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Dates to remember:**November**

Mon 27th Yr 6 leave for
Wilson's Prom
Camp
Thurs 30th Yr 5 Silly Science
Incursion
Special Events
Group afternoon tea

December

Fri 1st Yr 6 return from
Camp
Wed 6th Prep Information
Night
Thurs 7th Education sub-
Committee meeting
@ 3.45 pm
Friday 8th Year 4 Beach Day



Leila 2A, Asher PC, Isabella
2A, Tex 6B, Edoardo 6C,
Chris PC, Sienna 2C, Ellie
1A, Chloeann 1D, Isabelle
6C, Cooper 2B, Finnlay
2C, Tully 1B, Tully 3C, Ru-
by 6D, Ashton 1D, Isabelle
4A

Thought of the week:

*One child,
one teacher,
one pen and one book
can change the world."*
~ Malala Yousafzai

OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

Transition Program -helping kids prepare.

We have recently begun our whole school transition program. A number of questions have been asked about the details of our transition program and reasons behind it.

Children can often become quite anxious as they move from year level to year level. While they may not be able to verbalise their concerns, some of the questions that may be in their minds are: What will the work be like? Will I cope? Will the teachers be kind? Will they know how to help me if I get stuck? Will they understand if I already know that work?

Helping them to prepare and reducing their worries is at the basis of our program. Minimising the disruption to their learning can be eliminated if they feel confident. Therefore, we have a five session transition program each year. The first two sessions are with teachers currently in that year level and usually with their current classmates. The second two sessions the children are mixed with others from different classes. On the last session, which is held on the State-wide Orientation day, they meet their classmates and teacher for the coming year. You will receive a note that day that your child has filled in letting you know of this placement. Please note that no changes can be made after this.



Grade developments are very challenging and takes our teachers a long time to ensure they get it right. They take into consideration each friendship request, academic needs, a balance of gender and parent requests based on educational needs. The teachers also discuss their combinations with our specialist teachers who see all the classes across the school to ensure effective groupings are in place.

Consequently, I am sure you understand that once this has been set changes cannot be made. We look forward to ensuring every student has an excellent experience and, therefore, is looking forward to next year with enthusiasm. Many schools let the student and parents know much later in the year; however, we believe this early information provides opportunity for them to begin to develop relationships with their new classmates and teacher for the coming year when they see them in the yard.

What can you do to help? Talk with them about the value of making a wide circle of friends, getting to know different teachers across the school, acknowledging any concerns but allaying them with your support and encouragement. Remind them of how they began this year and how they have now made new friends and that they can speak with their teachers. Also, encouraging them to speak to one of the specialist teachers who they know well. They will all be happy to encourage them and support them going forward. If you have any concerns, do not hesitate to speak to your child's current teacher for advice.

Walk-a-thon and Christmas Market - thank you.

Our Walk-a-thon this year was a wonderful success. The students love being engaged in this activity and supporting their school. Thank you to all the parents that assisted on the day and in the preparation. I would especially like to thank Di Black for her wonderful organisation. This year we raised a staggering \$7,670.70.

We would also like to thank all the wonderful parents and staff that assisted with our recent, highly successful annual Christmas Market. Over 60 stalls arrived, along with rides and our own cake stall, barbeque, Knick Knack stall and raffle. The huge number of cakes provided by our wonderful community was overwhelming. Also thank you to our community for their support—there were a huge number of parents, students and friends here on the night. We raised an amazing \$5,768.30.

These funds ensure we can offer more resources over and above that which the government provides. This year our fund raising has contributed towards the costs associated with leases for new technology, the purchase of an office site for our instrumental music program, extra air conditions in classrooms and the purchase of a huge amount of new take-home books and classroom reading material. Our total fundraising for 2017 is \$22,007.40 which is outstanding.

We already have a wish list for some special items and the Special Events committee, through School Council, will look to target some of these next year.



Year Six Camp—Wilson's Prom.

Our year six students are off to Wilsons Promontory on Monday for the week. They will be camping, hiking and engaged in lots of great outdoor experiences including walking up Mt Oberon. We hope they have wonderful weather and are sure that they will have a great time.

*Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson Principal.*



Year 6 making use of the weather...

cooking nachos using solar power one day and the next day,

dodging hail stones!



Year Level Reminders for this week:

Year 1: Please remind your child to be lined up ready waiting for their teacher before school. Many children are coming late to line up because they are playing on the playground. Well done to those students who are showing independence now saying goodbye to Mums and Dads at the bottom of the steps and coming to line up themselves and getting ready for year two

Year 2: As the days are getting warmer heading into Summer please remember to bring a full water bottle everyday.

Year 6: Time to start packing for Wilson's Prom camp. We need to be at school between 8.15 and 8.30 am with all medicines given to Mrs. Houston.



Assistant Principal's Report

It's wonderful to be back, following my recent long service leave, when my husband and I visited South Africa. We had a wonderful time. Spectacular countryside, and very friendly people will be lasting memories for us.

