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Dates to remember:

October

- Fri 13th** Weird and Wacky Walkathon day
Final Yr 5 Camp
Payment due
2nd Yr 6 camp
Instalment due
- Mon 16th** School Council
- Build & Grounds @ 6.00 pm
- School Council @ 7.00 pm
- Tues 17th** Yr 3 Exc CERES
Yr 1 Bunnings Workshop
- Wed 18th** Yr 2 Science Incursion
- Thur 19th** Regional athletics
- Fri 20th** Swimming begins
Prep—Yr 3
- Sun 22nd** **WORKING BEE**—10.00am—1.00 pm
- Tue 24th** Whole school House athletics Day.
- Wed 25th** Div Boys Volleyball final
- Thur 26th** Yr 4 Science Incursion
- Fri 27th** RACV Challenge free dress day

Thought of the week:

Success is not final,
failure is not fatal: it is the
courage to continue that
counts.” -

Winston Churchill.

12th October, 2017

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OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

Term 4 Begins!

Welcome back to our last term for the year. We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and has returned to school ready for an exciting term.

We are starting with our Weird and Whacky Walk-a-thon which is on tomorrow. Hopefully the children have all got several sponsors and are looking forward to the day. Thank you to Di Black and the Special Events committee for their organisation.



Christmas Market

We are delighted to announce that our annual Christmas Market will be held on Friday, 10th November. We already have many interesting stalls booked in.

It is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. There is a gold coin donation on entry. We have a fabulous range of raffle prizes, a school community cake stall, sausage-sizzle and large range of food vans, entertainment and a jumping castle, Zorba balls and a ride for the children. And, to top it off, we will finish at 9.00 pm with a wonderful fireworks display. It should be a great night. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Term Four Curriculum Day

School council has approved our last curriculum day for this year for the staff to undertake professional development of highly effective reading programs to continue to strengthen our teaching practices. We are holding this on Monday 6th November, which is the day before Cup Day. This will be a student free day.

Our busy term...

Some of the many things this term...

- Weird and Whacky Walk-a-Thon
- Swimming – Prep to 3 (commencing next week)
- Year 2 science incursion
- Year 3 CERES excursion
- Year 4 science incursion
- Our friends the Police visit Preps
- Whole School Athletics
- Year 5 Urban camp
- Rugby League Gala
- Whole school transition - November
- Kinder-Prep Orientation - November
- Family Life sessions



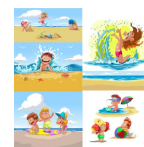
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Maddison 1B, Oli 1A,
Jack 1C, Jet 3B, Grace
3B, Noah 3B, Yong 5B,
Amir PA, Ethan PE,
Oscar 6C, Benjamin 4C,
Katya 6D, Zali 1D,
Mackenzie 1D, Isabella
3D, Bonnie 4C, Elias
3D, Beau 6D, Tom 5A,
Santo 5B, Issy PE, Lily
2A, Jackson 2B, Grace
2C, Abel 6D, Sarah PE,
Kade 3C, Yaxin PA,
Paige 3A, Joshua 3B,
Bobbi-Lee PD, Lily 1A,
Ebony 5A, Chloe 5A,
Rhiannon 6D

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- Year 6 Wilson's Prom camp
- Whole school Christmas performance
- Prep Information Evening
- Year 6 graduation
- Year 1 Cranbourne Botanical Gardens excursion
- End of term Movie days years prep to 4
- End of year beach days year 5 and 6



...Just to name a few! And within all that lots of teaching and learning.

Schools are such an exciting place!

We love sharing all of this with your children and you.

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson Principal.

Canteen opening hours

Monday—Closed
Tuesday—Counter sales only
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
open for lunch orders



EVERY DAY COUNTS

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.



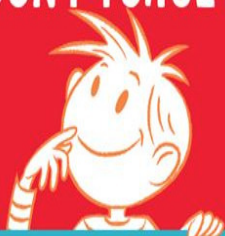
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: education.vic.gov.au

Department of Education and Training



DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

Monday 23 October 2017

No late orders will be accepted

Year Level Reminders for this week:

Foundation: Start practising getting dressed and undressed and pack a bag ready for swimming. Walkathon is this Friday. Don't forget to return forms. Parents are welcome to join us!

Year 1: Swimming starts soon! It would be a great idea to practise with your child how to pack their swimming bag and change themselves after they get out of the pool.

Year 2: Next Friday it is our Wacky Walkathon. Get your 'wackiest' outfit ready to wear!

Year 3: Term 4 permission forms are now overdue. Please ensure you return your forms as soon as possible. If you have misplaced any forms, please alert your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Year 4: Please return all permission forms as soon as possible. Science Incursion is on Thursday in week 3.

Year 5: Welcome back! Don't forget camp is coming up in week 4 and we need all medical forms back as soon as possible please.

Year 6: Remember to get you 'wacky walkathon' outfit ready for Friday. All permission forms are now overdue.

Assistant Principal's Report

Welcome back to term 4 everyone. I hope you all had a relaxing break, and enjoyed some much appreciated sunshine.

