

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

EVERY DAY COUNTS! EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! BE HERE & ON TIME!

Japanese Week and Garden Opening: Monday 23rd November we officially opened our Japanese Garden. Our Japanese Garden Captains Meredith 6C and Aditya 6B, cut the official ribbon and we raised the Japanese flag as we played the country's national anthem. We thanked our official guests, Mr Ben Turner who designed the hard landscaping, Mr John Hearn who built the Tori Gate and added the lattice, Mr Bill Mallinson our B&G convenor and the B&G committee members, as well as Mrs Sharron Hearn who led parents during working bees and of course Yamashita Tomoko Sensei, our Japanese teacher who has been the driving force. It has been a delight to watch how respectful and appreciative the students are of this lovely environment.

Whole School Final Transition: Next Tuesday, 8th December is the state-wide transition day, it is our final transition session for all our students, including our new Foundation students (preps). This will be held from 11.30 to 1.30 pm and our students will meet their teachers and classmates for 2016. Our year six students will spend a day at their respective high schools; they are very excited!

Year 3 sleep Over: Last week our year three students and their teachers, Mr Leyden, Mrs Wynne, Mrs Kennedy and Miss Higgins together with our integration aide, Wendy Jarvis and parent Mr Phil Crossan slept in the Towerhill Learning Centre on Thursday night as part of our camping program. On Friday they left the school and travelled to "Inflatable World" and were challenged with the fantastic activities that this provides. They also had a great deal of fun at Mornington Beach digging trenches and hiding from their teachers in an organised trench game. On behalf of the parents and students I wish to thank all those mentioned who made this wonderful opportunity available for our students.

Support for Monte C, 6A, at the Nationals. Thank you to all the students who arrived in casual clothes today to bring a gold coin to assist Monte's family with the costs associated to going to Canberra to compete in the Nationals. I spoke with Monte today, who told me they are leaving at 6.00 am tomorrow morning and he is both nervous and excited. However, we are exceptionally proud of his achievements thus far and wish him every success this weekend.

Friday 18 December

Final assembly at 9am.

School finishes at 1.30pm for 2015.

1.30pm Dismissal

Diary Dates

Monday 7th December

Yr 3 - 6 assembly
Final school council meeting.

Wednesday 9th December

Whole School House athletics at Ballam Park
Meal Deal at athletics

Thursday 10th December

Parent helpers morning tea

Yr 3-6 Christmas concert at 2.30pm.

Last day for lunch orders.

Friday 11th December

Canteen CLOSED until next year.

Prep - 2 Christmas concert at 2.30pm.

Monday 14th December

No assembly
Reports come home

Tuesday 15th December

Yr 6 Graduation
Statewide Transition Day

Wednesday 16th December

Prep - 4 picnic at Chelsea Park.

Yr 5 - 6 Water Safety at Mt Martha

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Visit to Channel Nine: Our external instrumental teacher, Mr Adrian Ferry arranged for a group of our students who have been working with him to visit channel nine. Mr Freeman joined them and they met Brian Hitchener and were shown around the studio. Mr Hitchener showed them around the station, outlining for them how the news program operates. Adrian told me that Mr Hitchener was very impressed with the quality of the questions the children asked, their mature behaviour and general demeanour. Some of our students have made a brief report which is included with this week's newsletter. This is the second time that Adrian has been able to offer this to a group of our students and we appreciate his genuine commitment to our school and those he teachers here.

Year 4 Camp: Yesterday our year 4 students set off for the Briars for their end of year adventure camp. We look forward to hearing about how much they have enjoyed this time together with staff, parents and their friends.

*Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson,
Principal.*

Thought for the week.

*You better watch out - you better not shout,
Santa Claus is coming to town...
22 sleeps to Christmas!*



CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be closing early for the end of term please note the following important dates:

LAST DAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS
FRIDAY DECEMBER 4th

LAST DAY FOR COUNTER SALES
THURSDAY DECEMBER 10th

The canteen will be closed from
Friday December 11th
until next year.

