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Overport Newsflash

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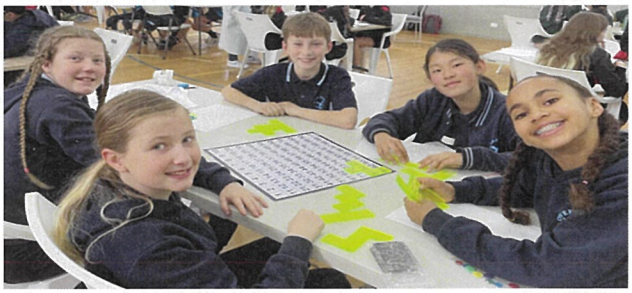
From Julie's desk.

Maths Enrichment Competition – A Day of Fun and Challenge!

Last Friday, Overport Primary School proudly hosted the **Maths Enrichment Competition** in partnership with the Mathematical Association of Victoria. We welcomed 80 enthusiastic contestants from five local schools all eager to put their problem-solving skills to the test. Guided by our energetic host, Andrew Lorimer-Derham from *Think Square*, our Year 5 and 6 students tackled a variety of exciting puzzles and games, including *Mahtzee*, *Race to 1000*, *Mathematical Tic Tac Toe* and the brain-busting *Money Box Challenge*. The room was alive with teamwork, strategic thinking, and plenty of laughter as students collaborated to solve each challenge.

Our Overport teams had a fantastic day, demonstrating persistence, creativity, and great sportsmanship—and we are very proud to share that one of our teams placed **third overall**! A huge congratulations to all involved for making the day such a memorable and successful celebration of mathematical thinking.



Year 6 Leaders Meet Local MP to Officially Open Soccer Pitch

On Wednesday, our Year 6 leaders welcomed Mr Paul Edbrooke, our local State Member of Parliament, to celebrate the official opening of our redeveloped soccer pitch and running track. This exciting upgrade—funded with $582,000 from the State Government—was made possible after former students raised safety concerns about the old grounds. Mr Edbrooke toured the facilities, cut the ribbon, and also met with our Environmental and STEM leaders—Oscar G, Blake D and Willow P—who proudly showcased our new student-designed

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Local Member - Jodie Belyea's Visit to School.

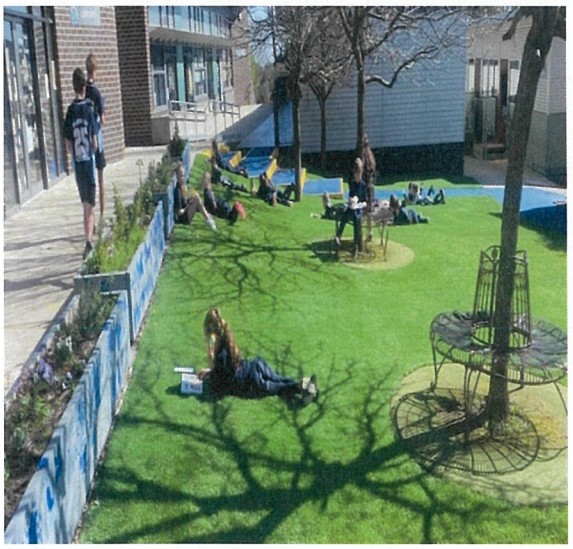
On Friday 25 July, our local member of parliament Jodie Belyea came to our school. Ms Gleeson said that they were so excited to do this. Here is what the children wrote for the newsletter: "*Thirteen students from year 5 showed her photographer, Maddie and Jodie around the school, particularly where we are working on our rewilding project. Jodie planted a pink correa bush in our newly planted garden. Jodie was also very impressed with our veggie garden. It was a very special experience for us all.*" by Dali, Ella, Leah, Hudson & Aaron from 5A. They talked about their work rewilding in the school and because of that we have won one of the three book prizes for international tree day from the council for our rewilding plans with the trees they provided.

Junior Garden Club

Thank you to the wonderful family members who support our students in Garden Club. Each Monday afternoon, a group of keen senior students works in the vegetable garden, while on Wednesdays our junior group—the *Sweet Little Gardeners*—enjoys tending to the school grounds. It has been delightful to see such enthusiasm for our gardens and rewilding projects. Just recently, some very excited Preps rushed into the STEM room to announce that "the rewilding is working"—they had spotted an owl in one of our trees!

