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The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

School Council Elections: School councils comprise parents, the principal, staff and sometimes community members. Each school council member is also a member of one of its sub-committees and represents the views of the school community. School Council elections are held in February or March each year. **All** parents or guardians of students enrolled at the school are eligible to nominate for positions and to vote for parent members. A timeline for 2014 School Council Elections accompanies this newsletter. There are **four** two year parent positions to be filled and **one** 1 year position. Nomination forms, both those to nominate another or yourself, may be obtained from the school office or forwarded to parents at their request. Nominations open on, ***Monday 17th February,*** and must be lodged by ***Tuesday 25th February***. Should we have more nominations that positions, a ballot be held and will open on ***Friday 28th February.*** Ballot papers will be available through the office. The ballot will close at ***4 pm on Friday 7th March, 2014.*** New Council will sit at their first meeting on ***24th March, 2013 at 7.00 pm.*** Information for prospective members can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au If you are interested in nominating for School Council please contact me.

Annual General Meeting: At this month's School Council meeting, 24th February, we will set the date and time of our *Annual General Meeting* and advise our community. At the AGM we outline the school's progress through-out 2013 and provide the Annual Report which includes goals for the coming year. All members of our community are welcome and invited to the AGM.

Planks Incursion: This was a fantastic way to start the year! Seeing the children excitedly building using the small planks and creating incredible structures was quite amazing. Many of them built structures well past their heads. This was also a great opportunity for them to work across the school with younger and older students. No doubt this will create bonds between our students and create new friendships.

Thought for the week

If someone listens, stretches out a hand or whispers words of encouragement, extraordinary ` things can happen!

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Diary Dates

Friday 14th February
Free Dress Day

Thursday 20th February
Parents Club AGM

Friday 21st February
Pupil Free Day

Monday 24th February
School Council

Tuesday 25th February
2.30pm Badge Presentation Assembly

Wed 26th February
District Swimming Trials

PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 21st February is a Pupil Free

Day.

School Uniforms: Our school uniform can be purchased from Primary School Wear in Playne Street, Frankston. I have included a copy of our policy with this newsletter. Students are expected to wear full school uniform each day. Please note that long sleeves, tights or long pants cannot be worn under summer dresses. Long sleeves cannot be worn under short sleeves. While we do not have a particular school shoe, plain black leather are really best for students. White sports shoes should be worn for PE. All shoes must have covered toes and backs with flat heels. White or navy socks are recommended. Wide brim or legionnaires hats MUST be worn in term one and four. Only stud or small sleeper earrings and religious or medical jewellery can be worn. Hair must be tied up once it reaches the shoulders. Extreme hair styles such as Mohawks, tails or unnatural colours are not permitted at school. Only clear nail polish can be worn. If for any legitimate reason, your child is not in uniform, please forward a note of explanation to the teacher. I trust that this information is helpful as together we ensure our students proudly wear the OPS uniform to promote their sense of belonging. Thank you for your support in this area.

Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee: Don't forget our first B&G meeting will be held at 6.00 pm next Wednesday, 19th February in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend and contribute. We look forward to seeing you.

Education Sub-Committee: Also Mrs Madder, will convene our first Education Sub-committee which will be on Tuesday, 18th February at 3.45 pm. One of our agenda items is the inclusion of specified shoes and socks within our School Uniform policy. This will be up for discussion and a decision made accordingly. Please join us for a healthy discussion to provide our communities view.

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson,
Principal.

FREE DRESS DAY TOMORROW

Friday 14th February

Bring a bar/block of chocolate

These will be utilised at the TWILIGHT FAIR 2014

Student Banking

Student banking is every Wednesday.

Students bring their bank books to their classroom where it then comes to the office via the smart boxes.

Application forms are available from the office for new bank accounts.

Student banking is with the Commonwealth Bank.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

By now you would have heard about the great time our students had during the PLANKS activity last week. Such a simple concept, but so much fun. The groups I visited were building towers, baskets, fences, working individually, working and cooperating with others, and showing great pride in their achievements. I'm sure it's an activity they will remember for a long time to come.

