



*From Julie's desk.*

## Overport Newsflash

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### Welcome to 2023.

Welcome to another wonderful new year at Overport PS. We are thrilled to see all our students back except of course our lovely year sixes from last year who are off to high school!.

I would like to wish a very happy New Year to all our students and families. I trust that you all had an enjoyable holiday, a well-earned rest and that our students have returned ready for the year ahead, hopefully filled with lots of fun, promise and calm! I would especially like to warmly welcome our new students and families and invite them to take every opportunity to be part of our wonderful family centred community. We now have 704 students and 31 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 started so well last week and 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...and they just can't wait!

Our fabulous parent group have organised a welcome back barbeque which will be held on Friday, 24th February from 3.30 pm. This will be on the basketball court with sausages and soft drinks and music. Please join us—we look forward to welcoming you.

### Staff News

I would like to warmly welcome our new staff members, Amy Griffiths, in year 2, Brad Winters, in year 3, Kelsey Barrett, in year 4, Melinda Gledhill, in Prep and our new integration aides, Kim Rogers and Stacey Lister. They join our wonderful team of staff who are here to support your children.

### Curriculum Days

Please be advised that we are holding our third student free Curriculum Day on Friday 17th February. The focus will be our "Spelling for Life" presented by expert Lynne Stone. Extend will be operating and offer on-site care for the day. If required, please use their booking site to book in your child/ren: <https://www.extend.com.au/families/enrolments-and-bookings/>. Our fourth Curriculum Day will be the first day of next term, 24th April with a focus on wellbeing.

### A few reminders as the year begins.

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

**1. Assemblies:** We will hold two whole school assemblies each term, parents are welcome to attend. The first for term one will be on Friday, 10th March from 9.05 am on the basketball court. Preps will not attend as yet. Our second one will be on the final day of term, Thursday 6th, April which will be our Easter Hat Parade. Preps will attend. Next term we will have an ANZAC ceremony for our first assembly of term 2 on Friday, 28th April.

**Please note there will be no assembly on 10<sup>th</sup> February as stated on our 'Important Dates' document.**

**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 attention to the teacher who will then email you a reply giving you their correct address. Year level newsletters, outlining the program in each area will be sent out on the second Friday of each term.

**3. Attendance: *It's Not Okay to be Away! Every Day counts!*** It is a requirement that all school age children attend school. Regular and timely 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**. If their symptoms, are cold or flu-like, it is recommended that you see a doctor or undertake an RA test. RA tests are available free from the school. Students who are diagnosed with COVID must remain absent for 5 days before returning to school. They should not return unless they are well.

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4. At the beginning of the school day at 8.50 am, music will play to indicate that the classroom doors are now open for all students to make their way inside. The bell will go at 9.00 am for class to begin. It is **critical** for children to **arrive on time** ready to start the day. This ensures their own learning as well as not disrupting others. If they arrive after 9.00 am, 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)

6. School uniform is **compulsory**. Our uniform policy is located on the website. Please note extreme hairstyles such as mohawks, tails, and non-natural colours are not permitted. Only small earrings such as studs are permitted for safety reasons. Only medical or religious jewellery is permitted and should be worn under uniform for safety reasons. Our Sun Smart policy is also on our website. Broad brimmed or legionnaire hats must be worn until the end of April. 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 year 4 or above unless accompanied by an adult.** They are to dismount and walk their bikes etc once in the grounds. Bikes can be stored behind the black gates at the Bayview Learning Centre or in front of the Towerhill Learning Centre. These areas are out of bounds however, we do 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 a student's own risk.

9. Mobile phones must be handed into the class teacher, who will keep these safe and be collected at the end of the day. Smart watches must have the phone/text component turned off once they are in the grounds for the school day. Students are not permitted to use phones or phone watches once they are on the school grounds. The Mobile Phone policy is also attached.

10. All forms for excursions, incursions, etc must go via COMPASS and not be delivered to the front office.

11. Parking for drop off and pick up: ***Please do not park in no parking zones or in the 'Kiss and Go "area opposite the school. Please note this includes the Summit Road entrance.*** The fines for this area are very heavy and the council regularly patrols. If you have parking concerns, please contact the Frankston Council on 1300 322 322. As parking is at a premium, particularly at pick time, if you are close enough, we strongly encourage you to walk.

**12.Canteen:** Our Canteen is run by Stir Crazy Kids. It is open from 8.30 am and they offer coffee for parents or for students a hot chocolate. They are open for window sales at recess and lunch. Parents can order lunches on the Stir Crazy Kids app or send an order in a paper bag. You can order on line up to 9.00 am daily or prior to 9.00am at the canteen window.

13. Also located on our website are 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. Mrs Jill Wathen and Miss Marie Yanni are our Assistant Principals and we are all happy to help.

