

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

EVERYDAYCOUNTS! EVERYMINUTECOUNTS! Be here and be on time!

Welcome back to term 2. I trust everyone had a really lovely Easter break, and took advantage of the beautiful autumnal weather we had.

Mrs Gleeson has had an unexpected family occasion to attend overseas, and will be returning to school on Tuesday 28th April. I will be acting in her position until she returns. Our 3 leading teachers; Miss Marie Yanni, Miss Wendy Kilpatrick and Miss Tess Higgins will be assisting me in various capacities while Mrs Gleeson is on leave.

This term we welcome Mr David Pryor back to 6A. Mr Pryor has had an unexpected late start to the school year due to health reasons, but has now returned in a part time capacity to begin with, and will resume full time teaching duties very soon. Everyone is very pleased to welcome Mr Pryor back, especially the students of 6A. Mrs Sanders will continue to support 6A for two days a week for these first few weeks of the term.

Our preps have had their first big excursion yesterday, as they headed off to the zoo. I know they had a fantastic day, and have had lots of stories to talk about today. There are many other events for students to look forward to this term: Bunnings workshops, Mother's Day stall, Yr 5 Urban camp, Book Fair, Yr 3/4 excursion to Scienceworks, just to name a few. The website calendar will help keep you up to date with these events.

Students have been reminded our Sunsmart policy states that hats need to be worn for all outside activities at school until the end of April. Those who don't have their hats at school must continue to play in the shady area during recess and lunch breaks.

You will have noticed some improvements to our school grounds which were completed over the holidays. A pathway has been placed in the grassed area outside the TLC, turf has been placed to repair the grassed area on the bank beside the soccer field, and fencing has been placed at the end of the soccer field to protect the junior playground from soccer balls. Unfortunately though, it seems there has been further vandalism in our vegetable garden, with our worm farm damaged. It is extremely disappointing for all of our students, but in particular our Planet Savers team and Mrs Frowd, who are putting an enormous amount of time and effort into this. If you have any information about this damage, please let me know.

Next week our school council education subcommittee will meet on Thursday 23rd April at 3.45pm in the staffroom. All members of the school community are most welcome to attend these meetings.

Best of luck to all the students representing Overport Primary School at the district athletics track events being held tomorrow at Ballam Park. We know you will all do your very best.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder
Acting Principal

Diary Dates



Thursday 16th April

Parent's Club meeting 9am—10.30am

Friday 17th April

District Track Events

Thursday 23rd April

School council sub-committee meetings.

Monday 27th April

Whole school AN-ZAC Day assembly in the hall.

School Council Meeting

Reminder

Hats need to be worn outside until the end of April.



PRODUCTION NEWS

We are very excited to announce that our production this year will be "Zalobardi" written by our very own, very talented Jane Lacey and Katie Bingham with musical numbers composed by Anthony Bingham.

Zalobardi is the tropical island where a boat-load of tourists have just begun their holiday. As the tourists and sailors set out for a lunch feast at neighbouring Mahala Bay, a little girl (Robin) is left behind. The glamorous queen of the jungle (Shirley Bird) and her friends direct Limbo (a monkey infatuated with humans) to help Robin find her mum. Meanwhile, through swarms of bugs and butterflies, dangerous swamp creatures and hungry natives dancing around their fire, a hapless search party of sailors track the girl. Despite the best interfering efforts of 3 cheeky monkeys, and with the help of a talking totem pole, Robin and Limbo make their way through the jungle to be safely reunited with her mum at Mahala Bay.



Student Banking

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

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

Canteen News

Canteen is now open for lunch orders and counter sales

As a school we continually try to promote healthy life style choices.

Last term we trialed the availability of hot dogs one day a week. As we have received support for this from the school community, this trial is to continue into term 2. We will have hot dogs available **FRIDAY ONLY.**

If you require a price list they are available at the office or the school web page.

Monica Champion

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Dakota 1A, Lily 3B, Alisha 5A, Aziah 1C, Shanelle 3A, Tim 4C, Eri OPC, Joe 2B, Francesco 3B, Max 4A, Christie 5C, Daniel 3A, Hannah 3B, Thomas 2B, Zoe 6C, Yasmin OPD, Paiton 1C, Lexus 4A, Sissi 1B, Harry 4A, Tyler 1/2E, Sara 6A, Bill 1D, Taleah 5B, Meredith 6C, Electra OPA, Annabella 1/2E, Taylah 4B, Hamish 1C, Cohen 2C, Baran 3B, Zoe 5C,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Welcome back to term 2, we hope you all had a safe and happy Easter! We are all refreshed and ready to get back to our teaching and learning. Firstly I would like to introduce myself to the school community. My name is Wendy Kilpatrick and I am currently a grade 2 teacher sharing a class with Helen Ferguson. I have been at Overport for 4 years and have the important responsibilities this year of being responsible for P-2 and the English curriculum and assessment and reporting across the school.

