

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students, Zone Football Results

Our fantastic football team met rivals at Wooralla Drive Park on Tuesday. While they won the very close first game against Rowellyn Park PS, they were defeated by Summerville PS in the second game. Although they were initially a bit disappointed, their efforts were fantastic and we are extremely proud of them all. Mr Pryor who coached them throughout the season was on camp. Thanks to the parents and Mr Bryant for umpiring the game and transporting the students. Well done to the whole team!



Grade 5 Camp

Our grade five campers are having a wonderful time. Mr Pryor has sent through this photo to share with you all. The weather has been perfect and they are behaving beautifully.

Snow Camp

Our Students returned from snow Camp last week and enjoyed the experience immensely. Miss Yanni has put together some photos and information included inside in this week's newsletter.

Personalised Learning

As committed educators our teachers continue to expand their understanding of best teaching and learning strategies. We believe it is our role as teachers to personalise the learning for students in targeted areas. To do this, we need to differentiate our teaching and learning for our students. We intend to provide a learning environment that:

- * Values working in collaboration as well as individually,
- * Supports risk taking,
- * Assists students to identify and achieve personal learning goals, and
- * Supports and challenges students in their learning journey.

Our teachers across the school are using workshops to assist with "point of need" teaching for the students. Currently in the junior grades the teachers are using workshop type rotations in the area of writing, numeracy and integrated studies. In level 3 they are using workshop rotations in numeracy.

Diary Dates



Mon 29 July–Fri 2 Aug

Yr 5 Camp

Mon 5th Aug–Fri 16 Aug

CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday 14th August

SRC Skipping Day

Thursday 15th August

Nude Food Day

Monday 19th August

CANTEEN RE-OPENS

Mon 19th - 23rd August

Book Fair Week

Tuesday 20th August

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 29th August

Production Day

Saturday 7th September

Working Bee

Friday 13th September

Footy Day

Friday 20th September

Last day Term 3

Monday 7th October

First day Term 4

Thought for the week

*The way of
finding the
limits of
impossible is
going beyond
them into the
impossible.*

Arthur C Clark

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Principal article cont'd...

They are also utilizing a new program to support learners in writing called 'The Big Write'. This program has seen increased engagement and improvement across the area. Our senior students have been setting individual learning goals with their teachers. From these goals, they elect relevant lessons to support their learning in 'Writing' workshops to enrich and enhance their writing abilities. This gives the children more control over their learning while allowing the teachers to target individual needs. The level 4 students also work in ability based groupings in numeracy and spelling. We believe that we are all lifelong learners and that we are all at different stages of that journey. Learning at OPS is an exciting adventure where we seek to offer the best for your child.

Parent Opinion Surveys

Each year a random group of parents are selected through our computer system, CASES. Surveys are forwarded to approximately 60 parents in our community. Their feedback is used to address a range of areas in the school such as general satisfaction, curriculum programs, teaching and learning, student behaviour and parent involvement. We value your opinion and will work through the results when the department of education (DEECD) makes them available to us later in the year. If you have received a survey, please complete it and return to the school prior to by tomorrow, when they will be forwarded to the DEECD. However, if you have a particular concern that you wish to address, please feel free to contact us at any stage.

Tiqbiz - Our School has an App!

See back page for details.

***Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson, Principal.***

Canteen News

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

***Tomorrow is the last day for lunch orders and counter sales.**

The canteen will be closed from:

Monday August 5th to

Friday August 16th inclusive.

Children must bring their lunch, drink and snacks during this time

We will re open for lunch orders and counter sales on:

Monday August 19th

Thank you—Monica Champion

'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.

Hayden OPA, Hunter OPB, Tessa OPC, Ebonoy 1A, Rebecca 1B, Bailey 1C, Jennifer 2A, Piriyanika 2B, Olivia 2C, Imogen 3A, Saxon 3B, Aydin 4A, Katie 4B, Jona 3/4C, Alex 6A, Ross 6B, Monique 6C & Ankitia 6C

Book Club is due back on:

**Friday August 2nd
2013**

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

Assistant Principal's Report

Thank you to those families who have already returned their parent opinion surveys. If you are yet to send yours back, it must be returned by tomorrow, Friday 2nd August. The information gained from your responses is helpful in allowing us to plan for future improvements, so your participation in this survey is strongly encouraged.

