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### Dates to remember:

#### TERM ONE

6th April—School Colour-  
Fun Run—wear a white  
tshirt!!!

8th April—Easter Hat  
Parade & last day of term

#### TERM TWO

25th April—Anzac Day

26th April—Curriculum  
Day—no students at school

27th-29th April—Smile  
Squad Van.

27th April—Whole school  
assembly Anzac Ceremony

2nd & 3rd May—Mother's  
Day Stall

3rd & 4th May—School  
Photos

**APRIL 8th IS THE  
LAST DAY OF  
TERM**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE  
YOU HAVE MADE  
ARRANGEMENTS  
TO HAVE YOUR  
CHILD/REN PICKED UP**

**AT 2.30PM**

March 31st, 2022

# OVERPORT NEWS

*From the Principal's Desk.*

## *Outcome of School Council Elections.*

We are delighted to announce that we received the exact number of nominations for positions on School Council following our recent elections. Therefore, there was no need to undertake a ballot. Please join me in welcoming our new members, Tessa Harwood, who has a daughter in year 1 and Miranda Marks who has a daughter in year 2 and another in year 4. We are delighted that they are joining SC. Katrina Ovcin and Emma Davies have re-nominated and will continue as parent members of SC. We are also very pleased to have their continued input. They join current members, Jenny Sidwell, Marshall Hughes, Ervin Torik and Darren Zimsen. Sophie Stevens and Marie Yanni join SC as DET staff representatives together with our third DET staff member, Sam Rodwell. This means we have a full membership on SC and we can look forward to continued excellent governance.

### *Students Leading Positive Change.*

At our last assembly on 4th March, Valentina Z and Abbie K of 4D presented to the student body a view to support other students across the world whose countries are going through war. Their heartfelt concern for others and their drive to show a positive support was a clear demonstration of strong student voice and leadership. Valentina and her younger sister, Evelyn from 1B together with Abbie came to see me to present their ideas. Valentina and Abbie wrote a speech that they read at assembly and encouraged all classes to contribute with words of love and drawings on posters which were then displayed in the staffroom windows for all students to see. Below is a copy of their speeches.

*Valentina:*

*Hello everyone, my name is Valentina and this is Abbie. We have come to talk to you today about the awful wars across the world and how we can help support the people who are suffering from them.*

*But it is not the people who come from the country's fault, many of them are against it. Don't tease the kids who come from different countries.*

*We can come together and build a better world.*

*Abbie:*

*So we have made these posters to hand out to each class, so the classes can write messages around them to show their love and support to these poor suffering countries. We will hang the posters up on the staffroom windows. Let's hope soon we can put a stop to all of these wars. Thank you so much for listening to us and our ideas.*

Together with their parents and teachers, I was very proud of their initiative and views. Well done to both of you and Evelyn for her support!

*...continued overleaf*





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

Jayden 1E,  
Juliet 1A,  
Cameron 4B,  
Tom 5D,  
Lara PD, Evelyn 1B,  
Indi 5B, Zaid 6B,  
Ada 6D, Quinn 1D,  
Archie 3C,  
Ayden 5E,  
Aiden 4B,  
Felix PB,  
Macy 4D,  
Stephanie 5B,  
Mason PD,  
Lucy 4B,  
Scarlett 5A,  
Neva 5B,  
Molly 3A, Ivy 5D,  
Ruby 3A, Knox 2B,  
Will 1C,  
Alexander 4A,  
Tai 6A,  
Lily PA,  
Joseph 2B, Sophie 4B,  
Basil 6C

*Strength of character isn't always about how much you can handle before you break. It is about how much you can handle after you've broken. Stay strong!*

