

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

EVERY DAY COUNTS! EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Be here and be on time!

Welcome to 2015 at Overport Primary school to all our students and families. I sincerely hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and have returned ready for another great year at Overport. I would especially like to warmly welcome our new families and invite them to take every opportunity to be part of our family centred community. We now have 551 students enrolled at Overport PS.

We have had an excellent start to the year and it is obvious that the children have missed their friends and are glad to be back at school. Our new Preps are behaving like they have always been here – very settled and happy in the Summit Learning Centre. Shortly our year five students will begin developing their relationship with the new prep buddies...they can't wait!

Assemblies: Assembly will be held each **Monday**, as of next week, at **2.30 pm**. However, as our school has grown so much, we will alternate between a "Prep to 2" and a "3 to 6" assembly each fortnight. Next Monday, 9th February will be our first assembly for students in years 3 to 6 in the hall. Parents are encouraged to attend; so, we warmly invite you to join us at this new time. Please check the newsletter dates each week to see which area is in the hall. Whole school assemblies will occasionally be held for special occasions.

Staff news. Welcome to our new teachers, Miss Katie Forbes, in year 1, Mr Ricky Joyce, in Prep, Mrs Brooke Kennedy, in grade 3, and Mr Evan Lukas, undertaking PE. We are pleased to have them as part of our team. Families and students of year 6A will be aware that due to unforeseen circumstances, Mr David Pryor will not be returning until term 2. However, we are delighted that Mrs Emma Sanders has returned and will share with Mrs Jill Wathen within the class until this time.

Communication with Staff: Teachers can be contacted via the school email address, which is: overport.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au Please mark attention to the teacher who will then email you a reply giving you their correct email address. Further information about sources of communication is attached to this newsletter.

Reminders for our community. There are a number of things that I wish to bring to our parents attention for the beginning of the year. Hopefully these reminders will assist with a smooth year.

1. As the department of education and early child development does not offer individual cover for student's personal injury, I recommend parents consider insurance. JUA underwriting agency offer a "Student Health" - Personal Injury and Accident Protection insurance - www.studenthealth.com.au

2. We have a school bag bell at 8.55 am for children to come inside and hang up their bag. The teaching day commences at 9.00 am. It is **critical** for children to **arrive on time** ready to start the day. This assists their learning and does not disrupt others.

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Diary Dates



Mon 9th February

Gr3-6 assembly

Tues 17th February

Information Night P-2

Wed 18th February

Information Night 3-6

Thurs 19th February

Education Sub Committee

Friday 20th February

Pupil Free Day

Mon 23rd February

School Council

Thurs 26th February

Billy Tea Bush Band
Workshop & Bush
Dance

Thought for the
Week

*Always
believe that
something
amazing is
about to
happen!*



3. Attendance: *It's Not Okay to be Away!* It is a requirement that all children attend school. Regular attendance is essential to allow them to reach their full potential.

4. School uniform is **compulsory.** A copy of the uniform policy is attached to this newsletter. Please note extreme hairstyles such as Mohawks, tails, extreme colours are not permitted. Only small ear studs are permitted earrings. Only medical or religious jewellery is permitted and should be worn under uniform for safety reasons.

5. Please note that children riding to school on bikes or scooters must wear a helmet and must be in grade 4 or above unless accompanied by an adult. Bikes can be stored behind the black gates at the Bayview Learning Centre.

6. Please discourage children from bringing precious items to school. All personal items of students, including bikes, mobile phones, special toys, etc, if brought to school, are done so at student's own risk. Mobile phones must be logged with the class teacher and collected at the end of the day. Level 4 student can bring their iPads inside from **8.45 am**.

7. All forms for excursions, incursions, etc must go through the classroom and not be delivered to the office first.

8. Canteen counter sales at recess operate daily. Lunch orders from Wednesday to Friday.

School Council Elections: Next week information will be going home to begin our School Council election process. We have a highly committed team who work to achieve the school's goals and have the best interests of students at heart in all decisions. Should you be interested in becoming a parent representative on School Council, please contact me.

Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee: All parents are welcome to attend and contribute to the Buildings and Grounds Sub-committee. This year these meetings will be on the third Thursday of the month. Our first meeting will be held at **5.45 pm on Thursday, 19th February** in the staff room. This is a fantastic way to become involved in the school as we continue to implement our school Landscape Master Plan.

Education Sub-Committee: Mrs Madder, our Assistant Principal convenes our Education Sub-committee. This meeting is also open to all parents. The purpose of this meeting is to provide input into programs and policy development. Please continue to watch the newsletter for our first meeting.

Parents Club: Becoming part of 'Parent Club' is a wonderful way to get involved in the school as well as assist in a variety of ways. 'Parents club' arrange fundraising activities and social events. We warmly welcome all our new families. Please join us at the AGM on Thursday, February 26th at 9.00 am in the school staffroom. We are in the process of setting up a Parent Club "drop in" room which will be situated in the administration building. We trust that you will enjoy being able to use the room, and drop in for a coffee and a chat. We will advise you when it is open.

Frankston Youth Hangout: Next Monday, the 'Frankston Youth Hangout' will be coming to meet interested students at lunchtime to play board games. This is an opportunity for students to get to know the people across the road. During the year, they will have things like homework club and events for the students. This will be every Monday at lunchtime and will be held in the Year 5 Breakout area. Please inform your students.

I look forward to catching up with our parents throughout the term. Please feel free to make a time to see me should you have any queries, concerns or would just like a chat about the direction of the school. My door is always open!

