Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Choir visit Baxter Village: Last week our choir performed for the residents at the Baxter Village Lodge. It was extremely successful and the children were a delight for the elderly folks. When they finished their performance, they met and chatted with the residents, one who was 101 years old! The children loved this element and spoke about it at assembly this week. Thank you to Mr David Freeman, our performing arts teacher, for his organisation and to the staff who attended with him. The Baxter Village have expressed their delight and hope that the children return.

School Structure for 2014: We are currently planning our grade structure for next year. Based on our enrolments we will have the following structure in place: 4 Prep grades, 3 grade 1’s, 3 grade 2’s, 2 grade 3’s, 1 grade 3/4, 2 grade 4’s and 5 grades across the senior school. At this stage the final structure for our senior grades is still being decided. Our teachers are currently in discussions as to the best possible combination. Specialist programs will continue as Visual Art, Physical Education, Performing Arts, Japanese and Library, Literacy support and Wellbeing. Our Prep team for 2014 will be Miss Christie Holman, Miss Jacqui Goodier, Mrs Andrea Santospirito and Miss Sarah McCall. The prep team look forward to meeting with the parents of our new preps at our Prep Information evening, 7.00 pm on 27th November.

Enrolments: If you have not yet enrolled your prep child for 2014 please contact our office this Friday. Grades are being developed and numbers must be finalised. Also, if you are leaving the school at the end of this year, please let us know as soon as possible. Enrolment forms can also be down loaded from our website. Thank you.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

From term 1 2014, the newsletter will no longer be printed. It will be available to download from Tiqbiz or accessed via our website: www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au

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Curriculum Days 2014. Tuesday, 28th January, 2014, is the first day of school next year for teachers only. This is a curriculum day set by the DEECD for staff planning for the year. On Wednesday 29th January we plan a second curriculum day, where we will hold our usual Parent/Teachers meetings. Therefore, this will also be a student free day. We intend to hold a curriculum day later in term one continuing our focus on student wellbeing. At this stage, a date has not been confirmed. Our final curriculum day will be held on a program called “the Big Write” which focuses on teaching of writing to assist student at individualized levels. As soon as the dates are finalized we will advise the community.

Dogs in the Grounds: We have noticed a large increase in the number of dogs in the school ground. Many children are quite nervous of dogs so please ensure your dog is on a lead, controlled and left at the gate of the school and not brought into the grounds.

One exception to this rule is our new training puppy. He is training as a support for children with disabilities and is under direct control of his foster family. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson, Principal.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
Happy Birthday to the children who have celebrated their birthdays this week.
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5 MT ELIZA OPEN GARDENS
November 9th & 10th 10.00am—4.00pm
Tickets at gate
$5 single garden
$20 all gardens

15 batman avenue
10 daveys bay road
50 old mornington road
134 wooralla drive
4 seahaze court

Walk to School
November 2013
OVERPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL has signed up for VicHealth’s Walk to School 2013, a month-long activity that encourages children to walk to and from school every day in November.

Walk to School encourages children to make walking part of their daily routine to improve fitness, friendships, the environment and their confidence.

Children can keep track of their walks, with the help of a parent or teacher, using the Walk to School website and app. Children can play an interactive game on the app and earn items for an imaginary Walk to School journey with each walk they complete. The app is available for free from the App Store and Google Play.

Walk to School is free, it’s fun and there are fantastic prizes for families and schools up for grabs. Ask your child’s teacher for an information sheet and consent form, or register your child at www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S ARTICLE

In the next couple of weeks you will be receiving your child’s payment notice for 2014. This notice will include all financial requirements for next year, other than optional activities such as meal deals and other events that don’t involve a large number of students. You will be able to pay this amount in full, by instalments, or via a payment plan set up with our Business Manager. The school office will accept these payments until Wednesday 18th December this year, or when we reopen on 24th January next year.

On Thursday 19th December, the whole school will be celebrating the end of year with a picnic at Bicentennial Park in Chelsea Heights. We will be providing a sausage sizzle on the day, with a sausage and zooper dooper for everyone. If there are any parents willing to help out with the sausage sizzle on the day, please let your classroom teacher know. We will need assistance with cooking and serving. There will be a small charge for the bus for each child, and parents club will be subsidising the cost of the food for the day through this year’s fundraising. A notice will be coming home in the next couple of weeks, which needs to be returned as soon as possible.

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Activities to be aware of over the next couple of weeks are our swimming program, which commenced today, and the Year 5/6 Billy Cart incursion, which will take place next Thursday. Please make sure all permission notes and payments have been returned to school. Our whole school transition program continues, with our second session tomorrow. As has been mentioned previously, this is a great opportunity for our students to experience the atmosphere of the next grade level. Grade placements are currently being formulated, and will be confirmed at our last session on Tuesday 10th December.

Have a great weekend everyone,
Deborah Madder, Assistant Principal

Minasan Konnichiwa (Hello everyone)

In 21st and 22nd October, all the students have participated in some special Japanese activities. I truly appreciate many students’ positive participation, cooperation and caring for each other, and senior students’ demonstration of excellent leadership skills. It is so nice to see so many smiling faces after each session. Without the students’ enthusiasm and all the staffs’ support and assistance, I was not able to successfully conduct the Japanese days, so I would like to thank you all.

Prep and Grade 5 students worked together to make rice balls, do origami, dress up in Japanese clothes and learn Japanese traditional dance. It is nice to see many students enjoying tasting the rice balls even though this could be quite different from what some students eat normally. We teachers love to see the students try out something new regardless of whether they like it or not.

Grade one, two and six students were all mixed up and participated in two different activities. Grade one, two and six teachers conducted various activities; the Japanese folk story listening and Origami making, Japanese cooking (ie. rice ball making), Japanese sport carnival, and Japanese Dance and Dress up.

Grade three and four students enjoyed watching the Japanese folk story and playing the rice ball game or making an Origami mouse. They also participated in the Japanese sport carnival in the afternoon.

On Monday lunch time, students had opportunities to enjoy “Sumo wrestling,” “Arm wrestling,” and “Mini man wrestling.” During this session, I was very fortunate to have Grade six students’ assistance to conduct, supervise, and judge these activities.

Finally I would like to request the donation or sewing assistance for our Japanese clothes. We need to have more belts (long fabric to go around to tie the traditional Japanese clothes). If you have some fabric to give away, could you kindly donate to us? If you could assist to sew sash (straight line sewing) or Happi (Traditional Japanese festival clothe: the top part only), could you please let me know or leave a message at the office?

Arigatoo gozaimasu (Thank you very much)
Tomoko Yamashita (Japanese teacher)
**Uniform Sale**

Take 5% off everything!

MON 11 NOV - SAT 14 DEC

Don’t miss out! Limited time offer!

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**Step into Life Frankston**

We train at Delacombe

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**Red Hill School Country Fair**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17TH 2013

Mornington-Pinners Rd, Red Hill, Victoria

10am - 4pm

A Bundle of Market Bails featuring: Second Hand Books, Local Fruits and Vegetables, Homemade Preserves, Truffles Apples, Fairy Floss, Plant Sales, Homemade Cakes and Biscuits, Choc Tops, Beautiful Bunches, Popcorn, Homemade Lemonsoda, Show Bags and much, much more!

**Rides and Games for All Ages**

International Food Tent

Live Entertainment

Haunted House

Face Painting & Tattoos

Chocolate Cafe

Pony Rides

Story Readings

Launch of Red Hill School Cookbook

Plenty of Free Kids Activities

Local Wines & Products, Activities and Services Up for Auction!

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