*Robert Tew*

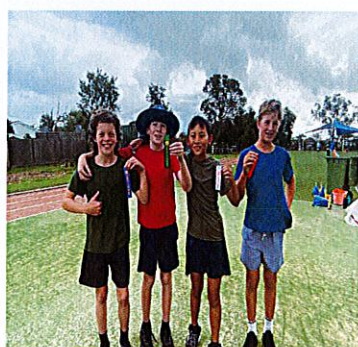
## Principals Report (cont)

### Cross Country & Harmony Day

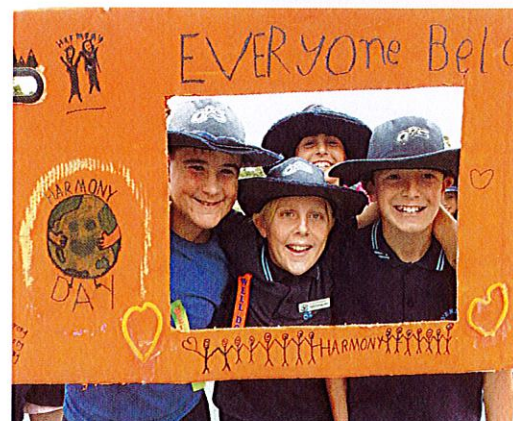
Last Friday we had a wonderful day with our students who arrived wearing both house



colours as well as something orange to promote Harmony Day. Please keep an eye out for those who have qualified to go to District Cross Country in Grades 4-6!! Following the exciting cross country races in the morning, where the sun shone and the rain didn't dampen the event organised by Mr Bryant, our student leaders provided lunchtime activities for all the children.



Thank you to Miss Hull, and Mrs Cumberlidge for their support and organization. Our Integration aide De-one West organised a wonderful indigenous hand painting which was traditionally done in caves as cave painting. This will have an acknowledgment of country on it and then be displayed in our office area.



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## Principals Report (cont)

### Free Holiday Camps

Positive Start holiday camps help students to build confidence and learn leadership skills, while enjoying activities such as abseiling, canoeing and mountain biking.

Schools do not need to organise these camps for students. Parents and carers need to book. To be eligible for free holiday camps, students must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- attend a school that experienced closures of 5 days or more due to COVID-19 in 2021 (Please Note: OPS were closed for significantly more than 5 days)
- have an approved Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) application for 2022
- have a parent who holds a valid means-tested concession card
- Indigenous students
- students in out-of-home care (temporary or permanent)
- students with a refugee background
- students with a disability
- students in the Navigator program.

The department of education has provided resources to schools to communicate this to our families of eligible students.

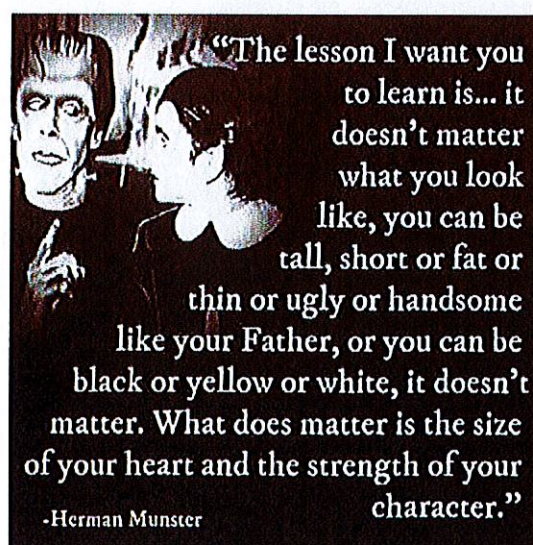
Families should register their interest as soon as possible for Term 1 holiday camps. Please see attached flyer for registration.