Rewilding and Artificial Turf: Finding the Balance

Through our STEM program, students have been learning about biodiversity and sustainability, sparking conversations about how artificial turf fits into our environment. With extensive natural grass across the school and turf in high-traffic or garden areas, we've created a balance that supports both play and outdoor learning—like Miss Hull's class recently enjoyed behind the Year 2 portables.



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Trivia Night Success.

Last Saturday, our Parents and Friends Club hosted our annual Trivia Night—and what a fantastic evening it was! Parents and staff came together for a night full of fun, laughter and a little friendly competition.

A huge thank you goes to our generous sponsors and to the amazing PFC team for all the hard work that went into organising the event. Thanks to their efforts—and the wonderful support from our community—the night raised an incredible **$13,256**, surpassing last year's total!

This is a wonderful achievement, and we are so grateful for the enthusiasm and support of our school community.

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Reminders for Families:

There are a number of important things to be brought to your attention:

1. **Communication with Staff:** Please email the school email address: overport.ps@education.vic.gov.au and mark it attention to the specific teacher . This will be sent to them so they can email you a reply giving you their contact. Year level newsletters, outlining the program in each area will be sent early each term.

3. Attendance: ***It's Not Okay to be Away! Every Day counts!*** It is a requirement that all school age children attend school. Regular and **timely attendance** is essential to allow them to reach their full potential. However, if your child is unwell, please keep them at home and advise the school before **10.00 am.**

4. At the beginning of the school day at 8.50 am, music will play to indicate that the classroom doors are now open for all students to make their way inside. The bell will go at 9.00 am for class to begin. It is **critical** for children to **arrive on time** ready to start the day. This ensures their own learning as well as not disrupting others. If they arrive after 9.00 am, **please note that parents, not the student, must sign them in at the office.**

5. As the Department of Education does not offer individual cover for student's personal injury, I recommend parents consider insurance. JUA underwriting agency offer a "Student Health" - Personal Injury and Accident Protection insurance - www.studenthealth.com.au

6. School uniform is **compulsory**. A plain navy blue one are acceptable. However, we are noticed a lot of students wearing black pants and alternative jumpers. Apparently some teacher have noted that these maybe hidden in school bags! PSW is our supplier of school uniforms. They can be found in Mornington at 61 Watt Road. phone: 97680346. You can also order online. Broad brimmed or legionnaire hats must be worn from 1st September. We also encourage the use of sunglasses. Our Sun Smart policy is also on our website. Please note if student's hair touches their shoulders it must be tied back.

7.Children riding bikes or scooters to school must wear a helmet and must be in year 4 or above unless accompanied by an adult. They are to dismount and walk their bikes etc at the gate entrance. They must not ride on the school grounds. Bikes can be stored behind the black gates at the Bayview Learning Centre or in front of the Towerhill Learning Centre. These areas are out of bounds however, we do strongly recommend a bike lock.

8. Please discourage children from bringing precious items to school. All personal items of students, including bikes, mobile phones, special toys, etc, if brought to school, are done so at a student's own risk.

9. Students are **not permitted** to use phones or phone watches once they are on the school grounds. They must hand them into their teachers. The Mobile Phone policy is also attached.

10. All forms for excursions, incursions, etc must go via COMPASS and not be delivered to the front office.

11. Parking for drop off and pick up: ***Please do not park in no parking zones or in the 'Kiss and Go" area opposite the school. Please note this incudes the Summit Road entrance.*** If you have parking concerns, please contact the Frankston Council on 1300 322 322.

12.Canteen: Our Canteen is run by Stir Crazy Kids. can order lunches on the Stir Crazy Kids app or send an order in a paper bag. You can order on line up to **8.00 am** daily except for Fridays when you **must** order the previous evening.

13. Also located on our website are two policies you may find helpful; 'Parent Community Code of Conduct' and 'Parents Complaints; Raising Concerns'.

"Every student, in every school, every day,

deserves a great day"

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson,

Principal.

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MOONLIT SANCTUARY

SPRING HOLIDAY CLUB

JNR KEEPER CLUB

Ages: 7–14

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