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# OVERPORT NEWS

*From the Principal's Desk.*

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## Dates to remember:

### MARCH

Mon 9th	Labour Day No school
Tues 10th	Curriculum Day No Students
Fri 13th	Whole School Cross Country
Wed 18th	Billy Tea Bush Band Incursion Family Bush Dance 5.30-7.00  Preps - First Wednesday

### LAST DAY OF TERM

Fri 27th	End of term 1 2.30pm dismissal
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*Thought of  
the week:*

*The challenge for each one  
of you is to take up the  
ideals of tolerance and  
respect for others, and put  
them to practical use in your  
schools, your communities  
and throughout your lives.*

*Nelson Mandela.*

## *CUST—Cultural Understanding & Safety Training.*

Our staff will begin undertaking Cultural Understanding and Sensitivity Training tonight. The training is mandated for all public servant services which includes school staff. It is aimed at developing greater awareness and understanding of appropriate and inappropriate behaviour towards others' culture. Because cultural differences can cause unintended offence and misunderstandings, it is important for teachers to be aware of these differences so they can better interpret students' behaviour or learning difficulties that may be based on cultural differences. This will allow them to develop ways to best support these students. Our program specifically addresses our Indigenous students and developing greater understanding and sensitivity around their culture. Our Indigenous garden provides a demonstration of respect for our cultural history for all students but particularly our Indigenous students. Staff will engage in two session.

## *School Council Elections Process*

School Council nominations closed yesterday. We are delighted to have some many interested parents. As there are more nominations than positions we will undertake a ballot. Our nominees will be requested to provide a statement for the community outlining how they believe they can assist the school via School Council membership. The list of candidates will be displayed on Friday 6th March along with their statements. Ballot papers and ballot box will be found at the school office. The ballot will open on 6th March and closes at **9.30 am on Friday 13th March**. I encourage you to place a vote in the ballot box.

## *Easter Raffle*

Our annual Easter raffle tickets will go on sale as of 11th March. Students who wish to be involved in a free dress day on Tuesday 17th March, may do so by donating an Easter egg or similar for the hampers. Huge thank you to the parents who have offered to assist putting the hampers together for the raffle. The winners will be announced on Thursday 26th March. Our Easter Hat parade will take place at 9.00 am on Friday 27th March. We welcome all parents to attend. Please note there will be no assembly at 2.00 pm. Students will finish the term at 2.30 pm.



## *Public Holiday & Curriculum Day—9th & 10th March.*

Next week Monday 9th March is a public holiday and Tuesday 10th March is a Curriculum Day which is a student free day, as it is a professional learning day for staff. If you require child care, please contact our OHSC provider, Extend for bookings at their website: [www.lookedafter.com](http://www.lookedafter.com) or email them at [hello@lookedafter.com](mailto:hello@lookedafter.com)

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

Addison 3D, Thalia  
4D, Till 6B, Thomas  
1A, Melodee 3D,  
Logan PC, Jack 6D,  
Lily 3E, Jasper  
34A, Lacy 34A, Eve  
6D, Brady 56A, Jaidan  
5B, Jasmine 5B, Leni  
2A, Coop 2B, Nicole  
5B, Erynne 6D, Addi  
3B, Stuart 34A,  
Victoria 2E, Leyvi 1A,  
Hope 1D, Lewis 5D,  
Mia 3D, Oscar 4B,  
Harrison, PD, Isabelle  
1A

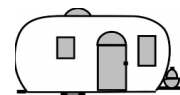


## *Principal 's Report Continued*

### *. Goodbye to Our Iconic Willow Myrtle—the Shady Tree!*

Sadly our beautiful shady tree, the Willow Myrtle, at the end of the basketball court must be removed. Our arborist has identified significant borer damage and that the resulted damage means the cabling will no longer provide sufficient safety. Therefore the tree will be removed over the school holidays. School Council members have discussed this in depth at both Buildings and Grounds sub-committee as well as at SC itself and plans are being considered to redevelop the area to continue to provide a shady spot for the students. This will be a significant change to our school footprint and front view.