***Don't forget Friday 8th of April is the last day of term and we finish at 2.30 pm. Students commence Term 2 on 27/4/22, following Anzac Day on 25/4/22 and our Curriculum Day on 26/4/22.***

*Kind Regards,*

*Julie Gleeson*

*Principal*



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## JAPANESE NEWS

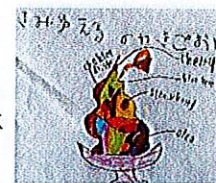
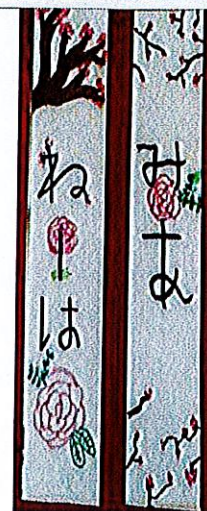
Minasan konnichiwa (Hello, everyone)

Year three students have learned about a popular Japanese summer dessert, kakigoori (snow cone or shaved ice), and designed their own original with Japanese writing. Next term, water is the key theme for Year three students Japanese learning. Year four students have practised reading aloud Japanese symbols and words to introduce their name in a full Japanese sentence. The focus for their next term Japanese learning is plant biology (including some aspects of biodiversity) with gardening activities. Year five students have learned to write names by looking up the Hiragana symbol (one type of Japanese writing symbols) table. They have started looking at rubbish issues



which will be the key theme for their next term learning. Year six students have learned about different types of Japanese writing symbols. They are also learning to express what they are good at in Japanese. Their next term focus is on environment/ climate issues. I hope our fabulous students will work together to make a positive difference to our future through Japanese learning next term.

**For the next term Japanese learning, I will appreciate any donation of spare plastic plant pots (any sizes), buckets, clean plastic caps and lids (such as from jars, juice and milk bottles), and (food) package and boxes.**



## VEGETABLE GARDEN—Help Needed!



A huge thank you (arigatoo) to our students and Overport families who look after the vegetable garden. I often have very kind students visit asking whether they can do some work for the garden. Some of them have done watering and others have weeded the garden. Recently, as a part of garden themed Japanese lesson, some year four classes went down to the vegetable garden to water and weed. I was very thrilled to see the students excellent team work to remove many tough weeds from the garden. On the weekend, our fabulous year six students, Jess and June took initiative to work together in the garden. I would also like to share my appreciation to the following families and people for their work in the garden: Bugden family, Hatfield family, Deacon family, Moseley family, Mrs. Burgess, and Mr. Mallinson.



**I am planning a vegetable garden working bee on 23 of April (Saturday). If we have heavy rain on that day, the next day, 24<sup>th</sup> of April is the reserved day. The key tasks are weeding and adding mulch around fruit trees. If you are fully vaccinated and can come for the working bee, please contact me through 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](mailto:tomoko.yamashita@education.vic.gov.au)**



Arigatoo gozaimasu (thank you very much)  
Tomoko Yamashita (Japanese teacher)

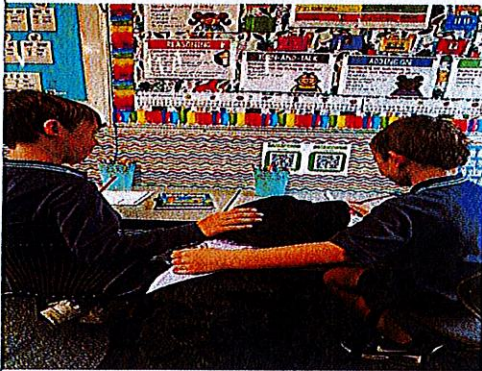
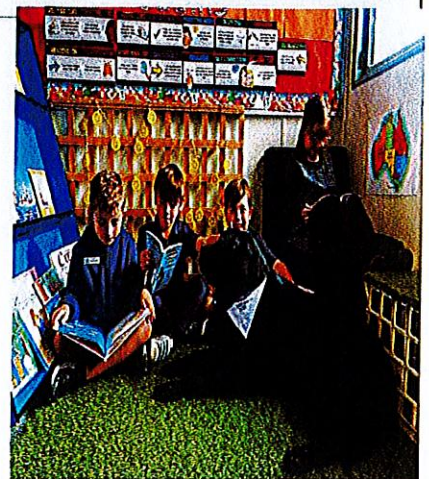




## Ralph our Therapy Dog



Ralph the Therapy Dog helps kids to emotionally regulate, calm down when feeling overwhelmed and talk about their feelings with others. Ralph can be seen in the yard at recess and lunchtimes when Mrs Stevens is on yard duty. Kids are learning about how to treat animals with respect and a few things about dog obedience.



Ralph helps in Mrs Steven's Year 1 grade. He listens to the kids read to him and the kids enjoy writing about him. There are times when Mrs Stevens and Ralph work with students in other grades too. Ralph is at school 3 days a week as he needs his rest days too. It has been great having Ralph at Overport.

Thank you for welcoming this new addition to the Overport family!

## School Colour Fun Run



We will be holding the *School Fun Run* as a major fundraising event this year on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April** We're doing it to raise much needed money to **upgrade our school grounds and ICT equipment**.

### About the Day

The *School Fun-Run BIG SHOW* is all about Fun! There will be huge inflatables, and you will get to meet Chase the Cheetah! Think of it as a Fun Run carnival! This will be one of the most exciting days on our school's calendar, with everyone's participation the aim, so please make sure they attend of the day and cheer the other kids on!

Don't forget to share the link to friends and family to raise money for some fantastic prizes!!

**SCHOOL  
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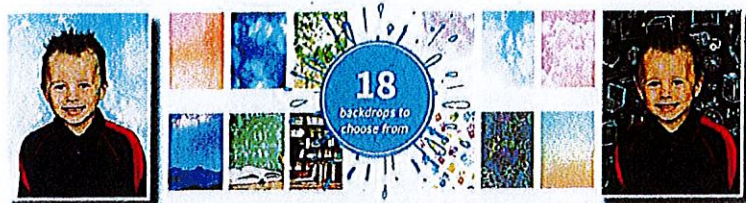


# ONLINE BOOKING



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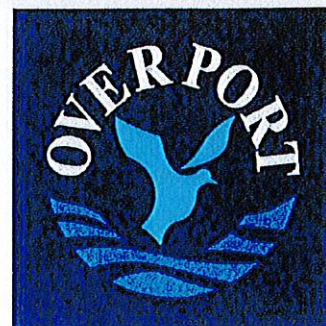
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Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30 pm the night before photo day.  
Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.



**IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR**  
**April 2022**



For further details, always refer to our newsletter, or contact your child's teacher.

**EVENTS in APRIL**

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	School Colour Run 11:30am-2:30pm. Students to wear white T-Shirt. Parents welcome
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Hat Parade. 9:15am-10:15am. Parents welcome. <b>End of term 1 Early Finish 2:30pm</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day- No school today
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Curriculum Day- no students at school
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Smile Squad Dental Van
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Assembly- Anzac Ceremony Prep-6, Basketball Court 9am

**Proposed EVENTS in MAY:**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May- Mother's Day Stall
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May- School Photos
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May- NAPLAN for year 3 & 5
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Year 6 excursion to Melbourne Zoo



## Positive Start in 2022: FREE holiday camps

Dear parents and carers

During the past 2 years, the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that many students have missed out on the opportunity to experience outdoor activities in an organised, social and supportive environment.

The Victorian Government is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of all children and young people, and is offering the chance for eligible students to attend a free camp program as part of the Positive Start in 2022 initiative, during the 2022 school holiday periods.

### Free camps for eligible students

Camps are a great way for young people to build confidence, experience new activities, learn leadership skills, connect socially and make new friends.

Holiday camp programs can range from single overnight experiences to spending several nights away.

While on camp, your child may enjoy a range of social and adventure activities which could include team challenges, bush walks, orienteering, hut building, cooking, bush walks, painting with nature, rope courses, abseiling and canoeing. Camp providers will make every effort to ensure they are accessible to all students and will list their facilities and supports available on the Positive Start website.

