

# The Overport Times

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

*The year is speeding to a close...*

**Staffing and Classes for 2016:** As we have had so many new enrolments, we now expect to begin the year at around 593 students! We have increased the number of classes we have to 25 across the school, and therefore, have had to advertise for a new teacher for year 2 and this process is not yet complete. We will start the year with 4 Prep (Foundation) classes in 2016, we will welcome new staff members, Ms Emma Nicolls, Miss Melissa Sexton and Miss Nikki Seeckts, and Mrs Emma Sanders returns to us following family leave.

However, yesterday the students met their teachers and the grades are as follows:

**Prep (Foundation):** PA-Mr Ricky Joyce (team leader), PB-Miss Christie Holman, PC-Miss Melissa Sexton and PD-Miss Sarah McCall.

**Year 1:** 1A-Mr Sam Rodwell (team leader), 1B-Mrs Helen Ferguson, 1C-Ms Katie Forbes and 1D-Mrs Andrea Santospirito.

**Year 2:** 2A-Mrs Amber Ellery (team leader), 2B-Mr Norm Williamson, 2C-Miss Stephanie Corvi and 2D-yet to be advised.

**Year 3:** 3A-Mrs Chelle Gray (team leader), 3B-Miss Wendy Kilpatrick/Mrs Emma Sanders and 3C-Mrs Brooke Kennedy,

**Year 4:** 4A-Miss Jess Lake (team leader), 4B-Mr Matt Leyden and 4C-Ms Emma Nicholls.

**Year 5:** 5A-Mr David Pryor (team leader), 5B-Mr Ben Bryant, 5C-Miss Marie Yanni/Mrs Katie Bingham and 5D-Ms Nikki Seeckts.

**Year 6:** 6A-Mrs Cathy Houston (team leader), 6B-Mrs Alice Wynne and 6C-Mrs Jane Lacey.

**Specialists:** Mrs Sharron Hearn-LEAP – Language Enrichment Assistance Program, Mrs Lynne White-Art, Miss Melissa Gleeson-Art and Library, Miss Tess Higgins-Wellbeing, Mr David Freeman-Performing Arts, Tomoko Yamashita Sensei -Japanese and Mr Evan Lukas-PE.

## Diary Dates



**Friday 11th**

**December**

Canteen CLOSED until next year.

Prep - 2 Christmas concert at 2.30pm.

**Monday 14th**

**December**

No assembly

Reports come home

**Tuesday 15th**

**December**

Yr 6 Graduation

**Wednesday 16th**

**December**

Prep - 4 picnic at Chelsea Park.

Yr 5 - 6 Water Safety at Mt Martha

**Thursday 17th**

**December**

Gravity Zone Family Night 5 - 6pm

*Thought for the week.*

*Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Had a very shiny nose,  
And if you ever saw it, You would even say it glows...*

*-16 sleeps to Christmas!*

**Friday 18 December**

**Final assembly at 9am.**

**School finishes at 1.30pm for 2015.**

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Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Lori Frowd who will be taking up a position at Baxter PS, Ms Julia Rachelle who has secured a position in a private school and Mrs Sally Pryor who has accepted a position as Indonesian teacher at Rowellyn Park PS. We sincerely thank them for all the wonderful work that have done while here at Overport and the valuable part they have played in the learning journey and emotional wellbeing of the students in their care. We wish them every success and look forward to hearing from them. Please be advised that there can be no changes to classes at this stage of the year. We know that you place your children into our care and therefore have confidence and trust in our judgement as to the best educational outcomes for our students.

**Trip to the Nationals:** Last weekend Monte of 5B travelled to Canberra to compete in the Nationals for Overport PS. Although Monte did not get through to finals in the 800 metres, he ran a 'personal best' and still ended as 10th in the Nation, which is amazing. Even more exciting for Monte was that his team received a gold medal in the relay making them National champions. Monte won the 200 leg of that race. This is fantastic—we are so proud of you! Well done, Monte.

**Curriculum Days in 2016:** Our first curriculum day in 2016 is 27<sup>th</sup> January which is a planning day for teachers. Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January is our parent and teachers' familiarisation meetings. Students are encouraged to attend the meetings. Prep (Foundation) meetings will be held over several days. Our first Professional Development Day will be held on Monday 22nd February. These days are all student free days.

