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OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

Dates to remember:

TERM THREE

SEPTEMBER

Fri 17th

End of Term 2.30pm Finish

OCTOBER

Mon 4th

First day of Term 4

Term End—2.30 pm Tomorrow!

This is just a reminder that the holidays begin from this Friday from 2.30 pm . If you require childcare over the holidays, contact Extend to book in. Term 4 commences on 4th October and we are all hoping we will be back on- site.

School Uniform.

We have continued to require all of our students are in school uniform while on-site during the remote learning period. Some children have items that do not have the logo and this is fine as long as they are in the school colours of navy and light blue. There are very clear reasons why we require our students to wear school uniform. It creates a sense of belonging to a team; *the Overport PS Team!* There are many other reasons why this benefits students:

REASONS WHY SCHOOL UNIFORM IS NECESSARY

- Boosts the reputation of the school
- Helps people in improving their life skills
- When kids wear the school uniform, there are fewer conflicts at the school
- Parents do not have to worry as much about the kids clothing each day

THE OBJECTIVE OF HAVING THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Here are some reasons why school uniforms are essential:

- Children take pride in wearing the school uniform since it helps them to connect with their school—there is a sense of belonging.
- They help kids to dress smartly for school; the school uniform, will help them to become confident.
- Students realise that they are all equal in front of the educational organisation.
- Kids who wear school uniform properly will soon realise the importance of giving respect to others.
- When children wear the school uniform, they feel that they belong to a particular organisation.

Here are five reasons, why, you as a parent, need to ensure that your kids wear a uniform when they go to school:

FOCUS ON THE RIGHT THINGS

Children who wear school uniform concentrate well on their studies. They do not get distracted and they will do well in academics. Kids do not compete with their peers but would like to work hand in hand with them to become successful. Now, this is the prime reason why school uniform is critical.

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*To all students
celebrating their
birthdays this week
and next week*

Mia PB, Michael 1B,
Jackson 2C, Bella 4B,
Lily PC, Mali 6D,
Elsie 6D, Beau 2C,
Lucas 3A, Charlie PD,
Layla 1C, Carter 1B,
Brock 3B, Ciara 4A,
Bella 4E, Jovina 6A,
Sienna 6C, Amala 2B,
Trent 4A, Jack 4B,
Max 5C,
Charli PD, Taylor 3A,
Jude PC, Kayla 6A,
Honor PA,
Skylah 3C, Tegan 6D,
Indi 2D, Skye 3C,
Bella 4E, Hunter 1A,
Claire 4D,
Nathelle 5A,
Charlotte 5D,
Levi 6A, Jett 3A,
Van 6B, Eleanor 4A,
Daniel 6C, James 4A,
Noah 3D, Finnley 5B,
Jaxon 2C, Neve 3C,
Billy 3C, Len 5B,
Bruce 6D

*The uniform makes
for brotherhood,
since when univer-
sally adopted it
covers up all dif-
ference of class
and country.*

Robert Baden-
Powell.

Principals Report (cont)

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Kids from different families and economic conditions come to the school. Since there is a lot of differences among them, it is the school uniform that acts as a catalyst in making them one. Schools have a strict rule of uniforms so that they can help children to feel united.

INCREASE CONFIDENCE AND RESPECT

Students that wear school uniform everyday act responsibly and respectfully to the teachers. In turn, the teachers are going to give respect and are going to be kind to the kids. Your children are going to love going to school. Ensure that you buy a school uniform online from a well-reputed store so that it stays in good condition for a long time.

NO MORE STRESS FOR THE PARENTS

If a school does not have a school uniform in place, it might cause so much strain for the parents. Every day, they have to worry about what clothes their kids should wear to school.

CREATES A SENSE OF BELONGING

A uniform helps children feel that they belong to a particular organization even after many years of schooling. Now, this is yet another reason why school uniform is essential.

In Australia, it is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of a number of protected attributes including age, disability, race, sex, intersex status, gender identity and sexual orientation in certain areas of public life, including education and employment. Australia's federal anti-discrimination laws are contained in the following legislation:

- Age Discrimination Act 2004 - external site
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 - external site
- Racial Discrimination Act 1975 - external site
- Sex Discrimination Act 1984 - external site^[1]

The department also administers the Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. The guidelines outline a consistent gender classification system and standard of evidence required to establish or change gender on personal records for Australian Government departments and agencies.

I have attached our 'Uniform Policy' that is set by School Council, and reviewed every 2 years. Please note the section on hair styles and colours which is also designed to help students to have a strong connection as part of the "Overport PS team". Last term, I met with our School Captains, Zaid and Leila, where I asked them to survey our Student Voice leaders about Overport PS's uniform. When we return on-site they will find out what the students like about the uniform and what they might like to see in our Uniform Policy. This information will be presented to School Council, as our parent representatives for consideration. Please use the following link for additional information:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>

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Principals Report (cont)

Enrolment for 2022 Preps.

If you have a sibling who is attending school in 2022 or know of someone else who will be enrolling their child for next year and is either in our zone or interested in an expression of interest for our school, please contact the school office as soon as possible. For the virtual tour and an enrolment application, refer to our website: <http://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/enrolment-forms.html> Forward enrolment forms to the school email as soon as possible: overport.ps@education.vic.gov.au or drop at the school office.

COVID 19 Injection Site—Frankston—LET'S GET BACK TO SCHOOL!

This is a reminder of the vaccination site in Frankston. The Bayside Hub (in the old Toys-R-Us centre), has a capacity to complete 1200 vaccinations per day. Let's get out of lockdown and back to school!

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson ,
Principal.



Japanese Newsletter

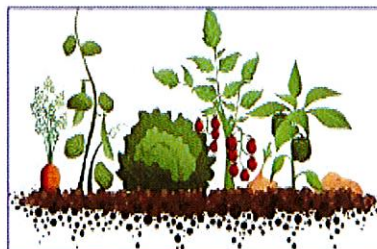


Dear Overport Community



I am looking for some community members to water young plants in our new biodiversity place during the school holiday. I have started planting young trees etc. with students to attract more wild living things to our school. The new biodiversity place is next to the IT room (near the outside toilet block). Although the plants are reasonably hardy, the young plants will be happy to receive any extra care and water. When some of you are passing school as a part of your exercise, can you share a bit of water with the young plants? You can refill water from the drink tap next to the Japanese room.

Arigatoo (thank you) Tomoko Yamashita (Japanese teacher)



Overport Primary School

UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale:

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, will be prescribed, and are required to be worn. Sports uniform may be prescribed as required.
- Appropriate footwear is a fully enclosed shoe which can be securely fastened and which is preferably black or white. Rubber soled shoes are recommended on PE and sports days.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colors and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted. If hair touches shoulders, it must be tied back. Hair ties should be in keeping with our school colours.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only hats that are acceptable are navy wide-brimmed or legionnaire style Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn between September and April, inclusive. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Children who are consistently out of uniform will receive a Uniform Notice, bringing this to the attention of parents.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must do so by notifying the Principal.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed annually.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

February 2019