

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Christmas concert: It was with great disappointment that we had to make the decision to cancel last night's Christmas Concert. As it takes well over two hours to set up the sound equipment, the call had to be made early. As the grounds were sodden and it would have been very uncomfortable for all; we watched the sun shine from 4.00pm onwards, seemingly just to spite us! However, the teachers have made a decision to run the Prep to 2 concert on **Tuesday 17th December at 3.00pm to 3.30pm**. This will take place between the prep learning centre and the library on the grass area. Our 3 to 6 students' concert will be on **Wednesday 18th December at 2.30pm**. This concert will take place in the school hall. We welcome our parents to join us to enjoy both of these end-of-year activities.

Whole School Picnic. Our whole school picnic will be on 19th December at Chelsea Memorial Park. Thank you to parents club for funding the lunch and subsidising the buses. *We hope the sun is kind and shines for the day!*

School Disco: Last Friday our students all enjoyed the school disco. They arrived dressed ready for the event and danced up a storm in the nicely decorated hall. A huge thank you to Miss Yanni and SRC for their work to bring this event to the students each year. We raised **\$413** which will be sent to Rotary to pass onto the Mekasari School in Bali who we support.

Christmas Stalls: Once again our Parents Club and a number of helpers have provided some fantastic items, many of which were from fair trade, for the children to purchase as Christmas presents. We appreciate their efforts and the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to browse and purchase.

Curriculum Evaluations and Reports: Every year our curriculum teams develop evaluations to celebrate the successes of the teams throughout the year and to map out a future direction by creating short term and long term goals. This assists the 2014 teams to establish a plan of action to ensure that Overport continues to meet the goals of the strategic plan and Annual Implementation Plan (AIP).

The strongest points noted through each evaluation show that OPS is a: * Forward-thinking school; * Every decision made, every project undertaken is for the primary purpose of providing wonderful opportunities for all students; and * Teachers are becoming more involved in innovative practices and are open to new and exciting teaching approaches to improve student outcomes and educational opportunities. The number of other schools that are coming to visit and see what we are doing for our children is growing. It is certainly an exciting time to be part of OPS! The detailed report can be found on our website at www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

*From term 1 2014, the newsletter will no longer be printed.
It will be available to download from Tiqbiz or
accessed via our website: www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au*

Diary Dates



Tuesday 17th December
Yr6 Graduation
Thurs 19th December
Whole School Picnic
Friday 20th December
Last day Term 4
1.30pm dismissal
Thursday 30th January
First Day Term 1, 2014

**1.30pm
Dismissal
Last Day
of
Term 4**

Thought for the week

*Silent
Night, Holy
Night,
All is calm....
You've got to
be kidding!
Only in 13
sleeps!*

.....Continued overleaf



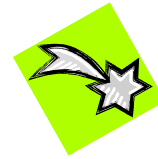
Newsletters and School Communications in 2014: This is reminder that all newsletters and general school communications next year will be sent via Tiqbiz.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea: It was lovely to see so many people at our morning tea yesterday. A big thankyou to all our parent helpers.

Last Day of Term and the Year: The last day of term is **Friday 20th December**. The children will be dismissed **at 1.30pm** as usual to have lunch at home.

*Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson,
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.

Lilly OPA, Seth OPB, Vanessa OPC,
Jesse 1A, Chloe 1B, Lilly 1C, Jess 2A, Vivian 2B,
Ashley 2C, Sanithma 3A, Jo 3B, Amy 3/4C,, Leyton
4A, Carmen 4B, Lucy 5A, Imogen 5B, Kaleb 5C,
Clyde 6A, All of 6B & Caitlyn 6C

Urgent Notice

Could all 2013 accounts please be finalised by Wednesday
18th December.
Thankyou

Please return all library books



It's that time again to search everywhere! If you still have a library book please return it. We would like to see all books back and ready for next year.

CALLING GRADE 6 PARENTS

Graduation decoration help
urgently required

Please contact Miss Yanni if you are able to help decorate the International Hotel between
2-3pm, Tuesday 17th December.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

CANTEEN IS NOW CLOSED

Children need to bring their lunch, drinks and snacks each day until the end of term.

Many thanks to all our grade six canteen helpers; they have done an outstanding job this year and been a delight to have in the canteen.

2014

The canteen will be closed on Wednesday January 29th

Open for counter sales only Thursday January 30th

Open for lunch orders Friday January 31st

Thank you to all the families who have supported the canteen this year; through our Meal Deals, lunch orders or counter sales.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Monica Champion

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE



It is unfortunate that the weather caused the cancellation of our annual Christmas Concert last night. Even though the clouds did clear, the amount of rain made for a very soggy soccer field, which would have been quite uncomfortable for the students and the audience. You may already be aware of alternative arrangements that staff have made in order for the students to present their well-rehearsed items. Prep – Yr 2 grades will perform next Tuesday on the grassed area between the library and the prep building. Parents will be most welcomed to join them. Year 3-6 students will be presenting their items in the hall next Wednesday from 2.30pm. Again, parents are more than welcome to attend.

