

# The Overport Times

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

**Twilight Fair! What a wonderful night!** Our community came together to experience a sensational Twilight Fair. We had rides, dunking machine, (quite cold, I might add!) a petting farm, great stalls, games, performances, including our fabulous "Dad's Band (but with one mum!)", our rocket launches and lots more. The wonderful night concluded with a truly fantastic fireworks display. A huge thank you to Catherine Price and Wendy Lorimer and the Fair Committee for their enthusiasm and drive. As well, thank you to the many parent helpers and staff for their support on the night. Also, thank you to the many people that helped with set up, and all the work leading up to the fair, which was huge. Also thanks to the many hands that worked throughout Saturday with the clean. A special thank you to Tyrell's dad, (of 2C) Tristian, for the amazing fireworks displays! I would especially like to mention a thank you to Peter Niedra, our electrician, who assisted with the electrical aspects and lighting throughout the night and Mr John Hearn, our maintenance man, for his support of the fair. There are so many people that came together to allow this amazing night to happen...and the beneficiaries are of course our students who simply said, "It was awesome!"



When we know the final total of funds raised, we will notify the community. How best to use these funds is still to be decided, but will certainly include aspects of our grounds development. Previously fundraising has contributed to the cost of leases for computers, the air-conditioning in the hall, installed by Mr Bleackley, sails across the playground equipment and picnic tables, just to name a few. Without these efforts, many of the special extra facilities and resources the school is able to provide would not be possible. So, thank you to the Fair Committee and Parents Club for their wonderful work and contributions, as well as to the community for their support. Our Overport children are lucky to have you!

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## Diary Dates



**Friday 4th April**  
Easter Hat Parade  
9.15am  
Last day of Term 1  
School finishes at  
2.30pm.

**Tuesday 22nd April**  
Term 2 resumes.

**Don't Forget  
Early Dismissal  
Friday 4th April  
2.30pm**

## Thought for the Week

*When every-  
thing seems to  
go against you  
And it seems  
like you can't  
go on another  
minute,  
don't give up,  
for that is just  
the place and  
time that the  
tide will turn.*



**AGM Results:** Thank you to those who attended our AGM on Monday evening. A process was undertaken to elect our new School Council executive. I am pleased to advise our new SC president is Lyn Ireland, vice president is Stacey Bladen, Secretary, Daniel Price, vice secretary, Julie Coyle and treasurer, Deborah Madder. We congratulate them on their appointments.

**T-Ball Results:** Last Friday Miss Rachelle and Miss Higgins, together with parents, took our T-ball team to the district competitions. They played extremely well, coming equal third. Ollie of 6A spoke at assembly about the teams efforts and thanked Miss Rachelle their coach, saying they could not have done it without her. We are proud of the teams efforts. Well done.

**Overport Gulls:** A number of our children play basketball for the Overport Gulls and on Saturday, as Joe C of 4B explained at assembly, milliseconds before the match ended, the opposition scored and they were defeated by an agonising 1 point. They were disappointed but we applauded their efforts. Well done on such a close game.

**Cross Country:** Thank you to Mr Broecker for his organisation of last week's cross country. He has details of the results inside. The winning house was **Wickes** The children had a great day.



*Kind Regards,  
Julie Gleeson, Principal.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children  
who have celebrated their  
birthdays this week.

Josh 5C, Ruben 6C, Ruby 3A,  
Anna 2A, Genesis 3/4C, Amelie 5B, Molly 6C,  
Thomas 2B, Vanessa 3B, Henry 1C, Jackson 4B,  
Rory 3/4C, Spencer 5A, Joel 6B, Lily PB,  
Daniel 3/4C, Ethan 5B,  
Brooke 6C & Josh 6A



## Canteen News

The last day of term, Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>. will be a Milk & Cookie day, order forms went home earlier this week.

Please return order forms by Wednesday April 2  
No lunch orders or counter sales available on this day.

### Term 2

Canteen will open on Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup>  
for lunch orders and counter sales



These certificates are awarded at assembly each week for children who have excelled in an academic or social endeavour throughout the previous week.

Annabella PA, Alisa PB,  
Winter PC, Ashanti PD,  
Vanessa 1A, Jay 1B, Brooke 1C, Jye 2A,  
Shalee 2B, Santo 2C,  
Vivian 3A, Clara 3B,  
Nigel 4A, Kascha 4B, Cate 3/4C, Zoe 5A,  
Tyler 5B, Arabella 5C, Jack 6A,  
& Jesse 6C.

