



OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

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Dates to remember:

TERM 2

JUNE

Fri 19th Dress as your
Favourite
Superhero day

Fri 26th Crazy Hair
Day

Fri 26th Last day of
Term 2 School
finish 2.30pm

JULY

Mon 13th First day of
Term 3



**FRIDAY 26TH JUNE
LAST DAY OF TERM 2
FINISH TIME 2.30PM**

*Thought of
the week:*

*If you think in terms of a
year, plant a seed,
If in terms of ten years plant
trees;*

*If in terms of one hundred
years, teach the people.*

Confucius

Successful Return to School For all!

It has been a relief to have all our students return happy and well and delighted to see their friends and teachers again. They were welcomed with bubbles being blown which appeared to be appreciated. Many of the teachers have commented on how much they have all grown. Just like the Prep to 2 they have also been remarkably settled and continued with classroom work as usual. There has been a significant focus on wellbeing activities which has assisted to facilitate this. The yard seemed so full and it is lovely to hear laughter and see our older students supporting the younger ones and happy to see them again. It is obvious that our parents of all year levels have worked very hard to support them. I similarly wish to acknowledge how respectfully our families continue to follow all expectations regarding drop off and pick up. This has been excellent and will continue to help keep us all as safe as possible. We will continue with the staggered start and collection for the rest of the term. As I mentioned there has been great benefits starting in this manner, we will review how we go forward into term three and advise you as soon as decisions are made. Therefore, at this stage, students can still arrive between 8.45 am to 9.15 am and enter the classrooms. They must walk straight into the classroom. Surnames beginning with A to L can be collected from 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm and M to Z from 3.15 pm to 3.30 pm. At 3.30 pm the end of day bell will sound as usual. Please note that students cannot leave before 3.30 by themselves. Don't forget their own water bottle! Thank you for continued understanding and cooperation.

Remote Learning—where was its value?

Many of the staff have noted the capacity of some students has improved and the engagement, particularly through the use of SeeSaw and Google Classroom, has been significant. We have all seen a stronger connection to our community as well. This has lead us to consider what has been the lesson we can learn and capitalise on from the past 8 weeks. Staff met last night to brainstorm some of the areas we will keep and what will support student outcomes going forward. Some ideas from staff include the continuous "reporting" to you as you viewed student work on SeeSaw or Google Classroom. This could support school reports as you see your child's development in real time. The mid-year report will go out to the community during week three of next term. As our focus for the return to school has been wellbeing, there has not been any formal assessment undertaken this term, so there will not be no specific grading due on the mid-year report but teachers will be making comments on how well students engaged over the first two terms and the remote learning time. Teachers have commented on the improvements they have noticed in students' abilities based on the attention parents have given to them during the remote learning time. I do not think I can thank you enough for supporting your children. Among many things you did, the most significant was to digitally engage with the learning as well as reading to and with your children. We cannot underestimate the importance of that. Please keep it up!



To all students celebrating their birthdays this week and next week

Willow 1D, Kobey 2A, Thomas 3E, Ben 56A, Jack PA, John PA, Jamilla 1D, Joshua 5C, Willow 34A, Juliana 5B, Zain 5B, Sara 6C, Poppy 3B, Ginny 3B, Lana 5B, Sienna 6E, Shaun 56A, Huw 2D, Cooper 2D

To all students celebrating their birthdays over the school holidays

Will 2E, Isaac 3D, Sebbie 6E, Taj 5D, Hunter 1B, Flynn 3D, Seren 3E, Josh 4C, Grace 5D, Max PD, Mia Jane 3C, Ally 5D, Sebastien 5E, Nicholas 5E, Brooke 6E, Mia 3C, Harvey 34A, Annabelle 3C, Macey PB, Isla 1D, Alex 3C, Sophie PD, Mia 1A, Blade 2B, Praddy 2E, Audrey 34A, Joshua 5C, Amy 6D, Cameron 6E, Lucas PB, Roshan 2B, James 34A, Bailey PB, Owen 5B



Review of Camps and Excursions.

Following the announcement yesterday that school camps can be reinstated, we have reviewed our decisions. We will need to be mindful of cost for families as well as how we can provide opportunity for the students. Therefore our year 4 camp will now go ahead next term and we are just confirming dates.

Year 5 camp will proceed as usual and will be in term 4. As we are unable to get an alternative date for the proposed camp for year 6 this year, we are looking into the possibility of going to the Prom. Once we have details and confirmation we will advise you. Therefore, it is advisable that you begin forward planning for the costs involved.

School Uniform.

Social isolation and spending lots of time at home has had an impact in a number of ways. While I am not sure if this is the reason, we have noticed a number of students have returned not wearing the School council approved uniform that complies with our uniform policy. Our uniform is predominantly navy blue. While a spare navy jumper and pair of navy track pants from a local store is fine; they must be the correct colour, please. I have attached the school uniform policy for your perusal. Students who are out of uniform without a note of explanation will receive an "Out of Uniform" notice. Please also note within the policy the need for hair that touches the shoulders to be tied back. This will assist in the prevention of head lice. Also, that extreme colours and hair styles are not acceptable. Make up at school is not permitted. Nail colour maybe clear.

Homework Expectations.

Students are only required to complete a small amount of homework. Many discussions have been held at School Council. In the policy attached it outlines that nightly reading, age appropriate spelling activities or word practice for younger students and numeracy, such as tables practise or that set by class teachers is all that is required. Additional home work, such as project work, is only required to be completed if the student chooses to do so. Please refer to the attached policy.

Remote Assembly

All our student leaders have done a wonderful job with the remote assembly. Thank you to Ivy D of 6E and Jet C of 6D who delivered last week's. Congratulations to all our award winners.

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson Principal.



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Health Care Card holders-CSEF applications

If you have a current health care card and have not filled in a CSEF application form, please do so as soon as possible to receive the \$125 payment towards camps, sports and excursions. Please note if you received CSEF in 2019 you are not required to fill in a new form.

Prep parents with older siblings at the school, if you already have a CSEF application form lodged from 2019, please make sure you have added your prep student for 2020. Application forms are available from the office.



Dress as your Favourite Superhero Day!

This is a reminder that this Friday is **Dress as your Favourite Superhero Day!** Students are able to wear their favourite superhero costume to school for the day, and they will be participating in fun superhero lessons in with their class. There is no gold coin donation for this day.

We are really looking forward to seeing all the superheroes!



Ninja Warrior Day



Artist for a Day



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Last Friday was fantastic!!! We had five activities for Wellbeing Day. The activities were draw a self portrait, craft, guided drawing, folding monsters and draw a portrait of a classmate with your non dominant hand.

We eight minutes to complete each activity. My favourite activity was guided drawing because we could draw whatever we wanted. I'd like to be able to do this again. Artist for a Day wellbeing Day was really fun!

Sam 4C

