Dear Parents and Guardians,

The year has started so positively that the teachers of the senior school are looking forward to each day; working with this exceptional group of Year 5 and 6 students. The students have settled in extremely well into the new school year and have taken to their new surroundings with all the maturity and sensibility that we know they possess. The year will be filled with excellent learning programs and special events that will keep the students engaged and challenged.

**Homework** this term comprises of 15 minutes of home reading, the study of spelling words and the weekly research project. The standard of homework has been great so far and students have enjoyed sharing their projects with each other in and out of the classroom.

This term, students will participate in a **Water Safety/Life Saving Program**. Notices for this event have gone home. All students are encouraged to take part in the day. The program will be held at Mornington Beach.

On Tuesday, 25th February, the **Year 6 leaders** will receive their badges for their roles of the responsibility this year. A special assembly will be held at 2.30pm in the school hall. This will be followed by an afternoon tea. Everyone is welcomed to attend the ceremony.

Tomorrow on the **21st of February** it is a **Pupil Free Day**. Staff will spend the day with Adam Voight from Real Schools, learning about Restorative Practices and how this will benefit our school. Click on this YouTube link to find out more: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7x8z8Jztqc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7x8z8Jztqc)

On Thursday, 13th March, we will have the **school photos**. All students are to wear the correct OPS school uniform. The photos are especially important for the Year 6s as their photos will appear at Graduation in term 4.

The Year 6s received an order form last week about the purchase of a **Year 6 jacket** or polo shirt. If your child needs to try the jacket or polo shirt on before purchasing, please visit the PSW Frankston store. Please return the completed order form for the special Year 6 uniform items.

**Mathletics** is active again! All students are encouraged to complete the lessons and play ‘Live Mathletics’ at home. We will be using the program at school but would like students to support their learning at home too. Students will also have access to a literacy program called **Reading Eggspress**. This is a program that can also be accessed at home too.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Yanni
SPORTS ACTION
During 5/6 sport we rotate between 5 games including: Capture the Flag, Kickball, Soccer, basketball and T-Ball. We have had lots of fun! Amelie

I like doing 5/6 sport in the morning because it wakes me up. Ruby P

I am looking forward to doing sport because you get really fit and healthy. It is my favourite subject. Lilly

I found Capture the Flag lots of fun. I am looking forward to basketball and Interschool Sports. Ruby E

PLANKS
The PLANKS incursion was attended with our little buddies in the Junior school, so we could learn how to work together. The children created towers and models in a teamwork situation, using the skills of cooperation, persistence and patience. Checkout some of the structures!

REFLECTIONS IN YEAR 6
The holidays were great but about half way through the holidays I felt so energised to get back to school. Finally after waiting so long it was one sleep till school. I was twisting and turning all night, it took a while but I finally got to sleep.

“Yay,” I cried out with joy, the day had started. The car trip to school was fun. As I entered the school grounds I could feel the happiness of the other children. I entered my classroom and an hour into the day I realised that I was going to have a great year.

As the days went by I started to create new friendships with new people in our class. We have five new students and every once in a while the year sixes get together to talk about responsibility and respect.

I have had a really fun time so far here at Overport. I hope I can continue and have another fun year. Jesse 6C

TERM 1 2014 CLUBS INCLUDE:
Reader’s Theatre – Mrs Lacey
Reading – Mr Pryor
Art and Craft – Mrs Frowd
Reading – Mr Pryor
Science – Miss Yanni and special guest Dr Dan

The children were allocated one of their elected preferences to enjoy each Friday afternoon.

The cooking group enjoyed making pizza wheels.
The dance group showed off their moves, mixing with students from different classrooms.
Science club discovered how to equalise water from one glass to another using tissue paper.
Arts and crafts made candle holders using tissue paper and a glass.
The Reading group focused on short stories and read the book ‘60 minutes’.
The Reader’s Theatre selected a couple of plays and organised roles for performing.