



# OVERPORT NEWS

*From the Principal's Desk.*

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## Dates to remember: JUNE

- Tues 4th** Yr 6 Choir  
(Gr 1) Delecombe Kinder
- Wed 5th** Division Cross Country
- Mon 10th** PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
(No School)
- Wed 12th** Gr 5 Scienceworks  
Excursion  
**SCIENCE OPEN NIGHT**

## TERM 2 ASSEMBLIES

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** Years 3-6
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** Prep-2
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June** Years 3-6



### *Thought of the week;*

*We are all visitors to this time, this place. We are just passing through.*

*Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love...then we return home.*

*Australian Aboriginal Proverb.*

## *Reconciliation Through Education.*



On 27th May it was Reconciliation Day and the last week of the coming school holidays is also NADOC Week. Although our beautiful Indigenous Garden was not completed in time, in recognition of these two important calendar events, we will use our new area to recognise our Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander's culture. This area will provide a background for its history, artwork and stories as part of our current programs. Its inclusion in our grounds provides opportunities for teaching the richness of our Indigenous Australian people and their culture. The children have been thoroughly enjoying the garden since the fences came down on Monday, although keeping them off the planted area is proving a little challenging! However, this is learning and we will continue to help them understand the importance of this area.



In term three we plan to have an official opening with a "smoking ceremony" by a local indigenous Australian and invite our parents to attend. We hope that the garden and what it represents fosters respect and understanding of the past and present, as well as influences strong relationships in our wider community.

## *Naplan.*

Our year 3 and 5 students have completed the Naplan assessment. We are pleased with the integrity that staff have applied to this process. We were a trial school for the online process and our year 5s completed their writing Naplan online. As the online test is very different to that done with pen and paper, the 2019 data may not be an accurate comparison of the results of the 2017 year 3 cohort. At this stage, due to a number of technological issues, the department has decided to abolish the online trials. However, as Naplan is a one day snapshot, please ensure that you view your child's teacher's assessment of their writing, as this is an accumulation of their assessments across the semester. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call your child's teacher.

## *Principal Leave.*

As I will be on leave for the rest of this term for a planned overseas trip to England and Italy, Mr Ricky Joyce will be Acting Principal in my absence. He will be supported by Mrs Jill Wathen.



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## Principals Report (Cont.)



Tully 1B, David 1C,  
Seth 4D, Luisa 3D,  
Thomas 3/4A,  
Brianna 1E,  
Benjamin PB,  
Milla PA, Eli 3/4A,  
Archer 5B, Olivia 1C,  
Bella-Rose 3/4A,  
Alphons 3/4A,  
Merin 2E,  
Rheanne 3D,  
Charlotte 5C,  
Alex 5D, Xavier 3B,  
Natalia 3/4,  
Amelia 5D, Alisha 1B,  
Sophie 3C, Dylan 6B

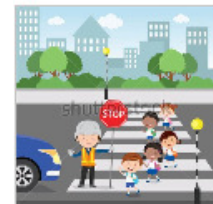
### Choirs Performances.

Recently Mr David Freeman has taken our year 6 student to perform at at Benetas Retirement Village. He said, “The kids were amazing and the way they conversed with the residents was beautiful to watch and a credit to everyone who has taught them over the years”. While the residents loved hearing them sing, the opportunity to meet and talk with them is valued by both the residents and the children. The students loved hearing the stories of an earlier time and chatting with them. This was followed by a performance at Delacombe Pre-school. The young children were excited to see “big” school children at their kinder and enjoyed hearing and engaging with them! Thank you to Mr Freeman for arranging these wonderful opportunities. Next term he plans to take the year 5 choir.



### Road Safety

Last week I was informed by one of our parents about a concern with our students crossing roads, after nearly hitting a child before school. Fortunately, she was travelling very slowly and able to stop quickly. Please speak to your child/ren regarding proper use of the crossings and how to cross the roads safely. Last year one of students was hit out the front of the school. While he was taken to hospital, it was pleasing that he was not injured more seriously. Taking greater care when crossing roads is critical. We want all our students to be careful so that they are safe at all times.



