

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Curriculum Day Last Monday: On Monday Michael Ymer, a mathematics expert worked with the staff in the area of effective mathematics delivery. It was an extremely engaging day and highly valuable. Many discussions have ensued since, and the 'Mathematic Curriculum Team' have been considering improvements to our planning and implementation to support students at their point of need through explicit teaching.

School Council Elections: I am delighted to announce that we have exactly the exact numbers to fill our positions on SC, therefore, we will not need to undertake a ballot. Congratulations to Stacey Owens, Jo Price, Jay Luke Johnstone and Ross Lewis, our new members and our co-opted Parent Club member, Liz Barr who join our continuing SC parent members Wendy Lorimer, Kieran Thomson, Lyn Ireland and Jenny Sidwell. Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on March 21st, at 6.30 pm which will be followed by our first School Council meeting for the 2016.

Preps First Assembly: Next Monday, 29th February is our Prep students' first assembly. As we have a special celebration planned for them at assembly, we warmly welcome our prep parents to attend.

Bunnings BBQ Last Sunday: Thank you to the Special Events committee for organising our Bunnings BBQ last Sunday and to all the parents that helped throughout the day. A special thank you to Mr Shane Saxon and his family who were there for the whole day! We are thrilled that we made a profit of \$1646.40, which will be used to support costs involved in our fair.

School Twilight Fair: Our fantastic Twilight Fair is almost here; only three weeks to go! I have no doubt this will be a wonderful community event, as was our last fair in 2014. I remember that the fireworks were so good they rivalled the Melbourne New Year's Eve ones...well we thought so! They were certainly beautiful. We are such a lucky school to have both Special Events Committee and the Parents Club who work so tirelessly to fundraise for the many extras that our school is able to offer. Over the past few years fund raising from both committees has been able to provide:

- Our School hall – which was specifically targeted fundraising over several years,
- Air conditioning throughout the entire school; including most recently in the hall,
- Three areas of play equipment,
- Sails across playground and around buildings,
- Interactive whiteboards in all classrooms,
- Enhanced classroom furniture,
- Support of our ICT equipment leases,
- Plants and hard landscaping throughout the school that includes area such as our Japanese, bio-diversity and vegetable gardens,
- Remodelling of the front entrance,
- Seating around the school, including along the basketball court,
- As well as a supporting our curriculum programs to provide an enhanced range of resource available for the students.

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Diary Dates



**Monday 29th Feb-
Wednesday 9th March**
Life Ed Van

Friday 4th March
Free Dress Day
Donate block of chocolate

Thursday 10th March
School Photos

Monday 14th March
Labour Day
Public Holiday

Tuesday 15th March
Yr5/6 Swimming sports

Friday 18th March
Twilight Fair

Thursday 24th March
Last day term 1
2.30pm finish

*Thought for the
week.*

*When the going
gets tough...*

*The tough get
going!*



While all Government schools have the basics, we are truly fortunate to have so many opportunities to provide the “extras” for our students and, therefore, are very thankful to the drive and commitment of the parents and staff that work in our fundraising committees. These, of course, are supported by School Council and its other sub-committees that are responsible for driving a variety of elements such as the Buildings and Grounds committee and Finance committee. Their recommendations to School Council drive our governance and assist me in management. Thank you to you all. And I look forward to seeing you all at our fair.

Parents Club AGM: Last Tuesday Parents Club held their AGM and all positions were filled. Thank you to these parents who have been prepared to take on this very exciting committee. President- Erin Clifford, Vice President-Jo Price, Secretary-Liz Barr, Assistant Secretary-Tash Stewart and Treasurer- Joy Alice. They will be holding another meeting soon to invite interested parents to come along, have a chat and a ‘cuppa’ and offer their views about social events, activities and community engagement. Watch out for the date coming soon.

*Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson, Principal.*

Community Fair News...

**Only 3 weeks until our
Twilight Community Fair**

Here is a reminder of what's happening at our Fair

- * 7 Large Carnival Rides
- * Sports Arena
- * Mibile Farm
- * Showbags
- * Roving Characters
- * Lots of Food & Drink
- * Stage Entertainment

**Plus Raffle Prizes to Win,
Silent Auction items to bid on
and Money Boards**



**And...
At the end of the night
A huge Fireworks
Display!!**



OVERPORT ALLSTARS



Basketball Club

Invites all girls and boys to come join a team

Registration 3rd March

Winter Season starting 16th April, 2016

Registration Day—3rd March Frankston South
Community Centre. Towerhill Rd, Frankston South.