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson Principal

Insurance Policy

Please read the below details to ensure you are fully aware of the department's policy.

- Parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.
- Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.
- The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Welcome back to 2015. From the smiles we see on the children's faces, it seems they had a lovely holiday, but are just as happy to be back at school with their friends.

It was great that so many parents were able to take the opportunity to attend our parent teacher meetings last week. I know our teachers appreciated being able to introduce themselves to you, and to let you know a little about the year ahead. If you were unable to make it, your child's teacher will be in touch with you to arrange another suitable time.

Following up from these parent meetings, we will be holding **information evenings** for parents On Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th February. These sessions are an opportunity for teachers to familiarise our parents with classroom programs and operations. I would strongly encourage you to come along, hear a little bit more about the curriculum being delivered to your child, and ask any questions you may have.

Sessions will be held in the relevant classroom areas as follows:

Tuesday 17th Feb - Preps at 6.00pm - Year 1&2 at 7.00pm

Wednesday 18th Feb - Year 3&4 at 6.00pm - Year 5&6 at 7.00pm

The **Billy Tea Bush Band** is visiting us again this year, which we are really looking forward to. They will be here on **Thursday 26th February** for bush dance workshops for the students during the day. A Family Bush Dance will follow in the evening, with dance activities beginning at 6.00pm. Families are welcome to return to the school grounds from 5.00pm. Mrs Champion will be running a sausage sizzle, where you will be able to purchase sausages and drinks, or you may choose to bring along your own picnic tea. This is a whole school community evening. Children will sit with their families, other than during dance times.

A notice regarding this activity has been sent home with all students today. The cost for this activity has been included in the excursion levy. If you have already paid this levy in full or by instalment, or made a payment plan with our business manager, all you need to do is sign the permission slip and return it to your child's teacher. If payment is yet to be made, please include this with the return slip.

Please remember that we have a calendar of events on our website. It would be a great idea to check this regularly, as it is updated with new events and activities as they come up.

For safety reasons, could I remind everyone that the speed hump near our lower gate is **NOT a crossing point**. Towerhill Road is very busy at the beginning and end of a school day, which is why there is a 'Lollypop Lady' to help everyone enter and leave the school grounds safely. Please make sure you walk up to our **designated school crossing** to cross the road.

Enjoy a restful weekend after a busy week one,

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal

Canteen News

The canteen is now open for lunch orders and counter sales.

Canteen opening times are as follows:

Monday & Tuesday

No Lunch orders

Counter sales

Morning recess only

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Lunch orders each day

Counter sales morning recess
& lunch time

Please use the new menu sent home this week.

There are a few small changes so please check prices etc before ordering.

Ice Cream Day

Tuesday February 17th

Order forms have gone out today to be returned by

Thursday 12th February.

As a sometimes food, this is only offered once a term

Monica Champion

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437



The Extend team would like to welcome everyone back from what we hope was a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to meeting all our new preps and new families as well as our returning children.

New Families – Enrol in After School Care

Enrol online – allow 24 hours
Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.

Enrol now, pay later

The annual enrolment fee per family of \$20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn't matter if you don't end up using the service, because you won't be charged.

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au
Next week's activities:

Monday 9th February :
Cellophane Jellyfish

Tuesday 10th February :
Weather Report

Wednesday 11th February :
Place mats

Thursday 12th February :
Secret Boxes

Friday 13th February :
Life Size Me

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children who have celebrated their birthday over the holidays and this week.

Tamara 2A, Grace PC, Ruben 4B, Chris 4B, Indiah 6C, Angelique PB, Phoebe 1D, Jennifer 4C, Joe 5A, Ebonie 3C, Harrison PB, Taya 2B, Aeolani 2C, Baylee 5A, Hannah 4B, Cara 1B, Jaziah 1C, Zac 4A, Jamie 6B, Jack 1A, Ryleigh 3B, Jayden 5A, Reef PC, Jett 1/2E, Amy 6C, Finn PB, Anthea 2B, Shae 5B, Maya 6B, Holly 5C, Harry 4B, Alyssa PC, Angus PD, Brock 2B, Mia 5B, Sanithma 5A, Krissy 2A, Jason 2B, Lucas 2B, Peter 4C, Diona 5C, Gustav 6C, Felicity 1D, Andrew 4B, Jake PA, Donovan 5B, Lachlan 4A, Jijo 2C, Hayden 3A, Jack 1C, Olivia 3C, Zoran 1A, Jhett 1/2E, Kian 1B, Ezra 3B, Koby PD, Jett PD, Temira 3C, Nathan 4A, Chace PA, Molly 4B, Louie 1B, Sophie 3B, Jona 6B, Oliver PA, Cate 4A, Dillon 4B, Lily 1D, Niki 4C, Ella 6B, Roy 6B, Paul 5B, Mikayla 3B, Alisa 1C, Olivia 5C & Charli 3A

Book Club is due back on: Monday 16th February 2015

Please remind students:

To place all orders in envelopes clearly marked with their Name and Class

To have the correct amount of money

All Cheques payable to Scholastic

Parent Book Club Payment Online is available:

Use this convenient service to pay for your book club order using a quick, easy and secure method!

After your payment has been accepted, you will be given an 11-digit receipt number. Please record your receipt number in the space provided on your Book Club order form, in the bottom left corner.

Remember to also record the amount paid and provide the details of the credit card holder on this form. Your completed Book Club order form should be sent back to your child's teacher.

Student Banking

Reminder to all families that student banking is every

Wednesday.

Student banking information packs are available from the office.