

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Thank you to all our families who have helped and contributed in so many ways this year. Overport is truly a fantastic school and it is evident that we have a great name in the community as we continue to grow. Next year we will have 590 plus students in 25 grades.

Certainly a lot of little ones for us to look after together!

However the strength of the partnership between home and school is what makes the difference. We look forward to working together again next year.

Christmas/End of Year Concerts: It was wonderful to see so many parents attended our 3 to 6 concert on Thursday and our prep to 2 concert on Friday. Both were held in our hall and were led by a group of our year 6 leaders. The students performed very well and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to perform. Seeing how much the children enjoyed performing and hearing the giggles at Oliver G of 6A's antics when dressed as Santa, as well as Mr Freeman in his Rock-star outfit, was wonderful! Thank you to Mr Freeman and the staff for preparing the students so well, as each concert was delightfully enjoyable.

Grade 6 Graduation: On Tuesday night we farewelled our graduates for 2015. The little children who commenced with us seven years ago (although many have become part of our family throughout the years) were transformed into the beautiful young men and women they are becoming. Throughout the ceremony we heard many wonderfully positive stories that demonstrate the significant impact Overport has played in their journey. They have enriched our lives with their personalities and their contributions. We know no matter what these young adults choose to do with their life; they will leave a footprint for generations to come. How privileged are we to have been a part of that. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers, class teachers, specialists and education support staff, who have contributed to their development and successes. We are truly fortunate to have partnered with you, their parents, throughout this time at our school and we wish them success and happiness as they leave; for they carry with them our hopes for a bright and beautiful future. We are extremely proud of them and wish them all the very best for their future. Congratulations to our award recipients:

Academic Award – Spencer B 6C; Library Award – Neha A 6B and Amy H 6C; Sportsmanship Award – Jade K 6B; Visual Arts Award – Oliver G 6A and Jessica W 6C; Performing Arts Award - Ella D 6A and Davyn W 6B; Japanese Award – Monique Z 6C and Amy H 6C; Principal Award – Jazmine Z 6B; School Council Award-Spencer B 6C.

Diary Dates



**Thursday 17th
December**

**Gravity Zone
Cancelled.**

Monday 25th January
Office opens.

Thursday 28th January
Teacher Parent Meetings

Friday 29th January
**School begins for Yr 1-6
Students.**

Monday 1st February
**School begins for Prep
students. 9.30-1.15pm.**

PLEASE NOTE -

**Change to recess and
lunch break from next
year.**

Recess-10.40am - 11.10am

Lunch - 1pm - 1.50pm.

Tomorrow - Friday 18 December

Final assembly at 9am.

School finishes at 1.30pm.



Final Assembly – Leadership Announcements: On Friday we will hold our final assembly at 9.00 am. We will announce our School Captains and House Captains, leaving all other significant positions until next year. Our year six graduates will perform their graduation song. We warmly invite our families to attend.

Don't forget that:

- Tomorrow is clean-up day and school finishes at 1.30 pm.
- Teachers will be back on Wednesday, 27th January.
- Our parent/teacher familiarisation meetings will be held on Thursday, 28th January.
- Students from grade 1 to 6 commence on Friday, 29th January.
- Preps commence on Monday, 1st February, from 9.30 am to 1.15 pm.

I wish everyone a truly beautiful Christmas and festive season.

Please make sure you are all safe over the summer holidays and that you take every opportunity to relax with family and friends.

We look forward to another wonderful year ahead in 2016.

"It is not the critic who counts: nor the man who points out how strong men stumble and where the doer of deeds could have done them better.

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause:

who at best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who.

At the worst is he fails, at least fails while daring greatly so that his place shall never be with those timid souls – who neither know victory nor defeat".

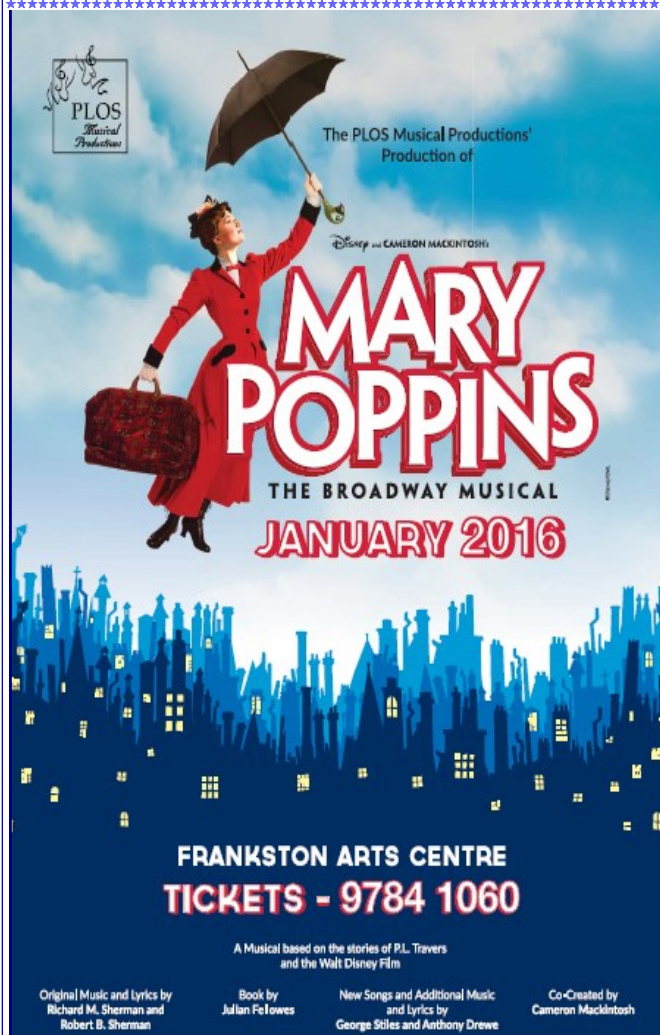
Theodore Roosevelt 1858-1919.

