

# The Overport Times

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

**Don't forget Swimming Program continues tomorrow!**

**Enrolments 2017:** We are now a very large school with a possible 680 students enrolled for next year. Therefore to assist us with planning, if you know that you are leaving the school and will not be here next year, please advise the office as soon as possible. Also if you know of anyone who wishes to enrol, please advise them that our enrolment will close soon and to contact us as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Restorative Practices - an approach to Student Wellbeing:** We continue to be proactive when addressing student wellbeing, and social and emotional development. Our use of Restorative Practices allows for student voice and the opportunity to understand how certain behaviours may affect another and how to solve social issues. At times, students will not always agree with each other and this is part of the process. However, developing that understanding of each other's feelings and emotions is imperative to building social skills. Once the restorative discussion has been held and all parties have had the chance to speak, a decision on how to restore the harm and the trust is discussed and decided. If it is deemed necessary that discipline needs to take place parents are usually contacted either by phone or mail and the following may take place:

- Restricted play area for a given period of time.
- In-door (half of lunchtime) supervision. A formal letter will go home.
- Parent and teacher meetings with the child may be present, if age appropriate.
- If behaviour is severe or continuous, possibly a suspension may be put in place.

Expulsion is not readily supported by the department, but can take place in extreme circumstances.

However, given that our role is to support students to become clear thinking, understanding, assertive yet reasonable and good citizens, social and emotional development are critical aspects of learning. The new Victorian Curriculum has introduced four new areas Capabilities: Critical and Creative Thinking; Ethical Understanding; Intercultural Understanding; and Personal; and Social Development. Along with our Restorative Practices these will be embedded within our curriculum.

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## Thought for the week.

*When parents or guardians and teachers work together well, everyone wins! Anon.*

