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Overport Newsflash

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Welcome to Term 3 and Winter has certainly hit!

Welcome to term three which has started off extremely cold and wet. However, it is certainly clear that the students are excited to be back with their teachers and friends. As well as all the wonderful teaching and learning happening within the classrooms and specialist areas, we are looking forward to a fun filled term with many exciting activities beyond the classroom. We are starting off with PJ day this Friday, 26th July. Our Student Voice Leaders and Health Ambassadors have organised this so students can wear their PJs to school in return for a gold coin donation. Donations will go to Asthma Australia. We have the District Basketball Hoop Time on 1st August followed by the "Overport Olympics" day in celebration of the Olympics on the 2nd of August. This will commence with a special ceremony where our students will be invited to dress in their house colours to represent their special "House Country." Mr Bryant is working with the School, House and Sports Captains to work out the final plans for the day which will include a range of fun-filled physical activities. Our Preps Fairy Tale incursion is on the 6th of August followed by Book Week which will be promoted in our library in addition to a dress up parade on the 19th of August. On the 24th of August, our parents and Friends Club are holding our Trivia Night which should be amazing fun for all as well as raising funds to support the students and their school. Please refer to the Trivia night poster attached to this Newsflash. On the 31st of July, nine of our senior students will attend Snow Camp. Of course, there is our year 4 to 6 production, which is a highlight of the year, *"Ali Barber and the Bongo Bandits."* Then we will finish the term with our Footy Day on the 20th of September. The children will be asked to dress in their footy colours for a gold coin donation to raise funds for the 'My Room Children's Cancer' charity. All in all a fantastic term ahead.

Grounds Development Update.

As I have previously advised community, we have been given a substantial grant from the Victorian Government which is being used to upgrade our soccer pitch, the running track, the rebound wall area and the asphalt driveway. All planning has now been developed by the company Henderson and Lodge along with input from department's Victorian Services Building Authority and myself. I have been sharing information as it has come to hand with School Council but this is the first real step in beginning the works. While this area will be out of bounds for most of the rest of this year, it will be a much needed upgrade that will support he students going forward for many years to come. We are very fortunate that we have such large grounds.

Frankie - our school blue tongue lizard.

Frankie the blue-tongued lizard who can be found in his tank in our library, loves being held and given a pat. He is a delight to our students, as they are to him. This semester, Mrs Kilpatrick is taking her library classes from Monday to Wednesday with our senior students. However, there is still plenty of room for our junior students and their teachers to regularly visit the library and to hear stories and borrow books. Our students do really enjoy the beautiful library space which has not only books to offer but a range of wonderful things to explore. The incredible Ms Hill has organised a new couch with beautiful Indigenous artwork incorporated into it and is surrounded by shelves which hold a selection of our Indigenous books.

I thought we would share a picture of Frankie with Miss Gleeson and her preps, who just love him.

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Colour Run Prizes Have Arrived.

The students will be very excited as our Colour Run Prizes have arrived. Early next week members of the Parent and Friends Club will be sorting these out and they will delivered to the winners classes. A huge thank you again to our PFC for what was a super day that raised significant funds to support the purchase of Thonak Soundfield Systems. Initially, these will be rolled out into the junior classes.

Lunchtime Activities.

Miss Yanni and Mr Bryant have met with our school and house captains last week and have proposed ideas for lunchtime activities for this week. They have chosen the Olympics as a theme and brainstormed a list of sports they wish to organise for the students as a 'taster' before Week 3. The Olympics will officially start 26 July to 11 August. The following table shows what they have chosen to do.

Monday lunchtime	Wednesday lunchtime
Basketball (3 point contest) on the Basketball court with Captains Lucas and Nash.	Hot Shots on the space in between rebound wall and soccer pitch with Captains Lucas and Nash.
Long jump and triple jump near the running track with captains Mia, Skye and our sports captains.	Relays and Sprints on the running track with Captains Mia and Alex.
Volleyball in the hall with School Captain Leti and the Sports Captains.	Table Tennis in the hall with Captains Dorothy and Clare.

Code Camp.

For the next 8 weeks after school, Code Camp Australia will be running the Code Camp program for several students who have elected to undertake the program. This will run in our school computer lab. What an amazing opportunity and thank you to Mr Rodwell who in addition to organising this will also be onsite helping run the program for the students.

Success of Past Students.

Last week, the State Cross Country event was held at Yarra Valley Race Course and I am delighted to mention Annabel G and Sam B who had great success. Annabel came 3rd in the State out of the 110 girls who ran in her age group and Sam came 15th. What an amazing achievement! And this given that their were originally tens of thousands of children in the State that tried out at the Division and then Regionals. Well done to them both!

Enrolments for 2025.

If you have not yet forwarded your enrolment for 2025 Foundation (Prep) please note the date is fast approaching to have them in to our office, **Friday 26th July 2024.** We will still accept enrolments beyond this date as new families move into our zone. If you know of a family that will be moving into our zone, please ask them to contact the school. Our final tour is on 23rd July at 11.15 am. Please contact the office if you wish to attend. If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2025 and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the department's Placement Policy. **For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation** at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep**.** Enrolment details are on our website https://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/enrolment.html for all enrolment details and tour dates.

"Every Student, in every school, every day, deserves a great day"

-Department of Education

Kind Regards

Julie Gleeson,

Principal.

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TRIVIA *Night*

SATURDAY AUGUST 24

6.30PM @ OVERPORT PRIMARY HALL

18+ event, BYO drinks and nibbles

Tickets $30 per person

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