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The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

"Oz" Production

Rehearsals are OVER! Tonight is the night. We are all very excited and looking forward to our parents, grandparents and friends seeing the children on stage for the Overport PS production of "Oz". Please take the time to look at the photos of rehearsals on display in the foyer. These can be ordered for purchase. On your behalf, I would like to thank the staff for the work they have put in, ensuring that we, once again, have a fantastic production. We have had an enormous input from parents and appreciate their support. We would also like to thank Tekah Houston, who choreographed several of the dances, Shirley Pearson, who developed the digital backdrops and Josh Lacey who has again, overseen our lighting. A special thank you to our producer Chelle Gray, our director Jane Lacey, stage assistant, Cathy Houston and musical director, David Freeman. This is a highlight of the year each year and brings the community together. We wish the children good luck tonight and to use a theatre phrase "chookas".

Curriculum Day

On Friday our professional development focus was on Inquiry Learning: Growing our children as 'learners'. Inquiry Learning nurtures curiosity; accesses prior understandings and capitalises on students interests thus promoting engagement. An inquiry classroom is a place where teachers support the students to investigate questions, problems, passions and interest about the world both around and from within. The student is a researcher - both in collaboration with others and as an individual. Many areas lend themselves to this approach naturally, ie. science, history, geography. However, this is a structure of teaching that embraces a number of disciplines and provides a structure for explicit teaching at point of need, as well as allowing students to learn through exploration of interests. General 'big ideas' rather than directed topics tend to allow for greater student ownership of their learning as it follows their interests.

Book Week

Book Week commences on Friday and goes through to end of next week. There will be opportunity for children to purchase books at the library, which will be open for sales at 1.30 pm lunchtimes and from 3.40 pm after school from the book fair. Profit from the sales will go to purchasing more library resources. Credit card and cash facilities are available. The winners of the shortlisted books have been displayed, read and discussed in the library throughout the term. The children will be doing Book Week activities through the week. Thank you to Mrs Hearn for organising the book fair.

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Diary Dates

Fri 30th Aug - Thurs 5th Sep
Book Fair
Saturday 7th September
Working Bee
Friday 13th September
Footy Day
Friday 20th September
Last day Term 3
2.30pm early dismissal
Monday 7th October
First day Term 4

Thought for the week

THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

Principal article cont'd…

Enrolments 2014

For students to be eligible for Prep in 2014 they must turn five before the 30th April 2014. We are currently accepting enrolments and require these by the end of this term. If you have a sibling who is to commence in 2014, please contact the office for an enrolment package. Enrolment forms can also be found online on our website: http://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/

TiqBiz

Make sure you upload **Tiqbiz** so that you can receive all information via the **Tiqbiz app**. If you are unsure of how to do this, please see information within this newsletter.

Father's Day

We would like to wish all our dads and grandpas a happy and relaxing Father's Day.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson, Principal.

WEDNESDAY IS SCHOOL BANK DAY

It's easy to open a school bank account….simply visit the office and pick up a Youthsaver Account Opening Kit!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Egzona 2B, Josh 3A, Chethya 5A, Wil 3A, Clara 2C & Ronan 6A

Book Club is due back on:

Monday 2nd September, 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

All is now in readiness for our production of 'OZ' tonight. I'm sure it will be a great night. Students should all be back at the Arts Centre at 4.45pm in readiness for a 5.45pm start. Please check the map which was sent home last week for drop off and pick up points. Being such a late night, Mrs Gleeson will be giving our students permission to have a sleep in tomorrow. Up until recess, just take your child directly to their classroom; there will be no need to collect a late pass.

Last Thursday, our team of Prep teachers organised a wonderful morning for our Prep dads. They came along an enjoyed a breakfast with their children: toast, croissants, fruit, juice, tea and coffee. A great start to Father's Day celebrations. This is a photo of some of our dads enjoying their morning.

With all the business of production time, our teachers have still been finding time to celebrate Literacy Week, with each child producing a picture book. Mrs Santospirito and Mr Rodwell have arranged for us to have a **'Book Launch'** afternoon on **Tuesday 10th September**, a time for you to come along and have a look at these literary creations. Classrooms will be open from **3.15pm – 3.45pm** for you to come and look. We also have a **Scholastic Book Fair**, beginning tomorrow. All students will have a chance to visit the Book Fair, and purchase books if they wish. The Book Fair will remain open until 4.00pm during next week, with Thursday being the last day.

Although we haven't had a whole lot of sunshine lately, here are some Sunsmart tips. From September, there are 5 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 .

I hope everyone has a restful (post-production) weekend!

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal

News from the Library

We are having a Book Fair in the Library.
It starts on Friday Aug 30 and closes on Thursday September 5.
We will be open for sales at 1.30 at lunchtime and at 3.40 after school.
We have credit card facilities and will always take cash!
Profit from sales will go towards buying more great books for the Library for everyone to read.
See you there

Sharron Hearn and Melissa Gleeson.

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Our Weekly Recap

Last week we had fun inside playing lots of ball games and being creative with crafts. The play dough we made was a great activity that the children enjoyed playing with all week. We have a new staff member – Ellani she will be working on Wednesday afternoons as Ellen is on placement. This week we did plenty of outstanding creative art and craft projects.
- Kelly

Our Extend Superstar is…
Brooke W for her excellent manners.

Next week Activities:
Monday 2 September:
Button Art
Tuesday 3 September:
Kids Whiteboard
Wednesday 4 September:
Puzzle pictures
Thursday 29 August:
Spring Trees
Friday 30 August:
Messy craft creations

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 6 September 5.00pm

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

Monday 16 September to Monday 14 October*

We have heaps of jam-packed activities and I incursions ranging from Footy, Cooking, plenty of games and sports and lots of Halloween activities! Visit the Extend website at extend.com.au for program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions.

Bookings close Friday 6 September – book now to avoid disappointment.
*Dates vary according to program

enrolment hotline
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School Holiday Program
Spring 2013
extend BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Bookings close: Friday 6 September
Monday 16 September to Monday 14 October*
*Dates vary according to program
VIC locations
- Bangholme
- Brunswick East
- Caulfield
- Endeavour Hills
- Essendon
- Kew
- Mt. Eliza
- Ormond
- Sunbury
- Upwey
- Wodonga

QLD locations
- Highfields
- Toowoomba

NSW locations
- Griffith
- Lidcombe
- Randwick

The non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate applies for most families!
For timetables, activity descriptions, and to book, visit:
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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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