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# OVERPORT NEWS

*From the Principal's Desk.*

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## Dates to remember:

### TERM 4 OCTOBER

**Fri 23rd**      **Public Hol**  
                 **AFL**

### NOVEMBER

**Tues 3rd**      **Cup Day**  
                 **Public**  
                 **Holiday**

**Fri 27th**      **Curriculum**  
                 **Day**  
                 **No students**



*Thought of  
the week:*

*When you realise how  
perfect everything is  
you will tilt your head back  
and laugh at the sky.*

**Buddha**

## *Return to Our New Normal.*

Our parents were all smiles as our students commenced on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October and it went very smoothly. A huge thank you to all of our parents for all trying so hard to stick to the parameters under which we asked you to bring students to school. The students generally were very happy to be back on-site. We ensured we had the Japanese garden as a space for any that required a quiet area and segregated the yard into play areas to reduce the numbers. However, it is much less congested this week as we have decided to open the grounds fully to everyone and this has spread the students out much more. Staff are also extremely happy to have the children return and for everyone to be back on-site. While it still feels different to what we are used to; people masked up, no one gathering in groups; general quiet demeanour in classes, at least the first week! But as the students have become more comfortable with being back with their friends, their confidence has certainly grown! Many of our students have really excelled with your wonderful support at home. However, some parents have expressed concerns regarding their child's progress over the remote learning time. Our teachers are undertaking assessments to identify and support each child's point of need and we have plans in place to support any student who may need extra assistance. Rest assured that our teachers will be able to provide the very best educational opportunities for all our students.

## *Lilli T—Our Star!*

Lilli T of year 1, participated in a 'Key Word Sign Community' recording to help raise awareness of key word signing for KWS awareness day today. She is featured throughout the video in the little windows. She participated in the 2 hr practice session via Zoom 2 weeks ago and then the 2 hr recording session last weekend. She learnt all the signs very quickly and apparently loves doing them still. She is keen to teach her class. There are help sheets available for the song and signs if you would like to share this with your child. Our student leaders are proposing a special day to recognise and learn Auslan on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. Please see this link on our website.

<http://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/key-word-sign-awareness-day-16th-october.html>



It is truly delightful. Watch it to the end to see her in the big finale. We are very proud of you, Lilli.

## *Hats this term!*

This term students must wear a broad brimmed hat to protect them from sun damage. We understand lost hats maybe difficult to replace at the moment. However, while other hats are acceptable until such time as you can purchase a navy blue broad brimmed hat, please ensure that the back of the neck and ears are covered.

## *Hair - tied up and safe!*

Please note that if student's hair touches their collar, it must be tied up. This is to avoid head lice which can easily be spread, particularly if hair is long and loose. Now that we are all back on site, this is important. Please see our uniform policy on the website.



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

Sarah 3D, Umar 5C,  
Saxon 6B, Yaxin 3B,  
Joshua 6B, Paige 6D,  
Daisy PC,  
Bobbi-Lee 3B,  
Xavier 3B, Lily 4B,  
Diya 6B, Aaron PA,  
Layla PB, Hazel 5/6A,  
Taj 5B, Ava 6E,  
May PC, Ishmeet 2D,  
Bobby 5E,  
Molly 5/6A,  
Madeleine 6B,  
Kellyn PB, Niko 1D,  
Jaxx 1D, Lily 2B,  
Leti 2B, Thomas 5D,  
Kassi 3E, Lila 4C, Ari-  
anna 5B, Evie 5E,  
London PB, Brixton  
3D, Maja 4B, Saman-  
tha 1B, Sapphire 3C,  
Drew 3C, Jasmine 4D



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### ***Transition Plans for Preps -2021 .***

**Changes to Pre-school to Prep Transition for 2021:** Due to the restrictions in place in Victoria because of the Corona Virus we are be unable to run our usual transition sessions for pre-schoolers. However, we understand that a smooth transition to school relies on the children feeling happy, confident and excited about beginning their primary school journey. In order for them to feel this way they need to have a sense of familiarity and knowledge of what they might expect when starting school. We have therefore decided to run the following program to support our 2021 preps developing a connection with our school and to support a smooth transition to school:

During the first few weeks of term 4 the child will receive a “Welcome to School” pack and the child’s **Seesaw** code and instructions for parents to make a Seesaw account. This platform will allow the prep teachers to share activities and announcement with families. They will use this to run weekly introduction activities to familiarise the pre-schoolers with the school, the prep teachers and to enjoy some activities, such as school ‘tours’, story reading, meet the teachers and ‘advice’ from our current preps. There will also be information sessions for parents that can be accessed through this site.

Teachers will begin visiting the Pre-schools to meet the new preps from early in Term 4. This will give them the opportunity to see them within a learning environment and to communicate with their current pre-school teachers in regards to their learning needs. During their first pre-school visit they will be delivering the ‘Welcome to School’ packs directly to the children.

