



From Julie's desk.

Overport Newsflash

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Harmony Day

On 20th March, to celebrate Harmony Day and promote acceptance and inclusion for all, our year six leaders set up a range of activities at lunchtime for all students to enjoy. If you have a moment, please see all the photos of this wonderful event on display in the staffroom windows. Bringing an understanding of the purpose of Harmony Day is important for all students to understand acceptance of culture and differences. This is also promoted with our Respectful Relationships, Rights and Responsibility (RRRR) program.



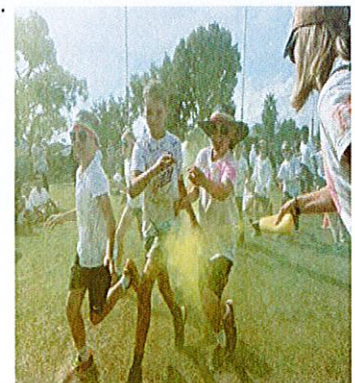
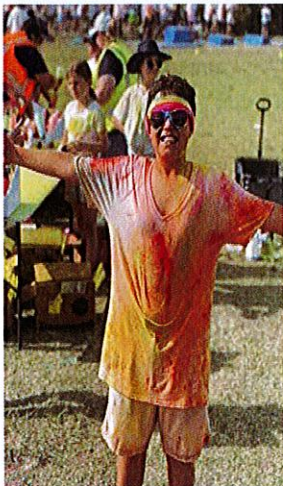
Working Bee held on 18th March

Thank you to the enthusiastic team of parents and students that helped out at our Working Bee recently. We were able to spread soft-fall under all of the play equipment, pine mulch in many needed areas and weed, prune and tidy in the Japanese garden and the Indigenous Garden. Work was also undertaken in the vegetable garden area plus some clean up of rubbish found by one of the students. The grounds were a pleasure to look at on Monday morning.



"Smash the Overport Dash – Colour Run"

The students had a wonderful time at our 'Smash the Overport Dash' colour run on Tuesday, 4th April. It was a terrific way to end the term. Thank you to our Parents and Friends Club for organising this year's event. Please make sure you send through your donations of sponsorship as soon as possible. Banking details have been provided. We are looking forward to raising a great deal of funds. These will go to supporting our rolling leases for the significant increase in technology equipment for our students. The Prep students iPads have arrived and will be rolled out for them to use. These will go with them to year 1 and year 2 and a new roll out of iPads for Preps 2024, will be ordered. This is the same as the year 3 laptops which will travel with them to year six. Fundraising supports this program.



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Easter Hat Parade and Raffle.

On Thursday at 9.00am, we have our end of term Easter Hat Parade. Thank you to all those who purchased raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle. We raised \$2900.00, which is wonderful. The raffle was drawn on Monday afternoon and announced to the students on Tuesday morning for collection by the egg-cited recipients.

Last Day of Term 1.

Our last day of term 1 is this Thursday, 6th April. We will finish at 2.30 pm. Term 2 resumes on 24th April but this is a Curriculum Day prior to the public holiday for ANZAC day. **Students will commence on Wednesday 26th April.** Our ANZAC ceremony will be held on Friday 28th April, on the basketball court. Parents welcome.

Interschool Sports.

Last Friday, our year 6 students participated in Interschool Sports. They had a great time and were very successful. The girls volleyball team won their grand final and were thrilled. Our boys team came 4th in the semi-final. In Softball, the teams all had 1 win out of 3 and were 3rd overall and in cricket, our boys came 6th and the girls came 3rd. In lawn bowls, three out of our four teams won through to the finals out of 16 teams from 5 schools. Two of our teams played off in the grand final, with our B team winning their grand final. In 'Hot Shots' Tennis, our girls and the mixed teams came 3rd and the boys 4th. Amazing results overall! However, over and above these wonderful results were the many comments from staff and parents from other schools about our students' wonderful behaviour, respect of the other teams and what great sports they were generally.

Prime Drinks and Bottles.

"Prime Hydration: A still, coconut water-based electrolyte drink that claims to be fortified with "BCAAs and vitamins". **It is available for purchase in Australia through retailers** and bottles have a disclaimer saying it's **not suitable for children aged under 15"** ABC News.

The new Prime Drinks as well as the empty bottles are banned at school. While the drink is not suitable for children under the age of 15, even the bottles are causing issues and disharmony at school. The amount of BCAAs within these far exceeds daily recommendations for children. Children also get BCAAs from food so do not require further supplements. They also have a large amount of artificial sweetener.

Please see the details as reported on ABC news recently. What is Prime drink, is it okay for kids and why have schools in Australia banned it? - ABC News: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-03-30/what-is-prime-energy-hydration-logan-paul-ksi/102160604>

Notifying Absences.

Please note if your child is going to be absent please enter this on Compass before 10.00 am. This will avoid families receiving a message via text/email notifying you that your child is not at school. Thank you for your cooperation.

'Kiss and Go' Zone.

We had a number of parents complain that others are parking in the Kiss and Go area. This is for quick drop off or pick up. The Kiss & Go zone is a short term stopping area where drivers are allowed to stop and park the vehicle for no longer than **two minutes** while the student exits or enters the vehicle from the kerbside doors. This enables students to walk between the car and the school using the safety of the footpath. The zone operates during peak periods allowing parents to park their vehicles for up to two minutes outside the school gates. This area is **not a parking space** and fines and demerit points apply if the driver leaves the vehicle unattended or remains in this area longer than 2 minutes and is more than 3 meters away from the vehicle.

Thank you! Donation.

Earlier this term, a grandparent of one of our student's, Sam S of 5A, Susan Scheele, donated \$500.00 for school uniforms for families in need. This was a very generous offer and greatly appreciated. Thank you so much Susan. I have no doubt this will be put to very good use.

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

-Department of Education

Kind Regards

Julie Gleeson,

Art News

Once again, we had a fabulous workshop by Lyn Kellows from Frankston Bunnings.

Lyn has been conducting workshops at Overport over the past 14 years. She has come once a term and over the years has completed workshops with every year level. Bunnings supplies all of the materials for each workshop.

This term, students in Prep C and D participated in a workshop on Thursday 16 March. They decorated ceramic pots and created an Easter bunny. They were given a plant for their pot and made a wish with fairy dust.

Lyn also bought enough supplies for Pre B to make pots during their art lesson.

Not all students can be accommodated in these workshops due to time constraints with Lyn and other schools.

Our next workshop is on Wednesday 21 June with year 4A and 4B.

We thank Lyn and Frankston Bunnings for their continued support of our art program.

Lynne White—Art Specialist.

