Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Welcome to another new term – our last for the year! And how the year has flown by! It seems only just a moment ago we were beginning and now we are coming to the end. WE hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday, even with the wild weather. Please remember this term children are required to wear a school hat, which is navy blue and wide brimmed with a logo. These offer the best protection. New hats can be purchased from Primary School Wear in Playne Street Frankston.

Whole School Transition Program
Our grade sixes will be off to high school before we know it! And, no doubt, all the rest of our children are beginning to wonder who will be in their grades for next year. Each year we hold a whole school transition program in November. For the first four weeks of November, each Friday afternoon, the children will go to a new year level with different children and teachers to do some enjoyable activities. This is undertaken to assist with minimising any disruption to their learning and to help them feel comfortable about their new grade level and the coming year. Our new 2014 Preps also attend these sessions. A final session is held on the State-wide Orientation Day, which is the second Tuesday in December. It is on this day that the children are introduced to their teacher for the following year and their new classmates. They will bring home a note for you outlining this information.

Grade Placement for 2014
Our enrolments at Overport have continued to grow significantly this year which is due to our continued excellent reputation for student social and emotional wellbeing and academic success. We are currently beginning to develop next year’s grade structure to accommodate this. The development of these grades is based on many factors and designed to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child. However, should you have a request in relation to grade placement for 2014 that is based on your child’s specific educational needs, please make an appointment to see either Mrs Madder or myself prior to placing this request in writing by Friday, 25th October. Please note that due to our planning requirements, requests after this date will be unable to be considered. While we will respect all requests, we will continue to use our professional judgement to ensure your child receives the optimum educational opportunity for the year.

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Principal article cont’d…

Planet Saver’s News

Carry in Carry Out – Nude Food Week: A successful nude food week was arranged by our Planet Savers. Some information regarding the results will be published next week. There is certainly an obvious change in the amount of rubbish in the yard with our “carry-in and carry-out” program as well and the waste free lunch challenge. Let’s hope that this inspires the children to continue these practices.

Wacky Walk-a-thon

Don’t forget to collect sponsors on your sponsorship form for our Wacky Walk-a-thon next week on 18th October. Please note the children should not door knock or collect money from people they do not know, especially without a parent; as this is an unsafe practice. So, dress up in something “wacky”! All the money raised from this Parent Club event will be used to cover the cost of air conditioning in the hall. Thank you to our wonderful Parents Club for this initiative.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson, Principal.

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANK DAY

It’s easy to open a school bank account….simply visit the office and pick up a Youthsaver Account Opening Kit!

Happy Birthday to the children who have celebrated their birthdays this week.
MEMOS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

1. Student Accident Insurance Arrangements: DEECD has asked that each school ensures parents understand that we do not provide personal accident insurance to students.

2. School Injuries & Insurance: Parents & guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are an ambulance member or have private health insurance, you may also be able to claim expenses incurred.

3. Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner’s Risk: DEECD does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors. There are many companies offering student accident insurance should a parent wish to organise their own coverage.

CANTENE NEWS
Canteen is open for lunch orders and counter sales.
To support our Japanese week we will hold a Japanese Lunch Day on Tuesday October 22nd
Order forms went home on Monday and need to be returned by Friday October 18th
*We cannot take late orders for this meal deal *NO other lunches available on this day
A term 4 menu comes with this newsletter some small changes, but no price increases.

SPRING SEMINAR
Children and nature: why they need each other
Presented by Michael Ungar
Join Michael Ungar, one of Canada’s leading thinkers on childhood, for an inspiring morning for all the senses in the Botanic Gardens.
Bring along family, friends and colleagues to hear about the current thinking around developing resilience in children, youth and families. He inspires parents to recall their own childhood and the lessons they learnt from being kids and responsibility owners. Michael is concerned that our children are not being provided with the opportunities they need to learn how to navigate their way through life’s challenges.
Presented by the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne and Carnegie Education Services in association with the Victorian Child and Nature Connection.

Bookings are essential. Be sure to book early as limited seating is available and the event is expected to sell out.
Where: Medlar Hall, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne
When: Tuesday 29 October
Doors open at 9:30am for 10am start
Cost: $45 per person
Bookings: 03 9656 2200

Further information: Please contact the Education Services team to discuss your specific program needs.
Welcome back. Hope everyone had a great holiday. This week the children had lots of stories to share about what they did over the holidays. The children had lots of fun with all the activities this week, very creative and interesting.
- Kelly

Next week’s activities:
Monday 14 October: Invisible pictures
Tuesday 15 October: 3D flower pots
Wednesday 16 October: Science Experiments
Thursday 17 October: Bubble pictures
Friday 18 October: Piggy Banks

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