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The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

EVERY DAY COUNTS! EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! Be here and be on time!

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 Peter Hitchener and were shown around the studio. Mr Hitchener showed them around the station, and outlined 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. We appreciate the opportunity Adrian has been able to provide for the students.

Level 4 Commercialism Unit: Our level four students unit on "Commercialism" saw them develop their business idea, logos, flyers, and products for sale to a very high standard. This demonstrated a strong connection with the learning for all. There was 'spruiking", undertaken to encourage people to purchase from their wears; jingles and ICT presentations on the iPads; beautifully presented "shops"; and surprisingly capable sales personnel! The funds raised were $919.00. This money will be used to provide Monte of 5C with funds to attend the Nationals in Tasmania; $50 will be used for a necessary purchase to assist with the vegetable garden's cooking program; and the balance then equally shared between "Kid's Help Line" and the "Australian Cancer Council". Thank you to the level 4 teachers for supporting the students in this valuable curriculum program.

Diary Dates

Friday 5th December
Whole School House Athletics

Monday 8th December
School Council

Tuesday 9th December
Statewide Transition Day

Wed 10th December
Parent Helpers Morning Tea
P-2 Christmas Concert 2.30pm

Thurs 11th December
Yr3-6 Christmas Concert—2.30pm

Friday 12th December
Yr3-6 House Swimming Sports

Tues 16th December
Yr6 Graduation

Thurs 18th December
Whole School Movie Day

Friday 19th December
Last Day term 4
1.30pm dismissal

Thought for the Week

Santa is coming to town..21 sleeps til Christmas

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Transition: On Wednesday the children were involved in the last of the afternoon transition sessions. The final transition day will be the state-wide transition day, which is next Tuesday 9th December, from 11.30 to 1.30 pm. The children will meet their teachers and classmates for 2015. , Our 2015 Prep Information night will be held on 26th November.

RACV Energy Break Though Challenge: Our students had a magnificent time at the RACV Challenge. They won the Celebrity Challenge, having the opportunity to race the mayor, around the course. Thank you to the parents who attended and to Miss Tess Higgins and Mrs Alice Wynne for undertaking the program and providing this great opportunity to the students. Mr Ray Gorling told me that the bonding between the students was a delight to see. He also mentioned, as did others, how lucky we are to have great teachers that love working this closely with our students.

Grade Four Camp: Our grade four students journeyed to the Briars last week for their fist overnight school camp. The teachers said they were a fantastic group to take away. They challenged themselves with a number of the activities and generally had a great deal of fun together. Once again, thanks to staff and to our parent helper, Mr James Bleackley who attended the camp. I believe he has put his name down already for next year, having enjoyed the time with the children so much.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA): Can all families be advised that EMA has been cancelled. There will be no EMA payments for parents in 2015.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson
Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children who have celebrated their birthday last week and this week.

Cadell PB, Josh 5A,
Ben 6C, James 6A,
Grace 1B, Isabelle 3A,
Dakota 1B, Rory 4B,
Jazmin 5C, Riley 6A, Ruby 3B,
Bailey 4A, Robert 5B,
Gaige 3B, Vivienne 6C
& Isabelle 1B

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Next **Wednesday 10th December** is the day that our teachers would like to thank all members of our school community who have volunteered to helped out in any way throughout the year. We will be celebrating your services with a **Parent Helpers and Volunteers** morning tea in the staffroom. Invitations were sent home yesterday and there will be a message on tiqbiz as well, but if you have missed any of these messages, please come and join us in the **staffroom at 11.00am**.

By now you would have received your payment information for 2015. This can be paid at the school office any time between now and the end of the year. Payment options include in full or by instalments. If you require a payment plan, please contact Mrs Robinson our business manager to discuss other options which may be available to you.

Teachers resume the 2015 school year on Wednesday 28th January 2015. Meetings with teachers will be scheduled for Thursday 29th January. The online booking system will again be available for parents to make bookings. This site will open for bookings from next week. www.schoolinterviews.com.au The booking code for this event will be: HU8YB

Permission slips for our whole school movie day must be returned by the end of this week as we need to confirm the number of students who will be attending. Movie Day is Thursday 18th December.

House athletic sports are on tomorrow. All students are strongly encouraged to wear their house colours. Parents are most welcome to come and cheer for their children from the sidelines.

Please make sure you have our Christmas Concert dates in your diaries. Prep – Yr 2 classes will be performing next Wednesday 10th December from 2.30pm. If the weather is fine, this concert will take place on the oval area behind our Yr 2 portable classrooms. If the weather is not fine, we will move to the hall. Year 3-6 students will perform their Christmas Concert in the hall on Thursday 11th December, also at 2.30pm. I know the students would love to see lots of you there.

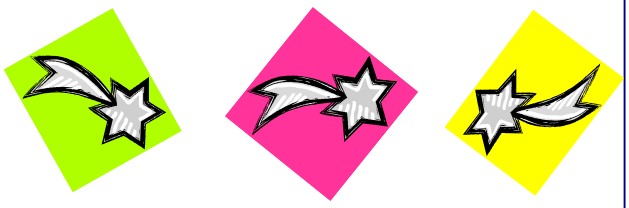
House swimming sports will take place next Friday 12th December for all year 3-6 students. The students will walk to Frankston High School swimming pool: Yr 3 and 4 events will take place from 9.00am – 11.00am, Year 5 and 6 events will take place from 11.30am – 1.30pm. All students are strongly encouraged to participate, and parents are most welcome to attend.

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.

Jack S OPA, Alisa OPB,
Eva-Marie OPC, Beau OPD,
Jasmine 1A, Dakota 1B, Tahnie 1C,
Bob 2A, All of 2B, Tyrell 2C,
Kobe 3A, Luke 3B, Holly 3/4C,
Bailey 4A, Quita 4B,
Noah 5A, Jordan 5B,
Meika 5C, Hayley 6A,
Anna 6B & Isabel 6C

Canteen News

Important dates

Last Day for Lunch Orders
Friday December 12th
Last Day for Counter Sales
Wednesday December17th

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Canteen reopens for lunch orders and counter sales on
Wednesday Feb 4th 2015

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

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

Last week was very exciting, we started building our very own christmas tree! The children busily made decorations to hang on the tree also.
We also spent a lot of time inside last week drawing, playing games, colouring in and reading.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU
Booking deadlines apply and excursions fill fast. Book now to avoid disappointment at **extend.com.au**. All holiday programs are open to primary school aged children from the wider community.

Kelly

Next week's activities:
Monday 8th December:
Paper plate Dream catchers
Tuesday 9th December
Pom Pom Monsters
Wednesday 10th December:
Group Rainbow Picture
Thursday 11th December:
Chatterboxes
Friday 12th December:
Orgiami

EXTEND
HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Dear Families

We are delighted to announce that Extend will be launching a Holiday Program from **Autumn 2015** at Overport Primary School.

Holiday Program (commencing Autumn 2015)

Extend Holiday Programs incorporate a variety of activities and games, including arts and craft, sports, science, cooking, team games, dance, theme days, and more. Incursions and excursions are also available on select days with limited places.

Operating hours: 8.00am - 6.00pm
Fees: $65 (an additional fee applies for incursions and excursions)

Pay between $15.08 - $32.50*

*Child Care Benefits and the non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate of up to $7500 apply for eligible families. Fees are per child per session.

Spread the news! We look forward to commencing a Holiday Program from April 2015. Keep an eye out in your inbox next year when bookings open.

Yours faithfully

Kerrie Robinson
General Manager, Programs

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