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Overport Newsflash

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From Julie's desk.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to our final term of the year! The year has flown by and it was wonderful to see so many happy, eager faces returning after the holidays. We have an exciting term ahead, filled with activities and opportunities for our students.

Earlier this week, Mrs Wathen shared the important dates for Term 4 on Compass—please take a moment to check them. Two key dates to note are our Curriculum Days:

- **Monday 24th** – Report Writing Day
- **Monday 15th December** – Planning Day for 2026

Both days are student-free and Extend will be available for families who need care.

We're looking forward to a fantastic end to the year together!

School Halloween Disco!

The Halloween Disco is creeping closer!

Our students can't wait for the spook-tacular Halloween Disco organised by our fabulous Parents and Friends Club on Friday 24th October. A big thank you to Jackie Hughes, who will be calling on some brave volunteers to help on the night.

Disco session times:

- **Prep – Year 2:** 4.00pm – 4.45 pm
- **Year 3 – 4:** 5.00pm – 5.45 pm
- **Year 5 – 6:** 6.00pm – 6.45 pm

There'll be a fang-tastic sausage sizzle, ghoulishly good drinks, and treats to sink your teeth into available for purchase.

It's going to be a hauntingly good time for all our little ghosts, goblins and ghouls!

Class Placement 2026

Each year around this time, we invite any **educational** considerations parents may have regarding their child's placement for next year and includes relevant educational concerns you may have. We offer a two week window of opportunity to email either Jill Wathen, Marie Yanni or myself so that we can make the best possible plan for all students in 2026. Please discuss this with your child's class teacher prior to emailing your request. While we naturally consider friendship groups, we also want all children to develop new friendships as well. Children will be placed according to a sound educational and social mix. If you have made requests in past years and you wish to continue, please ensure that you do so again, otherwise placement will be treated as usual. All requests must be emailed to us by **Monday 27th October**. While we will do our best to accommodate any requests, it may not always be possible. Note that we will **NOT** make any changes to class placement after grades are announced on the State-wide transition day, which is on Tuesday, 16th December. We thank you for trusting us to make the best decision for your child's learning and wellbeing.

Enrolments for 2026.

We are still accepting late applications for Foundation (Prep) for 2026

If you have a sibling of a student at our school who is starting primary school in 2026 and you have not yet enrolled them, please contact us immediately. This is also if you are aware of anyone else who is in Overport's school zone (https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au) and has not yet enrolled. Please advise them to contact us by Friday 17th October. For more information, and enrolment applications, please look at our website: https://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/enrolment.html

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Christmas Market—28th November.

Our Parents and Friends Club (PFC) is busy preparing for this year's Christmas Market on the school oval, Friday 28th November. The evening will feature:

- A variety of festive stalls
- Food trucks
- Fun activities for students
- And if we're lucky… a special visit from Santa!

If you know someone who is interested in booking a stall, please ask them to contact the school so we can connect them with our market coordinators. It's set to be a magical community event and we can't wait to see you there!

Division Athletics

Eighteen students were selected from Years 4-6 to participate at the Division Athletics Championships on Wednesday, this week. Their selection was due to their outstanding achievements at District level, late last term, finishing either first or second in track and field events. On Wednesday, the lowest any athlete finished was 5th which is incredible. Furthermore, the behaviour and sportsmanship was first class by the student group, as noted by Mr Ben Bryant, Ms Kelsey Barrett and our integration teacher, Neil. A big thank you to Mr Bryant for his organisation of the day.

The team included Frankie B, Billy P, Jackson C, Eden B, Courtney C, Scarlett C, Anna C, Maddy C, Molly H, Mia J, Noah J, Ryan L, Logan M, Amiah N, Heath S, Leyvi S, Jack W and Lenny W.

The following students performed exceptionally, making it through to the Regional Athletics:

Frankie B – 1st Triple Jump and 1st 4 x 100m relay

Eden B – 1st 4 x 100m relay

Scarlett C – 2nd discus

Amiah N - 2nd Long Jump and 1st 4 x 100m

Lenny W – 1st 4 x 100m relay

Leyvi S – 1st 100m

We wish these students well at the Regional Athletics Championships which will be held on Wednesday, 22nd October. A huge thank you to Ms K Barrett and Neil for their support on Wednesday and to Mrs L Barrett for training our high jumpers at school.

Division Lawn Bowls was held today with awesome results. Layla, Milla. Maddy, Scout, Ruby and Hiro have won through to the Regional Finals! Amazing work by the whole team to secure first place against three other schools.

"Every Student, in every school, every day, deserves a great day"

-Department of Education

Kind Regards

Julie Gleeson,

Principal.

Thought for the day:

Rule No 1—Never give up!

Rule No 2 - Never forget Rule no 1.

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4!

We hope you and your family had a restful break and are ready for an exciting Term 4 with Extend!

WELCOME BACK TO OUR FAMILIES FOR ANOTHER TERM WITH EXTEND!

This term's theme for our OSHC services is:

Dream Big, Aim High, Achieve Together!

As we approach the end of the year, it's a wonderful opportunity for your children to reflect on their growth, set new goals, and embrace their potential as future leaders.

We believe that by acknowledging their progress and aspirations, we can empower your children to finish the year strong and look forward to the future with enthusiasm.

Thank you for your continued support. We are excited to embark on this final term together, nurturing growth, setting goals, and celebrating achievements!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 4:

Chain of Goals: Children get the chance to write one goal each on a strip of paper that forms into a loop and creates a chain.

Vision Board: Create a visual goal-setting collage using pictures, drawings, magazine images to visually show what you hope to achieve next year

Future Letter Writing: Write a future letter to open in one year which may include goals, achievements, hopes, reflections.

SCAN THE QR CODE OR BOOK ONLINE AT EXTEND.COM.AU FOR TERM 4!