We have had several reports from our Yr 5 teachers this week, who report that all students are having a fantastic time at camp. So far the weather has been quite kind, although a little cool. They return to school tomorrow afternoon. Expected time of arrival will be 3.00pm.



If anyone is a fan of soccer, you will be well aware that the Liverpool team were in town last week, and played an exhibition game at the MCG. What you may not know, is that during the morning they also organised a coaching clinic for visually impaired students. Cohen from Prep B was lucky enough to attend this wonderful opportunity, with the support of Jeni Blake, our Visiting Teacher for Visually



Impaired students. He had a wonderful time, and was coached by soccer legend Ian Rush. Cohen also received lots of LFC memorabilia, for him to remember this terrific experience.

There are lots of things happening in classrooms next week. There is a Yr 6 Bunnings workshop on Monday, Preps have an RSPCA visit on Wednesday and a Responsible Pet Ownership presentation on Thursday. Melbourne Metro will be here next Thursday to talk to the Yr 5/6's about travelling safely and responsibly on public transport, and Leisure activities also begin for our senior students on Friday.

I know the Year 3's and 4's are looking forward to tomorrow, when the CSIRO will be here with lots of science experiments on show. It sounds like it will be a great day for them.

Good luck to all those who are competing in the District athletics at Ballam Park tomorrow. We know you will all do your best.



Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal

PRODUCTION HELP NEEDED!!

Dear Parent's,
Your help is needed!! We are looking for some lovely people to help us with our production costumes for the grade 2A and 2B children. We need a very basic smock design sown for the students tree characters. If you can help us in any way even if it is cutting out can you please contact Mrs Gray or Miss Kilpatrick as soon as possible.
Kind Regards, Wendy Kilpatrick

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Chris OPA, Taniesha 3B,
Luke 5C, Samuel OPC, Josh 4A,
Michael 3/4C, Kascha 3/4C,
Hayden 3/4C, Finn 3/4C,
Dakota 2C & Alec 1B

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EMA Instalment 2

Parent applications for Instalment Two will close 2nd August, 2013.

Families that have transferred to the school after February 28th, 2013 will need to submit a new application form.

Application forms are available at the office.

Families who lodge application forms at the beginning of the year do **not** need to lodge another application to receive the second instalment.

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School Our Weekly Recap

Last week the children had fun inside playing castle down and dodge ball as the weather was too cold to go outside to play. When the weather cleared up on Friday we were outside for as long as possible. The children also started adding to our display board with alphabet caterpillars and worms. This week we made some play dough, which the kids had fun making and are continuing to add their creative pictures to our display board.



Our Extend SuperStar is.....
Olivia C for her excellent Badminton skills.

Next week Activities:

Monday 5 August:	Goop
Tuesday 6 August:	Short straws
Wednesday 7 August:	Leaf Puppet
Thursday 8 August:	Cornflake cookies
Friday 9 August:	Paper planes

Please note:

Starting on Tuesday 16 July until Tuesday 29 Aug, every Tuesday ASC will be held in the Tower Learning Centre building rather than the hall.

Kids Club Competition!

Win a Luna Park Family Pass!

Calling all Extend kids!

Enter now to be in the running to win a Luna Park Family Pass.

Draw a picture about "What makes you Happy!"

To enter: Draw a picture then visit our website at extend.com.au to scan and submit your entry.

The top 5 winning entries selected in each year level category will be uploaded onto our website for online voting!

Don't miss out! Enter today!

Entries close: Friday 9 August, 2013.

For further information and competition terms visit the Kids Club Competition page at extend.com.au

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Our school has an app

We are now using an app to send instant messages, newsletters and notices.

The tiqbiz app will help our school keep you fully informed and up-to-date with newsletters, notices, news and events. It's easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.



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