



From the Principal's Desk.

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Dates to remember:

TERM 4

DECEMBER

Fri 18th End of Term
1.00pm finish



*Thought of
the week:*

**We rise by lifting
others!**

Robert Ingersoll

Last Week of the School Year

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take this moment to wish our families a Christmas filled with joy and peace as well as a safe and restful holiday period. We have been fortunate to have had the pleasure once again of looking after your children throughout the year— and what a strange year it has been. We are fortunate to work in such close partnerships with our families and your children. This makes our work a true joy.

I have enjoyed watching them all blossom and grow, even though they have only been on-site for six months of the year. When they returned to on-site learning, seeing how they had grown was quite amazing. I have been blessed to still have had the opportunity of many delightful moments with them that have made me smile, even become emotional when they have touched my heart! As a principal of a primary school, I continue to be so grateful for how fortunate I am to be amongst them; it is such a privileged. I see so many wonderful possibilities and I know we are putting our future into capable hands. Especially as we look into the eyes and hearts of our gorgeous year six students, who finish their primary school years on Friday.

Year 6 Graduation

On Tuesday night we wished them all farewell at their graduation ceremony. I was very proud of each and every one of them. I would like to wish them all a successful future, as they move to their next learning journey at secondary school. We will certainly miss them and their cheeky smiles and precious stories. I hope that they will pop back from time to time for a visit; Overport will always be their home!

Wednesday morning we held a ceremony for our current year six leaders to hand badges to our new year 6 leaders for 2021. This was live streamed so you can view the video on the website: www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au We also took the time to thank our wonderful crossing attendants that keep the students safe at our roads, Sandra at Towerhill Road and Val, who has been doing this for 32 years! at the Summit Road exit. Our school captains, Oscar and Marli presented them with a token of appreciation as well as spoke about their support and commitment.

Last Day of School —18/12/2020 at 1.00 pm

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank our wonderful staff who have supported the students through this difficult and challenging year. We also like to wish Miss Lisa Davies well as she returns to her old school, as well as Miss Melissa Sexton, who is taking leave for the coming 12 months.

I would also like to thank you, the parents and carers, for your patience and support as we travelled through the pandemic together. This has truly shown us how resilient, strong and adaptive we are. It really does take a village to raise a child. Thank you all so much.

***Have a wonderful holiday as well as a safe
and enjoyable Christmas season.***

Julie Gleeson.

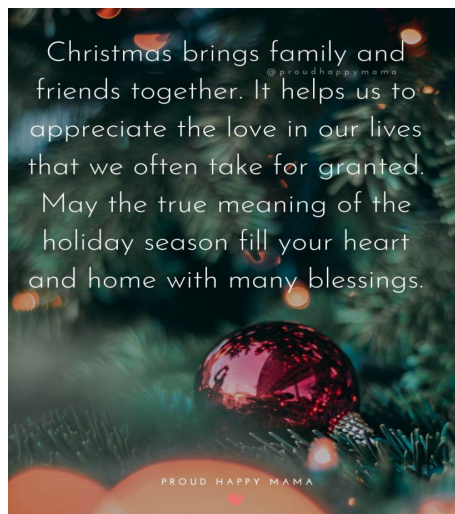
Murder of the Snail Floor!

The preps from Prep C were most concerned that some year two students were being very unkind to snails and squashing them, which they felt was underserved. Therefore, they undertook a significant inquiry project about snails and presented stories, drawings and their learning and understandings with the year 2s. Attached to this newsletter is some of the information they shared. Thank you Prep C. The OPS snails will really appreciate your support and care.

LEAP Graduating Students!

OPS LEAP (Literacy enrichment assistance program) students had a special graduation party today with Mrs (Felicity) Batty. A wonderful achievement you have improved their literacy abilities and knowledge. They just loved it!

*Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson Principal.*



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To all students celebrating their birthdays this week and over the holiday break.

Allegra 3D, Taylor 4D,
 Anna 1B, Georgia 4C,
 Jude 4D, Alex 4D,
 Brandon PD, Porter PD,
 Evelyn 1A, Serenity 1A,
 Kody 5E, Harper PA, Felix
 1C, Harry 5E, Olivia PA,
 Aaliyah 2D, Harrison 1A,
 Max 3C, Jack 5/6A, Finn
 PC, Mia 1C, Blake 2A,
 Reef 5B, Tahliā 5E, Frank
 5/6A, Coby 3B, Finn 56A
 Ryder 1B, Alexandra 3B,
 Ava 4C, Mason 4C,
 Elwood 1C, Angus 5B,
 Ashton 6B, Harry 5C,
 Ryder 1B, Willow 1A,
 Mađoc 3/4A, Ella PB,
 Sofia PC, Vincent 1B, Isla
 3B, Joseph 3E, Jeena
 3/4A, Lucas 4C, Audrey
 2A, Rhyli 3D, Macy 3/4A,
 Jaiē 5/6A, Jerome PA,
 Miles 2A, Hayley 3D, Jake
 5C, Michael 6E,
 Lewis 2E, Sam 4C, Jack
 2C, Toby 1D, Talia 3D,
 Kaizen 6B, Jack 6C, Ella
 2D Grace 2E, Tenaea 3E,
 Mitchell 4D, Penelope
 3/4A, Zoran 6E, Axel 1C,
 Aya 3/4A, Jet 5E, Isaac
 1D, Karina 3C, Milla 4D,
 Tane PB, Soroja 4B, Chace
 5E, Monty PB, Ryan 2E,
 Jordan 4D, Louie 6D,
 Oscar 3/4A Isabella 4D,
 Hannah 5B, Oliver 5D,
 Keisha 4D



Class of 2020



"Murder on the Snail Floor"

Grade Prep—Study of Snails for Presentation to Year 2

