



OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

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Dates to remember:

TERM ONE

MARCH

Fri 12th	First Aid in Schools
	Yr 6 Sport - Derinya
Wed 17th	Billy Tea Bush Band Incursion
Thurs 18th	Billy Tea Bush Band Incursion
Fri 19th	Stand Against Bullying Day

APRIL

Thurs 1st	END OF TERM 2.30PM FINISH
	Easter Hat Parade

School Council Election Results.

School Council elections have been completed. I am pleased to advise that as we had the exact numbers required to fill the positions, we do not need to undertake a ballot. I am delighted to welcome returning parent nominees, Jenny Sidwell, Marshall Hughes, and Ervin Torok and returning Department nominee Sam Rodwell, as well as new parent members, Darren Zimsen and Emma Davies. They join parent members, Sarah May, Katarina Ovcin and Lukas Konopcik and Department members, Ricky Joyce and Sophie Stevens. I am very confident that School Council will continue to provide effective governance going forward. I sincerely thank them for their willingness to undertake this important role within the school to support all stakeholders. Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting which will be held at 6.00 pm on 22nd March, 2021. This will be followed by our first School Council meeting for the 2021 cycle.

Evacuation Drill Walk Through.

Last week, we undertook a walk through with staff to ensure they identify the most effective pathways for all classes to access the evacuation site A in the event of an emergency. Yesterday, we practised our 'planned pathway access' with our staff and students. A few minor directions changes were suggested to minimize congestion in the most practical manner. Our revised plans will be displayed at doorways. We plan to undertake another evacuation drill later this term with all students.



Further Curriculum Days for 2021.

School Council has approved the last two curriculum days for 2021 which are student free. These will be in term 2 on Friday, 4th June and term 3 on Friday, 30th July. The first of these will have an English focus and the second is proposed for mathematics focus. Both these days will be student free days but Extend will operate as usual for the full day should you require care. Please ensure you book on line through their website.

Travelling to & from school safely in cars & at the crossing.



Getting everyone to their destination safely is the most important thing no matter how far we are travelling or whether driving or walking. Everyone travelling in cars must be restrained with a seat belt at all times. While the pressures of life can sometimes cause us to rush, an unrestrained child could easily be harmed in the event of even the smallest incident. I would also like to remind everyone that using the correct crossing is the safest option when crossing Towerhill Road. Cars leaving the carpark opposite the school may not see children coming onto the roads. Also dropping off or parking in the school driveway to collect children is very dangerous and causes unnecessary congestion. Our children are our most precious jewels; always choose the safest option.



*Thought of
The Week*

The World is waiting for
you

**Good Luck
Travel Safe.**

Go!

Phil Keoghan





To all students celebrating their birthdays this week and next week

Cooper 3B, Leni 3D,
Nicole 6A, Jett 2D,
Addi 4B, Stuart 5D,
Cruz PB, Arián PD,
Zac PA, Leyvi 2B,
Hope 2C, Lewis 6D,
Mia 4D, Marcus 5C,
Harrison 1C,
Emily PD,
Isabelle 2D, Noah 5D,
Jack PE, Stella 3C,
Georgia 3C, Logan
4D, Charles 6B,
Summer 2B, Emily
4C, Alexander 4E,
Zac 3D, Tashvi PC,
Oscar 6B



Principals Report (cont)

'Real Schools' Advice to Teachers

Every child needs a champion, an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be. - Rita Pierson

1. We can be 'the one' for our students, most or least favourite.
2. Choose the former.
3. Build the relationship.
4. Make the connections.
5. Strong foundations lead to amazing growth.

The Big One 1.5 Differentiate teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities but also ... 1.2 Understand how students learn 3.5 Use effective classroom communication. 4.1 Support student participation 4.3 Manage concerning behaviour to allow the best opportunities for all students.

Now, cast your memory back to when you were at school and see if you can answer these questions: Who was your favourite teacher? How did they make you feel? What do you remember about each of them? Did you work extra hard to please them.?

The advice from 'Real Schools' resonates with us. Our teachers and leadership will continue to work to develop our relationships with all students to support them academically, emotionally and socially. To build learning, we need to have a strong relational foundation.

***Foundations might sometimes be hard to build,
but oh, the things we can create to go on top!***

Magnetic Toys and Novelties



Small, strong magnets are used to attach parts in many children's toys, or to make toys magnetically stick to other play objects.

Risks and injuries

Magnets can be dangerous to children if swallowed, causing infections and other serious injuries. If a child puts a magnet in their mouth they can choke if the magnet lodges in their throat and blocks their windpipe.

If a child swallows a number of magnets, the magnets can lock together through the walls of the intestines and cause perforations and blockages. Urgent surgery is required to remove the magnets in order to avoid serious medical complications or death.

Article 1 - <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-home/Pages/Dangers-of-Magnetic-Toys-and-Fake-Piercings.aspx>

Article 2 - <https://www.productsafety.gov.au/products/babies-kids/toys/magnetic-toys-novelties>

Please ensure toys that contain small, strong magnets are not brought to school. We would also strongly discourage these types of toys being accessible in the home.

Kind Regards, Julie Gleeson
Principal.



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Important Information

CYBER SAFETY PROJECT

Cyber Safety Project Incursion: Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th May

As many of you will remember, Trent Ray and Sam Macaulay from the Cyber Safety Project were due to visit the staff, students and parents of Overport PS in March of 2020. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, this event couldn't take place. It gives me great pleasure to inform you that we will be once again welcoming the Cyber Safety Project to Overport PS. In week 3 of term 2, all students will participate in a 1 hour incursion where they will be immersed in opportunities to explore, discuss and reflect upon digital citizenship and etiquette.

As the saying goes, 'it takes a village to raise a child'. Safe practices and strategies for maintaining a positive digital reputation starts in the home. We encourage all our parents to jump on board and get involved by building a positive and healthy family environment where digital use is encouraged but managed effectively. To support this initiative, the Cyber Safety Project will be running a free 1 hour live webinar for our parent community. This will take place on Tuesday 4th May between 7:30pm and 8:30pm and will provide our parent community a chance to learn:

- Connecting and playing online safely
- Social networking safety
- Defining and managing cyber bullying
- Taking control of app game settings to provide safer online experience
- Tips for starting the 'Cyber Safety' chat at home
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Establishing, and maintaining, a safe digital environment in the home

Please use the access link <http://tiny.cc/OPSParentWebinar> to register your interest for this event. Registered parents will receive a webinar joining code, closer to the events commencement.

Sam Rodwell

Digital Technologies Learning Specialist

Overport Primary School



APRIL 1ST IS THE LAST DAY OF TERM

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE MADE
ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE YOUR CHILD/REN
PICKED UP AT **2.30PM**



STANDUP
AGAINST BULLYING

**National Day
of Action** against
Bullying and Violence

Official

BULLYING
NO WAY!

school

GEM Day

Gratitude



Empathy



Mindfulness



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PROJECT™