Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Book Week Celebrations
Thank you to Mrs Hearn, Miss Gleeson and Mrs Hill who ensured that our book fair was a great success. The children loved the opportunity to look through the many books to select a purchase. Funds raised are used to purchase books directly for our library and an interesting variety has been chosen. Mrs Hearn has again booked the fair for next year. Further to support book week our students have been involved in writing their own books. These include blurbs, title pages, chapters, illustrations and were bound and presented last Tuesday night for our community to view. The children were excited to be seen as real authors and produced a fantastic display across the school. What talent we have! I am sure that you agree with me when I say thank you to our teachers for their excellent writing programs that have seen the children reach such high standards.

Working Bee Thank You
Twenty five families attended our working bee last Saturday. The weather was beautiful and the ‘gardeners’ enthusiastic. It was delightful to see the children so involved in the planting in the Japanese garden. We also added plants to our biodiversity area, around the grade 2 portable, the front of the school and the entrance. The grounds are looking wonderful.

Thank you to our hardworking Buildings and Grounds committee and their efforts to ensure we provide a lovely aesthetically pleasing environment that reflects our curriculum for our students.

Next Friday, 20th Sept is the end of term and the children will be dismissed at 2.30 pm.
Footy Day Tomorrow: Don’t forget your colours…of course I KNOW you’ll be wearing BLACK and YELLOW! And remember to bring some coins for our coin line. Funds raised will go to State Schools Relief.

Enrolments 2014: We are currently accepting enrolments for Prep 2014. Students must be enrolled by the end of the term. If you have a sibling that is to commence in 2014, please contact the office as soon as possible to ensure a place in our prep centre. Enrolment forms can also be found online on our website: http://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/

Production Accolades: Once again we enjoyed the children’s wonderful effort at our production. We received many accolades from our community. One of our grandparents sent this to us and requested I place it in our newsletter:

Every single member of the audience was absolutely enthralled at the performances of the school play at the Arts Centre. The audio was superb and both the diction and inflection from the players was perfection! The children “got into character” and maintained it throughout the whole performance. It was wonderful to see so many on stage at the one time and anyone understanding logistics, will appreciate the complexities in getting 50 to 100 performers together for so many entries. You could see the enjoyment of the players and the enormous amount of work in the costumes. The talent from all the players was absolutely beyond belief and many of the actors will take the confidence they gained and add it to their personal presentation. Performing in front of an audience is one of the most important factors in life; it starts “confidence-building” every child will have gained by this performance. There will be so many dozens of people who have helped get this “on stage” and to see the result come over so smoothly and vibrantly will be enough satisfaction and reward. I know everyone will wholeheartedly agree, it was a night to be REMEMBERED.

Bailey’s grandfather, Colin Mitchell.

Street Art: If anyone is aware of the person who did the street art on the rebound wall and by the containers, please advise us. We were impressed with the art work and may engage them to work with the art teacher and the children to do a mural. If you are aware of anyone else who has skills with street art, please contact me.

End of Term: Next Friday, 20th September is the end of term and the children are dismissed at 2.30 pm.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson, Principal.
The month of August was very busy with our school production, but was also the month for schools to acknowledge the tireless work our Education Support Staff do within our school. We have three wonderful integration aides: Robbie Thornton, Sue Rose and Wendy Jarvis, who do an outstanding job supporting students in the classroom. In the library, Venetia Hill helps to keep things thoroughly organised, and is an invaluable support to Mrs Hearn and Miss Gleeson. Monica Champion runs our canteen, providing food for many students on a daily basis, as well as organising meal deals throughout the term. Our front office staff: Linda Bradbury-Flint, Melissa Sinclair and Jenny Behrend, under the direction of Vivienne Robinson our business manager, are critical to the smooth running of each and every aspect of our school. From excursions, to sick bay, we couldn’t do without them. Teaching staff took the time to celebrate with our ES Staff by providing a lovely morning tea for them during production week. I know you join with us in thanking them too.

This week has been a planning week for our teaching staff. Each team of teachers has had a day to discuss curriculum, and plan learning experiences for their classes. This enables a smooth start to the term. During these planning days, the students are supervised by our specialist teaching team. It was lovely to see many, many parents and visitors in our classrooms on Tuesday afternoon, when there was the opportunity to view the picture story books our students had created. The children (and teachers) had put a lot of effort into preparing these books, and it was great to see their literary efforts being shared. I hope you enjoyed reading them as much as the children enjoyed creating them.

The end of term is fast approaching, with just one week left before our term holidays begin. It’s time to start looking for those school hats. As you are aware, hats are a compulsory uniform item during term 4; I will remind you again next week.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal
Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Our Weekly Recap

Wow last week was amazing. The children and I spent 3 out of 5 afternoons outside in the playground having fun, playing games, just soaking up the sun. It was wonderful. And we ended the week with a dance party. The children had so much fun dancing around, even some of the parents joined in! Please note – from Monday 16th September we will be moving to The Portable classroom for both Before and After School Care. Kelly

Next week Activities:
Monday 16 September: Wet chalk drawings
Tuesday 17 September: Box, box and more boxes
Wednesday 18 September: Bubble wrap creations
Thursday 19 September: Bless you — tissue paper creations
Friday 20 September: Party games & activities

Kids Club Competition

The winners have been announced!
Thank you for all the amazing entries we received for our annual Kids Club Competition! The votes have been tallied and the winners have been announced. Please visit the Kids Club competition page on our website to see who won. Congratulations to the two winners and we hope you enjoy your prizes!