

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

EVERY DAY COUNTS! EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! BE HERE & ON TIME!

Great Success for our Monte! Monte C of 6A has made it through to the Nationals in the 800 metres. These will take place in Canberra from 4th December. He represented the school at Albert Park Lakeside Stadium at the State Championships. We are very proud him and hope that he does well in Canberra. To assist with the cost we are holding a "Donate for Monte" day on 27th November. This will **not** be a free dress day, as we have had several already this term; however, if you are able to support Monte and his family so that he can travel to Canberra to represent Overport at this exciting event, we request that each student brings a gold coin donation on that day. Thank you for your support.



First Transition Session: Our first transition session went very well. The new prep students met classroom teachers, explored the prep area and met new friends. Our current students all enjoyed the opportunity to move to other areas of the school. They talked about next year to ensure that they have commenced an understanding of what they might expect in the next level. This helps minimise disruption to their learning as they move from year to year. Next week will be the second of our four November sessions.

RACV Challenge: Our students who are entering the RACV Challenge on 20th to 21st November, at Mari Burra have been practicing very hard. Thank you to Miss Higgins and Mrs Wynne who have worked with them training them to use the push carts effectively. They are very pleased with their commitment and efforts. It would also seem like they are having a great deal of fun!



Parent Opinion Survey: Every year CASES, a DET computer program, selects a random group of parents who receive the 'Parent Opinion' survey to provide feedback to the school. The data chooses a different cohort of parents each year so annual comparisons are not always reliable. While this year's data dropped slightly in student engagement, we are still equal to like schools across the board. Not all parents choose to add a comment: however, from those that did there are many extremely positive comments, while others demonstrate some frustrations as well as areas that have a lack of understanding. We have certainly realised that we need to inform the community more fully on how we resolve issues between students, what our discipline measures are and how we operate as a "Real School".

Diary Dates



Friday 6th Nov.
Cricket Gala Day

Monday 9th Nov.
Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 11 Nov
Transition 2

Friday 13 Nov
Twilight Christmas Market

Friday 18 December
School finishes for 2015
1.30pm Dismissal

Thought for the Week

The purpose of life is to matter - to count, to stand for something, -to have it make some difference that we lived at all.

Leo Rosten
1908-1997.

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Some comments suggest that parents may not be reading the information provided such as curriculum outlines and term planners and therefore, are unsure of what is being covered in their child's class. We provide a curriculum outline and planner at the beginning of each term for your information. If you have missed this, please contact your child's teacher who will be happy to provide this for you. A couple of comments that suggested that we do not have any extra-curricula activities tends to indicate that parents may be unaware of what these may be. To assist your understanding in this area, I have listed some of the type of activities that are considered "extra-curricula". **To name just a few, they include activities such as:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the camps and excursions or incursions across the school • Bush Dance • School Production • RACV Challenge • ST Johns First Aid Course • Life Ed van visit • Prep Father's Day breakfast | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Week • Whacky Walk-a-thon • Swimming Program • Japanese week • Book Week • Bunnings Workshops <p>House Athletics and myriad of extra sporting events.</p> |
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These are events that are not outlined within the Victorian curriculum but rather support and enrich its implementation. We hope this assists to clarify this for our families. Generally, we were pleased with the overall result of the survey. If you have any questions regarding area that are of concern with operations at our school, please do not hesitate to come and discuss this with us. We are most happy to help or have your feedback for continued improvement for our students.

Enrolments 2016: As we are beginning to develop our classes for 2016, if you have prep students who will commence in 2016 and have not yet completed an enrolment, please do so immediately. As well, if you know that you are leaving the school and will not be here next year, please advise the office as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson,
Principal.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children
who are celebrating their birthday
this week and also last week..

Marcus OPA, Hazel OPB, Sienna 5B,
Mason 2A, Charlotte 2A, Axel 6A,
Thomas OPC, Deon 2A, Edwin 6A,
Arianna OPC, Lucy 2C, Madison 3B,
Darcy 2C, Mia 3A, Abby 2B, Denis 3B,
Gemma 4C, Lena 2C, Jasmine 3A, Jai
2C, Ethan 3A & Syd 5B.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Yesterday we had our first whole school transition day, which means we are well and truly starting to put plans in place for 2016. How this year has flown!

Today was the beginning of our swimming program for all Prep to Year 4 students. This got off to a very smooth start, with thanks to Mr Lukas for his organisation. Students are reminded to make sure they take their swimming bags home each night, so their towels can come back dry for the next day's lessons. Part of the learning for our students is to encourage independence; organising themselves to be ready for lessons, being ready on time, and then changing back into school uniform and being organised and ready for the rest of the day. Parents are most welcome to come up to the swimming pool to watch these lessons in action, and we thank those parents who have been assisting with walking our students over to the pool.



In case you weren't aware, whenever we take our students outside of the school grounds, we require a ratio of 1 adult to 20 students, so parent assistance with events like swimming and excursions is vital. Your help is very much appreciated.

Our Yr 5's have recently been to Mt Erin Secondary College for the Yr 8 Market Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to see secondary school learning in action. There are usually lots of things for them to see and do, as well as some things to buy. It's also great to catch up with some past Overport students. We thank the staff at Mt Erin, and Miss Yanni for organising this opportunity for our students.

Thanks to Miss Rachelle, Miss Yanni and all members of the SRC for organising a fantastic disco for our students last Friday evening. It was great fun!



I look forward to seeing lots of our families next Friday night at the Christmas Market. It will be a great opportunity to start getting into the festive spirit. Let's hope for fine weather.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal

Final family account payments are now due.

Could all families please finalise their accounts now. If you are unsure of your account balance please contact the office.

'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.

*Emily PA, Lewis PB, Thomas PC,
Elise and Ben 1A,
Kai 2A, Sara 2B, Jijo 2C*

Student Banking

Reminder to all families that student banking is every Wednesday.

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



What an awesome week we had last week. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the start of our Dr Seuss Mural wall, which the children can add to over the coming weeks. The children have also been introduced to some new puzzles which are 3D, different animals and pictures to be made. We ended the week with the school disco, many children attended and had so much fun there.

Also as we are a sunsmart program, children are required to have a hat for all outside play and activities.

Term 4 Community Project

Once a year Extend launches a major Extenda Hand initiative that equips children to contribute to the wider community. This year we are partnering with Meals on Wheels so that the children in Extend's programs can make placemats for Meals on Wheels recipients. Come along to After School Care for an opportunity to contribute to this great team project!

TERM 4 WEEK 5 ACTIVITIES

Monday 9th November : Science- Explosions

Tuesday 10th November: African Animals

Wednesday 11th November : Orange Jelly Cupcakes

Thursday 12th November : Beading

Friday 13th November : Friday Novelty Games

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Booking deadlines:

Book for December by Friday 27 November

Book for January by Monday 21 December

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend! Participate in an epic egg drop challenge, make your own burlap pillow, and play lots of sport including cricket and basketball! Join in on all this and more at Extend's Summer Holiday Program.

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

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

Second Hand Uniforms

We are desperately in need of clean second hand school dresses in sizes 4-8 to be donated for sale by the Parent's Club.

Please bring to the office by Monday 16th November.

All money raised goes to the school resources.

Thankyou

