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# OVERPORT NEWS

## From the Principal's Desk.

### RACV Energy Breakthrough.

Last weekend twenty-eight students, their families and Miss Higgins, Mrs Wynne and Miss Corvi went to the RACV Energy breakthrough challenge at Maryborough. Our students were very excited and had been practicing for several weekends at Casey Fields and weekly each morning before school. This year they have entered both the human powered vehicles – HPV, as well as the Push Cart competition. On behalf of the students and parents I wish to acknowledge the extra work undertaken by Tess, Steph and Alice to prepare the students for the events and for their commitment over the term and the four days. We wish to also acknowledge the parents, in particular, Viktor Kuehn, Sarah Williams, Catherine Price and Melissa and Ray Gourley for their amazing effort and commitment to the program. Many of our parents spoke to me after the event glowingly. Winning is not everything; however, the emotional growth for our students, the sense of community from all that attended and the pride as they watched the students strive to do their very best was moving and highly rewarding. Congratulations to all of them.



## Dates to remember:

### December

<b>Fri 8th</b>	<b>Yr 4 Beach Day CANCELLED</b>
<b>Mon 11th</b>	Whole School Christmas assembly 9.00 am School council Meeting 6.30 pm
<b>Tues 12th</b>	Statewide Transition Day
<b>Wed 13th</b>	Yr 1 Cranbourne Botanical Gardens Yr 3-6 Meal Deal Day Prep & Yr 5 buddies Walk to park 9.15 am Choir to perform at Community Centre
<b>Thurs 14th</b>	Parent & Volunteer Morning tea 10.30 am Prep-Yr 2 Meal Deal Choir to perform at Baxter Village
<b>Mon 18th</b>	Choir to perform at Benettas 11.00 am
<b>Tues 19th</b>	Yr 3/4 Movie Day Yr 6 Graduation From 5.30 pm
<b>Wed 20th</b>	Prep-Yr 2 Movie Day Yr 5 Beach Day Reports to go home to parents
<b>Thurs 21st</b>	Yr 6 Beach Day
<b>Fri 22nd</b>	Last day for term 4 1.30 pm

## Teachers for 2018 classes:

**Foundation (Prep):** Wendy Kilpatrick (TL)/Emma Sanders, Helen Ferguson, Kate O'Halloran, Selin Hull & Lauren Chin.

**Year 1:** Melissa Sexton (TL), Katie Forbes, Alicia Brook-Ward, Sophie Brennan, Thane Francis & Sarah McCall.

**Year 2:** Amber Ellery (TL), Norm Williamson, Christie Holman & Hannah Williams.

**Year 3:** Sam Rodwell (TL), Miranda Tring, Laura Andreadis & Ben Bryant.

**Year 4:** Marie Yanni (TL)/Keryn Vasta, Matt Leyden, Kate Neville & Kirstin Watson.

**Year 4/5:** David Pryor.

**Year 5:** Nikki Gilham (TL), Alia Howard & Steph Corvi.

**Year 6:** Alice Wynne (TL), Jane Lacey, Chelle Gray & Cathy Houston.

**Performing Arts:** David Freeman & Katie Bingham.

**Visual Arts:** Lynne White & Melissa Gleeson.

**Library:** Melissa Gleeson.

**Japanese:** Tomoko Yamashita.

**Physical Education:** Evan Lukas and a 0.2 teacher yet to be appointed.

**Technology:** Ricky Joyce.

**LEAP:** Sharron Hearn.

## Thought of the week:

Count your rainbows,  
not your thunderstorms.

Alyssa Knight  
Age 12

**13th December**  
**will be the last**  
**Student banking**  
**day for the year.**



### School Fees

The last day for any payments made at the office will be 15th December 2017 @ 4.15 pm.

The office will be open for payments from 29th January 2018 @ 8.30 am.

## Year Six Camp—Wilson's Prom.

While our year six students had an amazing time on camp, although the week was cut slightly short due to the significant weather which threatened the Wilson's Prom area. The camp ranges advised the staff to leave on the Thursday evening. However, this allowed the students to complete all the planned activities. It was a wise decision, as the weather began to set in just as they were leaving. The staff and students all arrived home safely and all parents were here to collect them at about 10.00 pm. The staff appreciate the many positive comments from our parents who recognised the children's safety was paramount. Thank you to Mrs Georgia Malcolm and all our staff team that went with the students.

