



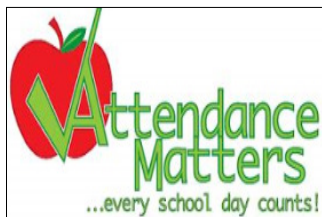
# OVERPORT NEWS

*From the Principal's Desk.*

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## Dates to remember: FEBRUARY

Fri 7th	Free dress-Bush Fire Appeal
Mon 10th - Fri 14th	Yr 5&6 Swimming
Fri 14th	3-6 Assembly
Wed 19th	Prep Parent Info Session 6-7 pm
Thur 20th	Yr 3-6 Swimming Sports (Pines Forest Aquatic)



*Thought of  
the week:*

*Every day we are born  
again. What we do today  
matters most.*

*-Buddah*

## *Welcome to a new decade at school - 2020!*

*Welcome to all our students and families. I sincerely hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and have returned ready for another terrific year at Overport. I would especially like to warmly welcome our new students and their families, including our little preps, and invite them to take every opportunity to be part of our wonderful family centred community. We now have 741 students at Overport PS.*

*We have had an excellent start to the year and it is obvious that the children have missed their friends and are glad to be back at school. Our new Preps are behaving like they have always been here – very settled and happy in the Summit Learning Centre. Shortly our year 5 students will meet their new prep buddies...they can't wait!*

## *A few reminders as the year begins.*

There are a number of important things to bring to your attention:

**1. Assemblies:** This year we will be trialling **Friday afternoon** at 2.40 pm in the school hall. As our numbers are so large, we will alternate between a "Prep to 2" and a "3 to 6" assembly each fortnight. Next Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, will be our first assembly for students in years 3 to 6. The next week, 21<sup>st</sup> February, will be the year 1 and 2 the preps will join them a little later in the term. We warmly invite you to join us at these times and encourage you to attend. Please check the newsletter dates each fortnight to see which area is in the hall

**2. Communication with Staff:** Teachers can be contacted via the school email address, which is: [overport.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:overport.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) Please mark attention to the teacher who will then email you a reply. Please note staff do not email after 5.00 pm, but will contact you the following day.

**3. Attendance: *It's Not Okay to be Away! Every Day counts!*** It is a requirement that all children attend school. Regular attendance is essential to allow them to reach their full potential. If your child is unwell, please contact the school before 9.00 am to leave message. If we have not heard about an absence prior to 10.00 am, our system automatically sends an email advising you that your child is not at school.

**4. Mobile Phones:** Students who bring mobile phones to school **must** give them to the class teacher at the beginning of the day and collected at the end. This is a department policy. Watch-phones must have their phone capacity turned off during the school day. Parents must not text or ring students on watch-phones, but can leave a message at the office. The only exception is in the case of significant medical conditions which must be arranged with me.

**5. School times:** We have a school bag bell at 8.55 am for children to come inside and hang up their bag. Teaching commences at 9.00 am. It is **critical** for children to **arrive on time** ready to start the day. This ensures their learning and that of others is not disrupted.

*Tomorrow is free dress/gold coin donation for bush  
Fire Appeal*



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

Joey 3B, zara 4C,  
James 2D, Madison  
6B, Alisa 6D, Evie 3B,  
Alex 5C, Billy PA,  
Leah PC, Will 5D,  
Ash 2A, Trey 4C, Zac  
3B, Tala 4B, Rupert  
5B, Platon 2D, Saxon  
3E, Chloe 5E, Taiden  
6C, Jesse 6E,  
Wolfgang 2B,  
Valentina 2A, Sai 2C,  
Max 5E, La'Sharnti  
1D, Rae 1D, Oscar 3D,  
Owen 3D, Louis 4C,  
Xanthus PB, Emily  
5E, Mazie 6C, Florian  
3D, Violet 3E, Mary  
5B, Michael 1D, Ama-  
ya 6C, Zoe 1D, Austin  
1D, Brett 2e, Ethan  
3B, Destiny 3D



## *Principal 's Report Continued*

6. As the department of education and training (DET) does not offer individual cover for student's personal injury, I recommend parents consider insurance. JUA underwriting agency offer a "Student Health" - Personal Injury and Accident Protection insurance - [www.studenthealth.com.au](http://www.studenthealth.com.au)

7. School uniform is **compulsory**. A copy of the uniform policy is attached to this newsletter. Please note extreme hairstyles such as Mohawks, tails, extreme colours, etc are not permitted. Only small ear studs are permitted earrings. Only medical or religious jewellery is permitted and should be worn **underneath** the uniform for safety reasons. Hats must be worn until the end of April and must be either a broad-brimmed hat, bucket hat or legionnaires. A plain navy blue one without Logo is also acceptable. Please note that PSW our uniform provider is situated in Mornington at 1/22 Watt Road. Telephone; 97680346.

5. **Children riding to school on bikes or scooters must wear a helmet and must be in grade 4 or above unless accompanied by an adult.** Bikes can be stored behind the black gates at the Bayview Learning Centre or in the bike area in front of the TLC. While these areas are out of bounds, we recommend a bike lock.

