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OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

Annual General Meeting

On Monday 27th March, at 6.30 pm we will hold our Annual General Meeting. All parents are welcome to come and hear how the school has progressed over the past twelve months. If you are interested and would like to attend, please notify our office.

Summer Sports Lightening Premiership

A number of our yr 5 & 6's students participated in the Summer Sports Lightening Premiership today. They competed in volley ball, cricket, tennis, soft ball and rounders. They played against Kunyung, Mt Eliza, Derinya and St Thomas More primary schools. Next week we will advise you of the results.

Tomorrow House Swimming Sports –years 3 to 6.

Some very excited students have spoken to me about tomorrow's house swimming sports. These will take place at Pines Forest Aquatic Centre. All our student from years 3 to 6 are attending to either compete or just cheer on their House. We wish them all well and that they enjoy the day. Please ensure your child has a hat and sunscreen. Parents are welcome to attend. As well, I am happy to report that Wednesday 15th March, two of our students, Tyrell and LilidhRuth, had great success at the Divisional Swimming Finals finishing 3rd and 4th in the 50 meter Butterfly. Well done to both of you!

Dates to remember:

- 24/3 Yr 3-6 House swimming sports
- 25/3 Working Bee
- 27/3 School Council AGM
6.30pm-regular SC meeting to follow
- 30/3 Meal Deal Day
District Tennis
- 31/3 Easter Hat Parade
Last day of Term 1
2.30pm Dismissal
- 18/4 First day of Term 2

Remember-31st March

Last Day of Term

2.30pm Dismissal

Thought of the week:

Every child is a different kind of flower....but together they make a beautiful garden!

Anon



Working Bee

Don't forget our working bee this Saturday; many hands make light work as they say. We look forward to seeing lots of our new and 'old' families here.

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Liam PA, Cooper PF,
Noah 1D, Marko 6A,
Logan PA, Charles 2D,
Hannah 4A, Ella 5D,
Hansi PB, Alexander
PB, Jasmin 4C,
Oscar 2B, Vanessa 6C,
Mia 2A & Lucy 2B

Holidays—do they impact on learning?

We all look forward to the holidays at the end of each term. But do these have an impact on children's current learning? What and how can parents support their child's continued learning and minimise the impact? Fun in the sun, play clothes and best of all, no homework are what the holidays are all about. But while the kids might be perfecting their hula hoop or skateboard skills, the stuff they've spent the term absorbing in the classroom can start to slide.

The holidays are a perfect opportunity for them to keep on learning. It's a chance to build upon the valuable concepts and skills they've gained in school, while also discovering new and interesting things beyond the classroom walls. "The key is just not to let them pick up on the fact that they are doing anything remotely educational!" says Lana Hallows from Kidspot.

Here are some great ideas and entertaining ways to slip in learning, when the kids have slipped into thongs and holiday mode.

Get Messy in The Kitchen and Bake: Have the kids been learning about fractions in school? Then pull out the baking cups and measuring spoons, because it's time to bring those classroom lessons to life! Little ones just love getting messy, so why not [bake a cake](#) with them? Let them do the scooping, measuring and mixing and they'll be applying their mathematical knowledge, as well as learning about the chemistry of baking. Following a recipe is also good practice for them in following instructions. Check out [Kidspot Kitchen](#) for lots of [kid-friendly recipes](#) that range from the very easy to just simple.

Build a Worm Farm: Did you know worms are great for your garden? They also wiggle, squirm and delight kids to no end! Littlies can make their own composting worm farm with these [easy instructions](#). Sure, they might have learnt about recycling and biodegrading at school, but seeing their worms nibble food scraps, that then turn into compost, will have them really grasping the concept. They will also love caring for their worms and learn that even the smallest creature can produce something that contributes to the ecosystem.



Have some fizzy fun: What kid doesn't love to watch things pop, change colour or fizz? Turn your kitchen into a laboratory over the holidays and have some science fun. Kidspot has over 91 easy [science experiments](#) that will wow little ones and cement those scientific principals they've been learning at school. Classic ones like the [egg in a bottle](#) or the [colourful milk swirl](#) experiment are always a hit.

Teach them to knit: Don't let all that handwriting improvement over the past year go to the wayside over the break. Knitting, hand sewing and crocheting are fun skills for littlies to learn that will also exercise their fine motor skills and help to build finger dexterity. If your kids are too young for needles, try this fun [finger knitting activity](#), which will see them make yarn chains that can be turned into friendship bracelets! Cute.



These are just a few of the great ideas that can be found at Kidspot.

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/school/school-holidays/holiday-activities/sneaky-ways-to-keep-kids-learning-during-school-holidays>

And of course, trips to the Frankston Library are a great ideas too.

Kind Regards, Julie Gleeson Principal.

Assistant Principals Reports

Next week is the last week for term 1. Who knows where that time has gone? Our Easter Hat parade will be taking place on Friday morning. Weather permitting this will be on the basketball court. Thank you to Mr Freeman, Mr Bryant and all members of the SRC who will be running this activity for us.

Thank you to all members of the school community for your donations to our Easter Raffle last Friday. And a huge 'thank you' to the parents who came along to collect these donations and then bundle them into raffle prizes. There are lots of prizes to be won, and we will be drawing these on Friday morning. So make sure you have returned your raffle tickets by next Thursday.

Bunnings workshops returned to Overport this week, for some year 3 and year 4 classes. It's great for the school to have this partnership again. I know the students had a great time creating their flower pots!