Best wishes
Julie Gleeson.

Thought for the week.

May the spirit of Christmas bring joy, peace and love to your home.

Only ... 8 sleeps to Christmas Day!



CANTEEN NEWS

TERM 1 2016 Canteen reopens

Counter Sales start Friday January 29th

Lunches start Wednesday February 3rd

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

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 volunteers who help in so many ways, makes Overport the fantastic place it is. We look forward to doing it all again next year!

Please don't forget to book your meeting time for the beginning of year teacher meetings: Thursday 28th January Prep - 6, then continuing on Friday 29th just for Preps. It's a quick and easy process. Just go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the booking code: **4RWU6** for Year 1-6, **9AY5T** for prep bookings.

We have finished off the year with a great night for our Yr 6 students at their Graduation. Congratulations to everyone; students, teachers and parents, who made it such a wonderful experience for everyone.

Thanks for all the fine work our 2015 captains have done: Jazmin and Spencer, Rain and Oliver, Amelie and Kelvin, Sara and Alex, Ruby and Edwin, Monique, Aditya, Davyn, Ella D, Ella C, Jess, Neha, Amy, Flynn, Jade, Matt, Shayegan, Caleb, Bianca, Bella, Meredith, Liz and Riley. You 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.

Have a very peaceful and restful holiday season. Please stay safe, and I will be looking forward to us being together again in 2016.

Merry Christmas,

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Thomas 1B, Sebastian 3A, Tayla 5B, Amy 5C, Jade 6B, Meka 1C, Meika 6C, Harrison 4A, Jasmine 3B, Sasha 4C, Khodi 2C, Lis Maria 5A, Tamara 2A, Grace OPC, Ruben 4B, Chris 4B, Indiah 6C, Angelique OPB, Phoebe 1D, Jennifer 4C, Joseph 5A, Ebonie 3C, Harry OPB, Taya 2B, Aeolani 2C, Baylee 5A, Hannah 4B, Cara 1B, Zac 4A, Jamie 6B, Jack 1A, Ryleigh 3B, Jayden 5A, Reef OPC, Jett 1/2E, Amy 6C, Finn OPB, Anthea 2B, Shae 5B, Maya 6B, Holly 5C, Harry 4B, Alyssa OPC, Angus OPD, Brock 2B, Mia 5B, Sanithma 5A, Krissy 2A, Jason 2B, Lucas 2B, Peter 4C, Diona 5C, Felicity 1D, Andrew 4B, Jake OPA, Donovan 5B, Lachlan 4A, Jijo 2C, Hayden 3A, Kaizen 1C, Jack 1C, Olivia 3C, Zoran 1A, Jett 2C, Jhett 1/2E, Ethan 3A, Kian 1B, Rungchada 3B, Ezra 3B, Koby OPD, Jett OPD, Temira 3C, Nathan 4A, Chace OPA, Molly 4B, Louie 1B, Sophie 3B, Jona 6B, Oliver OPA, Cate 4A, Dillon 4B, Lily 1D, Niki 4C, Ella 6B & Roy 6B,



Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



What an awesome term and year we have had. We welcomed new families and new children as well as old ones coming back for the occasional visit. The last couple of weeks we have been doing Christmas crafts as well as other activities both inside and outside.

For the children that will be attending the program on Friday afternoon, I would like parents to pack their child or children's lunch as we will be having a picnic lunch with the children under the trees near the prep playground. We will play a few games then have our end of year party, making, creating and having heaps of fun.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and hope to see you all back next year.

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 and book via the Parent Portal.

Summer Holiday Program

Monday 21st December : Thumb war Stadium and science activities

Tuesday 22nd December : Olaf the snowman and walnut babies

Wednesday 23rd December : Cooking- Christmas trees and Stained Glass canvas

Thursday 24th December : Candy Cane Trees and Christmas Party

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au

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The Athlete's Foot

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