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OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

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Dates to remember: MAY

Thurs 02/05	Jolly Bops Inc Yrs 1 & 3
Fri 03/05	District Aths Yrs 4 to 6
Tues 07/05	Mothers Day Stall
Wed 08/05	Mothers Day Stall
Thurs 09/05	Prep - Mother's Day Morning Tea
Tues 14/05	Naplan Starts Year 3 & 5

TERM 2 ASSEMBLIES

Monday 29 th April	Prep-2
Monday 6 th May	Years 3-6
Monday 13 th May	Prep-2
Monday 20 th May	Years 3-6
Monday 27 th May	Prep-2
Monday 3 rd June	Years 3-6
Monday 17 th June	Prep-2
Monday 24 th June	Years 3-6

Thought of the week:

*Teachers open the doors to
learning...you choose to
enter.*

Chinese Proverb.

*Don't forget -
Greet Them With a Smile
Not a Mobile!*

Welcome back to term two.

I sincerely hope you all had a restful holiday and lovely Easter and that you enjoyed lots of Easter buns and chocolates. This term will be full of lots of wonderful activities for the students, starting with the preps first excursion to the zoo yesterday. They had a fabulous time! We have lots of wonderful things set for the term including our Open night with a Science focus. We look forward to you all joining us.

Our Indigenous Garden.



No doubt you have been watching with great interest as our Indigenous Garden has been taking shape. We are excited about what this will bring to the school in the way of learning and experiences for the students. When it is completed, there will be seating for you to wait to meet your child after school, practical and attractive pathways and indigenous plants to beautify. A Learning Stone will also be pride of place along with the flag pole which will fly our Indigenous flag. We will hold a special working bee to fill the gardens. While access to the gardens will commence as soon as they are completed, an Indigenous Educational Leader will be holding a smoking ceremony to officially open the gardens early in term three.



Attendance.

It is compulsory for all children to attend school from age of 5. It is vital that they are in class as often as possible to ensure their academic and social development and wellbeing. However, if your child is unwell, please contact the school to advise them before 9.00 am. If we have not had an explanation, an email will be automatically generated by our system. Therefore, if your child is late, please bring them to the office to sign in. Also, if you are planning a holiday that falls outside of the school holiday times, please apply in writing, for appropriate approval.



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Dakota 3C, Catherine
5B, Rylee 2D, Rose
3B, Eva 3D, Bonnie
PC, Amelia 3B, Nelly
3/4A, Oscar 5A,
Poppy PD, Ava 2F,
Damien 2F, Hayden
6D, Ronan 6C, Dieu-
donne 3B, Tiahnee
5D, Amity 5/6A Lucy
2E, Gavin PD, Ollie
1E, Candice PA, Seb
2C, Ebony 5D, Ruby
1A, Lily 4B, Lene 5A,
Sandra 6D, Alyra 2D,
Konnor 6B, Kayden
6C, Ellen PC



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Principals Report (Cont.)

Communication.

Attached to this newsletter is an outline of the many ways in which we communicate with you. Please read through to assist you with aspects. It is vital that we have a strong communication with our parent families to support your child at school in all elements of learning and social development.

Digital Devices.

The World Health Organisation has declared that children under the age of 2 should have no interaction with digital devices. We have to wonder why these are so dangerous for young children and what that means for primary age students. The developers of social media style apps have designed these to be addictive. Consider how much time you even spend on these apps! The best advice I received once was to turn off all notifications and move your FB or social media or gaming apps to a third or fourth screen on your phone.

While it is important for your students to have a good working knowledge of digital technology, it must be balanced with personal interaction and physical activity. Digital technology should never replace personal communication. Consider: how often do you really talk with your child with eye to eye contact? Strong communication is the key to effective social and emotional development for children and also for developing oral language which is a strong precursor to literacy development. Do the best for your child: No app will replace your lap!



Curriculum Day

At our recent Curriculum Day the staff were highly engaged by presenter, Wilson MacAskill on the approach to educating behaviour to support students to see themselves as learners through his "Play is the Way" approach. He talked about the need for effective communication to support students understanding that effort and persistence are the keys to learning. He said that research has shown many children think they are expected to arrive at school with knowledge and are required to show what they already know and that this how success is measured. This breeds anxiety. They do not understand that we do not expect them to know everything and are pleased with their struggles and determination as they try to learn. So, when they are upset at home or at school, it is our job as parents and teachers to ask questions and communicate with them. We want all our students, your children, to know that their efforts and persistence are what we value and what will assist them to reach their potential. So, those days when they seem the most challenging, ask them "How can I help you today?" ! Next time you say well done, or good job, add ...'because...' and explain why. Then tell them how much you love them for their efforts and how proud you are of them...just like we are.

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson Principal.



Assistant Principals Report

On Friday 26th April, our staff participated in the “Play is the Way” professional development session presented by Wilson McCaskill.

“Play is the Way is a practical methodology for teaching social and emotional skills using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering language-behaviour education using wisdom, not force.”

Our teachers and support staff spent the day learning the theory behind playing games that help to teach and increase the social and emotional skills of children. Of course, we also had some fun playing them too.

The Play is the Way program helps to empower children with the understanding of their own behaviour and that of others. It equips children with a language by which to describe behaviour and how to manage it.

Play is the Way objectives (Wilson McCaskill):

- To help staff, students and parents of a primary school create a safe learning environment in which students train to be independent, self regulating, self motivated learners in persistent pursuit of their personal best and able to get along with each other.
- To help develop students of strong character and decency with the social and emotional competencies to live and learn well.
- To foster empathetic students, considerate of themselves, each other and the world in which they live with sound and good reasons for the things they say and do.

The key concepts that the children will learn through the program are:

- Treat others as you would like them to treat you
- Be brave– participate to progress
- Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with
- Have reasons for the things you say and do
- It takes great strength to be sensible.

We believe that this program ties in nicely with our current initiatives of the Resilience Project and restorative practices. The implementation of Play is the Way is just another way to support our students emotionally and socially so that they can learn effectively and reach their full potential in all developmental areas.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

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.

Student Reflections

Frankston RSL ANZAC Service

On Wednesday 24th of April, all of the House Captains and School Captains along with Year 6 teacher Miss Bower went to the Frankston RSL ANZAC Ceremony to pay our respects to the ANZACs past and present. When we went to the ANZAC ceremony we got a better understanding of the ANZACs and their ways. We also learnt about the importance of ANZAC day and its meaning. We got to pay our respects to those who fought for our country Australia by putting a poppy in the garden.

By Nao and Brock



Crazy Hair Day

Crazy hair day was a MASSIVE success for Overport. It was amazing to see so many people participating for such a great cause. With hundreds of people decorating their hair in so many wacky and creative ways, we ended up raising \$1,200 to donate to the Leukaemia Foundation. With a gold coin donation we raised that amount of money, some people even brought in \$5 and \$10 dollar notes!

Our Vice Principal Mr. Joyce said if we were to raise \$1200 he would shave his hair for the Leukaemia foundation and this is happening this THURSDAY!

By Jhett

Crazy Hair day