14. 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.

## ***New Flags for 2023***

Our flag monitors Sarah A, 6E & Flynn H, 6B received new flags from our local member, Paul Edbrooke. We now have a third flag pole at our Indigenous garden as well where we fly the Torres Strait Islander Flag. Sarah and Flynn are very conscientious and ensure our flags are up each week.



## ***Year 6 Camp—week 4!***

Our Year 6 students are getting very excited as they head off on 13th February to adventure camp, 'Camp Rumberg' in North Foster. No doubt they will have a wonderful time and we hope the weather is kind.

## ***Year 4 to 6 Swimming Carnival.***

Our year 4 to 6 students will be going to the Pines Swimming Centre next Thursday for trials in all swimming events. There will also be lots of fun events in the pool and on the water slide. Mr Bryant has sent out lots of information via Compass. We know they will have a great time and at this stage the long range forecast suggests that the weather is looking good.

***"Every Student, in every school, every day, deserves a great day"***

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*Kind Regards*

*Julie Gleeson,*

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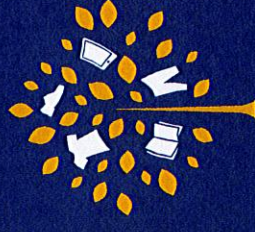
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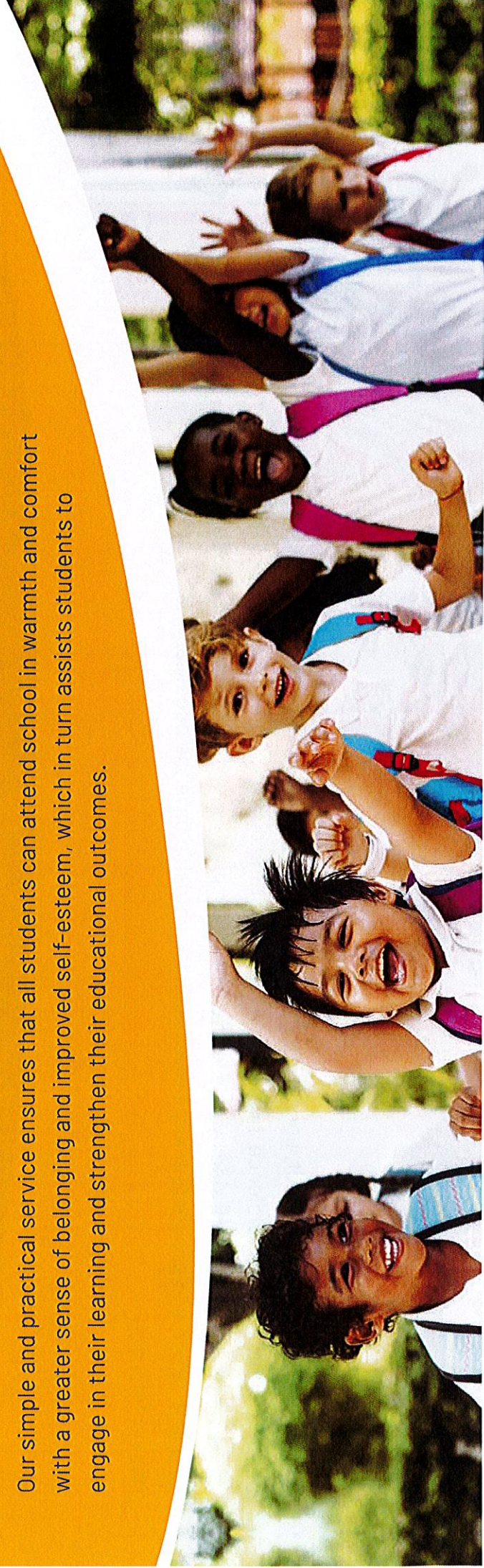
## Who are we?

State Schools' Relief is a Victorian not-for-profit organisation that supports the needs of disadvantaged government school students by providing new school uniforms, school shoes and a host of other essential educational resources, including learning devices.

Our simple and practical service ensures that all students can attend school in warmth and comfort with a greater sense of belonging and improved self-esteem, which in turn assists students to engage in their learning and strengthen their educational outcomes.



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Issues such as poverty, neglect, unemployment, health issues/ illness, financial hardship, bereavement, domestic violence, homelessness, and natural disasters continue to affect many Victorian families. We work side by side with all Victorian primary, secondary, specialist and language schools to ensure that any students facing hardship have the necessary items they require for school.



## Do you need assistance?

State Schools' Relief provides support to any Victorian student attending a government school, on the advice of the school.

If you are a parent or carer and you need financial assistance with your child's government education, please make an appointment with the school principal, assistant principal, or welfare/wellbeing coordinator to discuss your situation.

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