

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Welcome back to all our students and families, we trust you all had a wonderful holiday and return ready for another fantastic year at Overport. I would like to express a warm welcome to our new families and invite them to take every opportunity to be part of our rich family centred community. The many wonderful comments about our new buildings reflect our own feelings; what a lovely place in which to be teaching and learning! This weekend the last of our asbestos will be removed from the old library/art room eaves. Please remain away from the school while this is taking place.

We have had a smooth start without any hiccups. Mrs Madder commented yesterday that it seems like the children have come home!, On Monday we held our first assembly, now at the new time of Monday at 2.30 pm. We expect this assembly to be packed with a variety of student performances and we invite you to join us at this new time. Our new Preps are behaving like they have always been here – very, very settled in the new open plan prep centre. Shortly our grade five buddies will begin developing their relationship with the new preps...they can't wait!

Staff News: Welcome to our new teachers, Miss Dannielle Arthur, in grade 5, Miss Stephanie Corvi, in grade 2, and Mrs Cathy Houston and Miss Jessica Lake, both grade 4; we are pleased to have them as part of our team. We also welcome back Mr Norm Williamson in grade 1 following his leave. Mr Justin Whelan, who expected to return to us, has accepted a senior position at Peninsula school and we wish him well. Also Mrs Katie Bingham had a delightful little boy over the holidays; so we welcome Toby!

Raising Student Achievement Together-Do we want clever kids? Parent involvement at school is vital! In an article in "Professional Voice", Professor Alma Harris of the university of London identified the two most powerful levers for raising student achievement: **parents and teachers!** She said that what was surprising was the proportion of influence each contributed: home was 80% and the school 20%. The Melbourne Declaration of Educational Goals for Young Australians states: Parents, carers and families are the first and most important influences in a child's life, instilling values that will support young people to participate in schooling and contribute to the broader local and global communities.

The key benefits accrue when the family is actively engaged as a credible partner in supporting the child's learning. Family engagement therefore means all those actions and activities that directly support the child's learning and demonstrate our value of education. We look forward to working in partnership with your as we teach your child together.

School Council Elections: Next week information will be going home to begin our School Council election process. We have a highly committed team who work to achieve the school's goals and have the best interests of students at heart in all decisions. Should you be interested in becoming a parent representative on School Council, please contact me.

Diary Dates



- Friday 15th February**
9.00am Assembly
Badge Presentation
- Monday 18th February**
PUPIL FREE DAY
- Tuesday 19th February**
Education Sub-committee
- Wed 20th February**
Buildings and Grounds Sub-committee
- Friday 22nd February**
Milk & Cookie Day
- Monday 25th - Friday 1st March**
Yr 6 Camp
- Friday 1st March**
Parent Helper's training
- Wednesday 6th March**
Prep parents afternoon tea
- Friday 8th March**
Yr 5/6 Water Safety
- Monday 11th March**
LABOUR DAY
PUPIL FREE DAY

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☆ Thought for the Week ☆

☆ "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." ☆

☆ Mother Teresa ☆

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SMS Alerts and Communication

We are currently setting up a new communication with our families through SMS Alerts. As soon as this is completed we will notify you all. This should include things such as the newsletter, working bee reminders and other items that are important information for our families. Our website will continue to be updated and include our newsletters each week. This idea came through our Education sub-committee members. We look forward to it successfully assisting our communication with you.

Reminders for our Community

There are a number of things that I wish to bring to our parents attention for the beginning of the year.

1. As the department of education and early child development does not offer individual cover for student's personal injury, I recommend parents consider insurance. JUA underwriting agency offer a "Student Health" - Personal Injury and Accident Protection insurance - www.studenthealth.com.au

2. We have a school bag bell at 8.55 am for children to come inside and hang up their bag. The teaching day commences at 9.00 am. It is **critical** for children to arrive on time ready to start the day. This ensures their learning and does not disrupt others.

3. The bike shed will be erected; but at this stage, bikes are to be housed just outside the back of the administration building. Please note that children riding to school on bikes or scooters must wear a helmet and must be in grade 4 or above unless accompanied by an adult.

4. Please discourage children from bringing precious items to school.. All personal items of students, including bikes, mobile phones, special toys, etc, if brought to school, are done so at student's own risk. A number of students have been bringing in remote control cars to play with. These are expensive items and are also inappropriate for the playground, so, unfortunately, they are not permitted to be taken out during recess and lunchtimes. Mobile phones must be logged in at the office and collected at the end of the day.

5. All payments for excursions, incursions, etc MUST go through the classroom and not be delivered to the office first. Hopefully these reminders will assist with a smooth year. Thank you.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Our first Buildings and Grounds meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on 20th February in the staff room. This is a wonderful way to become involved in the school as we continue to implement our school Landscape Master Plan. Therefore, **ALL** parents are warmly welcome to attend and contribute. Mr Bill Mallinson is our convener and a member of school council.

Computers – Desktops

We have approximately 20 old desk top computers which we are happy to give to children of our school for home use.

I look forward to catching up with our parents throughout the term. Please feel free to make a time to see me should you have any queries, concerns or would just like a chat about the direction of the school.

My door is always open!

*Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson Principal*

CANTEEN NEWS



The canteen is open for lunch orders and counter sales. A new price list will be sent home shortly.

**Milk & Cookie Day
Friday 22nd February**

Order forms are with this newsletter and must be returned by: **3.30pm Tuesday 19th February**

No late orders accepted after this date.

No lunch orders or counter sales available on cookie day.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

**Applications close
15th February**

*NB: All health care card holders
MUST re-apply each year to
receive EMA.*

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE



Welcome back to a New Year! It has been a very smooth beginning, with both students and staff slipping easily back into routine. It's great to see so many happy, smiling faces in the playground and classrooms.

