



OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

Last Week of Term!

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Dates to remember:

March

- 23/3 **Whole School Cross
Country**
- 27/3 **Meal Deal Prep-Yr2**
- 28/3 **Meal Deal Yr 3-6**
- 29/3 **Easter Hat Parade**
9am basketball court
Canteen CLOSED

Friday 29th March
Last day for Term 1
2.30pm dismissal

April

- 16/4 **First day of Term 2**

Thought of the week:

*Unexpected kindness is
the most powerful, least
costly, and most
underrated agent of
human change.*

Bob Kerrey

Already we have come to the end of the first term...not sure where the time went! Next Monday we are holding an end of term assembly on the basketball court at 9.00 am. We welcome all families to attend as this is Mrs Madder's last week. Then on Thursday we will hold our Easter Hat parade also on the basketball court at 9.00 am. We look forward to seeing the wonderful creations our student will present on the day.

Staffing changes—term 2

As you are aware we have undertaken a selection process for a new Assistant Principal recently following the retirement of Mrs Madder. I am pleased to advise you that the successful applicant is Mr Ricky Joyce. Ricky has been a Leading Teacher over the past 18 months and will bring excellent skills in communication and capacities to drive high quality teaching and learning. He now joins Miss Higgins as a Principal Class Officer.

Currently we have advertised for a Learning Specialist in the area of technologies to commence early next term. However, in the interim, we will engage a CRT to cover the technologies program.

Our new staff member replacing Sarah McCall, who begins family leave on 23rd March, is Lyndal Robinson. Mrs Robinson has begun this week to ensure a smooth transition.

And lastly, our Mrs Bingham has accepted a teaching position at Somerville PS. Therefore, we have engaged Mrs Jill Wathen for the rest of the year working with Mr Freeman in the music program. However, Mr Freeman will be going on Long Service Leave throughout term two. Mr Nathaniel Caddy will join Mrs Wathen in the music program for the term.

Response to student Accidents

Occasionally students may have an accident at school. We respond quickly and you may have noticed that we have recently had the need to call ambulances. Rest assured that we follow strict protocols to ensure that students are attended to as quickly and safely as possible. The students were all assisted by our first aid officers until the ambulance arrived and followed the ambulance advice via the phone. However, given this, I thought it timely to remind our families that the Department of Education does not offer individual cover for students' personal injury. Therefore it is advisable to consider insurance. JUA underwriting agency offer a Student Health -Personal Injury and Accident Protection insurance.

See link: www.studenthealth.com.au



Homework Policy

At Education sub-committee last week, we revised our Homework Policy. I have attached a copy of this to the newsletter for your information This is also on our website: www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au

School Annual Report

Our School Annual Report was tabled at the Annual General Meeting of School Council on Monday evening. The report demonstrated enormous growth for our students across the 2017 year. The focus on mathematics, reading and spelling has made a positive impact. We compared the report to 2016 and were pleased with the improvements in teaching and learning which have resulted in enhanced outcomes for our students. The learning growth identified in our Naplan results from years 3 to 5 during 2017 shows that in reading 81.5% of students have achieved medium or high growth, in writing 71.6% and in numeracy 79.7%. Even more pleasing is spelling where 92.7% of students from years 3 to 5 achieved medium to high growth. You can read the full report on our website at: www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au by searching Annual report.

Great Questions to Ask Kids After School

We all know that when the children come home from school and we ask “What did you do today?” We usually get, “Nothing!”. Let me assure you this is not quite correct! However, these questions are great to get more accurate information. Also they may help to get to the bottom if there is a problem that needs to be identified and addressed.



Anna 6C, Cooper PB,
Noah 2B, Georgia
PA, Ruby PA, Stella
PB, Logan 1E, Charles
3B, Hannah 5C, Ella
6A, Sasica PB, Emily
1A, Hansi 1C, Alex
1F, Jasmin 4/5E, Zac
PC, Oscar 3D, Lucy
3B, Mia 3B, Riley 6A,
Cameron PA, Henry
4D, Kira 1E, Lily 4C,
Tom 1A, Jade 3B,
Indi 1C, Zaid
2D, Ayden 1F, Joann
3C, Dakota 4D, Lily
6C, Azia 4C, Shanelle
6A, Macy PE, Eri 3C,
Joe 5B, Francesco 6D,
Lucy PE, Scarlett 1B,
Neva 1D, Amir 3D,
Mason 4A, Hannah
6A & Daniel 6B

50 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD OF “HOW WAS YOUR DAY?”

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Was anyone in your class gone today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- Did you like your lunch?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile?
What made her frown?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- What kind of person were you today?

See the full list at: www.herviewfromhome.com

Kind Regards, Julie Gleeson Principal.

Assistant Principals Report

Thank you so much for the huge number of Easter Raffle donations sent in on Free Dress Day last Friday. We had a small but dedicated group of parents who collected all donations, and then bundled them up into an amazing 106 prizes. Thank you to Katarina Ovcin, James Cahill, Kirsty Aldridge, Trish Brumbaugh and Alaina Wilson. The first 10 prizes will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade, and the rest drawn throughout the day. Tickets must be in at the office by Wednesday afternoon if you want a chance to win!



