

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Last full week of the school year and our last newsletter!

Good bye Miss Lake: It is with sadness that we say good bye to Miss Jess Lake. Miss Lake began with us as a graduate and we have been very fortunate to have her for a number of years. She has accepted a position at a private school and is looking forward to the challenges of a new environment. We congratulate her and wish her every success for the future.

New Staff Members: As I mentioned last week we have a number of new teaching staff members, but we have been fortunate enough to have another new Integration Aide joining our ranks. We welcome Miss Deone West who will be working in the year 2 area next year.

Year 4 Camp: Last week our year 4s went to the Briars in Mt Martha and had a wonderful time with their teachers and parents on camp. Lots of very tired children arrived back safe and sound on Friday afternoon. Thank you to Miss Jess Lake, Mr Matt Leyden, Miss Alicia Brooke-Ward, Miss Tess Higgins, Mrs Bianca Burton, Mrs Wendy Jarvis and Mr David Freeman along with our parents, Mr James Bleakley, Mrs Di Black and Mr Philip Crossan.

Year 3 Sleepover: It was just as exciting for the teachers as the children! The year 5 and 6 building, our TLC, was taken over on Thursday night by our very excited year 3 students. In the morning the smell of delicious breakfasts was all through the building! On the Friday they went to Inflatable World and had lunch at the park. Thank you to the staff and parents that stayed: Mrs Chelle Gray, Mrs Brooke Kennedy, Mrs Eleanor Strickland, Mr Evan Lukas, Mr Sam Rodwell and Miss Wendy Kilpatrick and our parent, Mrs Lisa Williams. It was a wonderful adventure for them all.

No Canteen Next Week: Canteen has now closed for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Champion for all she does for our students. The Sushi day at our Athletics day was a great hit with the children. The canteen will resume with counter sales from 1st February, 2017. Lunch orders will resume from 8th February.

Last Assembly: Don't forget to join us at the last assembly on Tuesday 20th at 9.15 am on the basketball court for our end of year Christmas celebrations.

Children will finish that day at 1.30 pm.

Diary Dates

Monday 19th December
Yr 5 & 6 Beach Day

**Tuesday 20th
December**

Assembly at 9.10am
on the
basketball court
Final day for 2016
School dismissal at
1.30pm
on this day.

2017 Dates:

Monday 30th January-
Teachers return

Tuesday 31st January-
Parent/Teacher
familiarization sessions

Wednesday 1st February-
School resumes for
Yr1-Yr 6 students

Thursday 2nd February-
Preps start - shortened
day.

Friday 17th February-
Curriculum Day

Thought for the week.

T'was the night before Christmas,

And all through the house not a creature was stirring,

not even a mouse,

~ 10 sleeps to Christmas Day!

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Year 2 Incursion: Our year twos had a very exciting time this week with an incursion through the Dolphin Research Institute. They had the opportunity to go inside a replica full-size Hump Back whale, giving them an understanding of the scope of their size.



I would like to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and happy holiday season.

I leave you with the words from Mother Theresa to ponder:

*Life is a beauty, admire it,
Life is bliss, taste it,
Life is a dream, realise it,
Life is a challenge, meet it,
Life is a duty, complete it,
Life is game, play it,
Life is costly, care for it,
Life is wealth, keep it,
Life is love, enjoy it,
Life is mystery, know it,*

*Life is a promise, fulfil it,
Life is sorrow, overcome it,
Life is a song, sing it,
Life is struggle, accept it,
Life is tragedy, confront it,
Life is luck, make it,
Life is precious, do not destroy it,
Life is life, fight for it,
Life is an adventure, dare it!
Mother Theresa.*

*Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson,
Principal.*

Assistant Principal's Report

Please don't forget that our school year begins in 2017 with a parent and teacher meeting day. This is on Tuesday 31st January for all Year 1-6 families. To book your meeting time for please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the booking code: **dh3xs**.

Please note, that due to a recent restructure, the teacher for 1C is now Miss Alicia Brook-Ward. The students of 1C for 2017 have now had a chance to meet with Alicia, and all are looking forward to having a great year together. Due to increased enrolments, Miss Lauren Chin will now be teaching in our prep area.