*Kind Regards,  
Julie Gleeson 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.*

**27th November**

*Connor PA, Hansi PB, Laughlin PC, Axel PD, All of Prep E, Vernon PF, Len 1A, Rheanne 1B, Jude 1C, Noah 1D, Luke 2A, Hazel & Natasha 2B, Louis 2C, Charlie 2D, Izzy 3C, Evie 3D, Marley 4A, Leila 4B, Jijo 4C, Tyler 5A, Chloe 5B, Heath 5C, Charli 5D*

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**4th December**

*Yaxin PA, James PB, Blessing PC, Matthew PD, Lenny PF, Thomas 1B, Sam 1C, Luke 1D, Jett 2A, Oscar 2B, Yasmin 2C, Lana 2D, Jack 3A, Kaizen 3D, Sammy 4A, Jasmine & Parker 4B, Conner 4C, Daniel 5B, Kristian 5C, Jesse 5D, Tiana 6A Taylah 6B, Angus 6C, Rhiannan 6D*



Sienna 2C, Ellie 1A, Chloeann 1D, Isabelle 6C, Cooper 2B, Finnlay 2C, Tully 1B, Tully 3C, Ruby 6D, Ashton 1D, Isabelle 4A, Nehana 1B, Darius 3A, Cooper 3B, Owen 3D, Jesse 5D, Desiree 6A, Mia PB, Hattie PB, Luke 2, Aileen 1C, Charlotte 5C, Emily PC, Ruby 1C, Mika 2D, Mar-quee A, Thomas 3C, Sebastian 5A, Ella 6B, Meka 3A, Flynn 5A, Harrison 6A, Taylor 1A,

### Year Level Reminders for this week:

<b>Foundation:</b> Please return all library books. Take home books will finish on Friday. Please have a good look for any which maybe hiding.
<b>Year 1:</b> Have a good look at home for any books that need to be returned to school. We are looking forward to our Year One excursion next week to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens!
<b>Year 2:</b> A reminder that our Christmas concert is next Monday at 9.00 am on the basketball court. Please dress in Christmas colours and something Christmassy.
<b>Year 3:</b> The school library is now collecting all borrowed books for a final stocktake. Please ensure all library books are returned to school as soon as possible.
<b>Year 4:</b> This Friday the Year 4's will be going to Mornington Beach for the Year 4 beach day. Please return any library books and books borrowed from Mr. Leyden.
<b>Year 5:</b> Don't forget - Monday is our Christmas concert. Please dress in school appropriate Christmas colours (shoulders covered) on the day.
<b>Year 6:</b> Please check bookshelves at home to return library and Lexile books to school as soon as possible.

## Assistant Principal's Report

Next Thursday 14th December, the staff would like to say THANK YOU to all the parents who have volunteered their time and talents to our school throughout the year. As a small token of our appreciation, we are hosting a morning tea in the staffroom. An invitation has been sent home, and put on Flexibuzz, however if you haven't received either of these messages, please come along. We would love to see you in the staffroom from 10.30am, so we can thank you for all your efforts throughout the year.



Payment notices for 2018 have come home with your children tonight. If you haven't yet received yours, please check their school bag, otherwise contact the school office and we can provide you with a copy.

As has been the case for a number of years now, once the backpack payment has been made, from the beginning of the year your child will have their bag of stationery delivered to their classroom. This bag will contain all items required to complete classroom work throughout the year.

In addition to this backpack payment, information regarding term 1 excursions has been sent home too. The procedure to be followed in order for students to participate in these activities: return payment and return permission slips.

Current Year 4 families need to be aware that there is an additional permission notice to be returned. This is for the Beach day, which was to take place tomorrow but unfortunately has been cancelled due to expected bad weather and poor water quality. This activity has been rescheduled for Friday 9th March 2018, when the students are in Year 5, and will be covered by the payment already made this year.

Last week's swimming lesson for Prep—Year 3 students was also cancelled, due to the predicted extreme weather conditions. This lesson has now been rescheduled, and will take place on Friday 15th December—extending the swimming program by 1 week. Please be aware of this extra swimming day.

Next Tuesday is the final transition session for our students, when they will find out who their classroom teacher is for 2018. On that day, they will be bringing home a notice with details on making a booking for our beginning of year Parent, Student & Teacher meetings, which will take place on Tuesday 30th January. This notice will contain the booking code required, along with the name of your child's teacher. Please look out for it. Please note: there will be a separate booking code for Prep meetings.

A couple of other reminders for the coming weeks:

Whole school Christmas assembly next Monday morning from 9.10am.

