

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

EVERYDAY COUNTS!

Primary School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day –

missing school puts them behind.

Absenteeism: You may have received a letter recently in relation to your child's absences if they have exceeded general expectations for the year. I usually do this twice a year. These letters are intended to bring this to your attention. I am fully aware that illness can cause significant absences and no one expects ill children to be sent to school. I also realise that at times family circumstances can impact. However, not all absences can be attributed to these factors and, therefore, it is important to clearly encourage our children to attend each day and on time. For your information I have included an article from the department regarding attendance requirements. Thank you for your support. *Every day at school counts!*

Working bee – Saturday: This Saturday from 9.00 to 12.00 we have a term three working bee with a focus on our production but also some other items for which we need many helping hands. This includes painting, some tree trimming and some attention to the new biodiversity gardens. Please bring along any equipment you might need, including paint brushes. We look forward to a great turn out!

RACV Energy Break Through Challenge: Four grade 4 and four grade 5 students together with Miss Higgins and Mrs Wynne have taken this challenge on board. They have been meeting and training five times each week organising fund raisers and designing and building the cart. There has been two weekend building sessions. The cart, designed by the students, is nearly completed. They will be racing and presenting their cart on 21st and 22nd of November in Maryborough. The children are excited and looking forward to competing. Their article and photos are included with this week's newsletter.

Senior Playground: Following the removal of our old senior playground, Mr Nick Lundt from Activities Playgrounds, the company that has installed our previous ones, has met with our Student Representative Council to discuss possible options for some new equipment. The students were very clear, in what they wanted and discussed with him their requirements. I have now reviewed his recommendations and quote which I will have some of the students present to Buildings and Grounds.

Family Forums Survey Results: We received 27 surveys from the community. We also surveyed staff and a random selection of student from each grade across the school. Replies suggested that this was a valuable experience for most families. Across the board, students surveyed, enjoyed the experience. Staff generally found the new format gave students much greater ownership of their learning and that the students were eager to show their work to their parents. There were a small number of parents that indicated that they would specifically like time to discuss their child's development with their teacher. At the forums, teachers inquired if there was anything further that parents wanted to discuss. However, we strongly encourage our parents to seek a meeting with teachers outside of these forums to discuss concerns. Teachers are more than happy to arrange this time for you. Further investigations of how these could be improved will be undertaken for next year. Overall, the results were very positive.

Diary Dates



Friday 5th September
Preps Father's Day
Breakfast

Saturday 30th August
Working Bee
9am–12pm

Thursday
11th September
Whole School Production

Thursday
18th September
Parents Club Meeting
9am in staffroom.

Friday
19th September

- Footy Day
- Meal Deal
- 2.30 dismissal

Thought for the
Week

*If you're
not at the
game ...*

*you don't
see the play
and won't
know the
score!*

**EVERY DAY
COUNTS!**

.....Continued overleaf



2015 Enrolments: If you know that you are leaving Overport please advise the office as soon as possible. Also if you know of anyone else who wishes to enrol, please ask them to contact us this term. **Please be advised to ensure sufficient places are available for all student attending Prep at Overport in 2015, we require new Prep students to be enrolled by the end of August.**

Benefits of Small Doses of Video Games:

Experimental Psychologist, D Andrew Przybylski has discovered through extensive research that children who play less than an hour of video games per day were better adjusted than those who didn't play at all. Also, the research did discover that **too** much gaming could have a negative impact, however. Youngsters that reported spending more than three hours per day playing games had a lower overall satisfaction level. He was also quick to point out the importance of family relationships, saying they played a much larger role than that of video games on the children questioned for the study. The report follows a separate research report, which suggested poor game design and on-screen violence were responsible for causing aggressive reactions. Of course, as teachers and parents, we know that it is about balance. I doubt that we would need research to tell us that children playing outside games, riding bikes or going to the park with their family has great benefits. Please refer to this website for more details.

<http://www.expertreviews.co.uk/games/1400898/>

[games-are-good-for-kids-according-to-new-research:](#)

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson

Principal

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!
Fun-filled holiday programs for primary kids
MONDAY 15 SEPT TO MONDAY 13 OCT
Dates vary according to program



VIC LOCATIONS:

- Bangholme
- Brunswick East
- Caulfield
- Endeavour Hills
- Essendon
- Kew
- Ormond
- Sandringham East
- Sunbury
- Upwey
- Wodonga West

BOOKINGS CLOSE:
Friday 5 September, 2014.
Excursions are limited and fill fast! Book now to avoid disappointment.

Receive at least 50% off regardless of income!

FOR FURTHER INFO & BOOKINGS VISIT:
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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

'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.

