

# The Overport Times

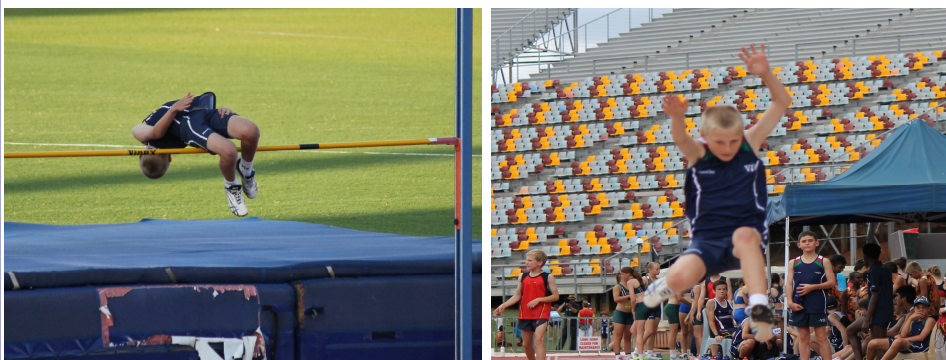
## From the Principal's Desk

### Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

**Staff teams for 2014:** Our teaching teams next year will be as follows: Teachers of our four prep grades are Miss Christie Holman, Miss Jacque Goodier, Mrs Andrea Santospirito and Miss Sarah McCall; Our three grade 1s are Mrs Sarah Keenan, Mr Norm Williamson and, we welcome back, Mrs Amber Ellery: Our three grade 2s are Miss Wendy Kilpatrick, Mrs Jill Wathen and Mrs Helen Ferguson, and Miss Stephanie Corvi: Our two grade 3s Mr Sam Rodwell, and we welcome, Miss Alice Hawker: Our grade 3/4: Mr Matt Leyden: Our two grade 4's: Miss Suzie Moroney and Miss Jessica Lake: Our three grade 5s Mr David Pryor, Mrs Cathy Houston and Mrs Lori Frowd our three grade 6s are Miss Marie Yanni, Mrs Jane Lacey and Miss Stacey Clark. Our specialist programs will continue as Performing Arts with Mr David Freeman, PE with Mr Ben Bryant, Visual Arts with Mrs Lynne White and Miss Melissa Gleeson, Japanese with Mrs Tomoko Yamashita and Library with Miss Melissa Gleeson. We will continue our Wellbeing program under Miss Tess Higgins and Literacy support and staff development with Mrs Sharron Hearn. Students will meet their new grade and teacher next Tuesday.

**Welcome Baby Gray:** We are delighted to announce that Mrs Chelle Gray has welcomed "Logan Neil Gray" on 25th November, 17 days early! Mother and baby are doing very well and we are extremely pleased for them. We look forward to seeing Mrs Gray return later next year.

**Ronin's Sensational Results:** As you would already be aware following our free dress day to support him, Ronin of 5A represented both the state and Overport at the nationals recently. We were fortunate to have raised over \$450.00 to assist his family with airfares to ensure he had this opportunity. We are exceptionally proud of his efforts.



We received this lovely letter of thanks from his family who appreciated our community's support. (Please see overleaf.)

### ~ 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](http://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au)*

### Diary Dates



**Tues 10th December**  
Statewide Transition Day  
**Wed 11th December**  
Christmas Concert  
Last Day for Canteen  
**Tuesday 17th December**  
Yr6 Graduation  
**Thurs 19th December**  
Whole School Picnic  
**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  
*Santa  
Clause is  
coming to  
town....  
in 20  
sleeps!*

.....Continued overleaf



Dear Mrs Gleeson, On behalf of Ronin, Ben and our family I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of Ronin's trip to Nationals. It was a fantastic experience for him and one that I am sure he will always treasure. He was able to equal his personal best of 1.50m in High Jump finishing in 9th place, which was a great achievement for him, considering the pressure of being at nationals and the storm that hit just before! He also participated in Long Jump and did a new personal best of 4.18m. It is great to be able to have the school body behind him and I thank you for making him feel so welcome there. Yours sincerely, Lindsey B.

**Crossing supervisor, Val- 25 years of service:** On 10<sup>th</sup> of December, Val will attend a special ceremony at the Frankston Council and will be presented with a gold watch. We thank her enormously for her wonderful care of our students throughout the years. We will invite Val to join us for our helpers' morning tea next week.

**Parent Helpers Thank You:** On December 11<sup>th</sup> we are holding our Parent Helper's thank you morning tea. We have forwarded invites but just in case yours has not arrive and you were part of the wonderful troupe of parents that assists us to make Overport PS a fantastic learning community for all the students, please join us at 11.00 am in the staffroom.

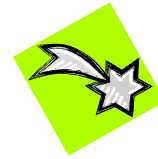
**Canteen 2014:** This is a reminder that next year our canteen will only **open from Wednesday to Friday** and be **closed on Monday and Tuesday**.

**Newsletters and School Communications in 2014:** All newsletters and general school communications next year will be sent via Tiqbiz. Therefore, if you have not arranged to download the Tiqbiz app to your iPad, iPhone, android, laptop or computer, please do so as soon as possible. Information regarding how to do this is included as an insert with this newsletter and available from the office. All newsletters are also on our website. Hard copies can be requested from our office.

Kind Regards,  
Julie Gleeson,  
Principal.