Yr 1 excursion to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens next Wednesday.

Our Parent Helpers morning tea in on Thursday 14th from 10.30pm.

Year 6 Graduation and Movie day for Year 3 and 4 students will be Tuesday 19th.

Year 5 Beach day and Movie day for Prep to Year 2 is Wednesday 20th

Year 6 Beach day is on Thursday 21st December.



Have a great weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder**  
Assistant Principal

Dear Overport Primary School Class of 2017,

In a few weeks your time with us at Overport Primary School will end. It is normal to be worried or scared about this change in your life's journey. Change is a very unsettling process and it is uncomfortable for most people but it is also a time of excitement and anticipation. We hope that your time with us has prepared you for the change ahead, and provided you with the skills and knowledge needed for high school and world outside our gates. If my experience watching you mature this year is anything to go by, I can most definitely say that you are all ready! I congratulate all of you on reaching the end of your journey with us and wish you all the very best of luck on your next adventure. Be sure to come back and visit and remember that Overport Primary School will always be your school.

Enjoy your last few weeks of primary school.

Miss Higgins

PS. I would like to thank the group of grade 6 students who attended camp last week. You were an absolute pleasure to spend four days with at Wilson's Promontory.



## **RACV 2017—End note**

Two weeks have passed since the RACV finished up in Maryborough, and I have had time to reflect on the success of the RACV this year. I have tried to think of how to best summarise the event, but I struggled to find the words which would give the journey and competition the justice they deserve. Miss Corvi would testify that this is too hard and you have to be there to truly understand! I will work on my summary, but for now two words will have to do – THANKS AND PRIDE.

Thank you parents - It is thanks to you that we were able to achieve so much in 2017 and begin a new journey in HPV to extend our pushcart program. You dropped your kids off early, you camped, you supported, you fundraised, you cooked, you shopped, you spent your Sunday's at Casey fields ...the list goes on... Thank you!

Thank you students for the hours and hours of training and preparation you put in, without (much) complaint. Thank you for your commitment to the program, patience as we all learnt something new together, and thank you for your support of each other.

As the organising teachers we are grateful that we could work with an amazing group of students throughout the year. We aren't missing the early morning training sessions or Sundays at Casey Fields but we are missing the ongoing interaction with an amazing group of kids. We are very proud of what our students achieved on the journey to Maryborough and over the competition weekend. Well done.

Mrs Wynne, Miss Corvi & Miss Higgins



## **Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School**

### **Recap**

We have had a great few weeks at Extend before and after school care! We had our mascot Gilbert the gheko come and visit us not only at the Christmas market but then again the following week! All children had a ball performing and dancing with Gilbert and can't wait to see him again!

We spent a lot of time this week learning about all of our friends at Extend and where we all came from and added this to our map and then created different flags to go with this ~ it was a great way to learn about each other and different countries while having fun and getting creative!

We have been busy getting all creative leading up to Christmas and have made our wish lists to Santa that have been sent off to the North pole. We created our Christmas cards to give to all of our friends, teachers and family as well as lots of ornaments to hang on our Christmas tree. We can't wait to continue preparing and getting creative leading up to Christmas!

*Courtney, Team Leader*



### **Summer Holiday**

Book 14 days in advance to receive early bird rates.

Get creative with a variety of art and craft projects, participate in delicious cooking activities, carry out a bunch of fun science experiments, and loads more!

Check out the daily schedule at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and enrol and book with our brand new platform.

### **Our Extend Superstar is:**

**Mia** ... for her positive, friendly and kind nature and continuously following all instructions and getting along with all of her peers and including them in all games and activities. Mia loves to get involved and gives all activities/games a go to the best of her ability!

### **Announcement**

We are delighted to announce the launch of a brand new and exciting platform for families. The Parent Portal will cease to operate at the conclusion of Term 4 Before and After School Care and will be replaced with a reliable, flexible, and user-friendly platform named LookedAfter. All families requiring bookings for the Summer Holiday Program and/or 2018 Before School Care and After School Care (existing and new families) must create a new account with LookedAfter. <https://www.lookedafter.com/>

**ONLINE BOOKINGS: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)**

**CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437**

### ***What's on next week?***

Monday 11 December:

Ballooney Games

Tuesday 12 December:

Christmas creations/ making Santa and reindeer

Wednesday 13 December:

Science experiments: firework explosion, raining clouds

Thursday 14 December:

Cooking: coconut balls

Friday 15 December:

Basketball fun! (Around the world, knock out, mini tournament)