TERM 1 2016 Canteen reopens

Counter Sales resume -
Friday 29th January

Lunch orders resume -
Wednesday 3rd February

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS HOT SHOTS TENNIS CLINIC

At Frankston Tennis Club (next to the hospital)

FOR 4 TO 12 YEAR OLDS

t3 mornings per clinic @ 2 hours each

tDates - Mon 21st, Tues 22nd & Wed 23rd December

t9am to 11:00am each morning

tCost for the 3 mornings is \$60 or per morning is \$25

Chris: 0414-353-060

More Info at www.chandlertennis.com

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

This year we have been fortunate to have continued our partnership with Bunnings, with workshops being held throughout the year for all classes. This latest workshop featured below involved our year 3 and 4 classes. We look forward to this terrific partnership continuing.



Payment notices for 2016 have now been sent home. Thanks to those who have already taken care of this payment at the office. The school office will reopen on Monday 25th January, if you would like to take care of your payment then.

There has been a slight change to our excursion levy for next year. From next year this will be charged on a term by term basis. You will receive payment advice approximately 2 weeks before the end of every term, with details of each excursion or activity for the following term. Each excursion will be listed, and as they form part of the curriculum, there will be an expectation that all students will be participating. Please note that although payment will be requested before the beginning of each term, individual permission notices will still be sent home for each activity. Once full payment has been received at the office, all you will need to do is to return each signed permission form. For activities which don't involve all students, separate notification will be sent home, and individual payment will be requested.

Another change we will be putting into place for next year is in relation to our assemblies. Our plan is that from next year, all students will have a weekly Monday assembly. As our hall is not large enough to accommodate the whole school, Prep – year 2 assembly will be held first thing in the morning, just after 9.00am, and Year 3-6 will have their assembly at 2.30pm. This arrangement will allow for greater consistency and continuity. There will be occasions where we hold special whole school assemblies, which will be publicised to the school community via our weekly newsletter. All parents and members of the school community are most welcome, and encouraged to attend our assemblies each week.

Our whole school house athletics day is next Wednesday. All students are encouraged to wear their house colours. A meal deal is on offer, with orders to be returned to school by next Monday at the very latest. Otherwise, students are to bring their lunch and a drink with them.

Hats are essential and sunscreen is advisable too.

A huge thank you to all the parents who have offered to assist Mr Lukas on the day. We are looking forward to another great Overport event.

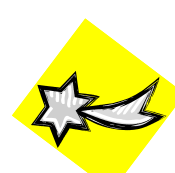
Please make sure you have also returned your child's permission slip for our Prep—Yr 4 end of year picnic day;

Wednesday 16th December.

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.

Angelique OPB, Leila OPC, Nikita 1B, Annabella, Dorian & Danyl 1/2E, Hayden 2B, Aeolani 2C, Favour 5A, Tayla 5B, Bianca 6A, Jade & Jaiden 6B & Jessica 6C.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Callum 5A, Grace 2B, Isabelle 4A, Cooper OPB, Finnlay OPC, Rory 5A, Jazmin 6B, Tully 1A, Ruby 4C, Bailey 5A, Robert 6C, Gaige 4B & Isabelle 2C

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



What a week we had...it was raining, it was sunny, it was hot and it was cold, but that did not stop the children from doing anything that they put their minds to. The children love the activities that are planned however they are much more creative using our materials from the trolley. The things the children put together are fantastic. The children have been using the stencils that I once used at their age, the pictures and designs are amazing. Let there be more pictures created in the future. We are a sunsmart program and children are required to have a hat for all outside play and activities.

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.

TERM 4 WEEK 10 ACTIVITIES

Monday 7th December : Christmas pom poms

Tuesday 8th December : Paper chains

Wednesday 9th December : Bookmarks

Thursday 10th December : Christmas Tree Decorations

Friday 11th December : Duck call

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au

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