**'Our School rules:**  
**Be Safe. Be responsible.**  
**Be respectful. Be a learner!**

## '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.

All of OPA, All of OPB, All of OPC,  
Isabel 1A, Madison 1B, Toby 1C,  
Nathan 2A, Keely 2B, Olivia 2C, Mackenzie 3A, Josh  
& Bethany 3B, Josh 3/4C,  
All of 4A, All of 4B, Breanna 5A, Riley 5B, Joel 5C,  
Ruby 6A, Nelson & Miguel 6B  
& Jemma 6C

To all the Students, Parents  
and Staff

### A BIG huge Thank You

for supporting Book Club,  
because of all of you the  
Library was able to receive  
some lovely resources.

## Canteen News

**CANTEEN IS CLOSED**

**FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**(Tomorrow)**

**No lunch orders or counter sales.**

**Children need to bring their lunch, drinks  
and snacks.**

**\*\*The last day for canteen  
will be**

**Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Children must bring lunch , snack and  
drinks every day until the end of term.**

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Last week our Year 4 students had a wonderful time on their camp at The Briars. At assembly on Monday, we were able to see some of the activities they enjoyed when we watched a powerpoint presentation. They all definitely looked like they were all having a great time – students and teachers! A huge thank you to our teaching staff that made it all possible: Mrs Houston, Miss Lake, Mr Rodwell, Mrs Jarvis, Mr Freeman, Mr Leyden, and to Mr Garrett, one of our dad's. Our camps wouldn't be possible without this support.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** is the date for our **Whole School Picnic**. Please ensure you have signed and returned your child's permission slip, along with the \$3.00 charge. As this is a whole school event, all students will be expected to attend, and there will be no teaching staff left at school on the day to supervise anyone. Lunch will be provided; sausage sizzle and zooper dooper. Thankyou to our wonderful Parents Club for providing this. You are asked to send your child with a drink and a snack. Parent help will be required at the park to help with the sausage sizzle. If you are able to assist, please let your class teacher know as soon as you can. We're all looking forward to a great day.

By now you will be aware, that due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to change the date of our **Christmas Concert**. It will now be held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm**. We would like all of our Overport families to join us for this festive gathering. Each grade has prepared a song to entertain you with, as has the choir. Let's hope for a fine night.

Next **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** is the final day for our whole school transition program. Students will be meeting their teachers and classmates for 2014. We have also invited newly enrolled students to join us for this session, and I know they will be made to feel welcome in their new surroundings. This is also a Statewide Transition day all of our current Year 6 students, who will be spending the day at their 2014 secondary schools.

In **2014** we will begin the year again with **Parent Teacher meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. We will be using the online booking system: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) A notice with step by step instructions, including our event code will be sent home with your child. The site will be opened for bookings from 4.00pm next Tuesday. Once you have booked a time, please put this straight into your calendar! If you don't have access to a computer or the internet, please don't hesitate to contact the school and we will be able to help you out.

Thank you to the many families who have taken the opportunity to make their 2014 payments at the office. This new method has been introduced to simplify all of our lives. I will just remind you again that a notice will still be sent home for each individual activity, and will still require signed parent permission. You will be able to indicate on your child's excursion notice that payment has already been made.

Our staff will be hosting a **morning tea celebration** next **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** to thank all the parent helpers and volunteers who assist us in so many ways. We are looking forward to seeing many of you in the staffroom from **11.00am**.

Have a restful weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder** Assistant Principal



### CALLING GRADE 6

#### PARENTS

Graduation decoration help

***urgently required***

Please contact Miss Yanni if you are able to help decorate the International Hotel between 2-3pm, Tuesday 17th December.

***Any help would be greatly appreciated.***



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children who have celebrated their birthdays this week.

Josh 4A, Lilly 4A, Ben 5B, Eric 6B,  
James 5C, Lilly 3B, Grace PB,  
Melissa 6B, Isabelle 2C, Dakota PC,  
Rory 3B, Jazmin 4A, Riley 5B, Ruby  
2B, Bailey 3B, Robert 4B, Clyde 6A,  
Boyd 6B, Isabelle PB & Oliver 1A,

## Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



### Our weekly recap

Last week the children played with our new activity - the marble run.

Cubby houses are also something the children are having fun building and playing in. Also, we started to make our special letter box to put our letters in to send to Santa.

As it was the first week in December we started making and creating our Christmas crafts. The children wrote letters to Santa. It was very interesting when they asked us how to spell things that they wanted to ask Santa for! Our room is starting to look like a Christmas fun land!

- Kelly

### Next week's activities:

Monday 9 December:

Moveable Santas

Tuesday 10 December:

Cone Christmas Trees

Wednesday 11 December:

Angel Tree Toppers

Thursday 12 November:

Reindeer antler headbands

Friday 13 November:

Christmas wreaths

Summer School Holiday Program bookings  
**NOW OPEN** at a School near you!

Monday 9 December to Friday 20 December\* and  
Monday 6 January to Friday 24 January\*

We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions ranging from Arts & Crafts, Cooking, plenty of games and sports and lots of Festive and Summer activities! Visit the Extend website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) for program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions.

December bookings close Friday 29 November and  
January bookings close Monday 16 December –  
book now to avoid disappointment.

\*Dates vary according to program

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## Our school has an app

We are now using an app  
to send instant messages,  
newsletters and notices.

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