Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

EVERY DAY COUNTS! EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Be here and be on time

Christmas Market: Don’t forget our wonderful Christmas Market on Friday 14th November 3.30pm (straight after school pickup) to 8.30pm. We currently have almost 60 fabulous stalls so far and counting…this makes it a perfect opportunity to do all your Christmas shopping at once! Every item is brand new and there is something for the whole family. There will be refreshments available so please join us. For more information, please see the flyer included which is on display with our newsletter next to the office in our new display space.

Cyber Safety: This is a great link for parents to familiarise themselves with of technology that their children are using and all the ‘do’s and don’ts.’ This website comes from the schools eSmart program. http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/About%20the%20technology.aspx Many children are using these social media sites on a daily basis although the minimum age on all sites is 13! However, keeping them safe is vital. Please take the time to look at recommendations on this site.

Regional Level Success for Students: Ronin B 6B and Monte C 5B are representing the school and have made us very proud of their efforts on the sporting field. Ronin has achieved State Level in high jump and Monte in the 800 metres. They will be competing on Monday at Albert Park alongside about another 15 students. If they are a successful, they will go through to the National in Penguin, in Tasmania. We wish them every success and best of luck.

2015 Grade Development: Developing the grades and school structure for 2015 can be quite a challenge. Teachers need to ensure there is a good mix of students which includes academic abilities, social connections, effective working partners, gender balance and special requests and specific student needs. Therefore, while we make every effort to consider and meet request from parents, this is not always possible. However, as mentioned over the last two weeks, should you have a request in relation to grade placement for 2015 that is based on your child specific educational needs, please make an appointment to see either Mrs Madder or myself prior to placing this request in writing by Friday, 24th October. We will respect all requests. As grade development is so complicated, once this is completed, changes cannot be made. Each change has a domino effect other grades. Therefore, we trust that you understand that we will continue to use our professional judgement to ensure your child receives the optimum educational opportunity for the year.

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Room Placements for 2015: Parents would have noticed two double portables that have come onto the site to accommodate our growing enrolments. These will be completely refurbished and have a beautiful connecting deck. Our level three students will move to this and the current prep building for 2015. Our preps will move to the Summit Learning Centre, currently level 3. The portables will offer everything our current buildings offer and encourage independence for our middle school students. The teaching team will continue to plan and work closely together.

New Playground Equipment: It is anticipated that our new playground will begin development within the next two weeks. This will be near the containers at the back of the portables. The will be for grade 4 to 6. Thank you to the Student representative council for their work in choosing the new pieces.

Christmas/Celebration Concert: Our end of year celebration concert will take place in two parts: prep to 2 at 2.30 pm on 10th December and 3 to 6 at 2.30 pm on 11th December. This provides us with the opportunity of using our hall should the weather be inclement. The concert will be held on the upper tier facing our oval. We look forward to our families joining us.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson
Principal

Book Club is due back on:
Monday 27th October 2014

Please remind students:
To place all orders in envelopes clearly marked with their Name and Class
To have the correct amount of money
All Cheques payable to Scholastic

PARENT BOOK CLUB PAYMENT ONLINE IS AVAILABLE:

Use this convenient service to pay for your book club order using a quick, easy and secure method!

After your payment has been accepted, you will be given an 11-digit receipt number. Please record your receipt number in the space provided on your Book Club order form, in the bottom left corner.

Remember to also record the amount paid and provide the details of the credit card holder on this form. Your completed Book Club order form should be sent back to your child's teacher.

Regional Athletics
Well done to the following student who made it through to Regional Athletics last Thursday 16th October: Ronin B, Monte C, Hayley C, Charlotte C, Olivia M, Tori B, Ivey S, Imogen B, Meika P, Jade K and Mia J. Monte C (800m) and Ronin B (high jump) performed outstandingly, with both boys placing first. They will now compete at the State Athletics Championship next Monday 27th October.

Good luck Monte and Ronin!

‘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.

Sienna OPA, Darius OPB, Emily OPC, Catherine OPD,
Beau 1A, Aeolani 1B, Charlie 1C,
Anna 2A, Ebony 2B, Ebonie 2C,
Natalia 3A, Gaige 3B, Emma 3/4C,
Liam 4A, Hannah 4B,
Meredith 5A, Sara 5B, Charlotte 5C,
Shae 6A, Ayva 6B & Angel 6C.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S ARTICLE

This year our camping program continues to include a one night sleepover for our year 3 students. This will take place tomorrow, Friday 24th October. This year’s sleepover has been extended slightly to include a day of activities outside the school, returning at approximately 3.00pm for more school-based activities before settling down for dinner, trivia competition, a movie, then bedding down for a good night’s sleep. All students will be collected by a parent at 8.00am on Saturday morning. There is a large amount of organisation involved in preparing for this event for our students. Thank you to the level 3 staff for their commitment and enthusiasm!

Thanks to everyone for finding your school hats, and having them on every day. Remember that it is compulsory that our students wear their hats every day. Students without hats will be directed to the ‘shady area’, which is the area under the trees beside the basketball court. An updated Sunsmart Policy was reviewed at our Education Subcommittee meeting yesterday, and will be recommended for ratification at our School Council meeting next Monday evening.

The Active After School program has begun again for this term. Hockey and Standing Sailboard skills are the activities students will be participating in. Thank you to Mr Bryant for organising these activities, and also to the staff members who have volunteered to supervise these throughout the term.

Parents Victoria would like to draw your attention to their forthcoming Online Conference - October 27 - 30. This no-cost opportunity is for discussion and debate and they encourage your participation. The four one-day topics are Homework, Access, Reporting and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). The ongoing topic of Funding will run for the entire four days. There will also be an opportunity for participants to raise other issues. First four days: 6am Monday 27 October 2014 to 11pm Thursday 30 October (Australian Eastern Standard time) Register (for no cost) at:

http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register/

This is a reminder that swimming lessons for Prep – Yr 4 students will be commencing in a couple of weeks, so if you haven’t returned your child’s permission slip please do so as soon as possible. Please remember also that Monday 3rd November is a PUPIL FREE DAY, which teachers are using to prepare end of year reports. The following day is Melbourne Cup Day, which is also a Pupil Free Day.

Have a great weekend everyone,
Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal

GARDEN NEWS

Hello Overport families,

Our school garden is flourishing and because of this we need to have a small stall after school on Fridays to sell some of our produce. We have lettuce, coriander, snow peas, carrots and a few other things. If you are interested in purchasing some produce at our stall we will ask for a gold coin donation, per bag of goodies. We will be situated at the front gate. Please support this as all the money we make will go back to our garden.

The Sustainability Team

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

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 and football games were played as well as playing on the playground and just chatting with friends on the grass. 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.

Also, there will be a student free day on Monday 3rd November. Extend will be offering care for the day, though we require a minimum of 15 children to run it. Please contact Head Office to book your child or children in.

Kelly

Next week’s activities:
Monday 27th October:
Goop
Tuesday 28th October:
Sports Day
Wednesday 29th October:
Comics
Thursday 30th October:
3D pop out pictures
Friday 31st October:
Drawing Competition- Simpson Characters

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