



Overport Newsflash

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Colour Run—What a Great Day!

Yesterday was our Colour Run and the students and staff, all had a truly magnificent time. A huge thank you to our Parents and Friends Club for this initiative and for their organisation and to all the volunteers that helped on the day. The weather was kind and the event has integrated well with our mid-term wellbeing week. While staff have been delivering our curriculum, they have also been focusing on fun with the children, reconnecting with each other, building friendships and focussing in on what is important - "Wellbeing!" Activities have run at lunchtime all week and we finished off with a huge dance session at lunchtime today. What a wonderful colour run our students participated in yesterday! To date we have raised almost \$15000.00. There are still a few days left before we see the final results so if you have yet to, please finalise your donations over the weekend. Here are some gorgeous photos of the day. All those 'naughty kidlets' colouring me were yelling "we love you Mrs Gleeson"... it certainly didn't seem like it. I am so pleased there was so much fun and the children and staff had a great time together.



Social Media Incidents & eSafety Commission Recommendations

Students have the right to be safe and well. Our school and its communities all have a responsibility to promote student safety and wellbeing, including when they engage online. However, the traditional responsibility and authority that a school has for students is complicated by the 24/7 nature of technology. This complexity is evident when responding to issues that happen outside of school. If a student reports an online incident, it is important to investigate further to develop a full understanding of the situation to learn the whole picture. This may be bullying from another or access to them from someone they do not know who may have malicious intentions. One of the areas of concern is the number of students using social media platforms underage. With the exception of Messenger Kids, all social media sites require students to be 13 years or over and, on some sites, to access full settings they must be 16 years or over. Messenger Kids is different from the other social media platforms as it provides parents with full access to the child's stream which can be monitored accordingly to ensure their safety in an online setting. It is important for parents and schools to work together to support students in a range of areas. Therefore, access to social media should not be provided before age 13. This monitoring from parents will assist minimising the possibility of either online bullying or access to your child from people with the wrong intent. We all want to protect our students/your children for as long as and as much as we can.

Keeping Our Kids Safe—Stranger Danger.

At times it is a good to remind your child of certain dangers as they develop greater independence. By explaining to children the definition of a "stranger" they are able to have a better understanding of something or someone that makes them feel uncomfortable. Telling them that a stranger is a person who does not visit your house and that your family does not know and encouraging children to speak to you or another trusted adult such as another family member or their teacher if they have concerns. Reinforcing the rules of walking straight to school or home, not speaking with strangers, never getting into cars of those they do not know. If a play date is arranged, ensure that you know where they are at all times.

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New Staff member.

Please welcome Tania Cleary who joined us last week. Tania will be undertaking Art on Thursday and Friday and is working alongside Mrs White delivering our Visual Arts program and has been enjoying meeting the students and staff.

Kiss & Go parking Area.

Every now and then I need to remind parents that the Kiss & Go parking bay immediately across from the School in Towerhill Road is only for dropping off in the morning or collecting and moving on in the afternoon. There are clear signs that the council has erected outlining the two-minute parking. It has become increasingly frustrating for parents trying to drop students off on their way to work when others have parked and left their cars. Council has been informed and will send parking inspectors randomly to issue fines. Please show respect to others by meeting the 2 minutes maximum time.

Enrolments for 2024.

Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2024

The Department of Education has released a new statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2024 school year. If you have a child starting primary school in 2024, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday 28 July 2023**. If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2024, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the department's Placement Policy.

It is important to follow the statewide timeline to enrol your child in Foundation. Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school. **For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation** at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep. If you are seeking to enrol your child into Foundation next year, please visit our website <https://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/enrolment.html>

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

-Department of Education

Kind Regards

*Julie Gleeson,
Principal.*

Thought for the day:

*Wellbeing is attained little by little,
But, nevertheless, it is no little thing in itself.*

*Citium Zeno,
Philosopher of Cyprus*

