Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

EVERY DAY COUNTS! EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! Be here and be on time!

Our Busy, Busy Term! We have a huge number of things in place for this term. Transition began on Wednesday with the first of four sessions. All students had the opportunity to visit with other teachers and rooms as a beginning to their transition to the next year level. For grades Prep to 4 from 6th to 21st November students will participate in our swimming program. Today the year 5s went to the Mt Erin Secondary College market day. On Friday 7th November we have our annual SRC disco. The funds will be contributed to Rotary for the Mekasari Regional School in Bali. On Sunday, 9th November, Miss Yanni, our school captains and I are going to the Springvale Crematorium for a special Remembrance Day service. On Friday 14th November our first Christmas Market is being held. On 20th November our students will be travelling to Maryborough with Miss Higgins and Mrs Wynne to compete in the RACV challenge. Grade 4 campers will set off for the Briars on 26th November. Also on 26th November we will have our Prep information evening. On 27th November level 4 have an excursion to PARC to support their swimming development. 28th November, our year 6s will hold their Market Day celebrating the unit on commercialism. Our final working bee for the year is on Saturday 29th November. From 1st December Miss Gleeson is holding Book Fair Week in the library. Friday 5th December is whole school athletics day. The State-wide Transition Day is on 9th December and students from 1 to 6 will find out their class and teachers for 2015. On 10th December we have our parent helpers’ morning tea. In the afternoon our Prep to 2 Christmas Concert will take place and 3 to 6 the following day, 11th December. Grade 6 graduation is on 16th December. Our final assembly for the year will be held on Monday 15th December where we will announce next year’s student leadership roles and the last excursion for the year is the whole school Movie day on 18th December. Friday 19th December is clean-up day and the school will finish at 1.30 pm for the end of year. All in all….an exceptionally full agenda; however, very exciting for all of us! Along with this, teachers are still teaching and preparing students for their next learning journey, writing reports and preparing for 2015. We anticipate starting the year on 540 students. Overport continues to grow, which just goes to show what a great name we have as a learning community.

Grade 3 Sleep Over: Our grade threes enjoyed their first dip into our camps program with an overnight stay in the Towerhill Learning Centre. The teachers said the children were a delight – all asleep reasonably early following a night walk, some amusing races, such as a filled water-cup race and a movie. Breakfast was enjoyed by all and the children were collected by parents at 8.00 am on Saturday…still running around and bubbly! Thank you to the staff who stayed to support them. It was a very successful evening.

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State Results for our Students: I am delighted to announce that Monte C of 5B came second in the 800 metres at the regional finals recently. This means he will represent Overport and compete in the National championships in Tasmania from 27th November to 2nd December. Ronin B of 6B also competed in the high jump and came 9th out of field on 20. Monte who competed in a field of 16, told me that he and the winner were in a ‘life and death’ sprint to the end. He missed out on first by a whisker! Last year Ronin also competed in the Nationals which were held in Queensland and we raised funds to assist him. Therefore, grade 6 students have agreed to contribute an equal amount of funds from the grade 6 market day. There will also be a number of other areas to which they will contribute. Last year this market raised $1500 which was donated to the RSPCA.

Christmas Market: Don’t forget our wonderful Christmas Market on Friday 14th November 3.30pm (straight after school pickup) to 8.30pm. **Don’t forget to return your Christmas Market Raffle Tickets by tomorrow, 7th November.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson
Principal

Kanga Cricket Lightning Premiership

What an outstanding effort by our year 5/6 cricket team last Friday 31st October! The team comprised the following students: Luke K, Edwin A, Matt K, Flynn W, Nick G, Joel K, Nathan A and Joel S. They won every game convincingly, including the grand final which has resulted in them progressing to the regional finals. All team members performed at a very high level, particularly Luke K who absolutely dominated with bat and ball. He achieved the amazing feat of hitting more than 80 runs off two overs! A special thank you to Mr Pryor for coaching the team and umpiring on the day.

