



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 492 students in 21 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: Although we had to cancel our evening concert due to the rain, how lovely to see our students' performances this week. They were all so enthusiastic and enjoyed the opportunity to perform. Thank you to the many parents that attended.

Staffing News: Last week, Miss Stacey Clark accepted a position at Boneo Primary School. This is in a leadership capacity and we know she will do extremely well. While we are certainly proud of her, we are so sorry to see her leave. However, we are pleased to announce that we have a new staff member, Ms Julia Rachelle who has experience in the senior school and is joining us to take on this position. The children had the opportunity to meet her on Tuesday and are quite excited. We welcome her to OPS.

Grade 6 Graduation: On Tuesday night we farewelled our graduands for 2013. The young children we saw earlier in the day had been transformed into the beautiful young men and women they are becoming. Throughout the ceremony we saw many wonderfully positive opportunities that Overport has assisted in their learning journey. They have enriched our lives with their personalities and their contributions. We are extremely proud of them and wish them all the very best as they take with them our hopes and dreams for their bright futures.

Don't forget that:

- ◆ *We finish at 1.30 tomorrow.*
- ◆ *Teachers resume on 28th January, 2014.*
- ◆ *Our parent/teacher familiarisation meetings will be held on Wednesday 29th January.*
- ◆ *Students from grade 1 to 6 commence on Thursday 30th January.*
- ◆ *Preps commence on Monday 3rd February.*

I wish everyone a truly delightful Christmas and festive season. Be safe and happy and we look forward to another wonderful year ahead in 2014.



kindest Regards, Julie Gleeson, Principal.

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



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

May the spirit of Christmas bring joy and love to your house...

Only ... 5 sleeps to Christmas Day!



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Another busy end to a very busy year! 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 in 2014!

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 2014.

Merry Christmas

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal



Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



OUR WEEKLY RECAP

Well it's the last week of school for 2013. I have had an awesome time working with all the children at the program as well as all the parents I have met. Best of luck to all the grade 6 children going off to High School and to those that are moving for a change of scenery. The children have had fun making all the Christmas crafts as well as their very own creative activities. I would like to wish all the children and their families a safe and happy Christmas and a great new year. **Kelly**

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.

enrolment hotline

Phone our **friendly** customer service staff on:

1300 366 437
www.extend.com.au



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children who will celebrate their birthdays this week and during the holidays.

Harrison 2B, Jasmine 1B, Maria 3/4C, Tamara OPA, Ruben 2A, Chris 2B, Jennifer 2A, Joseph 3B, Vanessa OPC, Baylee 3A, Pamela 5A, Angus 6C, Hannah 2A, Ryleigh 1C, Jayden 3B, Sam 5C, Jett OPC, Amy 3/4C, Anthea OPB, Shae 3/4C, Jacob 6C, Holly 3A, Harry 2A, Brock OPB, Mia 3B, Yunu 5C, Kollin 6C, William 5C, Sanithma 3A, Krissy OPA, Jiordyn 6B, Lucas OPA, Peter 2B, Diona 3A, Gustav 3/4C, Shaylee 1A, Eleanor 6A, Andrew 2C, Donovan 3/4C, Lachlan 2A, Chamod 3A, Layna 6B, Hayden 1B, Reilly OPC, Jhett OPA, Kian OPC, Temira 1C, Nathan 2A, Molly 2C, Hannah 3A, Jordan 6B, Sophie 1A, Jona 3/4C, Cate 2B, Dillon 2C, Niki 2A, Roy 3/4C & Mira 5B

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