Making grades is a time consuming process that takes into consideration the child’s individual needs, collaboration with pre-school teachers, group dynamics and observations made by the prep teachers and is usually done through our transitions sessions during term 4. As we are unable to have this, we will be beginning 2021 with a two week ‘Transition Program’. *This means that grades will not be formally set until **Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February.***

During this time the children will attend school, in transition groups and participate in activities similar to our normal transition program across the day.

This allow the children the opportunity to get to know all the prep teachers and have a chance to interact with a wider group of peers in a situation very similar to our normal transition process. More detailed information regarding this will be communicated to families as the term progresses.

We are still considering how we will manage our whole school transition program for years 1 to 6. This will be dependent on health advice; however, we are hoping that we will be able to run our normal transition program but a bit later in the year.

*Kind Regards,  
Julie Gleeson Principal.*

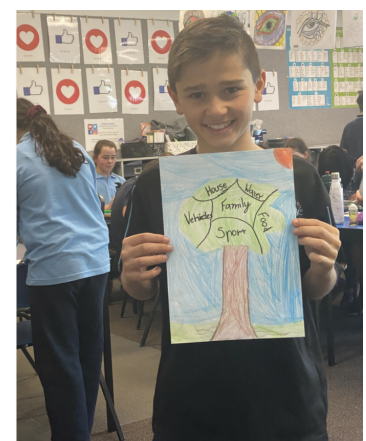
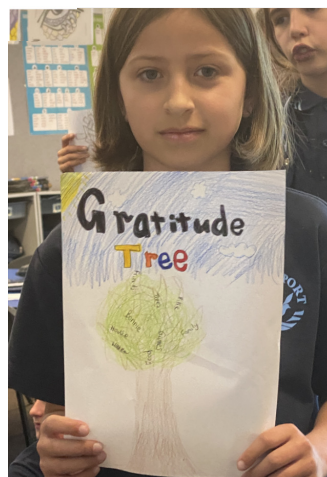
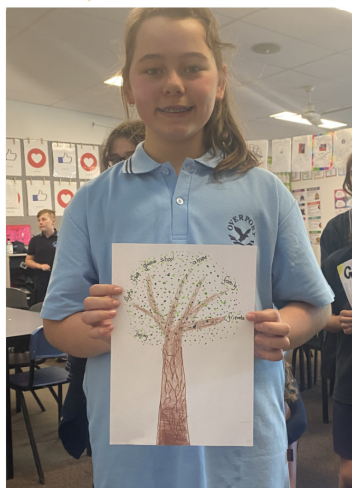
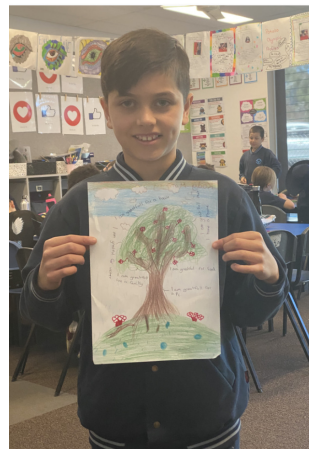
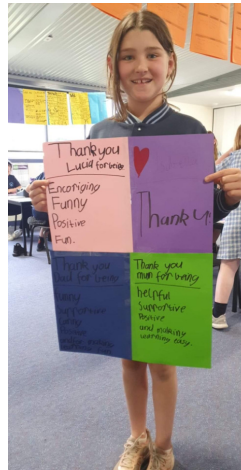
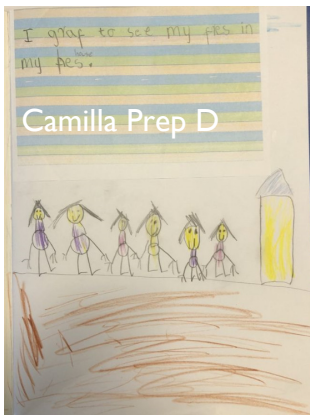
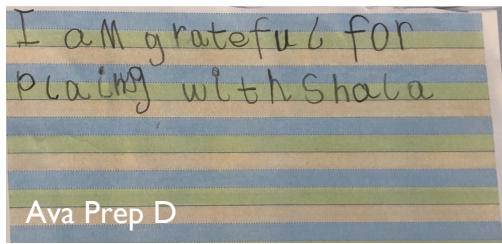
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# Day of Gratitude







TEACHING YOUNG AUSTRALIANS TO BE  
*mentally healthy*

# PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Come along to our parent information  
night to learn more about methods to  
support mental health and wellbeing

Overport PS presents, 'Discovering Resilience'

with Martin Heppell

Date: Nov 5, 2020

Time: 7:30 PM

Via Zoom online. Link and password will be emailed  
to all present and future families.

[THERESILIENCEPROJECT.COM.AU](http://THERESILIENCEPROJECT.COM.AU)

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EVERY  
DAY  
COUNTS  
Primary school attendance



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**SCHOLASTIC**

Important  
Information

# ONLINE ORDERS ONLY NO CASH ORDERS

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

Book Club Due Date: Friday 30 Oct 2020