Our students from Yr 1 - 6 will commence school on Friday 29th January and our new Preps commence on Monday 1st February. Preps will not attend on Wednesdays until March. We trust that this information will assist your planning in 2016.

**House Athletics Day:** The students and teachers were joined by many parents yesterday at Ballam Park for the house athletics. Thank you to Mr Evan Lukas our PE teacher who organised the day; it was a great day! Also, thank you to the Frankston High School

students, who ran each event and were amazing! Our wonderful parents club provided the lunch for our students and cooked an inordinate amount of sausages! It was a wonderful day and the students had a fabulous time. The winning house by a very small margin, was **Blue House - Wickes**.

**Congratulations!**

**Last Assembly - Friday 18th December:** Next week we will hold our last assembly for the year at 9.00am on Friday 18th December. Parents are welcome to attend. While we will announce our **School and House Captains for 2016**, all other positions will be announced at the beginning of next year. We have found it very difficult to make the decisions based on the number of excellent speeches and overall evidence of the great leaders we have within the students moving into Yr 6 next year. I congratulate all those who made the effort to tryout for a leadership position. You will all be leaders next year in your final year of school at Overport primary School.

*Kind Regards,  
Julie Gleeson,*

## CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is now closed

TERM 1 2016 Canteen reopens-

Counter Sales - Friday 29th January      Lunch Orders - Wednesday 3rd February

Thank you to all the grade six canteen helpers who have done a splendid job of assisting at counter sales.

A special mention for Bella Dunham our team leader who has been outstanding in this role.

Thank you also to our hard working Parents Club, who very generously assisted the canteen with the purchase of a freezer and other much needed equipment. It is very much appreciated, as are the many hours of your time that go into providing funds for these items.

Thank you to all our families for supporting the canteen this year through lunch orders, counter sales or meal deals. I will be back next term to do it all again.

Have a safe and happy holiday  
Monica Champion

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Our annual House Athletic sports went very well yesterday. A huge thanks to Mr Lukas for his organisation, and to all of our teachers and parents who helped out in various ways. These events can't run successfully without the help of so many. It was a great day.

The first of our Christmas concerts was held this afternoon, for our Year 3 – 6 students. Tomorrow, from 2.30pm, it's the turn of our Prep – 2's. Parents are most welcome to come along and watch. The venue will depend on the weather. If it's fine, we may set up on the back oval area behind the portable classrooms. If not, you will find us in the hall.

Next Wednesday is our whole school picnic day. Prep – year 2's are heading off to Bicentennial Park in Chelsea Heights for a play day. They are to bring their own snack, lunch and drink for the day, as well as hat and sunscreen. Year 5 and 6 students are having their water safety day at Mornington beach. Again, they will need to be prepared with all requirements, including hats and sunscreen. A separate note has gone home with all year 5 and 6 students reminding them what they need to bring on the day.

Payment for these events will have been made earlier in the year, but please be aware that a signed permission form must be returned before they can attend.