## Diary Dates



**Friday 18th November**  
RACV Challenge  
17th—19th November

## CAMP DATES:

**Yr 3 Sleepover-**  
Thursday 8th -  
Friday 9th December

**Yr 4 Camp-**  
Wednesday 7th -  
Friday 9th December

**Yr 6 Camp -**  
Monday 28th November  
-  
Friday 2nd December.

**Tuesday 20th December**  
Final day for 2016  
School finishes 1.30pm  
on this day.

## 2017 Dates:

**Monday 30th January-**  
Teachers return

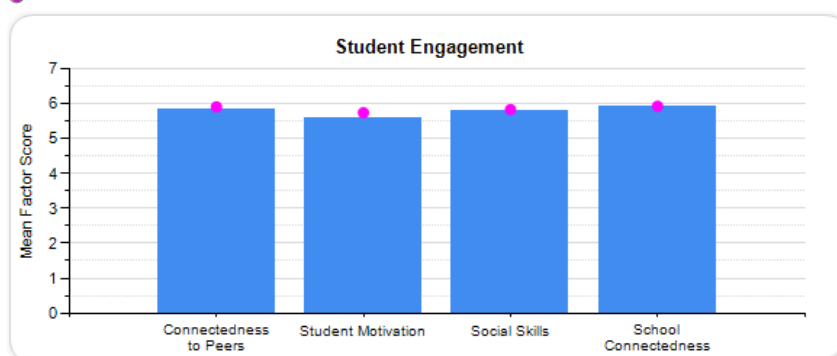
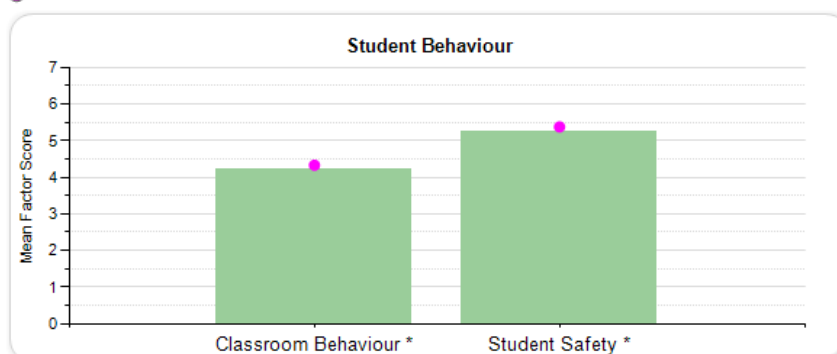
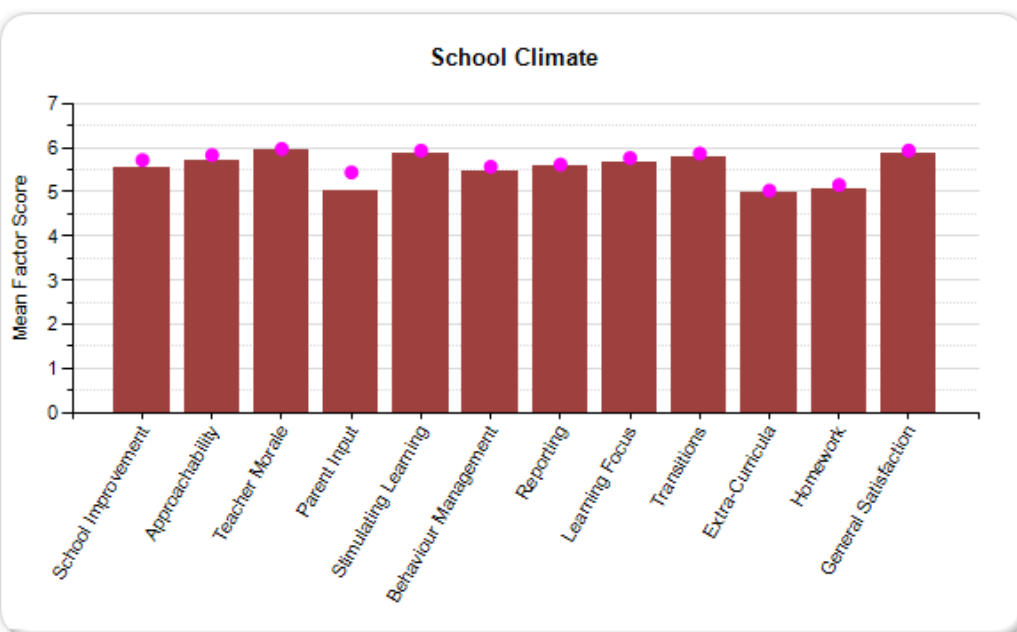
**Tuesday 31st January-**  
Parent/Teacher  
familiarization sessions

**Wednesday 1st February-**  
School resumes for  
Yr1—Yr 6 students

**Thursday 2nd February-**  
Preps start - shortened  
day.



**Parent Opinion Survey Results:** We are pleased with our results from our parent survey. Of the survey sent out, 73% were returned. The general satisfaction results demonstrate that 85% of our community are very pleased with the school and as you can see from the graph below, we are doing quite well. Parent comments were generally positive; however, there are some areas that we will need to consider further. It is possible that our processes for dealing with student wellbeing and behaviour matters may be still unclear. Also, how we involve our parents in the school and communicate to them needs to be reviewed. These areas will be a focus throughout next year. Thank you to those that replied as this assists us to meet our community's needs. If you have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to see either your child's teacher, Mrs Madder, Miss Higgins or myself so that we may be able to assist you or support your child educationally, social and emotionally so that they attain the most from their school years.



*Kind Regards,*  
*Julie Gleeson, Principal.*

## Assistant Principal's Report

Can you help? William is one of our year 2 students' who has autism. He has been lucky enough to be offered a place in a program which places companion dogs in the home. The charity is a local one 'Dogs for Kids with Disabilities', which is based in Carrum Downs. The total cost of these dogs is \$16,000, half of which is met by the charity, with the family required to contribute the other half - \$8,000. In order to assist in raising this amount, Williams mum Sharni, has set up a 'Go Fund Me' which can be accessed at

<http://www.gofundme.com/companion-dog-for-william>

Any contributions will be very much appreciated.



