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The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

EVERY DAY COUNTS! EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! Be here and be on time!

Staffing for 2015: As I outlined last week, we will welcome four new staff members, Mr Ricky Joyce, Miss Katie Forbes, Miss Brooke Gordyn (who is being married in January and will be Mrs Kennedy) and Mr Evan Lukas. And after many years at Overport our lovely Miss Sarah Head is leaving to take up a new career. While we are sad to see her go, we trust that she will be highly successful in her new venture. Those students who have had Miss Head as their class teacher and their families will no doubt join us in thanking her for her genuine care. We hope that she will visit often. However, yesterday the students met their teachers and the grades are as follows:

Level 1: PA-Mr Ricky Joyce, PB-Miss Christie Holman, PC-Mrs Andrea Santospirito and PD-Miss Sarah McCall.

Level 2: 1A-Mr Norm Williamson, 1B-Mrs Amber Ellery, 1C-Ms Katie Forbes, 1D-Mrs Suzie McGeoch, 2A-Mrs Wendy Kilpatrick and Mrs Helen Ferguson, 2B-Mrs Jacqui McLean, 2C-Miss Stephanie Corvi and 1/2E Mr Sam Rodwell.

Level 3: 3A-Mr Matt Leyden, 3B-Mrs Alice Wynne, 3C-Mrs Brooke Kennedy, 4A-Mrs Chelle Gray, 4B-Miss Jess Lake and 4C-Mrs Lori Frowd.

Level 4: 5A-Mrs Cathy Houston, 5B-Mr Ben Bryant, 5C-Miss Marie Yanni and Mrs Katie Bingham, 6A-Mr David Pryor, 6B-Miss Julia Rachelle and 6C-Mrs Jane Lacey.

Specialists: Mrs Sharron Hearn-Literacy Intervention, Mrs Lynne White–Art, Miss Melissa Gleeson–Art and Library, Miss Tess Higgins–Wellbeing and Art, Mrs Jill Wathen–ICT and Performing Arts, Mr David Freeman-Performing Arts, Mrs Tomoko Yamashita-Japanese and Mr Evan Lukas-PE.

Working Bee and our Japanese Garden: Thank you to the small band of helpers at last week's working bee. Although we were unable to complete all the tasks set, we did still get a lot done and enjoyed the opportunity to have a chat at the end of morning BBQ. Most impressive is the new entrance to the Japanese Garden with the new Tori gate. Thank you unto Sensei Yamashita for all her consistent work in the garden and Mr Hearn who has worked on the Tori gate at home for some weeks.

Diary Dates

Thurs 11th December
Yr3-6 Christmas Concert–2.30pm

Friday 12th December
Yr3-6 House Swimming Sports

Tues 16th December
Yr6 Graduation

Thurs 18th December
Whole School Movie Day

Friday 19th December
Last Day term 4
1.30pm dismissal

Don't Forget
Last day of term 4
1.30pm Dismissal

Thought for the Week

Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way...
14 sleeps to Christmas!

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Trip to the Nationals: Two weeks ago Monte of 5B travelled to Tasmania to compete in the Nationals for Overport PS. He successfully got through to the finals, although he did not win. However, his relay team did win and at assembly on Monday he shared his medal and hat with all his badges with the school. It was delightful to hear Monte thank the level 4 students for the funds raised from their commercialism market day that assisted with his air fare to Tasmania. We are very proud of you Monte! Also, we must make mention of Ronin of 6B who has successfully got into the Nationals in high jump for next year. We will continue to follow his career with great interest.

Curriculum Days in 2015: Our first day in 2015 is 28th January which is a planning day for teachers. Thursday 29th January is our parent and teachers' familiarisation meetings. Students are welcome to attend the meetings. Our first professional development day is on 20th February and the next is on 20th March. These days are all student free days. Students from year one to year six commence school on Friday 30th January. Prep students commence on Monday 2nd February. Preps will not attend on Wednesdays until March. We trust that this information will assist your planning in 2015.

Active After School funding: Sadly the funding for the Active After School program will cease at the end of this year. We are investigating a variety of options. One possibility is that Mr Dan Cole may offer a weekly program for students in land-sailing as a small cost for parents. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for details early next year.

Lock Down Drill: We held a Lock Down Drill today which was very successful. The children behaved well and followed teachers' directions to the letter. It is good to know, if there were an external threat, our children would be safe. Each term we hold a drill of some kind to ensure we are fully prepared for any emergency.

Yr3-6 House Swimming: Don't forget the house swimming sports for yr 3-6 tomorrow at Frankston High School. Yr3-4s are scheduled for 9-11am and yr5-6s 11.30-1.20pm.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson
Principal

Second Hand Uniform

We gladly accept donations of clean second hand uniform. These can be handed in to the office.

Sports News

What an eventful time it's been in sport the last few weeks at Overport! A few individuals and one team, in particular, have been very busy achieving great success. The whole school was busy at the House Athletics last week, whilst year 3-6s will look forward to participating House Swimming tomorrow.

Starting with individual successes, Monte C recently ran brilliantly at the National Athletic Championships in Tasmania. He finished in the top ten in Australia in the 800m and his team finished first in the medley event. Monte, we are extremely proud of you! Another fantastic running achievement has been realized by Krissy J who has now run 90km at Runners' Club. What an effort Krissy, particularly by someone so young!