Meetings for our Prep families will take place on Tuesday 31st January, and then continue on Wednesday 1st

February. Please be aware that these are 30 minute appointments. Due to the restructure of our Prep classes, all appointments made using the original booking code have been cancelled. **It is vital that prep families rebook their appointment now, using the new booking code of rz5pk.** Thank you to those who have already done so.

Tonight we look forward to a lovely night for our Year 6 students, as they have their graduation ceremony and celebration. Congratulations to everyone; students, teachers and parents, who have worked so hard to ensure this will be a wonderful and memorable experience for everyone.

I would like to say thank you, to all of our 2016 captains and leaders, who have been amazing helpers throughout the year: Nigel, Quita, Joe, Luke, Glen, Liam, Amy, Melanie, Lis Maria, Christie, Jayden, Sophie, Janet, Sienna, Elizabeth, Mackenzie, Alisha, Olivia, Lucy, Danica, Janet Mary, Grace, Luiza, Zoe, Diona, Emily, Taleah, Shae, Baylin, Will G, Saxon, Cooper, Josh W, Wil G, Sanithma and Ayshia. You certainly have left big shoes to fill next year!

I would like to extend my very best wishes to those students and families who will be moving on to other schools next year; either to secondary school and or to new primary schools. We thank you all for the contribution you have made to Overport Primary School, and we will miss you all.

Another busy year has come to an end! Thank you to everyone for their continued support in all areas of the school. The commitment shown by our students, our staff and the many, many parents and volunteers who help in so many ways, makes Overport the fantastic place it is. We look forward to doing it all again next year!

Have a very peaceful and restful holiday season. Please stay safe, and I will be looking forward to us being together again in 2017.

Merry Christmas,

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children who are celebrating their birthday this week and during December.

Aileen OOD, Charlotte 4B,
Ruby OOD, Nika 1D, Fiona 3C,
Esme 6B, Thomas 2C,
Sebastian 4A, Amy 6A, Tayla 6B,
Meka 2A, Harrison 5D,
Madison 6B, Taylor OOA,
Jordan 2D, Jasmine 4C, Sasha 5B,
Khodi 3C, Lis Maria 6C,
Tamar 3A, Georgia OOA,
Grace 1A, Ruben 5B, Chris 5B,
Phoebe 2C, Jennifer 5C,
Joseph 6A, Ebonie 4B, Harry 1C,
Taya 3B, Hannah 5C, Zac 5A,
Jack 2D, Ryleigh 4B, Savanna 5D,
Jayden 6C,
Reef 1D & Jett 3B.



Extend OSHC at Overport



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What a year we have had, so many fun and exciting things we all experienced this year. I hope that all the children and their parents have many fond memories of what they enjoyed best from the program this year. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and hope to see you all next year.

Don't forget to make your bookings for holiday program, bookings close on Monday 19th December for the January school holidays.

Also a reminder to all parents that your booking does not roll over for 2017, please ensure you make your bookings before term 1 begins at extend.com.au

Kelly and the Gang

School Holiday Activities

Monday : Christmas tree table decorations

Tuesday : Christmas cupcakes

Wednesday : pokemon catapult and pokemon bookmarks

Thursday : Cooking- reindeer cones and Rangoli art

Friday : Candy dispensers and Christmas countdown party



Dear parents and students,

Thank you to all those students who have brought back library books, replaced or paid for lost books. This means that we have more funds to purchase new books and inquiry-based play equipment, rather than having to replace a whole lot of lost books.

We have had a great year in the library, and it still remains one of the students' favourite places to explore. Thank you to the many parents who have purchased books from one of our book fairs. We have received over \$3500 worth of books for our library over the year from these sales! We are looking forward to another fantastic year in The Library Learning Centre with your children in 2017.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Melissa Gleeson (Library Specialist) &

Venetia Hill (Library technician)

Canteen News IMPORTANT DATES

Canteen is now closed until the end of Term.

Canteen reopens for lunch orders - Wednesday 8th February 2017.

Open for counter sales only - Wednesday 1st February 2017



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