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# OVERPORT NEWS

*From the Principal's Desk.*

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## Dates to remember:

### TERM THREE

### AUGUST

Wed 11th

District Hoop Time

Fri 13th

Curriculum Day  
(no students onsite)

Tue 24th

Yr 6 Zoo Excursion

Fri 27th Aug

Whole School Dress Up Day

### SEPTEMBER

Thur 2nd

Yr2 Moonlit Sanctuary  
Excursion

Fri 3rd

GEM Day

Wed 8th

Yr 4-6 Production

### *Returning to On-site Learning.*

It was delightful to see our students all return to school following the snap lockdown with such great enthusiasm. Happy to see their friends, their teachers and be back where they are able to engage in their learning face to face. We sincerely thank our community for supporting the children and the staff as we maneuvered our way through this climate. Of course, we all sincerely hope this does not happen again however, we are prepared and will continue to ensure your children are supported. On your behalf, I would like to take this moment to genuinely thank our teachers, especially those who came on-site doing almost double work, to make sure that every opportunity was afforded the children's learning and engagement. The Google Meets were a great success. Miss Gleeson shared with me one of her more enlightening meetings with the preps one afternoon at a wellbeing check in, where they all explained how well they could talk either cat, dog, duck, pig, etc. They appeared to be very proficient in animal language! Possibly slightly off topic, but just beautiful innocence that brought laughter and pleasure. And of course, I'd especially like to thank you for the many lovely messages that staff received from you; these helped us continue through this challenging journey.

### *Parent/Teacher Interviews*

Our remote parent teacher interviews have gone very well. Many parents have indicated that this was preferable than coming out at night, especially in the cold and dark. We will review this with teachers to make recommendations going forward. Of course, should you wish to have a longer meeting with your child's teacher to discuss something in particular, our staff are always prepared to arranged this as required.

### *COVID 19 New Injection Site—Frankston*

We are very fortunate to have a newly established site in Frankston. The new 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](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au) or they are accepting "walk ups". You must book first if having the Pfizer vaccine.

### *Let's Chat Oral Language Program*

At this stage, the Let's Chat Program has been postponed. We will advise you as soon as we have new dates. Please keep watching for further information about this wonderful free program.

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

Kobe 3A, Connor 5A, Jessica 5D, Louis 6C, Maisie PB, Zoe 1C, Anna 2B, Nash 3B, Ryan 4C, Maggie PD, Millar 3B, Ella 1A, Ari 2B, Oscar 6C, Cooper 6B, Sophie 1B, Sophia 6B, Eli PB, Ryder 4E, Aiden 3A, Mathew 4C, Coco 5C, Eliza 6C, Heath 2A, Wynter 5A, Harry 1C, Riley 1D, Zahli 2A, Angus 3B, Hayley 3A, Sam 3C, Yana 5B, Julian 2B & Cailey 3A,



Every child is gifted but each opens their gifts at different times.

Anon.

## Principals Report (cont)

### Curriculum Days Reminder.

Please remember that our Term 3 student-free Curriculum Day will be held on 13th August. Extend will offer on-site support, so please book in through their website.

### Canteen Staff Change.

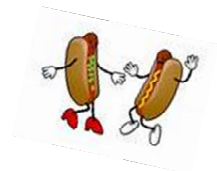
Sadly our wonderful Crissy has had to leave our canteen. Crissy will finish on Friday 6th August. We have truly appreciated her work, delicious food and wonderful connections she has made with all the students and community members. She is very popular, not only for the lovely meals and snacks she provides through the canteen food, but her kindness and humour as well. Donna of Stir Crazy Kids will ensure we have a new person ready to go. We look forward to welcoming them.

