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### Dates to remember:

#### TERM FOUR

**DECEMBER 17TH IS THE  
LAST DAY OF TERM**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE  
YOU HAVE MADE  
ARRANGEMENTS TO  
HAVE YOUR CHILD/REN  
PICKED UP AT 1.00PM**

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
2022**

**31 January 2022**



Dec16th, 2021

# OVERPORT NEWS

*From the Principal's Desk.*

### *Last Day of the School Year*

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take this moment to wish our families a Christmas filled with joy and peace as well as a safe and restful holiday period. We have been fortunate to have had the pleasure once again of looking after your children throughout another most unusual year. We are very thankful that we have such wonderful partnerships with you as we guide and teach your children. I never tire of watching them grow and develop as they travel through their learning journey. I particularly enjoy sharing a laugh with them or gently teasing where I hear the giggles and the comment, "Oh, Mrs Gleeson!" I truly appreciate all the little drawings and cards and the beautiful smiles they give. As your principal of Overport, I continue to be grateful for how fortunate I am to be amongst them; it is such a privilege. I see all their wonderful possibilities and I know we are putting our future into capable hands. Especially as we look into the eyes and hearts of our gorgeous year six students, who finish their primary school years on Friday. Last Monday we held an assembly where our current year six leaders handed over the baton and badges to our new year 6 leaders for 2022. We are excited for our new young leaders for 2022.

### *Year 6 Graduation*

Tonight, we will wish them all farewell at their graduation ceremony. I know I will be very proud of each and every one of them. I would like to wish them all a successful future, as they move to their next learning journey at secondary school. We will certainly miss them and their cheeky smiles and precious stories. I hope that they will pop back from time to time for a visit; Overport will always be their home!

### *Christmas Concert*

Friday morning, we will have our final time together for 2021 at the Christmas Concert just past the basketball court. We welcome our parents to join us. Please use the QR code as you arrive.

### *Last Day of School —17/12/2020 at 1.00 pm*

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank our wonderful staff who have supported the students through this difficult and challenging year. We would also like to wish Jo Marshall well and thank her for her work with us as she leaves us to return to her old school. Steph Johnston and Kate Chandler are both going to take up family leave. I also wish to thank Norm Williamson and Cathy Houston who retire from teaching and our Business Manager, Viv Robinson who is also retiring. We thank them for all their amazing work and wish them well. We welcome new teaching staff Teagan De Valle in year 5 and Jaimi Goodchild in year 3. I would also like to mention that Ricky Joyce has accepted a promotion for a 12-month contract at Banyan Fields Primary School commencing 31/01/2022. He will do extremely well and we look forward to his return in 2023.

I cannot leave the year especially without thanking you, our parents and carers, for your patience and support throughout this year. This year, once again, has continued to show us that the Overport community is resilient, strong and adaptive. As I have said before, it really does take a village to raise a child. We are all in this great village. Thank you all so much.

*Have a truly wonderful holiday, keep safe and enjoy the festive season with your friends and family. Best wishes,*

*Julie Gleeson.*

*...continued overleaf*





*To all students  
celebrating their  
birthdays this week  
and next week*

Winnie PC,  
Allegra 4D,  
Taylor 5A,  
Phoebe PB, Mace PB,  
Anna 2B,  
Georgia 5C,  
Jude 5D, Nola PA,  
Alex 5A, Porter 1D,  
Brandon 1D,  
Serenity 2B,  
Evelyn 2C,  
Annalise PE,  
Kody 6C, Byron PE,  
Harper 1C,  
Felix 2D, Harry 6B,  
Olivia 1A, Macy 3B,  
Eden PC,  
Aaliyah 3A,  
Hudson PB,  
Harrison 2D,  
Max 4A, Finn PA,  
Mia 2A,  
Blake 3C,  
Reef 6A,  
Tahlia 6B

*Even the smallest  
act of caring for  
another person is  
like a drop of  
water, it will  
make a ripple  
throughout the  
entire pond.*

**Jessy & Bryan  
Matteo**

## *Principals Report (cont)*

### *One Day at a Time!*

*Whatever the goal we're pursuing*

*No matter how rugged the climb,*

*We're certain to get there*

*By trying our best*

*And taking one day at a time.*

*"Forever" is hard to imagine*

*"The Future" may seem far away,*

*But every new dawn*

*Brings a wonderful chance*

*To do what we can on that day.*

*So carry hope in your heart*

*And know from the start*

*If you stick to the climb -*

*You'll get one day at a time!*

May the spirit of Christmas  
bring you and your family  
hope, love, and happiness.  
Merry Christmas.

*Best wishes and Kind Regards, for a wonderful  
Christmas.*

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