the link:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/protect/Pages/default.aspx

Ricky Joyce and Tess Higgins
Assistant Principals





Purchasing/Admin Clerk wanted for a small engineering business in Carrum Downs.

MYOB/Excel experience preferred.
Working hours 9am—3pm.

If this job appeals to you, please email a copy of your resume and a cover letter to carroll@sealingsolutions.com.au

Booklist Instalment Reminder

Please note the booklist 2nd Instalment is now **overdue**.

If you are paying by instalments, please be sure to pay the 2nd instalment as soon as possible.

Payments can be made by cash, eftpos, credit card or Bpay

Please be aware we are unable to keep credit card details at the office.



Canteen News

Sushi Day Meal Deal

Order forms went home last week.
Please return by 3.30pm THURSDAY 17th MAY

Due to supplier delivery restrictions
NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED

NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS ON THIS DAY

The Prep rooms were buzzing at our annual Mother's Day morning Tea. Fun was had by all, everyone enjoyed the Scones, Gingerbread men and company. Thank you to all that attended.

Monica Champion



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'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.*

07/05/2018

Misha PA, Alaina PB, Dusty PC, Skylah PD, Alex
PE, Oli 1A, Rylee 1B, Liam 1C, Drew 1D, Issy 1E,
Seren 1F, Jordan 2A, Finnley 2B, Thomas 2C,
Georgia 2D, Will 3A, Lucy 3B, Nelly 3C, Nika 3D,
Mathew 4A, Sienna 4B, Annabella 4C, Wynta 5B,
Logan 5C, Bethany & Anya 6A, Rose 6C, Shayla &
Thai 6D

Year Level Reminders for this week:

Prep:

Year 1: Jelly Bops incursion is next Tuesday 22/05. We hop all of the children are super excited to be involved in the science incursion! If you have not returned your forms for this please do so

Year 2:

Year 3:

Year 4:

Year 5:

Year 6: