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OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

Dates to remember:

TERM ONE

**17TH FEB—Year 4-6
Swimming Carnival**

**18th FEB—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
(camps, sports and
excursion fund).
Please see the
office for an
application form.***

Welcome to a bright and wonderful new year at Overport PS. We are delighted to have all our students back! Happy New Year to all our students and families. I trust that you all had an enjoyable holiday, a well-earned rest and that our students have returned ready for the year ahead, hopefully filled with promise and calm! I would especially like to warmly welcome our new students and their families and invite them to take every opportunity to be part of our wonderful family centred community. We now have 690 students and 30 classes at Overport PS. We have had an excellent start to the year, and it is obvious that the children have missed their friends and are glad to be back at school. Our new Preps are behaving like they have always been here – very confident and independent as they settle into the Prep area in the Summit Learning Centre. Shortly our year five students will begin developing their relationship with the new preps as their buddies...they can't wait!

New Staff.

I would like to warmly welcome our new staff members, Jaimi Goodchild, year 3 teacher, Teagan De Valle, year 5 teacher, Rachael Brigden, Social Worker/Counsellor and our new integration aides, Kelsey Barrett and Sammy Swift, as well as Kerry Bruce, who is volunteering. Also, Jill Wathen, who has stepped into the Assistant Principal role in the absence of Mr Joyce for the coming 12 months.

Curriculum Day

Please be advised that we are holding our first student free Curriculum Day on Friday 18th February. The focus will be our English program. Extend will be operating and are offering 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/>.

A Few Reminders As the Year Begins.

There are a number of important things to be brought to your attention:

1. Assemblies: We will hold two whole school assemblies each term. The first for term one will be on Friday, 11th February from 9.05 am on the Basketball court. Preps will not attend yet.

Our second one for the term will be on Friday, 4th March. Preps will attend.

Our Easter Hat Parade will be held on the last day of term, 8th April.
Parents are most welcome.

2. Communication with Staff: Teachers can be contacted via the school email address, which is: overport.ps@education.vic.gov.au Please mark attention to the teacher who will then email you a reply giving you their correct email address.

3. Attendance: *It's Not Okay to be Away! Every Day counts!* It is a requirement that all school age children attend school. Regular attendance is essential to allow them to reach their full potential. However, if your child is unwell, especially with cold or flu-like symptoms, please keep them at home and advise the school before 10.00 am. It is recommended that you see a doctor.

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

Sam 6C,
Jasper P,
Oscar 5E,
Isabella 6B,
Finn P, Keisha 6D,
Amelia P,
Xander 2B,
Chase 2D,
Jazi 4A, Lucas 4B,
Joey 5A, Zara 6A,
Lucia 1B,
Landen 1E,
Rafi P, Lola P,
Kaylee 1D,
James 4B,
Jack 1A, Hana 2B,
Evie 5B,
Billy 2A,
Leah 2C, Elayna P,
Ash 4A, Trey 6D

**You may have a
fresh start at any
moment! For this
thing we call
'failure' is not the
falling down, but
the staying
down!**

Mary Pickford

Principals Report (cont)

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4. At the beginning of the day at 8.50 am, music will play to indicate that the classroom doors are now open for all students to make their way inside. The bell and music will go at 9.00 am for class to begin. It is **critical** for children to **arrive on time** ready to start the day. This ensures their own learning as well as not disrupting others. If students arrive after 9.05 am, a late pass must be collected at the office.

5. As the department of education and early child development does not offer individual cover for student's personal injury, I recommend parents consider insurance. JUA underwriting agency offer a "Student Health" - Personal Injury and Accident Protection insurance - www.studenthealth.com.au

6. School uniform is **compulsory**. A copy of the uniform policy is attached to this newsletter. Please note extreme hairstyles such as Mohawks, tails and colours are not permitted. Only small earrings such as studs are permitted. Only medical or religious jewellery is permitted and should be worn under uniform for safety reasons. Broad brimmed or legionnaire hats must be worn until the end of April. Our Sun smart policy is also attached. A plain, navy blue one without Logo is also acceptable. We also encourage the use of sunglasses. Please note that the uniform shop PSW, can be found in Mornington at 1/22 Watt Road. Telephone: 97680346.

