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## Transcript

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Whispers Week 8, Term 3 2025

Hello everyone!

As we head into the school holidays, I'm struck by how much we've managed to fit into this short, eight week term. It has been wonderfully busy, filled with stellar performances, significant achievements, and memorable events.

Our youngest learners proudly marked 100 Days of Prep, while Science Week and Book Week brought creativity and colour across the College. The Performing Arts have been outstanding! From Frozen Kids to We Will Rock You, and through six inspiring Festival of Music events.

In Sport, we celebrated outstanding success across Athletics, Cross Country, and many other sports this ACS Winter Season, with many teams winning Premierships in their finals. We were proud to host the recent ACS All Stars at EJ Whitten Oval and the ACS AFL Night Game – an event which raised over \$2,800 for Make-A-Wish Australia.

Academically, our students shone in ACS Public Speaking and at the Mathematics Association of Victoria Games Day. Beyond the classroom, we farewelled groups heading off to our yapa (sister) school in Galiwin'ku, and to New Zealand for the Year 11 Adventure Tour.

At the start of the term, Deputy Principal Tracy Fielder, Reverend Peter Landry, and I attended the Anglican Schools Conference in Brisbane, where Reverend Peter and I led a workshop sharing Overnewton's approach to reviewing chaplaincy and spirituality at the College. It was a valuable opportunity to share our story and to reflect on the big questions shaping our future.

As we look ahead, tomorrow our Year 12 students will share their Closure Day, a special moment of reflection on their journey at Overnewton. Term 4 will then bring some of the most important milestones in our calendar: Year 12 Exams, Presentation Night, Valedictory and Final Assembly, and the Junior School Carol Service. These are occasions that celebrate learning, achievement, and community, and I know we are all looking forward to them.

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for the energy and commitment you have brought to Term 3. I wish you a safe and restful holiday, and I look forward to all that Term 4 holds.