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OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

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Dates to remember:

TERM THREE

SEPTEMBER

Fri 3rd

GEM Day

Wed 8th

Yr 4-6 Production

Fri 17th

End of Term

Extension of Lockdown and Remote Learning.

We find ourselves once again hovering over uncertainty. Sadly, for our students, we are still unable to return to onsite learning. However, we will continue our current Remote Learning plans and program going forward. Each day, students will meet with their teacher and classmates through the Google Meet platform. Some classes are also doing a second meet in the afternoons as a wellbeing check-in; some are doing targeted small groups; and some are splitting the whole grade. This is based on what best suits the needs of the various year levels and student engagement. Activities and lessons will continue to be delivered through SeeSaw or Google Classroom (yrs 5&6). We have actively responded to our community to ensure we are providing the best balance we can for our students and their families.

In the current climate, our educational provision, both at home and on-site, is currently the “**Remote Learning Model**”. Students who attend onsite are supervised and supported to participate in the remote learning program. The Victorian health experts consider regular school provision to be high risk due to the amount of movement it creates; therefore, children and staff should only be onsite if there is **absolutely no other option**.

Wellbeing Friday!

As we understand the need for families to have a wellbeing day that can be something different or a time for catching up, we will continue with these each Friday. This Week's Wellbeing Day was based on National Science Week. The focus this year is on Food. Students may have completed food science activities, tried some baking, cooked a meal with a family member or even created a recipe. Here are a couple of my favourites...I love science discussions centered on food!

Half cup of salt dissolved in a cup of warm water. Ask these questions: Where did the salt go? If we pour it into a pan and boil, what do you think will happen? What is left and what has disappeared?

Children can even make cake with you. Look at all the different ingredients before you start. Ask what changes they think they'll see and what might cause these. Discussions around liquids, solids and heat might all come up.

Hope they enjoyed the day.



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To all students celebrating their birthdays this week and next week

Jules 2B, Cailey 3A,
Cruz 5C, Kade PC,
Ayden 1A, Eli 1B,
Amber 6D, Willow
PA, Lincoln 6A, Jake
2B, Max 4A, Felix 4E,
Presiyaz 5B, Mollie
3B, Chloe 3C, Holly
4A, Harry 4E, Liam
PD, Raegan 2C, Sam
PA, Lenny PC, Noah
3B, Dorothy 3D,
Anora 5A, Otis 4C,
Yasmina 4A, Joshua
4C, Emma 3D,
Simone 5B, Grace 3D,
Maddie 6C, Liam 2D,
Lily PC, Lyra 2A,
Nathan 4A, Taya 5D,
Peggy PA, Milla PC,
Poppy 3B, Ella Rose
6B, Ivy 1C, Robbie
4B, Lenny 4C,
Deanna 4D, Phoebe
6B & Lily 6C

It's important to
have balance in
your life between
work and play.

Bobby Flay

Principals Report (cont)

COVID 19 Injection Site—Frankston—Our Path out of Lockdown

This is a reminder of the vaccination site in Frankston. The Bayside Hub (in the old Toys-R-Us centre), has a capacity to complete 1200 vaccinations per day. If you would like to undertake this please book through www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au or they are accepting “walk ups.” however, you do need to book first if having the Pfizer vaccine.

Online learning for Parents.

EXAM STRESS

The parent survival guide

Wednesday 1st September, 2021

7.00 - 8.30 pm

Presented by Neil Worsley

To be held ONLINE

Assessments, exams and the HSC can be a stressful time for students and also parents who are trying to support them. Covid 19 restrictions and uncertainty have increased these tensions. Join this seminar to learn how best to support your teen through this period. Given current Covid -19 restrictions this Wednesday Night HOT TOPIC seminar will be held online via Zoom. Once you have registered, an email link to join the seminar will be sent to you. The presenter, Neil, as well as being a father of three, who has experienced the stress of the HSC, is Director of Schools & Organisations at The Resilience Doughnut, and a former College principal of the largest high school in NSW. Learn from his considerable experience in training and working with schools and students to enhance positive wellbeing and resilience.