*Kind Regards,*

*Julie Gleeson Principal.*

## Canteen Special Meal Days - Term 3

SPECIAL MEAL DAYS		
<b>MUNCHY MONDAY</b>		
☺☺	Egg & Bacon Roll	\$5.00
	Add Cheese slice	.50
<b>TASTY TUESDAY</b>		
☺	Steamed Dim Sims	\$1.00
	Gluten Free	\$1.50
	With or without Soy sauce	
<b>WICKED WEDNESDAY</b>		
☺☺	Chicken Burger	\$5.00
	Crumbed Chicken	
	Vegie delights burger	\$5.50
	With Lettuce and Mayo	
	Add cheese	.50c
<b>TEMPTING THURSDAY</b>		
☺☺	Mrs Macs Sausage Roll	\$3.00
☺	Mrs Macs Meat Pie	\$4.50
	Tomato sauce	20c
<b>FANCY FRIDAY</b>		
☺☺	Hot Dog or	\$4.00
	Vegan sausage	\$5.00
	In a white long roll	
	Add Cheese	.40
	With or without sauce or mustard	.20
SPECIAL MEAL DEAL		
Include an Oak Milk or Plain Milk for \$2.40		
Add a Slinky Apple, Anzac, Corn Flake Cookie or a Mini Muffin for .90c each		



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# Japanese Newsletter

Minasan Konnichiwa (Hello everyone)

Huge *arigatoo* (thank you) to Year three, four, five and six students for your participation during Japanese lessons and some even outside their Japanese lessons. Even though we had disruptions due to COVID, you all gave me heart- warming memories that I treasure a lot. I would also like to express my appreciation to the teachers and students who supported our Japanese Week (i.e. last week in Term 2). I truly enjoyed watching the original Japanese play produced and performed by the volunteer Year five students in the last day of term two. Arigatoo (thank you) for those who came to watch their fantastic performance by showing excellent manners and being very supportive to them!



Some of the students have participated in the Overport Primary School Japanese Drawing Competition. I have to say "*sumimasen*" (I am sorry) to those who have been waiting for the announcement for the winners. I had originally planned to make announcements during the school assemblies with the Japanese leaders' assistance. However, due to COVID, I will use this newsletter to make an announcement.



Mrs. White, our art teacher kindly helped me to select the winners among so many great drawings. I hope those who missed out this time will try to show their talents in the future drawing competitions.

<b>Prep winner</b> <b>Byron</b> 	<b>Prep Winner</b> <b>Ebony</b> 	<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 Winner</b> <b>Courtney</b> 	<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 Winner</b> <b>Mack</b> 	<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 Winner</b> <b>Shailee</b> 
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Winner</b> <b>Isaac, Rhyli and Max's Team</b> 	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Winner</b> <b>Mia T</b> 	<b>Special Originality and Team Effort Award</b> <b>Blake, Cameron and Kobey's Team</b> 		
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Winner</b> <b>Hannah</b> 	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Winner</b> <b>Oscar F</b> 	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Winner</b> <b>Juliana</b> 		
		<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Winner</b> <b>Penelope</b> 		

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During semester two, Prep, Year one and two students learned Japanese. I could not stop smiling and admiring each class in the first week of this term because many students (including prep students) participated enthusiastically and were nice to each other. Regardless of the last year's very disrupted learning and the half year break (when I was teaching older students), many Year one and two students remembered the key Japanese words and phrases! My key focus (during normal onsite schooling) are students' social and emotional skills development with Japanese language and cultural elements. If we are lucky enough to have normal schooling during this term, prep students will learn Japanese through traditional Japanese folk stories, Year one and two will learn geography elements partially using Japanese.

Finally regarding the Japanese Speaking Contest, at this moment, Frankston Susono Friendship Association plans to host the annual Japanese Speaking Contest early September this year. Normally many schools around Frankston and the Peninsula region participate in this contest. I have started having short speaking practice sessions with those who like to try. Once we are back to the normal schooling, I am planning to offer extra speaking practice sessions during Monday play time for those who are still interested.

If you have any questions, please contact with me through email between 8:45-4:15 Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Please allow time for me to reply.

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*Arigatoo gozaimasu* (Thank you very much)

Tomoko Yamashita (Japanese teacher)



## **School Uniform Policy.**

*Students wear school uniform to create a strong sense of belonging to the Overport Primary School student community. Within the policy there is a mention of our uniform, the wearing of jewellery, the requirement around hair and hats. The policy was developed after consultation with the school community at School Council sub-committee of Education, now 'Parent Voices', and the Student Representative Council. It was reviewed in February 2019. The Dress Code was designed with the view to providing choice for the students through different clothing options allowing for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, minimising competition and caters for the financial constraints of families. It is timely that we review this again and we plan to engage our student leaders and student voice leaders to have input into the policy as well as at a Parent Voice forum. We welcome your input.*