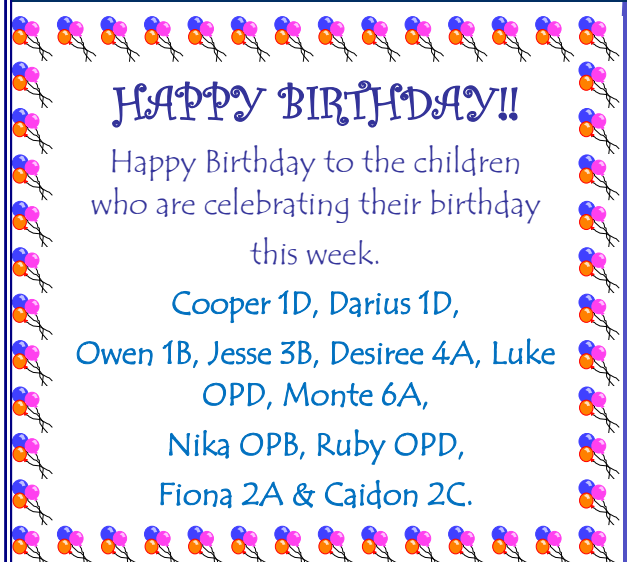
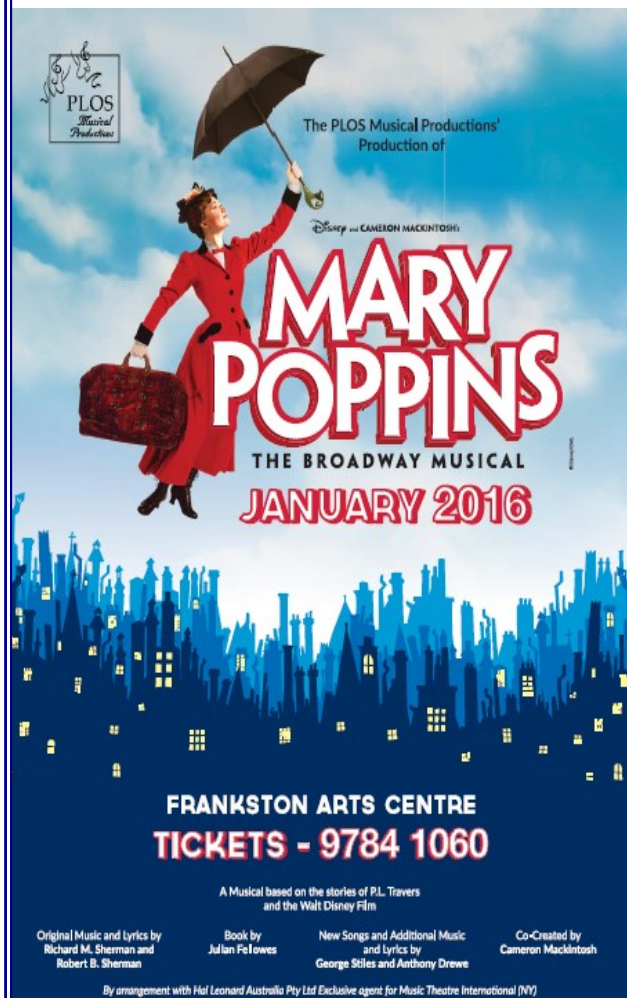
It's very hard to believe the year is just about over. Before we know it we will be back, and into 2016. With this in mind, please don't forget that we have our school fair on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Preparations are well underway, with thanks so much to Lyndal Luca who is doing a sterling job. Don't forget that you can purchase ride bands for your children at the office - \$30 for unlimited rides. These would make a great Christmas present. We also have a Gravity Zone event next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm – 6.00pm. \$5.00 from every ticket purchased is being donated by Gravity Zone to our school fair. These can be purchased at the school office for \$15.00 plus \$2.00 for socks. Please see the office as soon as you can. Thanks again to all parents who have helped out throughout the year. Hopefully many of you were able to enjoy our special morning tea this morning, if not, we were thinking of you.

As we are having a final whole school assembly

next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, there will be NO assembly next Monday. Friday's assembly will take place at 9.00am. This is also just a reminder that all students are dismissed at 1.30pm on our last day.

Have a restful weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder**  
Assistant Principal





## Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



Last week was a great week... first week of summer and we started our Christmas celebrations. Our tree is up and will be getting decorated over the next 4 weeks. We also made some paint which the children enjoyed creating, so simple, all ingredients you would have in the pantry. The children called it 3D paint as the texture was lumpy and gritty. The week was ended playing outside and enjoying the summer weather.

We are a sunsmart program and children are required to have a hat for all outside play and activities.

Kelly and the gang

**SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!**

**Booking deadlines:**

**Book for January by Monday 21st December**

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend! Participate in an epic egg drop challenge, make your own burlap pillow, and play lots of sport including cricket and basketball! Join in on all this and more at Extend's Summer Holiday Program.

To check out what's on visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the Parent Portal.

### TERM 4 WEEK 10 ACTIVITIES

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December : Mr Snowman

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December : Ginger bread men

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December : Christmas placemats

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December : Lava in a cup

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December : Christmas party and decorations

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