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OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

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Dates to remember:

TERM ONE

**FRIDAY—18TH February-
CURRICULUM DAY - no
students at school.**

**21st FEB—Remote Parent/
Teacher meetings PREP-
Year 2**

**23rd FEB—Remote Parent/
Teacher meetings Year 3-
Year 6**

**25th FEB—District Swim
Carnival for qualified year 4
-6 students**

CSEF—If you are the holder of a concession card or a health care card, you are entitled to apply for CSEF (camp, sports and excursion fund). Please see the office for an application form.

Friday 18th - Curriculum Day Reminder

Tomorrow is our Curriculum Day with a focus on our writing program. This is a student free day. However, Extend will be operating and offer on-site care for the day. If required, please use their booking site to book in your child/ren: <https://www.extend.com.au/families/enrolments-and-bookings/>.

School Council Elections

School Councils comprise of parents, the principal, staff and at times, community members. Each school council member represents the views of the school community. Being on School Council is a wonderful way to contribute to the governance of the school as well as learn about the processes and developments that impact your child and all students. Information for prospective members can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au School Council elections are held in February each year. **All** parents or guardians of students enrolled at the school are eligible to nominate for positions and to vote in the related elections for parent members. A timeline for 2022 School Council Elections accompanies this newsletter. School Council election nominations open next week on Friday 25th February and close at **4.00 pm** on Friday 4th March. There are four, 2 year positions for parents. The first council meeting sits on Monday, 21st March at 7.00 pm. This follows our AGM which is held at 6.30 pm. All parents are welcome to attend the AGM. I encourage parents to consider nominating for School Council. Both self-nomination forms and nomination by others can be collected at the school office or you can phone for one to be sent home. **If you are interested in nominating yourself or another for School Council please contact me to discuss the requirements.**

Anaphylaxis Awareness

There are a number of children at the school who have allergies/ anaphylaxis in regards to a range of foods, through touch and/ or ingestion. You can assist by being mindful of any allergies that you have been advised of within your child's class and speaking to your children about not sharing food and the importance of washing their hands after they've eaten. All students eat food from home in the classroom and food from the canteen is consumed in the eating area to reduce risks. If you are sending in food for birthdays, class parties, etc. please check with the class teacher regarding allergies first. More information can be found at this website. Thank you for your cooperation. <https://allergyfacts.org.au/images/pdf/SchoolCorrespondence516.pdf> At last night's staff meeting, all staff attended their annual Anaphylaxis and Allergy training program. This ensures that we are able to assist in the event of an episode. If your child has any medical needs such as Anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes or serious medical condition and needs, please ensure that you have provided an up-to-date medical plan and related medication/s, as well as ensuring that you have made your child's teacher as well as the office staff aware.

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To all students celebrating their birthdays this week and next week

Hannah 5A,
Huw 1C,
Tala 6A,
Arran 1B,
Olympus 2D,
Saxon 5A,
Georgia 1A,
Wolfgang 4B,
Valentina 4D,
Owen 5B,
Oscar 5C,
Xanthus 2A,
Lily PB,
Zac PC,
Violet 5C,
Flo 5D,
Summer PC,
Michael 3,
Zoe 3D,
Austin 4A,
Brett 4A,
Ethan 5B, Destiny 5E,
Koda 5C, Corey PC,
Kai PA, Lilli 3B,
Noah 6D

I suppose that I want to make the world a better place. This is massive cliché, I know. But the fact is, it makes sense. We all interact within this gigantic system of humanity, and it's about identifying oneself within the system rather than the self."

John Beaton –16/8/10

A much loved member of Frankston -RIP

Principals Report (cont)

Swimming Sports

Today our years 4 to 6 students attended the House Swimming Carnival at Pines Forest Aquatic Centre. The weather was perfect, not too hot or too cold. When I visited it was obvious that the students were enjoying the day. There was much excitement over various ribbons achieved for places as well as some being thrilled that they had competed and managed the races. I left just as the “novelty races” began and laughter and encouragement was clearly heard. We trust that they all thoroughly enjoyed the day. District trials will be undertaken and those who are successful will compete in the district swimming sports next week which will also be held at the Aquatic Centre. Thank you to Mr Bryant for his organization of such a great event and to the teachers for their assistance.