6. **Important Dates Flyer:** Each month a flyer with the dates for the month is sent home for you. At times these may change and we will update you as soon as possible through our Sentral emails.

7. Please discourage children from bringing **precious items** to school. All personal items of students, including bikes, mobile phones, special toys, etc, if brought to school, are done so at student's own risk.

8. **Excursions, incursions:** All forms must go through the classroom and not be delivered to the office first. Please ensure that permission forms are returned by the due date.

9. **Morning and After School Parking:** Please do not park in the Frankston High School staff carpark or park in the 'Kiss and Go' area opposite the school. If you have parking concerns, please contact the **Frankston Council on 1300 322 322**, as the school has no jurisdiction in this area. As parking is at a premium, especially at the end of the day, if you are close enough, we strongly encourage you to walk.

10. **Canteen:** Our canteen which is run by Stir Crazy Kids offers many healthy options. It is open every day from 8.30 am. Parents may purchase a coffee and items are also available for children before school. Window sales are available at recess and lunchtime. Lunch orders can be sent to school on the day or placed on line at: <http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au>

### *Coding Club.*

Over the holidays a number of our students took the opportunity to come to Coding Club with Mr Rodwell and the Code Club team. It was great success and we intend to offer this again next term break. Watch for more information later in the term.

### *New Sails Over Senior Playground.*

While our intention was to have our new sails up over the holidays, work has been delayed. However, we believe they are commencing next Monday. These have been made possible by the wonderful fundraising efforts that took place last year.

*Kind Regards,  
Julie Gleeson Principal.*

#### **Privacy Note:**

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## Assistant Principals Report

Welcome back to all of our existing Overport community and a warm hello to all of our new families. We hope you enjoyed the festive season and are ready to get stuck into a wonderful year full of learning and fun adventures.

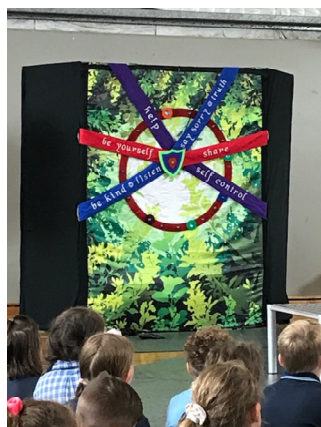
Every year, Overport starts the year with a whole school Well Being activity. This year we chose to engage a company called Brainstorm Productions, to present a performance of “Buddies”. All children across the school participated enthusiastically and enjoyed the entertaining story of two school children, Charlie and Lucy who suddenly find themselves in a video game where friendship is the key to escape.

“Buddies is an exciting adventure that gives clear strategies for making and maintaining friendships and being safe on the internet. It encourages children to express their feelings in a safe way, use kind words, seek help and never give their details or talk to strangers online. Buddies is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers and psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive, non-judgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools they can use in their everyday lives.”



Charlie and Lucy had to collect 8 friendship discs to complete the “Ring of Friendship” in order to return to the real world. Along the way they learnt the importance of:

- Being yourself
- Helping others
- Saying sorry
- Telling the truth
- Sharing
- Being kind
- Listening
- Self control



Teachers will now follow up with lessons in class to emphasise what students have learnt from the performance. At Overport, we take a strong stand against bullying, and this performance and the discussion that stems from it, help support us to tackle this issue head on. If you ever have any concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or any member of leadership. If the performance has raised any concerns or worries for your child, support can be accessed from the following organisations: [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au), 1800 55 1800, Lifeline [lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au), 13 11 14 and eHeadspace [eheadspace.org.au](http://eheadspace.org.au), 1800 650 890.

We very much look forward to working with you as a team, to ensure your child/ren are happy and supported.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Jill Wathen and Ricky Joyce  
Assistant Principals







### From the art room

This was an article written by my art teacher when I was in Primary school and I think it is still relevant today!

“Most parents must wonder what reception they should give to many of the products that their children bring home from the art room. But what may well to adult eyes appear a “mess, a heap of useless junk, an inconceivable collection of colours and shapes”, is the very expression of the child’s unique feelings and experiences, and most important, he wants to communicate this to you. So don’t relegate it to the rubbish bin, let them talk about it (and then maybe throw it away!)

It is not the painting/model that is important, but the experience that the child has had in creating it - we are not concerned with the end product at this stage of the child’s development, but in developing the child’s confidence in his own ability, clarifying and extending their conceptual knowledge and their means of expressing this knowledge.

The art program is not designed to develop artists- it is to promote creativity, imagination, to encourage self-expression and individuality, also vital to the total growth of the child. The situation to facilitate this development is created in the art room by a series of sequential activities designed to sensitize the child to their environment, to allow them to translate this into concrete form by presenting them with a variety of materials, problem solving situations and to assist them in successfully achieving their own form of expression.

Art time is not simply a play time - it is a carefully planned and structured series of activities where the child has to employ many personal attributes:- initiative, resourcefulness, flexibility, adaptability, independent thinking, creative action, in order to solve the problem presented by the material, the experience and the mode of expression. Dare we ever criticize their work.”

Lynne White  
Art Specialist



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**Book Club Due Date: Friday 14 Feb 2020**

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