7. **Children riding bikes or scooters to school must wear a helmet and must be in grade 4 or above unless accompanied by an adult.** Bikes can be stored behind the black gates at the Bayview Learning Centre or in the new area in front of the TLC. This area is out of bounds, but we recommend a bike lock.

8. Please discourage children from bringing precious items to school. All personal items of students, including bikes, mobile phones, special toys, etc, if brought to school, are done so at student's own risk. Mobile phones must be logged with the class teacher and collected at the end of the day.

9. All forms for excursions, incursions, etc must go through the classroom and not be delivered to the front office.

10. Please do not park in no parking zones or in the 'Kiss and Go' area opposite the school. Please note this includes the Summit Road entrance. The fines for this area are very heavy and the council regularly patrols. If you have parking concerns, please contact the Frankston Council on 1300 322 322. As parking is at a premium, if you are close enough, we strongly encourage you to walk.

11. **Canteen:** Our Canteen is run by Stir Crazy Kids. It is open from 8.30 am. They offer for parents' coffee or students a hot chocolate. They are open for window sales at recess and lunch. Parents can order lunches on-line at www.myschoolconnect.com.au/ or send an order in a paper bag. You can order online up to 9.00 am daily.

12. Please find attached two policies you may find helpful; 'Parent Community Code of Conduct' and 'Parents Complaints; Raising Concerns'. However, we are here to assist in any way we can so do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher with queries or concerns. Mrs Jill Wathen and Miss Marie Yanni are our Assistant Principals and we are all happy to help.

13. The Department of Education and Training values the privacy of every person and is committed to protecting information that schools collect. All staff of the Department, including our school, must comply with Victorian privacy law and this policy. In Victorian government schools the management of 'personal information' and 'health information' is governed by Victorian privacy law. The link for the policy is <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/pages/privacypolicy.aspx#link101>

It explains how our school collects and manages personal and health information, consistent with Victorian privacy law.

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson Principal.

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR **February 2022**



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

EVENTS in Feb:

Tuesday 1st Feb	Prep: 10am – 2pm
Wednesday 2nd Feb	No Preps today
Thursday 3rd Feb	Prep 10am-2pm
Friday 4th Feb	Prep: 10am – 2pm
Monday 7 th Feb	Prep: 9:30am-2pm
Tuesday 8 th Feb	Prep: 9:30am-2pm
Wednesday 9 th Feb	No Preps today
Thursday 10 th Feb	Prep: 9:30am-2pm
Friday 11 th Feb	Prep: 9:30am-2pm Whole School Assembly (yr 1-6) 9:00am Basketball court
Wednesday 16 th Feb	No Preps today
Thursday 17 th Feb	Year 4-6 House Swimming Carnival (Pines Forest Aquatic)
Friday 18 th Feb	Curriculum Day (English focus)- no students at school
Monday 21 st Feb	Remote Parent/Teacher meetings Prep-2
Wednesday 23 rd Feb	Remote Parent/Teacher meetings Yr 3-6 No Preps today
Friday 25 th Feb	District Swimming Carnival qualified students yr 4-6

Proposed EVENTS in March:

Friday 4 th March	Whole School Assembly Prep-6 9:00am Basketball court
Monday 14 th March	Labour Day – No School Today
Wednesday 16 th March	Division Swimming Carnival- qualified students yr 4-6
Friday 25 th March	House Cross Country
Monday 28 th March	Regional Swimming Carnival- qualified students yr 4-6

Please also note that our Twilight Market scheduled for 18th March has been rescheduled for 4th November and will now be a Christmas Market.