### *Our Caravan.*



Our school caravan has provided an opportunity for many imaginative games by the children. However, due to continued weekend damage and destruction, as well as the many inappropriate items left after the weekends it has been decided to remove it. B&G sub-committee is considering a range of alternatives that will provide opportunities for imaginative play but will be less inviting or less likely to provide cover for unsavoury behaviour. If you have suggestion that you would like to contribute you may attend a B&G meeting or email suggestions to the school at [overport.ps@eduamil.vic.gov.au](mailto:overport.ps@eduamil.vic.gov.au) marking it attention to B&G members. The next meeting is at 6.00 pm on 20th April.

### *Department of Education School's Privacy Information.*

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website: [www.overport.ps.vic.edu.au](http://www.overport.ps.vic.edu.au). For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). Our schools privacy policy is attached to this newsletter.

*Kind Regards,  
Julie Gleeson Principal.*

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### *Student Health Ambassadors*

Introducing our Student Health Ambassadors for 2020; Doris, Riley, Ava, Jack, Ella, Sienna, Chanel.



The Student Health Ambassador Project is a partnership with Peninsula Health and we are excited to continue our participation in this great opportunity this year. Our Student Health Ambassadors will have genuine opportunities to plan and implement health and wellbeing initiatives across the whole school. They will work closely with our new “Student Voice Leaders”, who will be announced shortly.

The team will be led by Ella and supported by Miss Jordyn Bower, Miss Alicia Howard and Mrs Jill Wathen. The team will be keeping you up to date about their current projects by speaking at assemblies and writing articles for the newsletter. Their very first project for the year is “Bullying. No Way!” Day, please see below for more details.

### *Stand Against Bullying Day*

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Overport Primary School will be participating in the National Day of Action Against Bullying. This will be a day where our students and teachers will discuss the implications of “bullying” and what we can all do to ensure it does not happen at our school.

We define bullying as ongoing, repeated physical and/or emotional attacks at one person by another person or group of people. This makes the targeted person feel less valued and makes the bully **seem** more powerful. This is different to a one-off incident and the two should never be confused. We take bullying extremely seriously at Overport and the term should never be used lightly. Our Bullying Prevention Policy can be found on our website. If you are ever concerned please meet with your child’s teacher or a member of leadership. Keeping the lines of communication open and honest between home and school is the key to ensuring bullying situations are dealt with promptly and appropriately.

On this day we will be discussing bullying in our classrooms where teachers will facilitate conversations and students will participate in relevant activities. Our aim is to **EMPOWER** our students to **TAKE A STAND AGAINST BULLYING** and to ensure everyone at Overport feels happy, respected and safe.

The Student Health Ambassadors and Student Voice Leaders are running a poster completion, please see flyer for details.

For more information visit: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

Have a lovely weekend.

Jill Wathen and Ricky Joyce





# Bullying No Way Day

**Bullying No Way Day is on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020.**

It is a day where all students come together to put a stop to bullying. At Overport Primary School we all do our best to prevent children getting bullied. This year we are going to run a poster competition.

All entries must be:

- Handed in by Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March (to Miss Bower's classroom 6D)
- Has to be done on A4 paper
- Can be done landscape or portrait
- Must include the title of "Bullying No Way"
- Make it colourful and creative!
- There are lots of prizes to be won!

Good Luck and get creative!

Student Health Ambassadors



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**BONUS!**

**SCHOLASTIC**

**Important Information**

**ONLINE ORDERS ONLY**

**NO CASH ORDERS**

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

Orders close: **Monday 9 March 2020**

## REMINDER

If your child comes home in clothes from the school because they have had an accident or fallen into water, can you please wash and return them to the office?

These are clothes that we have in First Aid for such situations.

If you have any second hand tracksuit pants or socks that you would like to donate you can drop them off at the office.