3.30pm-5pm

For more information contact Shane 0412 339 502

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

School Photo Day is coming up on Thursday 10th March. Envelopes were sent home last week for those who would like to place an order. These can be returned to the school up to and including photo day. The process on the day is that each class has a group photo taken, and every child has an individual photo as well. Purchasing photos is optional, however if you wish to do so, your envelope and payment MUST be received by photo day. If paying by cash, correct money must be enclosed securely. Payment is handed directly to the photographers on the day, and is not handled by the school. There will be the opportunity for family photos to be taken on this day too. If you would like to take up this option, family photo order envelopes are available from the front office. Again, correct money needs to be enclosed and they must be returned by the day of the photos.



A couple of reminders:

- **Orders for Year 6 graduation garments close tomorrow**
- **Free dress day next Friday 4th March – donation of a lock of chocolate**
- **Helpers still required for stalls at the fair – put your name on your class roster.**

Our camping program for year 3-6 students will be taking place in term 4 this year. In order to accurately cost these camps, it is essential we know how many students will be attending. If your child is in Year 3-6, they will be bringing an 'expression of interest' form home with them today. This needs to be signed and returned, with the appropriate deposit by the due date, Friday 15th April.

Ed subcommittee met last week, and the Teaching & Learning report from that meeting is attached to today's newsletter. There is certainly a lot of fantastic work happening across all areas of our school. We also had a good discussion on how to improve parent involvement in these meetings. A suggestion has been put forward that we change the purpose of this meeting and make it more of a forum for parents to discuss particular topics. Some suggestions put forward include homework, uniform, transition, times tables, lunch boxes, but I'm sure there are many more. If you think forums of this type are a good idea, I'd love you to email me back with YES, and I'm also happy for you to send suggestions for other topics of discussion. madder.deborah.l@edumail.vic.gov.au Your response will help determine if this is a way forward.

The life Education Van arrives next Monday. Please remember that parents are invited to come and meet the educator and find out a little bit more about the program which will be delivered to all classes over the next two weeks. This Parent Information session will be from 9.30am, straight after our junior school assembly.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children
who are celebrating their
birthday this week

Logan 3A, Charlotte 5A,
Rebecca 4B, Noah OOC,
Poppy 1D, Matthew 2A,
Aleshia 3A, Saxon 6B,
Mitchell 4B, Joel 5C, Jai 6A,
Punnoose 2A, Madeline OOC,
Rose 1A & Michael 3B,



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**A DONATION WILL BE MADE TO OUR SCHOOL
FOR EVERY SALE!!!**

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



The fun we are having each and every week with our big green creative basket! It holds so many different materials that the children can use to create and construct the most outstanding masterpieces. Along with that we have been utilising the space we now have all the time and the children are also coming up with games that all the children are having fun playing and creating. There is plenty more to come from the children this year.

Kelly and the gang

TERM 1 WEEK 6 ACTIVITIES

Monday 29th Feb: Leap year Activities
 Tuesday 1st March : Extend Community project

Wednesday 2nd March : Family train
 Thursday 3rd March : World Flags
 Friday 4th March: Healthy Smiles

ONLINE BOOKINGS:

extend.com.au

OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437



Silver Sponsors of the Twilight Community Fair



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BOOK

Join PARC Swim NOW!

- Aquatic education for all
- Learn to swim lessons
- From 6 months
- School holiday activities
- Free access to aquatic areas*
- 30 week progression guarantee



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SPECIAL OFFER:

Bring this flyer or quote the code below when signing up to qualify for your **FIRST WEEK FREE**

Offer ends soon!

CODE: SWIMT12016

Learning how to swim and how to be safer around water are essential life skills that provide us all with the confidence to enjoy aquatic environments and activities.

At PARC, we are committed to providing an excellent aquatic program that provides great opportunities for children to develop life-saving survival skills and grow to become competent swimmers.



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CLUB: Frankston Hockey Club

CONTACT NAME: Ross Hull CONTACT NUMBER: 0487 888 032

LOCATION: Frankston Hockey Club, 2 Bloom Street, Frankston, VIC, 3199

START DATE: Thursday, 25th February, 2016 TIME: 5:00pm

EMAIL: juniorsrep@frankstonhockeyclub.com WEB: www.frankstonhockeyclub.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Optional Participant Pack \$40 The pack includes a stick, stick bag, ball, shin guards, mouthguard, reversible singlet and umpire cards and whistle.



Organising and supporting charity fundraisers, as well as providing guest speakers, entertainment and much more. For all your fundraising needs contact Kate O'Sullivan.
 Mobile: 0414737798
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CSEF Reminder

If you have a current means-tested concession card, you may be eligible for the CSEF payment of \$125 per child to go towards camps, sports and excursions. Details and application forms are available from the school office or at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx?Redirect=1>

Please hand your applications in to the school office as soon as possible. Applications close at the end of term 1.