

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

EVERY DAY COUNTS! EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! Be here and be on time!

Thank you to the many parents who have welcomed me back following my trip to England for a family wedding. While I was there, we stayed at the small village of Corsley, in Wiltshire, where I took the time to visit the local school. The school with approximately 85 students had three classrooms and was situated in a beautiful old stone building next to the local church. It was charming and so different to our school of 551 students; however, teaching and learning was still the priority.

ANZAC Ceremony: On Monday our School Captains, Spencer and Jazmin led the school in an ANZAC commemoration ceremony. Mr Bruce Billson, our local Federal member, together with Ms Anne Vize, M.Ed who is a member of Australian Society of Authors, and Private Garry Currall attended. Private Currall who has a daughter in 5C (Holly Currall), spoke to the students about his experience in the army and the importance of remembering the efforts of all servicemen, past and present, on ANZAC Day. One of our students Jack F of 1C also spoke to the assembly about his great grandfather who joined the army at 19 years of age. He fought in the war and was injured. Jack spoke with ease to the assembly and proudly wore his great grandfather's medals. Anne presented a resource book about ANZAC Day to the school that she had written for primary school students. Bruce Billson and Anne Vize chose Overport to launch her book and it will be housed in the school library. Anne forwarded to me a letter of appreciation highlighting the efforts of our young school leaders. Her letter is included here.

Dear Julie,

Thank you so much for allowing us to launch the Anzac Resource Book at Overport Primary - it was a terrific day! ... I congratulated your school captains on how well they managed - it must have been a little daunting having the local member of parliament and other unfamiliar faces there! If you could please pass on my thanks to them and also to your library captains who came up and introduced themselves to me afterwards, I would appreciate it.

Kind regards,

Anne Vize M.Ed



Diary Dates



Friday 1st May
Meal Deal Day

Monday 4th May
3-6 Assembly in hall.
School Council meeting at 7pm.

Tuesday 5th May
Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday 6th May
Mother's Day Stall

Friday 8th May
Prep Mother's Day Morning Tea

20th—22nd May
Yr 5 Urban Camp

Saturday 23rd May
Working Bee

Saturday 20th June
Trivia Night

Wednesday 9th September
Whole School Production

Thought for the Week

*Don't miss any opportunity that life presents
to grab the brass ring when it goes past...*



Parent Opinion Survey Results.

On Tuesday night the staff viewed our parent opinion survey results. We are particularly thrilled with a massive improvement in almost every area, which puts Overport above the state, particularly in General satisfaction. The comments from parents are mostly positive with just a few areas highlighted for us to

consider. It is pleasing to see that there is growth in the areas covering student wellbeing; however, we expect that as we continue our journey with our partnership with Real Schools and the development of restorative practices, we will see further improvements. A general overview is presented in percentages in the following table.

<i>Parent responses</i>	<i>Disagreed</i>	<i>Neither</i>	<i>Agreed</i>
<i>General satisfaction</i>	2%	0%	98%
<i>School improvement</i>	3.3%	5.6%	91.1%
<i>Student social skills</i>	6%	8%	88%
<i>Behaviour management</i>	6%	16%	78%
<i>Classroom behaviour</i>	32.5%	28.5%	39%
<i>Student motivation</i>	6%	19%	75%

Parents who wish to understand more fully our journey with Real Schools, will soon be able to attend a parent information evening. Please watch the newsletter for the date.

*Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson,
Principal.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Nelly OPB, Oscar 1D, Hayden 2B,
Keira 3B, Sarah 6A, Carmen 6A,
Leon 2A, Lucas 3C & Baylin 5A.

**'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.

Paige & Julianna OPA,
Hazel & Cooper OPB, Kirat & Lily OPC,
Eliza & Louis OPD, Zack 1A, Catherine 1B,
Brady 1C, Bill 1D, Cadell 1/2E,
Sean & Tamara 2A, Thomas 2B, Dorian 2C,
Alwyn 3A, Rungchada 3B,
Gina 3C, Clara 4A, Chris 4B, Steven 4C,
Andrew 5A, Nigel 5B, Luke 5C, Kyle 6A,
Jona 6B & Kiera 6C.

Canteen News.

Our Back to School HOT DOG DAY is tomorrow

FRIDAY MAY 1st

No other lunch orders or counter sales on this day

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Dear parents,

The study of mathematics is an integral part of all student development in primary and secondary schools. Learning mathematics creates opportunities and enriches the lives of Australians. At Overport Primary School, we believe in developing confident, knowledgeable and resourceful citizens who will contribute positively to society. Providing students with essential mathematical skills and understandings in an engaging and purposeful environment is of the utmost importance to us. We strive for excellence but in doing so we also value the effort our students demonstrate and the willingness to learn something new.

Students from Prep to Year 6 study mathematics for at least 5 hours per week. Each day, during the maths block, students 'tune in' to the maths topic and concept by way of a real-life scenario or story. Once students are 'hooked in' to the topic, students are given the learning intention of the lesson. 'Why are we learning this?' 'How can we use this in real-life?' are questions the students ask of us to ensure the mathematics lesson is relevant and meaningful. The focus for the session is then taught explicitly with examples shared and steps broken down. Students then have an opportunity to practise what they have learnt in independent learning tasks and learning centres. The teachers monitor student progress by collecting data, results, book work and student discussions during reflection time.