The Easter Hat Parade will take place on the basket ball court from 9.00am, and we encourage everyone to join in the fun by wearing a decorated hat. There will be a prize awarded to one lucky 'hat-wearer' in each class.

Coming up tomorrow is our Whole School House Cross Country. All students will be completing the course; the distance will vary according to each age group. House colours are encouraged to be worn, but no hair or face paint please. Parents are most welcome to come and cheer their children on. You will find us all out in the soccer pitch area from 9.00am.

Your blue April and May Reminders notice will be coming home today, to keep you up to date with what is coming up next term. Keep this in a handy place.

As this is the last newsletter for this term, and therefore the last newsletter before I finish at Overport, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, and messages of good luck, as I begin a new life in retirement! I thank you all for the support you have given me over my many years here, and know that your support for Overport will continue into the future.

Thank you again,

Deborah Madder

Assistant Principal

Roles and Responsibilities for Parents of Children with Anaphylaxis

Parents or guardians can assist us by:

- ◇ Notifying the school of your child's allergies and provide appropriate medical information, including an ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis completed by your child's doctor. Please notify the school and update Action Plans if there are any changes to medical information or emergency contact details.
- ◇ Providing a clearly labelled adrenaline auto injector or other medication indicated on the Action Plan, and ensuring all are within their use-by dates
- ◇ Assisting the school in the development of an Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan for your child and participating in reviews of this Plan. Assistance in planning and preparation for your child prior to school camps, excursions or special events (e.g. class parties, cultural days, fetes or sport days). Supplying alternative food options for the student when needed.
- ◇ Promptly replacing your child's adrenaline auto injector if it is used or out-of-date.
- ◇ Educating your child about their allergies and how to minimise the risk of exposure (such as not sharing food if allergic to food, or taking precautions when outdoors if allergic to insects).

Assistant Principals Report

BUILDING RESILIENCE.... The importance of Kindness!

Yesterday we were very fortunate to have Hugh from The Resilience project work with all our students. Hugh enthralled them with his stories, humour and targeted content. He talked about his experience teaching in Northern India, which was the catalyst to begin his journey into helping improve the resilience of Australian children. If you hear your children talking about ‘taps’, ‘Stenzin’ or ‘Dis’ and want to know what it all means, you will need to come along to the Parent information Session on Monday April 23rd at 7.00pm to find out. Please help us cater for numbers by collecting your free ticket from the front office. Remember this is a parent only session starting at 7.00. A session not to be missed!

In the last newsletter I spoke about gratitude and the importance of this behaviour in improving resilience. Another ‘happiness trick’, as discussed yesterday by Hugh with our students, is kindness. A number of researched studies have proven that doing good deeds for others can have a profound impact on your own feelings of happiness. As teachers we aim to help our students practice kindness more regularly and readily. We will assist them to do this by modelling kind behaviour and by teaching them strategies in how to be kind. This may be as simple as discussing ideas of how to help a friend in need, or as complex as raising money for a disadvantaged school. At Overport there are a large number of students who look out for and care for one another. I look forward to seeing an even greater number of students practicing kindness through our Resilience Project lessons and following Hugh’s workshop yesterday.

Tess Higgins
Assistant Principal



SAVE THE DATE

**The Resilience Project
Parent information session**

Monday April 23rd

NEW TIME:

7.00—8.30

Overport PS Hall

Year Level Reminders for this week:

Foundation: Notices-please return your student nursing form and zoo permission forms. Remember to wear your house colours and runners for our house athletics on Friday. Easter Hat parade, we look forward to seeing your masterpieces.

Year 1 & 2: Easter Hat parade. Can’t wait to see all the wonderful creations for Thursday 29th. Remember to wear house colours for House Athletics on Friday 21st.

Year 3 & 4: House athletics, please wear house colours this Friday. Please remember to bring back raffle tickets as soon as possible.

Year 5: Please remember to return your term 2 permission notices. We hope to see as many parents as we can at the Easter Hat parade on the last day of term. Have a great Easter break.

Year 6: With the Easter holidays fast approaching, it is vital that students continue practising their times tables as well as completing 20 minutes of reading each day to ensure continued progress in term 2.

‘OVERPORT CARES’ AWARDS

*These certificates are awarded at assembly each week
for children who have excelled in an
academic or social
endeavour throughout the previous week.*

19/3/2018

All of Prep A, All of Prep B, All of Prep C,
All of Prep D, All of Prep E, Connor 1A, Noah 1B,
Yaxin 1C, All of 1D, Mia 1E, James 1F, Alphy 2A,
Max 2B, Aidan 2C, Sophie 2D, Jade 3B,
Ronnie & Cherry 3C, Luke 3D, Amealia 4A,
Thomas 4C, Tania 4/5E, Lucas 7 Ben 5B,
Ashlee & Jai 5C,
Baran 6B, Flynn 6C,
Rungchada & Jhai 6D