This year we have been very fortunate to have a diverse group of parents in charge of a variety of events, which have raised some very much appreciated funds for our school. The load was shared this year, with individual parents putting their hand up to coordinate a specific event. Each event exceeded our expectation, thanks to their efforts. For anyone who is available next Thursday 30th November at 2.30pm, we will be having our final 'get together' for the year, where I will let everyone know the final total of funds raised for each event. Everyone is welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee.

2018 payment information has almost been finalised, and notices are currently being prepared. I am expecting these to be ready to send home during on Thursday 7th December. As in previous years, the amounts for payment will be for: a book pack, essential education items, and (for senior classes only) a specific Overport PS student diary. The school will again be able to supply all stationery items through the purchase of our book pack. The pricing of this is exceptionally good, given that they are ex GST. Payments will be required to be made by the beginning of next year.

A separate payment notice will also come home in relation to term 1 excursions and activities. This payment, along with permission forms, will also need to be returned to school by the first day of next year. Please remember that for your child to participate in any of these activities, we must have received both payment and permission.

Attached to today's newsletter are the minutes of the last Education subcommittee meeting, held on Thursday 16th November. There was a lot of fantastic discussion in relation to the topic of how teachers can include the needs of students at advanced learning levels into the daily curriculum. While we don't have a staff member running a specific extension program outside of the regular classroom, individual teachers and year level teams are able to plan for students who are working beyond their expected level of achievement. The minutes of this meeting are well worth reading. Thank you to Miss Marie Yanni, who chairs this subcommittee of school council.

Best wishes to the students in our RACV teams, their parents, and Miss Higgins, Miss Corvi and Mrs Wynne, who are all heading to Maryborough this weekend to compete in the RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge. We know all your hard work and training will pay off, but most of all we know you will have a lot of fun!

Have a great weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder

Assistant Principal

GO TEAM!



Don't forget Swimming for Prep - Year 3

on Fridays



Swimming
Lessons



'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.

13 November

*Alyra PA, Mia PB, Taj PC, Lewis PD, Sapphire PE,
Jeena 1A, Tully 1B, Aileen 1C, Zali 2A Rose 2B,
Grace 2C, Ella-Rose 2D, Darius 3A, Mazie 3C,
Yusuf 3D, Jett 4A, Degan 4B, Jennifer 4B, Hayden
4C, All of 6A*

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20th November

*Claire PB, Addi PC, Olivia PD, Jack PF, Madoc
1A, Grace 1B, Nevaeh 1C, Thalia 1D, Josh 2A,
Jasmine 2B, Ethan 2C, Zain 2D, Cameron 3A,
Aziah 3B, Elise 3C, Deon 4A, Chris 4B, Krissy 4C,
Madison 5A, Jackson 5B, Alec 5C, Bethany 5D,
Lachlan 6A, Piriyanika 6C*

RACV 2017

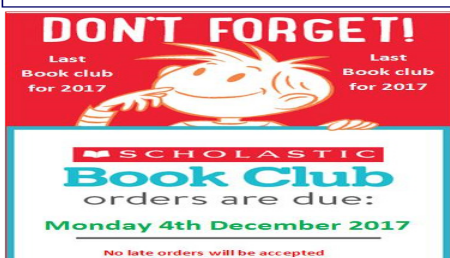
The time has come for RACV teams to compete. From today until Saturday our three teams will be competing in a range of events testing their knowledge and driving skills. We would like to wish the teams all the very best of luck and thank the parents for their extensive support of this program. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with the students and watching them develop as a team. We look forward to sharing the team's successes and experiences on our return. Thank you, Steph Corvi, Alice Wynne and Tess Higgins.



BLAZEY FENCING



Tess Higgins
Assistant Principal



Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Recap

What an exciting week we had at Extend before and after school care! We had the Baden Powell Cricket Club come down and do a cricket clinic with the children. Children developed their throwing, catching and batting skills but most of all they had an absolute ball and worked great together as a team! Stay tuned as we organise our next clinic; a football clinic! Involving more of our local clubs.

We also experimented with lots of new art, craft and science activities; our favourite being making little cars with bottle lids, skewers, cardboard and straws. We used balloons as well, which made them move! They turned out fantastic and it is a great way to use recyclable materials.

Courtney, Team Leader

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book 14 days in advance to receive early bird rates.

Get creative with a variety of art and craft projects, participate in delicious cooking activities, carry out a bunch of fun science experiments, and loads more!

Check out the daily schedule at extend.com.au and enrol and book with our brand new platform.

Our Extend Superstar is:

Ethan ... for his positive and friendly attitude each and every day and for continuously including all of his peers and working great together in all activities with his welcoming personality.

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au

CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437



What's on next week?

Monday 27 November:

Life size tracing/Human sketch

Tuesday 28 November:

Bauble creations

Wednesday 29 November:

Soccer tournament

Thursday 30 November:

Cooking: chocolate muffins

Friday 31 November:

Science: firework science!