***I trust that rest of term will go well and you will enjoy the mid year break. I look forward to seeing you all next term.***

*Kind Regards,*

*Julie Gleeson Principal.*



## Assistant Principals Report

### ***CHILD SAFETY AT OVERPORT.***

Overport Primary School has a number of strategies in place to ensure the safety of our students. We have very thorough procedures when dealing with all aspects of child safety.

In 2015, the Victorian Parliament passed the Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Bill 2015 to introduce seven child safe standards into law. The Standards apply to all organisations involved in child-related work in Victoria. This order provides the framework for how schools will be required to comply with the Child Safe Standards.

**Standard 1:** Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety

**Standard 2:** A child safety policy or a statement of commitment to child safety

**Standard 3:** Developing a Child Safety Code of Conduct

**Standard 4:** Screening, supervision, training and other human resource practices that reduce the risk of child abuse

**Standard 5:** Procedures for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse

**Standard 6:** Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse

**Standard 7:** Strategies to promote child participation and empowerment

We have included some important information in this newsletter that you should take the time to read, these include:

- Statement of Commitment to Child Safety at Overport Primary School
- Child Safety Policy– this policy includes detailed information about the 7 standards mentioned above
- Child Safety Code of Conduct– This outlines the behaviours we must comply with when working with children. This Code of Conduct needs to be signed by all staff/volunteers/parents who interact with the children. **If you are a parent helper in any way e.g. classroom, excursions/camps, special events, please sign the Code of Conduct and return to the front office.**
- Child Safety Reporting Obligations and Procedures Policy– This policy outlines the reporting obligations we have as a community. Our staff are legally obliged to make a mandatory report if they form a reasonable belief that a child is in need of protection. The whole school community, including parents, can also use this policy as a guide if they have concerns regarding the safety or wellbeing of a child. If you have immediate concerns please call DHHS Child Protection (131 278 – 24 hour service) or 000.

We strongly recommend that you make time to have a conversation with your child regarding their personal safety. Ensure that they understand who they can talk to if they are feeling worried. Share the Kids Helpline/website with your child, they may find the website particularly beneficial. Ph 1800 55 1800 <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

If you are experiencing difficulties that impact on your parenting and/or family life and you feel you need support, please contact Orange Door who will help you access the services your family need to be safe and supported. <https://orangedoor.vic.gov.au/>

For more information please visit <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/safety/Pages/child-protection.aspx> or feel free to contact the school.

Regards,

Ricky Joyce and Jill Wathen

Assistant Principals



...a fun place to  
play and learn!

# Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



## Recap

Hello OPS Families,

It's been a crazy few weeks of activities at Overport Extend and we are excited for the rest of the term ahead of us.

A few things have changed at the service since the start of the term with new equipment and decor to make our service shine.

If you have been watching 'LEGO: Masterbuilders' you'll be excited to see our new LEGO collection!

As well as this we have been cooking regular meals at Overport and are excited to show off our new cooking skills. Just last week we made a delicious vegetarian lasagne which all the kids loved! Since cooking has been a focus of this Term we would love to invite all parents to come to our service on the 12th of June. We will be cooking fresh Pho to warm you through the winter.

## EXTEND OPEN DAY Wednesday 12th June 2019

We hope to see all of you there!  
*Jai, Team Leader*



**Our Extend Superstar is: Taiden**  
For his leadership and encouragement of all children at the service. Well done!



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**SCHOLASTIC**

**Important Information**

# ONLINE ORDERS ONLY

# NO CASH ORDERS

(Cash orders will be returned to students and not processed)

**Book Club Due Date : Tuesday 11th June 2019**

Make and Donate Purple Beanies  
Stamp Out Bullying

**Beanies not Meanies**  
For more information visit [www.kogo.org.au](http://www.kogo.org.au)

Alannah & Madeleine Foundation k.o.g.o. Lincraft

If you would like to join us knitting for the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation "Beanies not Meanies" it would be appreciated. The beanies are to be knitted in purple wool/acrylic and handed into the office by the 2nd week of July.

Thank you.