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

It was fantastic to have over 60 parents attend the Real School information session with Adam Voigt last night. These parents were able to hear Adam's message, which is all about building:

- Committed teachers
- Caring students, and
- Connected communities

Overport Primary School now has a two year partnership with Adam, over which time we will be working towards building a strong restorative culture. Adam will be with us for more staff training, parent education as well as providing students with the skills to deal with issues which may occur. Restorative language will be developed, to help students think through what happened; to take them from the past (what happened), to the present (what have you thought about since), and then to think of the future (what can be done now to make things right again). We all look forward to working with Adam over the next two years.



Mrs Gleeson has already mentioned the amazing success of our Fair last Friday evening. I would also like to add my congratulations and thanks to the many, many parents and staff who worked so hard to make it possible. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Overport Primary School.

This is a reminder that the UNSW competition entries are due back at school by the end of next week. As I have mentioned before, we need at least 3 entries for each test at each year level for the test to go ahead. Entry fees will not be processed at the office until we have determined the number of entries received. If there are too few entries, this money will be returned directly to you at the end of term.

The Life Education van has arrived, and grades have begun their sessions with Suzie, our Life Ed educator. For those parents who have not had a chance to see inside the van, it will be open for a **parent session tomorrow, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 9.00am – 10.00am**. Feel free to come and meet Suzie, and hear a bit about the Life Education program.

The very best of luck to our Yr 3-6 students who will be representing our school at the District Athletics track events tomorrow. We know you will all be trying your best and having a lot of fun at the same time.

Our **Easter Hat Parade** will take place next **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15am** on the basketball court, weather permitting. I look forward to seeing your brilliant creations!

Have a great weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder**  
Assistant Principal

## Parents' Club News

### Twilight Fair & Mothers' Day Stall News

WOW ... What a night we had last Friday at the fair. It was wonderful to see everything happen as planned (mainly), the kids having so much fun, the rain holding off and the amazing fireworks at the end to finish it off. There have been some great photo's posted on facebook which have been lovely to see what everyone got up to. **Thankyou** to all the parents, teachers and staff who gave their time to make this such a successful event.

Our next Parents' club meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 27th March at 9am in the staffroom**. Due to the huge amount of work that has been put in recently, we just can't face an official meeting but would love to catch up with anyone for a cuppa and a debrief about the fair. Bring your photo's and let us know what worked really well and what can be improved on (but be nice as we might just cry!).

On that note, we have got the kids **mothers' day stall** scheduled in for Late April but Catherine & I are just too shattered to even think about it. The kids love this stall and it is lovely to provide them with this service but if it is to go ahead this year, a couple of people will need to step forward to take over the reigns. We have some stock already and have brochures for ordering more. We have a checklist of what needs to be organised and are happy to walk you through it but just can't lead it this time around. There are always plenty of helpers on the day and we can help to garner that support. Please let us know if you could be part of this team.

Regards,

Catherine & Wendy

From the Twilight Fair Committee

## Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



### Our weekly recap

Last week the children had an exciting week making jelly fish out of crepe paper and bubble wrap, and loved it so much they wanted to make them all week! We also had some creative story writing time, and the children learnt how to make origami boats from a new staff member.

Lots of time was spent outside enjoying the wonderful weather we've had this week, a fun session of frisbee was played with the children understanding the importance of sharing within a team game.

Next weeks activities will be Easter themed, and will include activities:

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup>:** Hand print Chickens

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>:** Paper baskets and decoration

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Peg Eggs

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Plaster moulds

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>:** Easter scavenger hunt

**Early Release session: 4 April**

Please note After School Care WILL be available on the last day of term, Friday 4 April from 2.30pm. Book now for this Early Release session by contacting our office on 1300 366 437.

This will be charged as a separate session to the regular After School Care session, so parents have the option to book their child(ren) in for the Early Release session ONLY, or both the Early Release session and regular After School Care session.

If you would like to know what your out of pocket expense will be please contact our office.

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### Frankston High Tour Dates Year 7 2015

Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	9.15am - 11.00am
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2014	9.15am - 11.00am
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2014	9.15am - 11.00am
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	9.15am - 11.00am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	9.15am - 11.00am
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	9.15am - 11.00am
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	7.00pm - 8.00pm (Information session only - No Tour)

## AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Friday 4 April to Thursday 24 April\*

\*Dates vary according to program  
Limited places

**BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 21 MARCH**

**VIC LOCATIONS**

- Bangholme
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The tiqbiz app will help our school keep you fully informed and up-to-date with newsletters, notices, news and events. It's easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.



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