Mathematics Assistance Program (MAP), Literacy Enrichment Assistance Program (LEAP), the Literacy Assistance Tutoring, the Phonological Awareness Program (PA).

This year we continue our support programs to assist students who require extra support and is coordinated by Jill Wathen. The team includes Nikki Gilham, our MAP teacher and the tutoring team leader, Felicity Batty our LEAP teacher, Keryn Vasta our literacy tutor and Kamla Chinnathumby who delivers PA for the foundation students. Once again targeted assessment was undertaken to ensure that teachers can specifically meet children point of need. They work closely with all intervention staff to further support students in the classroom. Students who have been identified but not attended these programs as yet, will do so as we move through the terms.

New Staff

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Rachael Brigden to our team. Here is a message from Rachael:

“Hello Overport Primary families

My name is Rachael Brigden and I started this year as the new social worker at Overport. Thank you to all the students who have helped me find my way around the school!

I will be at school every Tuesday and Wednesday. My role is to support students and families, particularly around mental health and wellbeing. I will be working individually or in small groups with students. Please contact the main office if you would like to chat to me.”

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson,

Principal.

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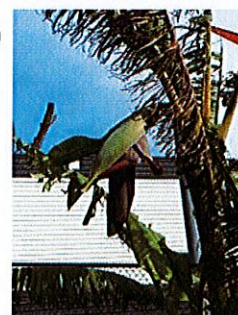
Gardening News

At Overport Primary School, we have vegetable garden next to Year 5 portable classrooms. We are very fortunate to have our school community's extended support for this garden. During the summer holiday, the following families and people kindly looked after the garden: Davies family, Fenton family, Hatfiled family, Richmond family, Solomon family, Piquet family, Extend Before and After School Care, Mr. Mallinson, Mr. Chinnathumby, Mr. Heritage and Miss Yanni. I truly appreciate all these people's generous assistance to maintain our vegetable garden as a place for our students to learn gardening, to enjoy tasting and to peacefully connect with nature and each other!



I would also like to acknowledge our local hero, Victor. One weekend during the holiday, I was very fortunate to finally have a chance to chat with him. He has been tidying up the school yard (and public areas near us) every weekend.

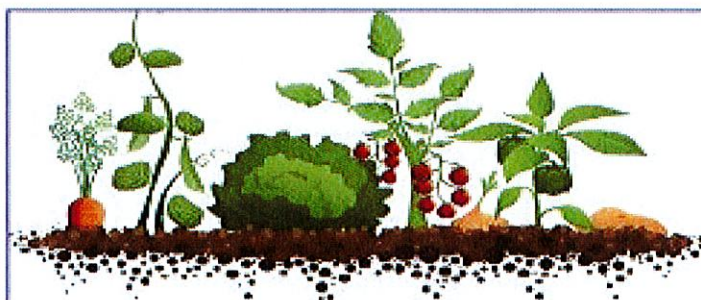
Continuing this year, Mr. Mallinson (our ex Overport Primary School students' parent) kindly offers his time to run "Bill's Garden club" for the very lucky selected Year 4 to Year 6 students on Wednesday afternoons. In addition, I will run "lunch time garden activities" once a week. Any students (except prep students in term one) will be welcome to join lunch time gardening activities.



I am seeking assistance from the school community for helpers to water the vegetable garden on the weekend during this term. If you are able to assist watering on a weekend (even a few times), could you kindly contact me by email or leave a message in the office? I will be at school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. My email address is tomoko.yamashita@education.vic.gov.au. In addition, our new plants in the wildlife place (next to Year five portable classrooms or last year's IT rooms) still need extra watering. If you are passing through the school and have a water bottle, could you kindly share some water with our precious plants? I am sure people's small generous acts will make a huge difference in the future!

Arigatoo goziamasu (Thank you very much)

Tomko Yamashita (Japanese teacher)



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Timeline and Process for Overport School Council Elections

Date:	Event:
Friday, 25 th February	Nominations open
Friday, 4 th March	Nominations close <u>4.00 PM</u>
Monday 7 th March	List of Candidates and Nominations will be displayed Ballot papers will be available from school office
Friday 12 th March	Close of ballot <u>10.00 AM.</u> Count of votes, declaration of poll & results advertised
Monday, 21 st March	New School Council will sit following the AGM.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson
Principal.