### Express your interest today

Places are limited, so if you are interested in this opportunity for your child or children, register your interest as soon as possible.

For further information, including how to register, visit:

<https://vacsddata.educationapps.vic.gov.au/PositiveStartHolidayCamps/>  
or scan the QR code.



Please also refer to the Holiday Camp Information below.

Once you register your interest, the Department of Education and Training will send you more information about available programs and how you can secure a booking.

### Find out more

For further enquiries about the Positive Start holiday camps or to register your interest, contact [positivestart@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:positivestart@education.vic.gov.au)

Kind regards

Stephen Fraser  
Deputy Secretary  
School Education Programs and Support  
Department of Education and Training



## HOLIDAY CAMP INFORMATION

### Which students are eligible for free holiday camps?

Students who meet one or more of the following criteria are eligible to attend a free holiday camp:

- attend a school that experienced closures of 5 days or more due to COVID-19 in 2021
- have an approved [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\)](#) application for 2022
- have a parent who holds a valid means-tested concession card (for example a Health Care Card, Job Seeker, Newstart Allowance, Disability Support Pension)
- are in out-of-home care (temporary or permanent)
- have a disability
- are from a refugee background
- are indigenous students
- are in the [Navigator program](#).

### When are the holiday camps?

The holiday camps will run in the 2022 school holidays — Term 1 (April), Term 2 (June/July) and Term 3 (September) 2022.

### How much does it cost?

These camps are completely free of charge to eligible families. It will not cost you anything for your child to attend the camp. Most of the camps can organise transport from central locations however, for some camps, parents may need to provide transport for their child. Specific information regarding transport will be supplied by the individual camp providers.

### How old does my child need to be?

Students in years 3 to 12 from the start of 2022 school year can attend holiday camp programs.

### Will my child get to go with their friends?

Your child may be able to go on camp with their friends if they book to go to the same camp and there are places available. However, please note that your child's friends may not be eligible for the Positive Start free holiday camp funding. Only eligible families may book through Positive Start. Remember, your child will also have the chance to make new friends and build relationships with students from other schools.

### What types of camps are there?

There will be a list of camps from which that you can choose. Each camp will have a brief description including where it is, the length of the camp (number of days), the dates it is running, how to get there; as well as a list of activities to help you decide which camp would best suit your child.

### What general safety measures are in place to ensure camps are safe for students?

Camp facilities and sites are reviewed each year and are accredited by an independent national accreditation scheme to ensure they meet best practice standards and that all students receive the best care. All camp activities are compliant with national safety standards. All staff members have working with children checks and undergo a thorough induction and checking process as part of working with the camp.



**What COVIDSafe strategies are in place at camps?**

All Positive Start in 2022 camps must put into place a CovidSafe plan that aligns with Department of Health and Department of Education and Training advice. This includes operating under up-to-date CovidSafe practices such as appropriate cleaning, activity design, food service and accommodation density and layouts.

**How do I register my interest?**

It's easy to register your interest. Simply go to the link below or scan the QR code on the right and complete the registration details. Once you have provided your email address, the Positive Start team will be in touch with more information.

<https://vacsddata.educationapps.vic.gov.au/PositiveStartHolidayCamps/>

**What happens next?**

Within two weeks of registering your child's interest, you will be provided with more information including a list of available holiday camps and how to book.