End of year reports of academic progress will be sent home with each child next Monday, 16th December. Please check your child's bag for this when they arrive home. This report is a record of your child's achievement in semester 2, and will indicate the progress they have made since their last written report. We do not have formal interviews scheduled for the end of the year, but if you need clarification of anything from your child's report, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Copies of reports are always made available to non-custodial parents too. If we have your contact details, we will ensure you receive a copy; this will be either posted out to you, or sent home with your child for them to pass on to you. If we do not have your contact details, please call the school office so we can arrange for your copy to be posted.

2014 parent teacher meetings will take place on Wednesday 29th January. Information regarding making online bookings was sent home on Tuesday. Many parents have already made appointment times. Please visit www.schoolinterviews and follow the simple 3 step process to book your time. Our booking code for this event is 37Q7U. If you don't have access to a computer or the internet, please call the school office and we can assist you with making a booking.

I would like to send a huge thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help out at our whole school picnic next Thursday 19th December. Students will be transported to Bicentennial Park, Thames Pde, Chelsea, leaving Overport at approximately 9.30am, and returning to school from 2.15pm. Those parents who have volunteered to help cook our sausage sizzle will need to meet us at the park, where we will start the cooking by 10.30am. If you are able to bring along a pair of barbeque tongs, that would be very helpful. Let's all hope for a wonderfully fine day!

I hope everyone has a restful weekend. Only one week to go!

Deborah Madder Assistant Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Jesse 1A, Desiree 2B, Monte 4B,
Taylor 5B, Lilly 1C, Pier 6C,
Fiona OPB, Sebastian 1B, Amy 3A,
Tayla 3A, Jade 4B & Hamish 6B



1C'S SANTA WONDERING

*During term 4 grade 1 and grade 2
students have learnt about*



*wondering. Last week 1C did some wondering
about Santa. Here is what wondered about.*

Hannah - I wonder how he delivers all the presents in one night.

Rose - I wonder how Santa's reindeers can fly.

Shanelle - I wonder how Santa can fit in the chimney.

Lilly - I wonder if Santa goes on holidays.

Malic - I wonder if Santa is cheeky.

Ryleigh - I wonder how many cookies Santa eats.

Indiana - I wonder how Santa gets into a house when its door is locked.

Bethany - I wonder if Santa has kids.

Zoe - I wonder how old Santa is.

Holly - I wonder where Santa lives.

Santo - I wonder how hungry Santa is.

Toby - I wonder how Santa lives for so long.

Jackson - I wonder how many elves work for Santa.

Temira - I wonder how Santa gets his dinner.

Tyrell - I wonder how Santa eats so many cookies without throwing up.

Mrs Keenan - I wonder how Santa affords to buy and make so many presents.

Bailey - I wonder how Santa builds his sleigh.

Jye - I wonder how nice Santa is.

Francesco - I wonder what Santa's mum's name is.

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Our weekly recap

As I have said over the past few weeks the children absolutely enjoy playing the marble run game. The children were also surprised when we got a visit from Gilbert the Gecko last week.

The children have been excited about all of the upcoming activities we have spoken about. The children made a Christmas tree which they have been decorating and even putting presents under it. More fun crafts and yummy things will be and have been made. Kelly

Next week's activities:

Monday 16 December: Christmas Wrapping paper

Tuesday 17 December: Christmas Cards

Wednesday 18 December: Reindeer food

Thursday 19 November: White Christmas

Friday 20 November: Table decoration Bonbons

ENROL NOW & PAY LATER

NEW Enrolments must be received with 5 days notice

Great news! In order to make the enrolment process more convenient and affordable for new families, we have decreased our annual enrolment fee from \$30 to \$20 per family. AND, you don't even need to pay this until you first use the account! So if you enrol and never make a booking, then you never need to pay the enrolment fee. We therefore encourage ALL NEW FAMILIES to enrol with Extend so that the service is available to you if you need to use it later.

All active enrolments & permanent bookings roll-over each school year so you only need to enrol once! Just let us know when you no longer require the service.

Please note all completed enrolments must be received with a **minimum of 5 days notice** before a booking is required. For any enrolments that need to be processed with less than 5 days notice, an **Express Enrolment** service is available at an additional charge. For further details please see our Terms and Conditions at extend.com.au.

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

Monday 9 December to Friday 20 December* and **Monday 6 January to Friday 24 January***

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

December bookings close Friday 29 November and January bookings close Monday 16 December – book now to avoid disappointment.

*Dates vary according to program

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



Mini Music Makers are fun and affordable musically based early development sessions for 6 month - 4 year olds with their parents.

Classes are filled with songs, poems, music and movements designed to enhance young children's cognitive development; expanding language, co-ordination, social and emotional skills. Our experienced presenter sings songs with and without accompaniment and uses story telling, instruments, puppets and props to motivate children while they learn in a fun and engaging environment.

Sessions at: Karingal Place and Frankston South Rec. Centre

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www.soundsthis.net

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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