



# OVERPORT NEWS

*From the Principal's Desk.*

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## Dates to remember:

### TERM ONE

### FEBRUARY

**Wed 10th Family Forum**  
**Yrs 4, 5 & 6**

**Thur 11th Family Forum**  
**Yrs 1, 2 & 3**

**Thur 18th Swimming**  
**Carnival**  
**Yrs 3—6**

**Fri 19th Pupil Free Day**



**DON'T FORGET**

*Thought of  
The week*

*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*

## Welcome to 2021!

Welcome to the New Year to all our students and families. I sincerely hope that you all had a wonderful holiday, a well-earned rest and have returned ready for 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 730 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!

## A few reminders as the year begins.

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

**1. Assemblies:** Assemblies will commence next Monday from 9.05am, with a whole school assembly on the Basketball court. We will then hold alternate assemblies in the school hall. 3-6 one week & Yr P-2 the next week. Our school student leaders will lead the assembly each week. Please note due to COVID restrictions, parents are not permitted to attend assemblies that are held in the hall. However, we will live stream these for you.

Week 3 - 8/2/21 - All students on the Basketball Court. Preps will not attend.

Week 4 - 15/2/21 - 3-6 in school hall, parents are not permitted to attend.

Week 5 - 22/2/21 - P-2 in school hall, parents are not permitted to attend.

Week 6 - 1/3/21 - 3-6 in school hall, parents are not permitted to attend.

Week 7 - 8/3/21 - P-2 in school hall, parents are not permitted to attend.

Week 8 - 15/3/21 - 3-6 in school hall, parents are not permitted to attend.

Week 9 - 22/3/21 - P-2 in school hall, parents are not permitted to attend.

Week 10 - Friday only - All students - Easter Hat Parade held on the Basketball Court. All parents welcome.

**2. Communication with Staff:** Teachers can be contacted via the school email address, which is: [overport.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto: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 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.

**4.** At the beginning of the day at 8.50 am, music will play for a short while to indicate that the classroom doors are now open. At 8.55 am the first bell and music sound for all students to make their way inside and hang up their bag. The teaching day commences at 9.00 am. It is **critical** for children to **arrive on time** ready to start the day. This ensures their learning and does not disrupt others. If they arrive after this time, 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](http://www.studenthealth.com.au)





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

Xander 1B, Lucas 3B,  
Jazlin 3D, Maggie 6C,  
Joey 4B, Zara 5B,  
Lucia Prep, Landen  
Prep, Kaylee Prep,  
Lola Prep, James 3A,  
Jack Prep, Evie 4D,  
Alex 6D, Billy 1A,  
Leah 1A, Will 6B,  
Ashley 3D, Trey 5A,  
Zac 4B, Huw Prep,  
Tala 5D, Rupert 6C,  
Arran Prep, Olympus  
1B, Saxon 4E, Chloe  
6A, Georgia Prep,  
Wolfgang 3B,  
Valentina 3C, Max  
6C, Owen 4D, Oscar  
4D, Xanthus 1A,  
Emily 6D, Florian 4D,  
Violet 4E, Mary 6C



## Principals Report (cont)

6. School uniform is **compulsory**. A copy of the uniform policy is attached to this newsletter. Please note extreme hairstyles such as Mohawks, tails, extreme 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 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 office first.

10. Please do not park in no parking zones or in the 'Kiss and Go' area opposite the school. The fines for this area are very heavy and the council regularly patrols there. If you have parking concerns, please contact the Frankston Council on 1300 322 322. As parking is at a premium, especially at the end of the day, 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/](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au/) or send an order in a paper bag. You can order on line 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. Mr Ricky Joyce and Miss Marie Yanni are our Assistant Principals and we are all happy to help. Mrs Jill Wathen is overseeing the tutoring program along with LEAP, our *literacy support program* and MAP, our maths support program.

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.

### *Aspiring Gardeners.*

Yesterday Sensei Yamashita invited students to join her in the vegetable garden to do some much need gardening it was delightful to see so many eager faces.



*Kind Regards,  
Julie Gleeson Principal.*

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Minasan konnichiwa (Hello, everyone)

During this semester, Year three to six students are learning Japanese. The students will learn the Japanese language and culture by singing songs, playing games, craft making and doing investigations. One of the key aspects throughout the lessons cross all these year levels will be students' wellbeing and sustainability. I am hoping that students have opportunities to make actions toward sustainable living to make a better future.



At Overport Primary School, we have a vegetable garden (next to Frankston High School Senior Campus).

We are very fortunate to have our school community's extended support for this garden. During the summer holiday the Burgess family, Fenton family, Moseley family, Solomon family, Piquet family, Vivas-Castaneda family, Extend care, Mrs. Gleeson, Mr. Bryant, and Mr. Williamson kindly looked after the garden. 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 to each other!

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 middle and senior year students, Wednesday afternoons I will run "Lunch time garden activities" once a week. Any students (except prep students in term one) will be welcome to the lunch time gardening activities.

If anyone has questions regarding the Japanese program, lunch time garden activities, or **are interested in assisting "Bill's garden club" (Wednesday afternoons from 2:00-3:30) and/or weekend vegetable garden watering (during term one)**, please contact to me through email or leave a message at 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 goziamasu (Thank you very much)

Tomko Yamashita (Japanese teacher)



### 2021 CSEF payment for Pension Card

#### or Health Care Card holders

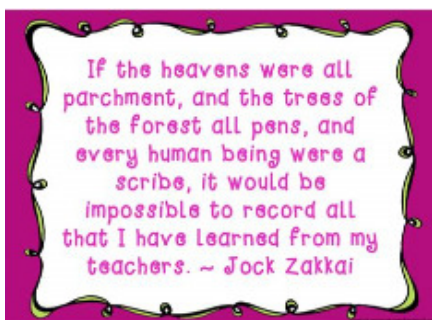
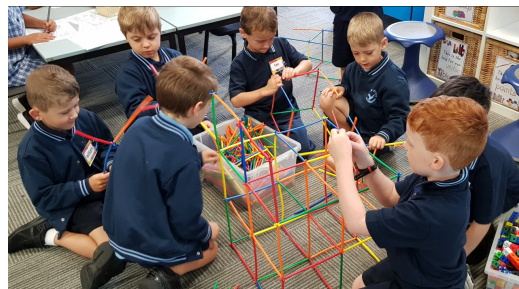
If you are the holder of a **Pension Card** or **Health Care Card** you may be entitled to apply for the **CSEF**.

**CSEF** is a payment of \$125 per student per year to go towards Camps, Sports and Excursions.

**If you received a CSEF payment last year for your students and have a Prep that has started this year (2021), please fill out a new application form to add your new prep student.**

***Application forms are available from the office***

# New Preps



Mr. Williamson  
Mrs Sanders  
Mrs McLean  
Mrs Chandler  
Miss Gleeson  
Mrs Marshall



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**Important Information**

**ONLINE ORDERS ONLY**  
**NO CASH ORDERS**

(Cash orders will be returned to students and not processed)

Book Club Due Date: Monday 15 Feb 2021