Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Working Bee: We had a great turn out at the working bee on Saturday and the veggie garden looks amazing! Thank you to the families that attended and ensured we covered all the jobs set. The children will be presented with family awards at our next assembly.

Vegetable Garden: The Vegetable garden preparation was a large part of the working bee. As you can see, I have included photos of the garden beds and to which grade levels they are allocated. If you are walking past with your child, you might like to have a peep and point out their grade levels bed. The students of the Planet Savers have been trained by Miss Moroney and Mr Bill Mallinson in planting different veggies so they can assist others and teach each grade how to plant the veggies. The garden beds are ready for them to plant in directly or they can sow seeds into containers in the classroom and move them to the beds once they are established. We have plenty of tools and equipment for the children to start and teachers are eager to begin. Some grades are also very excited about starting an herb garden in the classroom and some are very keen to plant straight into the beds. The Planet Savers have distributed the seeds this week, ready to commence. Each grade level has seeds for: Broccoli, Broad beans, Lettuce 'Green Oakleaf', Spinach, Onion, Peas, Chili (Only grade 4 – 6), Parsley, Coriander, Chives, Rosemary, Basil, Snow Peas, Cauliflower, and Carrots. It should be an exciting time growing them and then cooking them up! Lots of nice warm winter soups we hope!

Woorabinda Camp: A number of our students were lucky enough to be chosen to attend the Woorabinda Camp in Yallourn along with Miss Suzie Moroney. The camp has a strong focus on developing social skills, building relationships and making connections with students from a number of schools. Miss Moroney said it was extremely valuable and our students were beautifully behaved and participated well in all the activities. Developing relationships between students, as well as students and teachers, is the underpinning focus of our partnership with Real Schools. Offering these camping programs and the opportunities that they provide for our students will help to embed our strong wellbeing focus.
Principal’s article cont’d…

Grade 5 Urban Camp: Our grade five students had a fantastic time at their urban camp recently. The children said the accommodation was great and the activities were fun. They particularly enjoyed going to the Vic Market; an experience that many of our students would not have had!

Uniform Policy Requirements - Hair: A number of students have shoulder length hair which is not tied back. Please see our attached School Council policy and note the statement: “If hair touches shoulders, it must be tied back”

There are a number of reasons why this is in place: 1. To ensure children clear view when bent over work. 2. For safety reason within the playground. 3. To assist in avoiding the transfer of head lice. Our head lice nurses have explained to us that one of the most effective ways of avoiding contracting head lice is to keep hair either short or tied back. Therefore, if your child’s hair is at or beyond shoulder length, please ensure it is tied back securely. We thank you for your support in this matter. Should you have queries, please feel free to contact me.

Whole School Assembly: There will be an assembly for Prep to Gr6, next Monday 26th May at 2.40 in the hall. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Please note: As of Thursday 29th May, 2014 I will be on leave until the end of the term. Mrs Madder will be acting principal in my absence.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson, Principal.

Car Park Building Works

Building works will commence at the Frankston South Community Recreation Centre (opposite the staff car park) next Monday 26th May.

Anyone using this car park as a student drop off point will need to find an alternative until further notice.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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


Canteen News

New price lists are available from the Office, canteen or school web page.

Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal Friday June 6th

Order forms went home this week.

NO other Lunches on this day

Please return orders by MONDAY JUNE 2nd

Thank you everyone for a fantastic Book Fair!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Book Fair and made some wonderful purchases from the great books and accessories for sale. Thank you to all the parents for your support in purchasing books from the fair.

We managed to raise over $650.00 in books for our Library. The children are very excited to have these books ready for borrowing in the next few weeks! There will be a Christmas themed Book Fair coming up in early December, so keep your eyes open for more information coming home closer to the time.

Melissa Gleeson (Library Teacher) & Venetia Hill (Library Technician)
This year, semester one student reports will be sent home to parents in the first week of term 3. We will then conduct our parent meetings the following week; Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd July. Bookings will again need to be made using the school interviews website. You will be advised when this site will be open for bookings. This year we will be involving our students in these meetings, thus making these meetings 3 ways: Parent, Student and Teacher meetings. Students will be encouraged to speak to their parents about things such as their achievements, goals they may have set, other areas they would like to work towards. Please be aware of this student involvement when you are booking meeting times with teachers.

In relation to our Uniform Policy, I would also like to remind everyone that shoe colour is to be predominantly black or white. Please be mindful of this if you are looking at replacing your child’s shoes in the near future. School Council has recommended that the school become diligent in enforcing this aspect of our Uniform Policy from term 3. Students will be reminded by their class teachers, so they are also fully aware of these uniform requirements.

NAPLAN testing has now been completed for 2014. We thank all staff, students and parents for assisting this program to run efficiently. Results will be sent to the school in late Term 3, and distributed directly to families then.

The University of Western Australia are currently conducting a research study, and are looking for parents who may be interested in participating. They are investigating children’s ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions, such as being easily fooled or tricked into doing something. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability. They are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to: http://tinyurl.com/childsvq Participation is voluntary, and is not directly connected with our school. For more information you can also contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652.

We have a large number of students representing Overport at the District Cross Country event tomorrow. We wish them well, know they will do their best, and trust they will represent our school proudly.
Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Last week was a good week for outside play. The children played scarecrow tiggy and soccer. Box construction was the highlight. We had so many boxes, though not as many were used as I thought. Our new feature wall is ‘Once Upon A Time’, the children have started to decorate it with fairies and castles, with plenty more creations to be added to the wall over the term.

Next week’s activities starting 26th May
Monday— Sticky Balloons
Tuesday— Reuse and Recycle
Wednesday— Spiders
Thursday— Cubes
Friday— Our Favourite Things

enrolment hotline

Our school has an app

We are now using an app to send instant messages, newsletters and notices.

The tipbiz 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.

Downloading is easy...

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‘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.

Jack OPA, Lily OPB, Alen OPC, Cooper OPD,
Bonnie 1A, Anthea 1B, Hunter 1C, Keira 2A, Shanae 2B,
Tyrell 2C, Niki 3A, Amiru 3B,
Emily 4A, Rory 4B,
Archie 3/4C, Neha 5A,
Ruby 5B & Bella 5C,
Hayley 6A, Yunu 6B & Leanne 6C

Winter Sport Result - Round 2 Overport Vs St. Johns

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