This week has ended in a very sporting way for our senior school. All year 6 students have been part of a team competing in the summer sports lightning premiership today. I'm not sure of the results at this stage, but I'm sure they put in a great effort, and did their very best. Tomorrow all students from year 3 to year 6 will be participating in the house swimming sports at the Pines Pool. I hope they are all full of their house spirit, and have a great day.

Thank you to staff members Miss Wendy Kilpatrick and Miss Kate O'Halloran who organised our Parent Helpers training session last week. It is wonderful to know that so many parents are keen to assist students with their learning in the classrooms. If you were unable to attend on the day but are still keen to become a classroom helper, please contact your child's teacher for some more information. They will be able to run you through some of the key points addressed on the day, and also, and importantly, get you to sign a confidentiality form. You will already be aware that legally we are not able to allow any parent to assist with student activities unless they have provided the school with a copy of a Working With Children Check.

Lost property has been accumulating again in the sick bay. Named items are able to be returned to students promptly, however it is more difficult to identify the owners of uniform items without names. Our advice is to name all items as clearly as possible.

This is a reminder for anyone who may have recently changed phone numbers. Please update this information at the office as soon as you can.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder Assistant Principal

SCHOOL RULES

At Overport Primary School we use a set of four positively stated school rules. These rules are;

Be Safe Be a Learner

Be Respectful Be Responsible

Our rules help us to maintain a positive, respectful and safe school through consistent and clear expectations. Over the last few weeks a list of examples have been provided on how your child can **BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE and BE SAFE** in the classroom, in the playground and in specialist learning environments.

This week, the focus rule is **BE A LEARNER**. Being a learner at Overport is an important element of our student's success at school and beyond. At Overport Primary School we aim for all our students to reach their full potential. Our school wide behaviour expectations provide examples on how our students can 'Be a Learner', these include:

- Be supportive and positive to each other
- Talk to a yard duty teacher if you need help
- Be cooperative with everyone
- Actively participate and engage in all lessons
- Complete all work to the best of your ability
- Take pride in the presentation of your work
- Talk to a teacher if you require assistance with your learning
- Be positive in your attitude
- Always work to your full potential
- Be equipped, prepared and ready and learn

Parents and caregivers play an important part in their child's learning. The Raising Children Network offers many tips on how you may be able to assist your child to learn. Listed below are a examples:

- Show an interest in what your child is doing and learning.
- Keep reading to your child even when she can read for herself.
- Let your child hear and see lots of new words in books, on TV or in general conversation, and talk about what the words mean.
- When your child shows you or tells you about something that he's playing with, try to pause, give him your attention and ask a question or two.
- Encourage your child to try new things, to make mistakes and to learn about who she is through new experiences. Put the focus on her attempts at something new, not on the success or failure of the result.
- Establish a routine of learning and good homework practice after school – for example, have your child do her homework at about the same time each day and in a particular area, away from distractions like the TV or a mobile phone.
- Help your child develop or maintain a good sleep pattern.

You can find our more at: http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/learning_primary_secondary_school.html.

Please talk with your child's classroom teacher or drop by the office if you have any questions related to our school rules and behaviour expectations.

Tess Higgins

Assistant Principal



Once again we've had a very creative week with children taking our planned activities and expanding on these, coming up with some great ideas and amazing creations.

A quick reminder, for outside play please make sure you have a broad rimmed or legionnaires hat. We are happy for you to leave a spare hat with us at after school care.

AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate. New booking terms: Great news! In response to parent feedback we are pleased to announce that our Holiday Program booking terms have now changed to provide greater flexibility for families. See Terms and Conditions on our website for further information.

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend!

Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media, and get active with a variety of outdoor sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Autumn Holiday Program.

To check out what's on visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

Tammy and the Gang

Week 8 Activities

Monday: Easter Baskets

Tuesday : Easter Hats

Wednesday : Bunny Games

Thursday : Easter Art

Friday : Party Afternoon



Office News

Payment Reminders

Year 4 camp 2nd instalment is due tomorrow 24th March

Booklist 2nd Instalment is due by Friday 31st March

Term 2 Excursion Levy payments are due by Tuesday 18th April

Please make sure all signed permission forms are returned to school.

Payments can be made by BPay, Cash, Eftpos or Credit Card

'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.

*Zac PA, Eleanor PB, Luka PC, Leo PD,
Kira PE, Yasmina PF, Len 1A, Coco 1B,
Lila 1C, Jess 1D, Leila 2A, Jasmine 2B,
Jade 2C, Mali 2D, Amity 3A, Zoran 3B,
Emily 3C, Maddie 3D, Tamara 4A,
Theo 4B, Aimee 4C, Harry 6A,
Aleisha 6B, Vanessa 6C & Zac 6D*

Year Level Reminders for this week:

Foundation: Don't forget to return zoo notices. Make sure your child is reading or being read to every night. This is especially important over the holidays.

Year 1: Next term we have an exciting incursion at school-'Kitchen Science Jolly Bops Science Show'!

Year 2: Please return any Easter raffle tickets and Meal Deal forms. Also, make a start on your Easter Bonnet for our Easter Hat parade on the last day of school.

Year 3: Please remember to return your Science Incursion permission forms! Also, next week we will run our Easter Parade. Please make a start on your Easter Bonnet.

Year 4: Please be ready for house swimming sport, whole school cross country and the Easter Hat Parade.

Year 5: We had a great excursion to the Immigration Museum on Monday. House swimming sports are tomorrow.

Year 6: We are all at Lightning Premiership Sports on Thursday and swimming sports on Friday. Remember to bring a cool drink and lunch.