Our 2014 school photos will be taken on Thursday 13th March. In the next week or so you should be receiving notification; along with a payment envelope should you wish to purchase these photos. Please follow the instructions on the envelope and clearly mark the information required. The school does not handle these payments. They are passed directly on to the photographers on photo day.

Please remember that tomorrow is a FREE DRESS DAY. In return for wearing free dress, each child is asked to donate some chocolate for our Twilight Fair. This will be collected form each classroom during the morning.

Our first Education subcommittee meeting for this year will be held next Tuesday 18th at 3.45pm in the staffroom. Parents are most welcome to attend. At this meeting we will be setting out our plans for the year, and I would welcome you to put forward any topics or issues you would like this subcommittee to address during the year.

This reminder has been sent to us by SunSmart:

The weather is certainly putting on a good show reminding us what summer is all about!

If you can see skin, UV can reach it. Please ensure your SunSmart measures are all in place to help protect students and staff from too much UV.

Until the end of April, please ensure all children and staff:

- Wear cool, loose fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible
- Wear a sun protective hat for all outdoor activities
- Apply SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum sunscreen during the day (please see sunscreen tips below)
- Have access to shady play spaces
- Wear wrap-around sunglasses labelled AS 1067 (if practical)

Please remember that
FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY is a PUPIL FREE DAY.

Deborah Madder Assistant Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Abhinav 6C, Summer 3/4C, Alex 5C, Imogen 6A, Matilda 1C, Zoe 2B, Jacob 6A, Jesse OPB, Taiden OPD, Kate 3/4C, Lucyia 3/4C, Nathan 6B, Ivey 6B, Xavier 1A, Leyton 5A, Ruby 5B, Toby 2B & Piriyanka 3B.

E.M.A.

Education Maintenance Allowance

All applications for EMA 2014 must be submitted to the office by Friday 28th February 2014.

PARENTS CLUB AGM

Thursday 20th February
9am in the staffroom
All welcome, a great way to meet other parents and find out what is going on around the school.

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Our weekly recap

Last week the children and staff started our 'All about me' wall, which is a hands-on project. The children answered questions about themselves, along with a hand print and soon a photo.

Uno has been a very popular card game with all the children getting involved.

We are also welcoming new staff and new students this year. We are looking forward to meeting all the new family's that will be using the program this year.

As the weather is hot all children are required to have a hat at both Before and After School Care, the children can either keep a spare hat in their bag or can have a hat of their own kept at the program.

Myself and all the staff are looking forward to an enjoyable fun and exciting year ahead.
Kelly

Next Week's activities

Monday 17 February:
Paper sun
Tuesday 18 February:
Fluffy clouds
Wednesday 19 February:
Flying birds
Thursday 20 February:
3D Trees
Friday 21 February:
PUPIL FREE DAY

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

Canteen News

Please check price list before ordering lunch orders.
Orders will be adjusted if money amount is not enough to cover the order.
Paper lunch bags are available at a cost of 5c each. If you have more than one item you will require two bags.to be ordered with the lunch order.

Book Club is due back on:

Monday 17th Feb 2014

Please remind students:

To place all orders in envelopes clearly marked with their Name and Class
To have the correct amount of money
All Cheques payable to Scholastic

'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 the Preps for settling in so well,
Tess 1A, Jhett 1B, Darcy 1C,
Ruby 2A, Lucas 2B, Emma 2c,
Taleah 3A, Kiera & Vanessa 3B,
Elena 4A, Paul 4B, Summer 3/4C,
Jaiden 5A, Amelie 5B, Josh 5c,
Riley 6A, Kaleb 6B &
Taylor 6C.

Our school has an app

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

The tiqbiz app will help our school keep you fully informed and up-to-date with newsletters, notices, news and events. It's easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.

Downloading is easy...

Available on the App Store — iPhone and iPad. Go to the Apple App Store and search tiqbiz.

ANDROID APP ON Google play — Android smartphone and tablet. Go to Google play and search tiqbiz.

www.tiqbiz.com — Windows & Mac computers. Go to www.tiqbiz.com and click on the download button.

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