At Overport Primary School, the staff have undertaken training and are familiar with the Michael Ymer approach to the teaching of mathematics. Teachers plan together to ensure topics are set each term and that activities develop student mathematical understanding and skill. This year, the maths team which comprises of a teacher from every level in the school, are striving to achieve consistency in maths planning. This will assist the school in really understanding what the learning progression for each topic looks like and inform their teaching practice.

Students in Year 1 to 6 have access to an online resource called *Mathletics*. All students have their own login details for this program. They can access it at school and at home. Teachers can personalise the activities and lessons on this program to cater to the student learning needs and tests can also be set.

NAPLAN tests for 2015 are coming up this term for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. The Numeracy test will take place on Thursday, 14th May. Teachers in these levels prepare our students by revising concepts and getting the students used to the format of the tests, especially the time limits.

To support your child at home, you can practise the times tables, involve your child in creating shopping lists, talk about mathematics in everyday life and play games that involve problem-solving, i.e. Sudoku, chess, checkers, cards, etc.

Here is a maths challenge you can do as a family. Students can share their answers at school with their teachers and classmates.

Family Maths Challenge 1 - STRANDED!

a) There has been a flood near a local farm causing a herd of 48 sheep and 12 lambs to be stranded on top of a hill. The only way the farmer can rescue the herd is by using a tractor pulling the trailer. The trailer can hold only 6 sheep or 12 lambs at a time. How many trips will the farmer need to take to rescue his entire herd?

b) If the herd consisted of 480 sheep and 120 lambs, how many trips would the farmer need to make?



Mathematics report written
by Miss Marie Yanni
Leading Teacher and 5/6 Coordinator.



Interested in hockey?

Why not come to Frankston Hockey Club!

We cater for players of all levels & are particularly looking for players in the following age groups:

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U12 & U16

We train at Monash University, Off Bloom St,
Frankston

Enquiries to: Jason Knox 0424 143 226

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



What a great time we've had this past week at OSHC! We started the week off with some beautiful fabric art. The children created dress up clothes for the Barbies and blankets for the babies. We also had a great time making and cooking Aztec Tortillas which were also a hit in their tummies. We finished the week off with a little arts and crafts, creating using plasticine and other materials. Of course, all of this was glued together with the children's love of playing outside! Looking forward to more great weeks ahead.

Kelly

TERM 2 WEEK 4 ACTIVITIES

Monday 4th May: Celebrity Heads
Tuesday 5th May: Wet Chalk Drawing
Wednesday 6th May: Secret Sweets
Thursday 7th May: Mother's Day Cards
Friday 8th May: Picture Frames

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au

CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

Office News

Please note the 2nd Instalment for 2015 School fees is now overdue. Letters have been sent home, please attend to these promptly.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, BPAY, Eftpos or Credit Card.

Student Banking

Reminder to all families that student banking is every **Wednesday.**

Please ensure account numbers are correct and deposit forms are filled in.

Second Hand Uniform

We gladly accept donations of clean second hand uniform. These can be handed in to the office.

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Hey parents and carers, the

Mother's Day Stall

is on next

**Tuesday May 5th &
Wednesday May 6th**

There will be loads of really nice gifts for Mum ranging from \$1- \$6, so don't forget to give the kids a few dollars to shop with and a plastic bag to carry their goodies home in!



Btw- if anyone has a couple of hours to spare we would really appreciate your help at the stall from 9am-11am. It's really a lot of fun helping the little ones make such big decisions for the person they love so much!!

Just email your name & available day to leesa@styletherapy.net.au



CELEBRATE WITH MUM

**WE ARE OPEN MOTHERS DAY,
SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2015**

9.00 AM - 1.00 PM

**COMPLIMENTARY GLASS
OF CHAMPAGNE FOR MUM
AND A SWEET TREAT.**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
ON 9783 1631**



**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE ON THE DAY
FOR A \$100 MISS VELVET PRIZE PACK**



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Overport Primary School Sport Report



District Field Athletic Trials

I would like to thank all students that have been participating in Field Athletic trials over the last few weeks at recess and lunchtime. It's pleasing to see so many students not only having a go at sport and so many great helpers as well.

In school this week...

District Cross Country training.

District Field Athletics training.

Runners Club on Monday and Wednesday mornings 8:30am.

Last training session for Year 5/6 District Winter Sport.

Up coming events

District Field Athletics	Year 4, 5 &6	Wednesday 6 th May
District Winter Sport Round 1	Year 5/6	Friday 8 th May
District Cross Country	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Friday 22 nd May

Overport Primary School Parents' Club Fundraiser



Trivia Night

Saturday 20 June @ 7pm
School Hall

Test your knowledge of 80s
music & TV.
Bring along your singing
voice and dancing shoes!

BYO Food & Drinks
Fun and entertainment
Raffle – Over 20 Prizes

Tickets on sale
soon
Tables of 10 or
we can place
you on a table
(Adults Only)



Sponsors: KingSwim ♦ CSIRO ♦ Fernwood Womens' Gym ♦
Patterson River Golf Club ♦ Olie & Olieve ♦ Strike Bowling ♦ Coles and many
more...

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