



# OVERPORT NEWS

*From the Principal's Desk.*



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**Dates to remember:  
 Term 4**

**DECEMBER**

- Fri 6th** Yr 6 Camp - Returns
- Tues 10th** State Wide Transition Day
- Wed 11th** Yr 5 Camp - Departs
- Fri 13th** Yr 5 Camp - Returns
- Mon 16th** Yr 4 Beach day
- Tues 17th** Yr 6 Beach day
- Wed 18th** School Xmas Concert  
2.00pm-3.20pm
- Thur 19th** Yr 6 Graduation
- Fri 20th** Last Day of Term  
**DISMISSAL 1.30 PM**

*Thought of the week;*

The wilderness holds answers to questions that we have not yet asked!

Nancy Wynn Newhall.

## *Indigenous Garden Official Opening.*

Our Indigenous Garden opening was very special. Our School Captains, Ben and Ashlee led the ceremony, Aziah read the Rainbow Serpent as children held up the art work, our flag monitors lifted the flag respectfully and our choir sang beautifully 'We Are Australian'. Elder from Bunurong Land Council, Uncle Shane, shared a smoking ceremony and the junior and senior students walked through as is traditional. Many adults and other students also chose to do so, which was heart warming. Throughout the whole ceremony, all the children were highly engaged. Both the Elders commented on the students and the lovely garden, and were pleased to be part of this special occasion. What a lovely way to pay respect to our history and teach our students.



## *Staffing and Class Structure 2020.*

We welcome new staff members: Adrian Hudson, Lisa Davies, Tanisha Collins-Post and Jo Marshall. We also farewell Fiona Grace and Elisa Roberts but hope that we might see them throughout the year as CRTs. Wendy Kilpatrick is taking a years leave to travel and we wish her the best and look forward to her returning in 2021. Next year we expect to commence the year with 735 students in 30 classes. Our teachers are as follows:

Prep:Melissa Gleeson, Emma Sanders/Jo Marshall, Jack Butler and Norm Williamson.

Yr1:Christie Holman/Lauren Wilmann, Sophie Brennan, Thane Francis and Charlotte Greig.

Yr2:Amber Ellery, Hannah Williams, Alison Cumberlidge, Alicia Howard and Katie Forbes.

Yr3:Miranda Tring, Tanisha Collins-Post, Chelle Gray/Alice Wynne and Lisa Davies.

Yr3/4:Matt Leyden.

Yr4: Kirstin Watson, Aidan Hudson and Lyndal Robinson.

Yr5: Steph Johnston (nee Corvi), David Pryor, Selin Hull and Laura Andreadis.

Yr5/6:Cathy Houston.

Yr6:Guy Marsden/Keryn Vasta, Jane Lacey, Melissa Sexton and Jordyn Bower.

HPE—Ben Bryant and Evan Lukas; Visual Arts: Lynne White and Keryn Vasta.;

Performing Arts: David Freeman and Steven Davidson; Japanese: Tomoko Yamashita; and Technology: Sam Rodwell.

Next Tuesday the children will meet their classmates and teacher for the coming year.



To all students celebrating their birthdays this week or next week

Sunny 2C, Ashton 34A, Isabelle 6D, Annie PA, Everly PB, Nehana 3D, Darius 5D, Cooper 56A, Owen 5D, Hattie 2A, Mia 2F, Luke 4C, Noah 1A, Rosie PD, Zac 1B, Aj 1D, Avalon 1A, Tomy 1D, Ruby 3D, Nika 4A, Thomas 5B, Layla PC, Blake PD, Audrey 1B, Lachlan 5C, Deon 4B, Natalia 56A, Taylor 3C, Khoji 6D



Preparation for 2020.