If you need further information about the free holiday camps before you feel comfortable to register your interest please visit the

[www.vic.gov.au/positivestart](http://www.vic.gov.au/positivestart)



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## KEEPER CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM

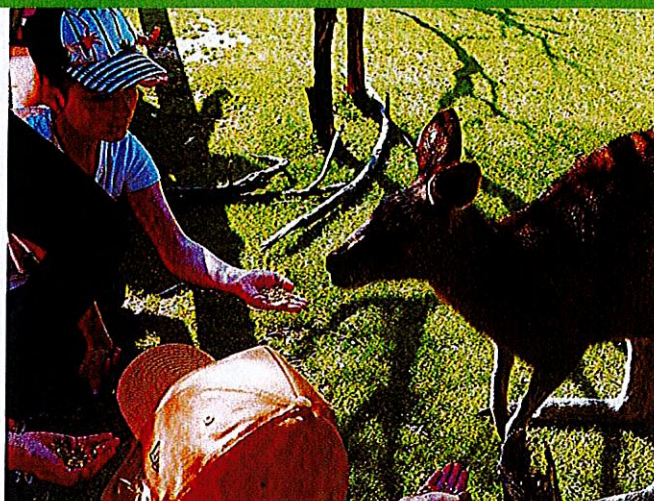
### GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

**If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out our Keeper Club holiday program.**

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, they will get up close to many animals including dingoes and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!

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Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, feeding animals and food prep, and animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

### April 2022 School Holiday Program Dates:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cost: \$99.00 per day

Small groups of 16 children

### Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

9:15am sign in. 9:30am start. 2:30pm finish.

Open daily between 10am and 4pm.

Keeper Club runs from 9:30am-2:30pm.



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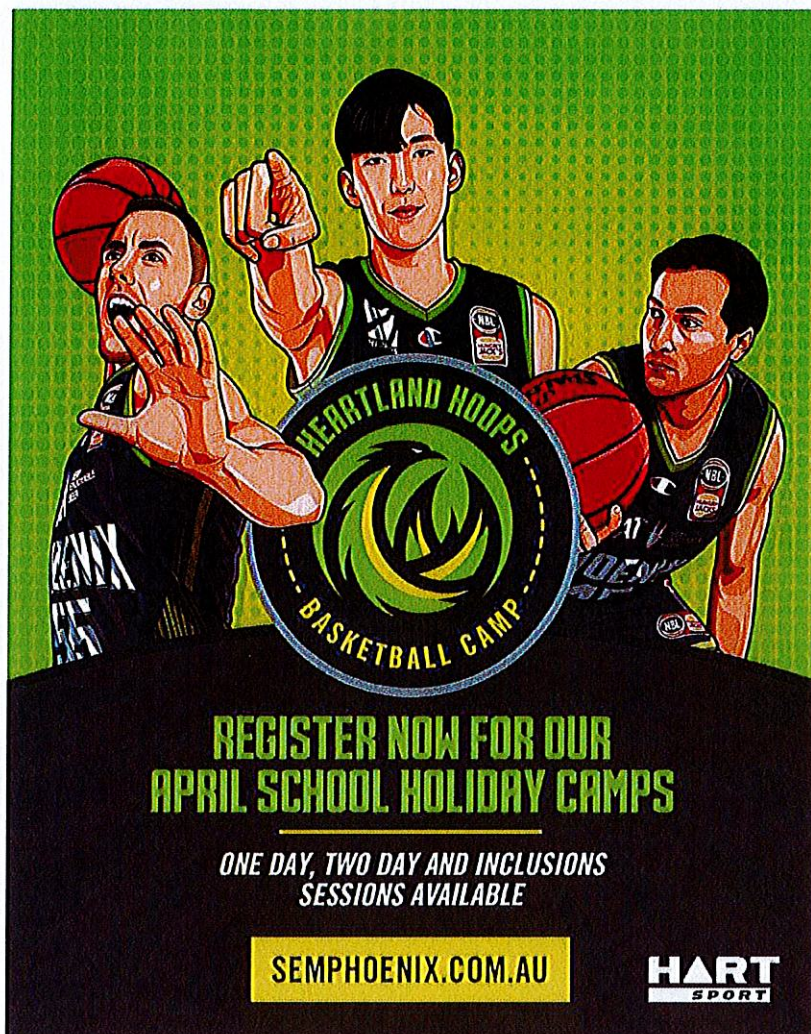
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