Tomorrow—Friday 13th—is the day of our Weird and Wacky Walkathon. Thanks to Di Black and other parent helpers for your organisation of this day. Students will walk laps of our oval throughout the morning, beginning with Preps at 9.00am. Year 1's and 2's will begin their walk around 9.50am, Year 3's and 4's at 11.10am and Year 5's and 6's will begin at approximately 12.00pm. Students are encouraged to wear something 'weird and wacky', however good walking shoes are also strongly recommended. If any parents have a bit of time to spare on this day, your help with things like cutting up fruit or recording laps would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to wear something 'weird' too!

Sponsorship forms should have been returned to school today. The number of laps completed will be recorded on this form following the event, then returned home with your child so they can begin to collect their sponsorship money. Don't forget there is will be a Fitbit offered as a prize for the student who raises the most amount of money.



All term 4 excursion and incursion payments and signed permission forms are now due back at school. If you are yet to make this payment, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. Please be aware that both payment and permission is required for students to participate in all school incursion and excursions.

Thank you to those who have been making progressive payments for the Year 5 camp. Final payment is due tomorrow.

Swimming lessons will begin next Friday 20th October for all Prep to Year 3 students. Both payment and signed permission must be received in order for your child to begin these lessons. While there are many students who may participate in swimming lesson outside of school hours, the opportunity offered by these school lessons includes skills other than learning about swimming. These include developing organisational skills such as getting themselves ready for their lessons, walking as a group to the pool and back, organising themselves at the conclusion of lessons and being ready to settle back to work when they return. Further skills such as getting along, cooperation and patience are developed throughout this series of lessons. Students who are not participating in these lessons will walk over to the pool with the class and be supervised by teachers at the pool. Swimming will take place each FRIDAY (other than Friday 10th November). for 7 weeks. Due to the larger number of classes we have this year, we are not able to offer this series of lessons to Year 4's. these students will now participate in a Beach and Water safety skills day in December.



Swimming
Lessons



Please remember that full school uniform should be worn each day, and hats must continue to be worn each day for all outdoor activities. These need to be in reasonably good condition. If rims or bindings are becoming loose and untidy, perhaps it's time for a new one.

I will be taking a period of 4 weeks leave from Monday 23rd October to travel overseas, and look forward to seeing you all when I return on Monday 20th November.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Deborah Maddar

Assistant Principal



Canteen News

Canteen is now open for Lunch Orders & Counter Sales.

Order forms for our Morning Munchies on Thursday November 2nd will be coming home on Tuesday 17th. Orders need to be returned by Wednesday October 25th. No other lunch orders or counter sales available on Munchie Day.

Assistant Principal's Report

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

World Mental Health Day, which occurred on Tuesday October 10th was a timely reminder to us on our role, promoting good wellbeing and providing education and assistance to those struggling with mental health concerns. With around 1 in 7 young Australians aged between 4 -17 years experiencing a mental health condition we need to work with the parents and the community to assist the students in our school who are struggling. Through the health and capabilities area of the curriculum teachers are educating students on identifying feelings, coping strategies and how and where they can ask for help. Teacher often plan activities such as those listed below when a need is identified or around an event such as transition, camp or excursion.

- Conducting 'Circle Time' at the end of a day, before or after an event or following an incident. Circle Time provides an opportunity for students to openly discuss their thoughts and feelings in a safe environment. Circle Time allows teachers to identify how students in their class are feeling. They can then use this information to manage and plan activities and or provide support if required.
- Developing a support team jumper. Students write a list of people in their lives who help or support them. This is often written in a 'footy jumper' shape and individually designed. The list becomes a personal 'support team' for a student to look at when, and if, they need help.
- Discussing, 'Thought, feelings, behaviour' scenarios. These are based on the cognitive behaviour theory, that our thoughts control our feelings and actions.

If you would like to know any more information on how we educate and support our students in the area of wellbeing and mental health please do not hesitate to contact the school or follow the links below to three youth mental health service providers.

HeadSpace: <https://www.headspace.org.au>



Early in Life Mental Health Service (ELMHS): <http://www.mentalhealthcompass.com.au/directory/early-life-mental-health-service-elmhs>

Youth Beyond Blue: <https://www.youthbeyondblue.com/home>

**RACV DAY**

Coming up on Friday October 27th is our annual RACV day, which includes a Free Dress Day, Chocolate Coin Toss and Push Cart Rides. The RACV team has been tirelessly training three times per week for the Human Powered Vehicle and Pushcart events to be held in Maryborough in late November. RACV Day is an important fundraiser for the event, as without the support of the school and local community we would be unable to compete. Please support the team to achieve success in Maryborough

Tess Higgins

Assistant Principal

**Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School****HAVE YOU SECURED YOUR TERM 4 BOOKINGS?****Option 1: Book for the entire year/period of time selected**

Use the 'by the day of week' tab to book consistent days over a period of time that you select.

Option 2: Book by specific dates

Irregular bookings can be made by the 'by specific dates' tab. If you make these bookings with 14 days notice or more, you will attract the lowest rate.

New Families: Be sure to enrol online—allow 24 hours. Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website..

We look forward to seeing you in Term 4.