The year 5/6 Kanga Cricket team competed at the Regional Championships recently and made it through to the second round on the day. It was a great effort by the team to progress this far and I'd like to thank David Pryor for coaching the team, transporting some team members to and from carnivals and also umpiring on these days.

The focus of House Athletics last week was for students to 'have a go' and to have fun and it appeared this goal was met by most participants. A big thank you to teachers and a number of responsible year 5s and year 6 sports leaders who carried out numerous roles on the day. This day wouldn't have been run successfully without their efforts. The overall results of the day were as follows:

1st Wickes (Blue):	453 pts
2nd Souter (Red):	437 pts
3rd McPhail (Gold):	388 pts
4thStrickland (Green):	359 pts

Ben Bryant

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Darius PB, Cooper PD, Tori 6B, Owen PB, jesse 2B, Desiree 3B, Monte 5B, Taylor 6C, Caidon 1A and Fiona 1C

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

The website for our beginning of year parent teacher meetings has now opened. These 15 minute meetings will take place on **Thursday 29th January 2015** for all Year 1 – 6 families. Students are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code **HU8YB** to book your times. Well done to those families who have already made their booking!

*Please note that all Prep families have already been allocated a meeting time by their prep teachers, therefore these teachers names will not appear on the school interviews site.

Tomorrow our **house swimming sports** take place at Frankston High School pool for all Year 3-6 students. Year 3 and 4 events will take place from 9.00 – 11.00am. Year 5 and 6 events will begin at 11.30am. Parents are most welcome to come along and join in the cheering!

Next week is our last week for the year, but it will be a busy one! Many teachers will be relocating classrooms in preparation for 2015. Students will be assisting their teachers in any way they can I'm sure. Tuesday is the night for **Year 6 graduation**. Following a ceremony in our hall, the students will make their way to the Frankston International for more celebrations. The Year 6 team of teachers have done a fantastic job putting this night together for our students, and we thank them for this.

We will be holding a special **whole school assembly** on **Wednesday 17th December** at 9.00am. The purpose of this assembly is to announce, and introduce to our school community, our **student leaders for 2015**. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special occasion.

Next **Thursday 18th December** is our **whole school movie day**. The junior grades will be heading to Hoyts Cinemas to enjoy Penguins of Madagascar, and then the middle and senior school will arrive later to enjoy Big Hero 6. All permission forms should have been returned, but if for some reason you are yet to do so, please send this along to your child's teacher tomorrow. All students are expected to attend this event. If you know your child will not be attending, please advise their classroom teacher tomorrow.

Please be aware that the 5% off everything sale at PSW finishes this Saturday. This would be a great opportunity to get prepared for next year, or just to grab an extra hat. I believe that lay-by is also available with this discount.

Thank you to all those parent helpers and volunteers who were able to make it along to our Helper's and Volunteers Morning Tea yesterday. As Mrs Gleeson mentioned, we would not be able to do all that we do without the fantastic support from so many members of our school community. Thank you all!

Have a great weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder

Assistant Principal

'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.

Jaziah OPA, Bill OPB,
Isabella OPC, Max OPD,
Mason 1A, All of 1B, All of 1C,
Anna 2A, Ava 2B, Jordy 2C,
All of 3A, All of 3B, All of 3/4C,
Jonty and Bailey 4A, All of 4B, All of 5A, All of 5B,
All of 5C, All of 6A,
Nathan, Will and Ronin 6B & Rory 6C

Canteen News

Important dates

Last Day for Lunch Orders
Friday December 12th
Last Day for Counter Sales
Wednesday December17th

Term I 2015

Canteen reopens for lunch orders and counter sales on
Wednesday Feb 4th 2015

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

Last week was very exciting, we finished our Christmas tree which the children are still adding decorations to.

We also spent some time outside last week playing giants treasure and soccer. Activities inside last week included drawing, playing games, colouring in and reading.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU
Booking deadlines apply and excursions fill fast. Book now to avoid disappointment at extend.com.au. All holiday programs are open to primary school aged children from the wider community.
Kelly

Next week's activities:
Monday 15th December:
Christmas chains
Tuesday 16th December
Christmas card weaving
Wednesday 17th December:
Christmas trees
Thursday 18th December:
3D paper pictures
Friday 19th December:
Pirate Party day

EXTEND
HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Dear Families

We are delighted to announce that Extend will be launching a Holiday Program from **Autumn 2015** at Overport Primary School.

Holiday Program (commencing Autumn 2015)

Extend Holiday Programs incorporate a variety of activities and games, including arts and craft, sports, science, cooking, team games, dance, theme days, and more. Incursions and excursions are also available on select days with limited places.

Operating hours: 8.00am - 6.00pm
Fees: $65 (an additional fee applies for incursions and excursions)

Pay between $15.08 - $32.50*

*Child Care Benefits and the non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate of up to $7500 apply for eligible families. Fees are per child per session.

Spread the news! We look forward to commencing a Holiday Program from April 2015. Keep an eye out in your inbox next year when bookings open.

Yours faithfully

Kerrie Robinson
General Manager, Programs

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