Sensational Athletic Results

Ronin B and Monte C have continued to achieve brilliant results this year in athletic events, representing our school at the State Athletic Championships at Albert Park last Monday 27th October. A severe storm made conditions extremely difficult, particularly for high jump, Ronin’s event. Although Ronin was disappointed not to progress to Nationals based on his results on the day, he should feel very proud of reaching this level yet again. Monte performed exceptionally in the terrible conditions, narrowly finishing second to the first place getter in the 800m. As a result, he will now compete at Nationals in late November/early December in Tasmania. We are extremely proud of both boys efforts and wish Monte the best of luck at Nationals.

Canteen News

Milk & Cookie Day is Friday November 14th
No lunch orders or counter sales available on this day
This is our last cookie day for the year
Orders must be in by Monday November 10th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children who have celebrated their birthday last week and this week.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S ARTICLE

After a couple of days of rest, this week begins a very busy time for us at Overport.

Yesterday we had our first whole school transition day, which means we are well and truly starting to put plans in place for 2015.

Today was the beginning of our swimming program for all Prep to Year 4 students. This has got off to a very smooth start, with thanks to Mr Bryant 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.

Families of our current Yr 5 students are reminded that deposits for next year’s Wilsons Prom camp is now overdue. If you are yet to make this payment, please contact the office tomorrow to make arrangements. A notice outlining further progressive payments has been sent home with the students today. All payments for this camp must be finalised by the dates indicated on this form.

The annual SRC disco is being held tomorrow afternoon and evening in the school hall. Our SRC put a lot of effort into making this a really fun event, so it would be great to see as many students supporting this as possible. The session times are as follows:
Prep to Yr 2 – begins at 4.00pm, pick up at 4.50pm
Yr 3 and 4 – begins at 5.00pm, pick up at 5.50pm
Yr 5 and 6 – begins at 6.00pm, pick up at 6.50pm.
Entry to the disco is a gold coin donation. The money raised will go towards Mekarsari School in Bali. Please remember that all students must be collected by an adult at the conclusion of their disco.

Our Yr 5’s have been to Mt Erin Secondary College today 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.

Have a great weekend everyone,
Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal

Japanese week Students’ reflections

Japanese week was great! The activities were good. The arm wrestling and Mini man wrestling were probably the most successful workshop. Maybe next time add in an Origami workshop! Also next time we could add a competition with winners for one of the activities. I think that most of the Overport students loved Japanese week and I thank Sensei for organising it.

By Gabriella P (Japanese captain)

This week is Japanese week. It was one of my favourite Japanese lessons. Today which is the 14th of October 2014, we made Taketonbo (Bamboo dragon toy). We competed against 2C, and I won the competition.

By Jye B

Today we made aka (red) Taketonbo (Bamboo dragon toy). After lunch we made them fly and it was really fun. By Ruby G

Today we made Taketonbo (Bamboo dragon toy). Mine went high and far. It was fun decorating it and trying to fly it. Today in Japanese, we all had fun.

By Indiana R

Christmas Market Raffle

Raffle Tickets for the Christmas Market are due back this Friday 7th November.
Please return your tickets and money by this Friday for a chance to win some great prizes.
Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Last week was a good week to get outside and make the most of this awesome weather and longer hours of sunshine. Soccer games were played as well as playing on the playground and just chatting with friends on the grass. We also had plenty of children that wanted to stay inside and play with board games as well as our popular activity ‘the marble run’. Exciting news too, we are getting a visit from Gilbert the Gecko next Monday.

As we are in term 4 hats are compulsory at after school care. Could the children please have a spare hat in their bag or leave a spare at the program so they can go outside and play in the afternoon.

Kelly

Next week’s activities:
Monday 10th November: macaroni jewellery
Tuesday 11th November: chocolate truffles
Wednesday 12th November: very hungry caterpillar
Thursday 13th November: Sports Day
Friday 14th November: plaster painting

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