

OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

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Dates to remember:

March

Fri 22/3 Yr 6 LP Sport
Working Bee 3.30-6pm

Mon 25/3 Prep-2 Assembly

Thu 28/3 Free Dress Day

Fri 29/3 Whole School
Cross Country

April

Mon 1/4	Yr 3-6 Assembly
Thur 4/4	Easter Raffle drawn
Fri 5/4	Easter Hat Parade 9.10am

Last Day of Term I

2.30 Dismissal

End of Term 1
Friday 5th April
2.30 Dismissal

Thought of the week:

“One can never remove all thorns
from the world,
nor cover the entire world with
leather to make it seem less
thorny.

However, by covering one's own foot with a leather sandal it is as though all the world has been covered with soft leather, and all thorns removed."
- Shantideva

Greet Them With a Smile Not a Mobile!

Yesterday I was reading a book to our Preps about Popcorn the Friendly Chicken who had lots of wonderful friends and played with them all the time. However, once she got a mobile phone she stopped talking to them, stopped playing with them, stopped looking at them and only looked at her screen. It was when she invited her new on-line friends over that she discovered they were wolves and only wanted to harm her. It was a timely message about making time for your real live friends and family and care needed with on-line contacts who we really know nothing about. The children and I wrote” With a Smile not a Mobile. It is worth considering how often our child/ren might be right there with you, but you are not really because you are engaged on a digital device. I see this at cafes, people sitting at the same table including children, but no-one is speaking or interacting with each other just their phones.

Research tells us that young children need lots of conversation, engagement with strong eye contact and, most important, books read to them to enable them to develop their oral language. This is precursor to becoming an effective reader and writer. Therefore I encourage you to read at least one bed-time story personally to your child every day or if older children, share a serial novel at bed time. This is wonderful opportunity for bonding as well as developing an understanding of language structure.

*I challenge you all to greet your children every day
with smile and no mobile!*

Respectful Community Grows Respectful Children.

Respect is such a simple word but means the world to another. People make errors but how we handle that in the real world is a model for our children. Please refer to our Community Code of Conduct which we expect to be followed in all areas around the school as well as within it. Demonstrating respect of others, showing patience and calm in stressful situations is easy to do, is effective modeling for your children and a more appropriate way to behave. After all, mistakes can be made and these are “accidents, not on purposes.” Our Community Code of Conduct policy is again attached to this newsletter. Respect costs nothing!

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Don't forget Friday 26th April (Term 2) is a Student Free Day



Lewis 4B, Mia 2A,
Boyd 6C, Isabelle
PC, Cooper 1B,
Noah 3C, Stella 1A,
Ruby 1A, Georgia
1C, Logan 2C,
Charles 4C,
Hannah 6C,
Summer PD, Sasica
1E, Alexander 2A,
Emily 2D, Hansi
2D, Jasmin 6C,
Dylan 6C, Zac 1C,
Riley 2E, Oscar 4C,
Lucy 4C, Mia 4D,
Cameron 1D,
Henry 5A, Kira 2C,
Lily 5D, Jessica
5/6A, Tom 2B,
Jade 4D, Indi 2E &
Zaid 3C,



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Principals Report (Cont.)

Twilight Working Bee—Tomorrow at 3.30 pm!

Don't forget our first twilight working bee will be held tomorrow after school from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm. We have lots to do to make sure our grounds are in great order for the students to play safely and enjoy. We hope you can join us.



Buildings and Grounds, Education Sub-committee, Special Events— Call for more members.

Our sub-school committees need lots of parent input to ensure we are meeting our communities needs. Our Buildings and Grounds sub-committee meets the third Monday of the month in the staff room at 6.00 pm for an hour. The education sub-committee which meets at 3.45 pm on the second Thursday of the month, addresses policy and program development as well as any concerns raised by parents. These are open to everyone and you would be very welcome. If you are interested attending please contact our office to let us know. We would love to see more of you there.

New Canteen—Stir Crazy Kids.

Our new canteen has begun operation this week and the sweet smell of home cooking is permeating the air! The children are very excited and lots of great comments about the great choice of yummy food available. Lots a great healthy choices including gluten free and dairy free as well. Minimum sugar including in all and as much natural product as possible—just like at home!

Parents can order on line at www.myschoolconnect.com.au/ Down load the App at the App store or Google Play. The menu is on our website. Coffee is now available for parents in the mornings from 8.30 am. Please pop in and say hello to Donna or Ngarie—and smell those lovely cookies!



Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson Principal.

Easter Egg - Free Dress Day



When: Thursday 28th March

Why: To collect Easter Egg prizes for our Easter Raffle

Wear: Free dress clothes

What to bring: An Easter Egg donation of your choice.

We'd love a few parent helpers on Thursday morning to help collect eggs and arrange prizes. If you happen to be free, pop into the staffroom after the bell at 9am on Thursday 28th March.



Assistant Principals Report

Student Health Ambassadors have arrived at Overport Primary School! This year our school is participating in an innovative new project designed to build student leadership and student voice. The Student Health Ambassador Project is a partnership with Peninsula Health and we are excited to participate in this great opportunity.



Our Student Health Ambassadors will have genuine opportunities to plan and implement health and wellbeing initiatives across the whole school.

Introducing our Student Health Ambassadors:



The team will be led by Jhett M, 6D and supported by Mrs Jill Wathen and Miss Jordyn Bower.

The Student Health Ambassadors will be keeping you up to date about their current projects by speaking at assemblies and writing articles for the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ricky Joyce and Jill Wathen - Assistant Principals

Fundraising Opportunity for the Overport Community

The Trivia Committee are seeking sponsors and donations to support our 2019 Trivia Night (Saturday August 17).

Advertising opportunities (and a nice warm feeling inside) are available for members of our local community who get behind our efforts to raise money for our children's Indigenous Garden. All donations (large and small) that can go towards the running of the evening or be raffled will help our school landscape an important addition to Overport Primary School.

Please contact Rachel if you are in a position to help. rachelgresle@y7mail.com

HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN A COMMUNITY GARDEN!



Our school is competing in the
Colgate Community Garden Challenge!

The schools that collect the most
oral care waste and online votes can
win a recycled community garden set!

Vote for us online and track our
school's ranking at :

Terracycle.com.au/colgategardenvoting

We collect any brand of used:



To find out more about the Colgate Community Garden Challenge and for full terms and conditions, visit www.terracycle.com.au/colgategarden. If you have any further questions, call TerraCycle on 1800 983 324

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