I am excited to share with you a new program that is beginning across the school to help improve student engagement and outcomes in English.

The program is called Big Write and VCOP and it began in England and has been a huge success across the world. All teachers were trained to implement this program on a recent curriculum day and the level 3 team has trialled it over the last couple of years with great enthusiasm shown by teachers and students. *It is seen as a method for raising standards in writing.*

What is Big Write and VCOP?

Big Write and VCOP creates a positive ethos towards writing for all students. Encouraging this environment will help to embed the learning, raise the standards of writing and motivate students.

The Big Write methodology is; 'if they can't say it, they can't write it'. With talk and communication, an imperative part of the program, it directly appeals to both boys and girls.

Students are encouraged to be ambitious and learn explicitly to use the following skills to improve their writing;

- V – **vocabulary**, words that make you go 'WOW'
- C- **connectives**, words that join sentences, ideas and paragraphs together
- O- **openers**, powerful ones to begin sentences
- P- **punctuation, power punctuation** to make sentences make sense and add drama and suspense.

By highlighting these areas students then make quick achievable goals for themselves and are empowered to understand simple and successful ways to improve their writing. As we progress along with our implementation of this program we will be asking for you to become actively involved in discussing writing topics with your children. This is vital to make this a successful program at Overport.

Wendy Kilpatrick
Leading Teacher



Seaford United Soccer Club is looking for boys and girls to play soccer.

We have vacancies for children turning 5 or 6 in 2015 to play in our Under 6 team and for children turning 8 or 9 to play in our Under 9 teams. We also have vacancies for girls turning 9, 10 or 11 in 2015 to play in our Under 11 girls' team.

Please contact Dave (0490035434 or juniors@seafordunited.com.au) if you would like to join a team, come along to a training session or if you would like more information.

5 Cent Friday

5 cent Fridays will stop for this term and resume in Term 3.

Please save your 5 cent coins for Term 3.



Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



Welcome back.... Wow what an awesome holiday we had. Overport's first holiday program with Extend was fantastic. The children had so much fun with all the activities, incursions, excursion and experiences offered over the 2 week break. The children loved the trip to Myuna Farm to see all the animals and learn about what it takes to live sustainably and be a farmer! A visit to Polly Woodside was also a hit these holidays, mixing a little bit of history with totally fun and interactive activities.

If these holidays were any indication of how great the next will be, we can't wait! As for now, we're gearing up for a jam packed, fun filled term at OSHC and can't wait to see everyone's faces, new and old.

Kelly

TERM 2 WEEK 1 ACTIVITIES

Monday 20th April: Fabric Art

Tuesday 21st April: Aztec Tortillas

Wednesday 22nd April: Match stick shapes

Thursday 23rd April: Hall games

Friday 24th April: Patty Pan Flowers

Office News

Please note the 2nd Instalment for 2015 Booklist is now overdue. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, BPAY or Eftpos,



2016 ENROLMENT INFORMATION AND SCHOOL TOURS

Foot Street, Frankston Ph 9783 7955



A learning culture that money cannot buy

Frankston High School has an outstanding reputation as a high performing school, particularly in the areas of academic achievement, music and sport. Prospective parents are encouraged to attend an information session and tour of the school on the following dates:

Friday, 17 April	9:15am – 11am
Monday, 20 April	9:15am – 11am
Thursday, 23 April	9:15am – 11am
Tuesday, 28 April	9:15am – 11am
Wednesday, 29 April	9:15am – 11am

For parents unable to attend through the day, an information evening will be held on **Wednesday, 22 April from 7pm to 8pm**. As places are limited, booking are required. Please book via our website at www.fhs.vic.edu.au or phone the office on 9783 7955.

Be Outstanding



Prepare to be challenged

OPEN NIGHT April 22 5pm - 7pm

Mount Erin College warmly welcomes you to visit our school. We pride ourselves on offering rich and challenging academic programs and opportunities.

With our \$9m Stage One facilities to open early in 2015, students will experience a state-of-the-art 21st century learning environment.

At Mount Erin College, we are dedicated to the success of every student.

The evening will be held in our new Design, Art, Technology and Science building (The DATS Centre) and is followed by a tour of the College.

Session A: 5.00pm

Session B: 5.45pm

Bookings can be made on-line through the College website. Contact Barb Kershaw on 59716013 to make a booking. College tours are held on Thursdays at 1.30

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