A calendar of events has been prepared, with these dates and events being posted on our website. Events coming up throughout the term include **Yr 6 camp to Wilson's Prom** at the end of February, the **Billy Tea Bush Band** day followed by an evening performance on Thursday 14th March, **Level 2 excursion to Balnarring Beach** on Wednesday 20th March. **School photos** will be taken on Thursday 21st March, and we will be finishing the term with an **Easter Hat Parade** on the last day of term, Thursday 28th March. There are many more events which will be taking place. Be sure to keep up to date through our notices and newsletters.



As you are aware, there are times when we need to seek payment and parent permission for excursions, camps and other activities the school organises. A notice is sent home for each of these individual events. If you have taken the opportunity to deposit the 'additional payment' amount with the school, your payment will be taken care of, but you must remember to return the signed permission slip. No child is permitted to leave the school for an activity without signed parent permission.



Thank you to all families who have made payments for student bookpicks. If you are still to do so, this needs to be made at the school office as soon as possible.

If you are interested in becoming a classroom helper, we are running a **Parent Helpers training session on Friday 1st March at 9.00am**. If you have completed this training in the past, it is not necessary for you to attend. A separate notice will be sent home for you to indicate your interest.

Our first education subcommittee meeting will be held after school on Tuesday 19th February. All interested parents and staff are invited to attend. An agenda will be in next week's newsletter.

If you have any items you would like to have on the agenda for discussion, please let me know before then.




Please be aware that our first pupil free day for the year will be on **Monday 18th February**. This day will have a student wellbeing focus, beginning with a KidsMatter information session, followed by a presentation by Jo Lange who will focus on behaviour management strategies in the classroom. **No students are required at school on this day.**

Have a great weekend everyone,
Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal

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🎸 GUITARS WANTED!!



Do you have a guitar at home that you no longer use?

The Music department is needing extra guitars for it's popular guitar program. If you would like to help you may leave your guitar donation at the office. Thank you!


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★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! ★

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

★ Mikayla 1B, Kate 4B, Molly 6A, ★
★ Olivia 3A, Charli 1A, Joel 5B, ★
★ Monique 6C, Noah 6A, ★
★ Ebony OPB, Abhinav 5C, ★
★ Alex 4B & Hana 6B ★



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extend OSHC



Extend OSHC at
Overport Primary School

Welcome back!

Welcome back to another school year! The Extend team at Overport are looking forward to another exciting and fun year at OSHC. Watch this space for regular updates.

Introducing the team

We are delighted to introduce Michelle Dale as new Team Leader at Overport Primary School. Michelle will be working alongside Lori who is already a familiar face in the community. Please feel free to pop in and say hi any time!

Pupil free days – booking procedure

Please note throughout the term if there are any pupil free days that you will require a full day service, contact our office to make a booking. Pupil free days run from 8.00am to 6.00pm and will only be delivered subject to minimum bookings of 12. Due to minimum bookings required there are strictly no refunds or cancellations on pupil free day bookings. Bookings close 7 days prior to each pupil free day and parents will be notified on this day by COB. Fees are \$65 per child – pay between \$15.93 - \$32.50 after child care entitlements including the non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate.

Have you secured your bookings?

As you would be aware, all enrolments from last year have been rolled over to 2013, including any permanent bookings from Term 4. If you need to change these bookings you can via our website or by calling our office.

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

enrolment hotline

Phone our **friendly** customer

service staff on: **1300 366 437**
www.extend.com.au

Entry is \$2 per person (children under 12 months, FREE)

The Frankston Toy Library presents its 25th annual

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Sunday 24th February 2013
11am - 4pm
George Pentland Gardens, Frankston
(entry via Foot Street, Melway Ref 100A H12)
Parking at Monash University with a free shuttle bus transporting patrons to the event

RIDES
ANIMAL FARM
FACE PAINTING

CRAFT
FOOD & BEVERAGE STALLS

JIMMY GIGGLE, POLICE BAND & RONALD
Sorry, Hoot won't be coming as he is having an Owl Nap, so he is ready for the Night Watch

REMEMBER
Children are encouraged to bring their favourite teddy to the event & participate in the 1.45pm teddy bear competitions.

Proudly Supported by
Frankston City
Carrum Downs Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank

CRESTERFIELD FARM

A fundraising event for the Frankston Toy Library
For information Ph 9781 3900 www.frankstontoylibrary.org.au

FRANKSTON GOES GREEN

SAT 16TH FEB
JOY ST RESERVE
JOY ST FRANKSTON

In celebration of sustainable living, Joy of the Earth Community Garden invites Frankston locals to come & enjoy a day of free educational workshops, community garden tours, healthy food & children's activities.

COMMUNITY GARDEN TOURS - 10AM & 1PM



Supported by Frankston City Council, South East Water, Frankston Interfaith Network and the Rotary Club of Frankston

FREE WORKSHOPS

8am Yoga*
9am Welcome & Sacred Tree Planting Ceremony
9.30am Summer-proof your Home
10.30am Intro to Beekeeping
11.30am Edible Gardens
12.30pm Gardening for Health & Wellbeing
1.30 pm Kickstart your Garden with Compost

*A gentle yoga class for all. No experience necessary.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME SESSIONS @ 10.30AM & 1.30PM



FRANKSTON HOCKEY CLUB FREE HOCKEY CLINIC

Frankston Hockey Club invites everyone to join in on a free junior hockey clinic that will be held at Peninsula Hockey Centre, Monash Uni, Off Bloom St, Frankston. Clinics will be run on Thursday 14, 21 and 28 Feb, 6pm to 7pm and is open to students of all skill levels. All equipment is provided, Participants should wear sporting clothes and runners. Any questions please contact Chris - cwall89@live.com