# DONATE

During term 1 next year, we will hold a free dress day to further contribute to the funds required for William's dog. Once William and his dog have been 'partnered up' I'm hoping William might be able to bring him or her along for a visit at our school.

If you would like to find out more information about the dogs for Kids with Disabilities charity, you might like to click on this link: <http://www.dkd.org.au>

As you may be aware, Mrs Champion has been on leave this week so the canteen has been closed. However she returns tomorrow for meal deal day. The canteen reopens next week with normal operating days: recess counter sales, Monday to Friday, and lunch orders Wednesday to Friday.

State Schools Relief is an organisation set up to assist with uniform items, should families ever be experiencing financial hardship. An application is submitted by the school, and this can be done at any time throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to call and make an appointment with me if you feel this would be of assistance to you.

New Prep and Year 7 students who receive CSEF support are also entitled to a basic uniform package for State Schools Relief. New prep parents are encouraged to contact me as soon as possible, and I will submit your application. Current Year 6 parents (Yr 7 2017) are advised to contact their child's secondary college as soon as possible, as they will need to process your application.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder**  
Assistant Principal

## 'OVERPORT CARES' AWARDS



These certificates are awarded at assembly each week for children who have excelled in an academic or social endeavour throughout the previous week.

### **Week ending 11/11/16 -**

Kirby OPA, Noah OPC, Jake 1A, Charlie 1B, Koby 1D, Tully 2A, Danielle 2B, Ella 2C & Rina 2D.

### **Week ending 18/11/16 -**

Ellie OPA, Annabel OPB, Madeline OPC, All of 1A, Sana 1B, Taj 1C, Nika 1D, Matthew 2A, Danielle 2B, Alisa 2C, Nate 2D, Brock 3A, Jett 3B, Dayle 3C, Daniella 4A, Yong 4B, Ethan 4C, Ruby 5A, Chris 5B, All of 5C, Maddi 5D, Elizabeth 6A, Max 6B & Jackson 6C.

## Extend OSHC at Overport



Last week was a cool calm and collected week. The children had lots of fun doing various activities throughout the week. Once again the children pulled out the classic Othello board game, which I have found many parents remember from when they were young, as it was a family camping game I played when I was younger. The children are still being creative with all our various construction mediums.

### SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book early to take advantage of early- bird rates! Early-bird closes:

Friday 2 December for December bookings

Monday 19 December for January bookings

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend!

Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media, and get active with a variety of outdoor sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Summer Holiday Program.

To check out what's on visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the Parent Portal

Kelly and the Gang

### Week 8 Activities

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November : Grid Games

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: My family paper chain

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Domino Challenge

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November : Paper crowns

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Celebrity heads- animal edition

**ONLINE BOOKINGS:**  
[extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)  
**OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437**

## Year Level Reminders for this week:

### Foundation:

We're excited to have the fire truck visiting on Friday. It will be a busy day, as we have swimming as well.

### Year 1

Please continue to read nightly and sign our yellow reading diaries.

### Year 2

Swimming again on Friday!

### Year 3

Swimming on Friday! Also please make sure you discuss the Big Write talk handout each week.

### Year 4

Camp is fast approaching! Medical forms **MUST** be returned this week.

### Year 5

Please continue to encourage your child to discuss our

### Year 6:

Some gorgeous photos are arriving for the memory books— keep searching to add to your book.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children who are celebrating their birthday this week.

Sebastien Prep A,  
Campbell 2C, Rose 4A,  
Elizabeth 6A, Grace Prep B,  
Bella 5A, Landyn 4A,  
Archie 5A, Lisa 5B,  
Olivia 3B  
& Maxwell Prep C.



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