All of Prep A, Ella OPB,
Punnoose OPC, All of Prep D,
Caidon 1A, Zoe 1B, Cohen 1C,
Bel 2A, Rebecca 2B, All of 2C,
Kendall 3A, Maddie 3B, Tyler 3/4C,
Wil 4A, Xavier 4B, Charlotte 5A,
Monte 5B, Roy 5C,
Zack 6A, Delma 6B
& Abhinav 6C.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Damon 3A, Ilona 5A,
William 4B, Josh 4B,
Liam OPB, Emily OPC,
Tarik OPC, Wil 4A,
Clara 3B, & Keira 3B.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

The topic of Homework was discussed at our recent Education Subcommittee meeting. Staff representing each level within the school outlined the homework expectations of their students. We then looked at our homework policy, determining if these expectations were matching the requirements within the policy. Further discussion continued in relation to the merits of homework. A variety of views were voiced, however all agreed that the most important aspects of homework will continue to be the practising of reading, spelling and tables. Further discussion needs to take place with our teaching staff and, if necessary, a review of our current homework policy. In the meantime, if any parent has any concerns relating to their child's homework, please contact the classroom teacher to discuss this.

NAPLAN results for Yr 3 and Yr 5 students will be sent to the school in the next week or so, and will be forwarded directly on to parents. These results indicate your child's level of performance on the day of testing, and should be read in conjunction with progress reports prepared by our classroom teachers. Feel free to contact the school if you require any clarification of NAPLAN information.

Representatives from the Australian Youth Choir will be visiting Overport PS next Thursday 4th September. Information will be provided to interested students on where they hold their auditions, and how to become involved with the choir.

We hope to see lots of helpers at our working bee this Saturday morning. There will be lots of tasks to assist with our production, as well as tasks for the playground. We will begin at 9.00am and finish up about 12.00pm with a sausage sizzle and drink for all the workers.

September is not far away, and hopefully some more sunshine! Here are 5 Sunsmart things to remember:

1. Slip on covering clothing. If you can see skin, UV can reach it.
2. Slop on SPF 30+ or higher broad spectrum sunscreen. One application isn't enough so set up strategies for reapplication during the day.
3. Slap on a hat that shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck.
4. Seek shade.
5. Slide on sunglasses if practical. Make sure they are labelled AS 1067.

More information is available at sunsmart.com.au.

A big **'Thank You'** to our Parents Club for organising another successful Father's Day stall this week. There was a great variety of gifts for the children to choose from, and I'm sure there will be some delighted dads waking up to these on Sunday 7th September.

Don't forget, tickets are now on sale at the Frankston Arts Centre for our school production **"Princess Whatsername"** Thursday 11th September 5.45pm and 7.45pm. You can purchase tickets directly at the box office, or visit www.artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au

Have a great weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal



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Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



Extend Newsletter week 7

Last week was a great week. We spent 3 out of 5 afternoons outside playing in the sun playing on the prep playground, soccer and football games as well as just chilling in the sun. Our drawing competitions are going really well, all have entered one week or another pictures are displayed for everyone to see. I have introduced some new fruit and vegetables to our afternoon snack, all the children are enjoying the variety that is available every afternoon. All the children are excited to see what yummy foods are ready to eat.

Next week's activities starting: 1st September

Monday- Fathers day cards

Tuesday- The human body

Wednesday- Opera House

Thursday – Creative drawing- My family

Friday- Key rings

Kelly

Kids Club Competition

NOW OPEN FOR ONLINE VOTING!

Visit extend.com.au to vote!

A big thank you to all the children who entered and put in so much hard work into their impressive Kids Club entries. Judging each entry was extremely tough but we've narrowed it down to the shortlisted winning entries.

Make sure you head to our website to vote

Voting ends: Friday 5 September 12.00pm

Bookings close Friday 5 September – book now to avoid disappointment.

Spring School Holiday Program bookings NOW OPEN at a School near you!

Monday 15 Sept to Monday 13 Oct 2014

We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions ranging from Arts & Crafts, Cooking, plenty of games and sports and lots of Spring activities! We are also now offering Excursions! Visit the Extend website at extend.com.au for program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions.

Bookings close Friday 5 September – book now to avoid disappointment.

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service staff on:

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Book Club is due back on:

Monday 1st September 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.

CUPCAKE DAY 2ND OF SEPTEMBER



Overport Primary school is running a fundraiser for the RSPCA.

We have asked all prep parents and some grade 5 students to

bake cupcakes to sell on Tuesday

2nd of September. The cupcakes will be \$2.00 each and are available at

recess and lunchtime. We hope to raise lots of money for the RSPCA so please allow your child to buy a cupcake.