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Dates to remember:

TERM THREE

SEPTEMBER

Fri 3rd
GEM Day

Fri 17th
End of Term

OCTOBER

Mon 4th
First day of Term 4

R U OK ? Day

Thursday 9th September we will be acknowledging R U OK? day. This is a great opportunity for the Overport school community to recognise the importance of our mental health and wellbeing, and to reflect on the role we all play as a community in supporting one another. This is particularly relevant in these challenging times when many of us are feeling under pressure and our young people are removed from their friendship groups and normal routines. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that there are many supports we can offer here at Overport for our students, families and community members and encourage you to reach out when help is needed. Further information about R U OK? Day can be found at <https://www.ruok.org.au/how-to-ask>

I also wanted to encourage you to be extra vigilant with your children ensuring close supervision of their access to social media and internet sites, as they spend unusual amounts of time using devices during remote learning. A number of reports have come to our attention that there are many disturbing posts on some social media sites, including Tik-Tok, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Please ensure your child is not likely to be exposed to social media that may cause significant distress. I encourage anyone who may be at risk or experiencing emotional distress, including worried family and friends, to contact one of the following services.

Kids Helpline. 1800 55 1800. Phone support is there all day, every day.
Online support is open from 8am-midnight daily.

Headspace. 1800 650 890. Open 9am-1am daily.

Lifeline. 13 11 14. Phone support all day, every day. As well as online support 7pm-4am daily.

Beyondblue. 1300 22 4636. Phone support daily, every day. Online support 3pm-midnight every day

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

Holly 1D,
Jaxs 5B,
Kalen 6A,
Jessica 4A,
Angelica 5A,
Evelyn 2C,
Joshua 2D,
Ariyah PB,
Emma PE,
Amber 2A,
Axel 4B,
Samuel 5A,
Eddie PA,
Hannah 1C,
Kaleb 1D,
Van 5B,
Cruze 4C,
Toby 6A,
Hazel PE,
Sofia 6D,
Tess 2B,
Seren 5D,
Emelia PC,
Peter 4C,
Neha 4D,
Willow 5D,

The genius thing
we've done is—we
didn't give up!

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, please contact the school office as soon as possible and refer to our website, <http://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/enrolment-forms.html> for the virtual tour and an enrolment application. Forward enrolment forms to the school email address: overport.ps@education.vic.gov.au as soon as possible or drop at the school office.



Students not returning to on-site this term.

We all hope to return to on-site learning for all of our students as soon as possible. However, unfortunately the students will not be back this term. In the meantime, please look after yourselves and your children. Try not to worry about their educational needs; our teachers are highly skilled and will continue to support them as required. Make sure you take the opportunities that the beautiful spring weather offers and go outside for regular breaks, especially away from technology. I suggest also if the children can do any of the work with “pen and paper” that you encourage them to do so to minimise the amount of time on devices. While we are fortunate to have such great access between teachers and students, a sensible approach is needed. Remember, wellbeing for both you and your child/ren is the single most important factor at this time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child’s teacher, to Miss Yanni, Mr Joyce or to me. We are happy to help in any way we can. I strongly encourage everyone to consider getting vaccinated to help us open up.

Best wishes,
Julie.

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson, Principal.