Enquiries: robyn@theresiliencecentre.com.au

Overport have been working with Hugh van Cuylenburg and The Resilience Project for the past 4 years. Last week, he was on “The Project” where he shared some tips parents can use to help their children deal with the anxiety that these lockdowns can bring. This link will take you to that information. <https://vimeo.com/587616933/2cdd0ddd21>

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson Principal.

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Japanese Newsletter

Minasan Konnichiwa (Hello everyone)

Japanese news

During the normal face to face school times, some of the students came to extend their Japanese speaking skills by practising the speech for the local Japanese Speaking Contest. Unfortunately, due to COVID, the Frankston Susono Friendship Association has decided not to run the speaking contest this year. I really appreciate those who regularly participated in the extended speaking practice during their play times. I hope we will have the speaking contest next year.

I prefer our students to be going outside and enjoying fresh air rather than staying in front of screens too long. However, if some of you would like to extend your Japanese language and cultural learning, in addition to Studio Ghibli Produced High Quality Anime Movies (such as “My neighbour Totoro,” “Ponyo” and “Spirited Away”), the following websites are my recommendation.

Kids web Japan (produced by the Japanese government)

<https://web-japan.org/kidsweb/>

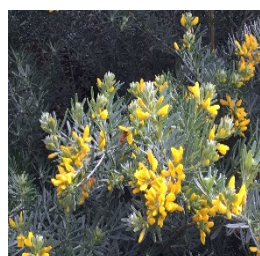
Misheru Sensei (produced by a local Japanese primary school teacher) <https://misheru-sensei.weebly.com/>

“NHK easy Japanese” (produced by the Japanese national broadcasting company which is equivalent to ABC in Australia)
<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/learnjapanese/>

Biodiversity news



During an afternoon play time, I was really lucky to have some students' assistance to hunt wildlife in our school yard. As I expected, those who came for this activity were experts! In our indigenous garden, we found bees flying around yellow flowers. In the Japanese garden, some students discovered a birds nest among the bamboo. In our biodiversity garden (near the prep playground), students worked together to move the logs and



located many small living things including spiders. It was really nice to hear the students' excitement, sharing their great knowledge and developing scientific conversation! Our last visit was the vegetable garden. We saw bees, tiny flying insects, ladybirds and of course, worms. I know many living things are not so active during winter. Nevertheless, the amount and varieties of living things we discovered in such a limited time was absolutely fantastic! All credit should go to those who came to look around for wild life! Although each student knew only a few people in this group, they supported each other and worked so well together. Lastly, arigatoo (thank you) for the volunteer Year five students who joined, looked after younger students and taking photos as part of our important record for the further development of bio diversity at our school. I am hoping reasonably soon, we all are back to school and many students could participate in creating and looking after our wildlife heaven at our school.

Arigatoo gozaimasu (Thank you very much)

Tomoko Yamashita (Japanese teacher)



ART NEWS...

When back onsite in the art room, the students will be creating lots of different art pieces using a variety of different skills.

Prep will be printing with paint and sponge circles then making them into birds. They will be using pastels to draw a chicken and painting a poly ball to create a ladybird.

Students in Grade 1 are starting a space theme. They will be making silhouette pictures, a space picture using metallic pastels and play dough and a 3 D rocket.

Students in Grade 2 will be creating a 3D bonsai tree using wire, chenille stems, paper leaves and tissue blossoms.

Students in Grade 3 and 4 have been creating a glue and chalk pastel picture which was fun. They will be making a pop art comic poster and a picture by Vincent Van Gogh.

Grade 5 and 6 students have created some fantastic Noh mask faces which were originally in Japanese theatre to show the different characters in the play. They will have a go at some pop art comic posters and draw their portrait in a Picasso style.

Below are some examples of the lovely Noh mask faces that are on display in the main office..

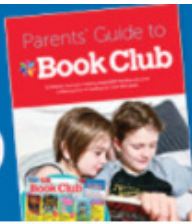
Mrs White and Mrs Roberts

Art Specialists.



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