A few slight changes will take place to the beginning of the year. Teachers will commence on Tuesday 28th January, 2020. Students from years 1 to 6 will start on Wednesday 29th January. Preps will begin on Monday, 3rd February, for two half days, do not attend the Wednesday, they attend fulltime from Thursday, 6th except for Wednesdays, until March. Our "Meet the Teacher" days will now take place for Year 1 to Year 3 on Tuesday 4th Feb and for Year 4 to Year 6 on Thursday 6th Feb, from 9am – 5.30pm. Prep meetings will be set separately and parents will be notified.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea Postponed.

As our year 6 students are on camp this week and year 5s next week, at this stage we have decided to postpone our Parent Helpers morning tea. Over the last two years we have not been able to get many of you here. Realising that this is such a busy time for families, we have decided to go back to the drawing board and consider the best way to undertake thanking you. At this stage, we wish to warmly thank all our parents who have helped in so many ways: classroom reading or support, working bees, fundraising events, attending excursions or a myriad of ways in which you support your child by helping in school. Parents who help at school send a vital message to their child about the importance of education. We truly value your support and our parent and school partnership. Thank you sincerely for your assistance and for demonstrating to your child the importance of school. We look forward to engaging with you again as we move into another year.

Year 6 Campers This Week.

While the weather has been somewhat challenging, our year 6 students and teachers have enjoyed many aspects of the camp. We look forward to them returning tomorrow and hearing their many stories. Year 5 will leave on Wednesday next week for their city "Urban" camp. We trust that they will also have a great time.



Kind Regards,  
Julie Gleeson Principal.

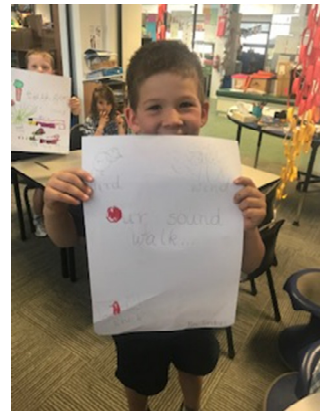
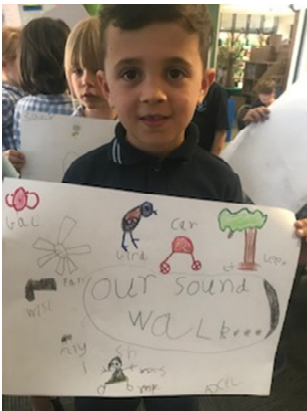
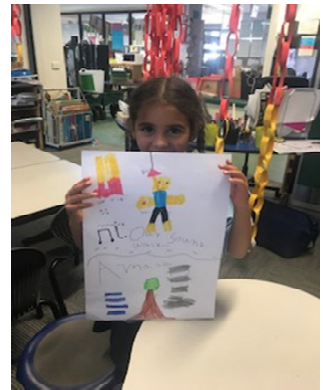
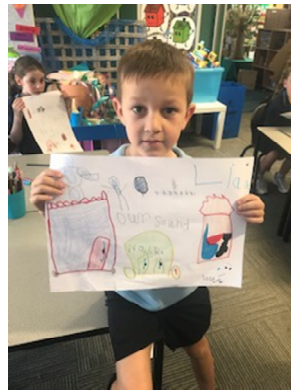


## Assistant Principals Report

### *Engaging in learning.*

As Assistant Principals, we often get the chance to see lots of wonderful learning experiences happening around the school. The teachers at Overport do an incredible job at ensuring they are creating engaging and interesting activities for the students. We always enjoy the buzz that these lessons create and especially love seeing the students happy and enjoying their learning.

Recently, Prep B went on a “sound walk” around the school to see how many sounds they could discover. What a great way to consolidate their knowledge of the sounds they have learnt this year.



Ms Bower engaged her class in a magnificent maths lesson where students created a variety of angles using masking tape on tables. They then used protractors to calculate the angles. Students worked individually and then collaboratively to cross check answers.

Next year, we hope to show case many more of these fabulous learning experiences.

Enjoy your weekend everyone!

Jill Wathen and Ricky Joyce

Assistant Principals







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