

# 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!**

**Grade 6 Campers:** Next week we send 83 grade six students and 9 teachers and parents to Wilsons Prom for a week long camping experience. We hope that they have a fantastic time.

**Presentation - Student Leader Badges.** On Tuesday we held our first whole school assembly where Mayor, Sandra Mayer spoke about leadership and presented this year's year 6 leaders with their badges. Following this the students and their families joined us for morning tea in the staff room. We are very proud of the group of leaders who have demonstrated strong skills already.



**School Council Elections:** Our School Council elections nominations closed on Monday. I am delighted to announce that we have four nominations for the four 2-year parent positions. We thank these parents for their commitment to the school community through their willingness to represent you as part of School Council. I welcome returning members, Lyn Ireland and Wendy Lorimer and new members, Clare Camillo and Jennifer Sidwell. Tess Higgins and Marie Yanni have also successfully renominated and joined Deborah Madder and myself as staff representatives. Our parent members are: Lyn Ireland, Stacey Owen, Shane Saxon, Angela Cafarella, Kieren Thompson, Wendy Lorimer, Jennifer Sidwell and Clare Camillo. A new co-opted member from the Parent Club will also join council to bring our numbers to 13. Thank you to our retiring councillors, Daniel Price, who has been our secretary this year, Hayley Garret and Julie-Anne Coyle. Your work as a councillor has been very much appreciated.

**Curriculum Days:** On Friday we had the first of two professional development days being held this term. The focus on Friday was student wellbeing with Adam Voight from Real Schools. Our next day will be held on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** with a focus on writing. The program is called VCOP – the Big Write. VCOP stands for: Vocabulary, Openers, Connectives and Punctuation. This program has been implemented within the level 3 area over the last two years and has shown excellent results. It provides explicit teacher strategies as well as opportunities for students to set individual goals to improve. We now plan to take this across the school.

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## Diary Dates



**Thurs 26th February**  
Billy Tea Bush Band  
Workshop & Bush  
Dance

**Monday 2nd March**  
Yr6 Camp departs

**Friday 6th March**  
Yr6 Camp returns

**Monday 9th March**  
Labour Day Public  
Holiday

**Thursday 12th March**  
School Photo Day

**Friday 13th March**  
Free Dress Day

**Saturday 14th March**  
Working Bee

**Friday 20th March**  
Curriculum Day

Thought for the  
Week

*The grass is  
always  
greener  
where you  
water it!*



**BYOD Option:** A number of students across the level 4 area have taken up an option to bring their own iPad to school. These are being used at point of need and not continuously. While we will continue to fund technology across the school, this has been implemented to reduce the 'wait-time' for school iPads in this area. At the moment we have 30 iPads being shared between level 3 and 4. We are currently investigating a new lease for more technology across the school which would see this number increased significantly.

**School Shoes, Hats and Sunglasses:** This is a reminder that students must wear a broad-brimmed navy blue hat until the end of April and again from the beginning of Term 4. The Cancer Council also advises that sunglasses be worn. While this is not part of school uniform, we also encourage these. Please also note that school shoes, according to our uniform policy, must be predominately black or white. Should you be interested, I noticed that white runners are on sale this week at Big W! Please assist us by helping your child to be in full school uniform.

**Swimming Trials:** At Pines Pool this week a number of our students competed in the swimming trials. The event started at 7.30 am. There were four events: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Alex F of year 6B said that the trials went well and all students performed to the best of their ability. We are always very proud of their efforts. We will find out shortly those who were successful and will go through to the Bayside District event.

**Year 4 Poetry:** Our students in year 4 have been writing wonderful poems with beautiful imagery about feelings. Many of the students have shared their poem with me as did Jasmine P of 4C. Her poem was entitled "White". I have included it this week. How delightful! Thank you, Jasmine.

*Kind Regards,  
Julie Gleeson Principal*

## White

White looks like a soft blanket of snow  
 White sounds like rain falling on the roof  
 White smells like fresh air in the morning  
 White tastes like tears from a child's eyes  
 White feels like a best friend slipping a hand into yours  
 White looks like snowflakes in the snow  
 White sounds like the song of a bird in spring  
 White smells like freshly baked bread  
 White tastes like ice just from the fridge  
 White feels like bubbles popping on your fingers

By Jasmine 4C

## Parent Payment Policy Information.

The Minister for Education has asked the Department of Education and Training to review its parent payment policy. As a result of any changes to the Department's policy, we will work with our school council to update our own policy which is attached to this newsletter. We don't expect any changes until later in 2015 and we will let you know well in advance. The Department's parent payment policy is what we use to guide us in deciding what we will ask you to pay each year. We review our own parent payment policy, in conjunction with our School Council, on a yearly basis and notify you of any changes when we send out the coming year's curriculum payment information early in term four. At Overport we provide an extensive range of resources for our students. Our aim is to ensure our policy meets parents' expectations, while also ensuring that all of our students are able to participate in the programs we offer. Our policy sets out what we ask you to pay for to support your child's learning, such as books and stationery, as well as optional extracurricular activities. We include a sports levy, excursion levy and fruit levy to minimise the number of times throughout the year in which you are asked for payments. Our policy also sets voluntary contributions and where these funds will be directed. Our policy also details the various payment arrangements available to our families. If you would like to discuss these options, please contact Deborah Madder, our Assistant Principal or Viv Robinson, our Business Manager.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Emily PA, Toby 3C, Piriyanika 4B,  
 Jackson 3A, Taleah 4A, Shayegan 6C,  
 Angus 2B, Charli 3A, Logan 2C,  
 Charlotte 4B, Rebecca 3C, Poppy PB,  
 Mathew 1B, Aleisha 2A, Saxon 5C,  
 Shayla 6A, Mitchell 3B, Joel 4B, Jai 5B,  
 Oliver 5C, Punnoose 1D & Rose PA,

## Insurance Policy

Please read the below details to ensure you are fully aware of the department's policy.

- Parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.
- Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.
- The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

The **Billy Tea Bush Band** are here at school all day today, and the children are thoroughly enjoying learning the steps to some bush dances. Thanks to Phil and Mick for their wonderful workshops. They would love to see many families back here tonight to join in with their children for a little bit of bush dancing. This will begin at 6.00pm near the blue rebound wall beside the soccer field. Mrs Champion will be selling sausages, drinks and snacks from 5.00pm beside the Japanese garden, or feel free to bring your own picnic.



We held our year level information evenings last week, which were very well attended. Discussions held at our recent education subcommittee and school council meetings indicated these were both informative and practical in nature, and provided a good insight into learning experiences our students are exposed to in their classrooms. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend.

Last Friday our teachers were again inspired by a second presentation by Adam Voigt from Real Schools. This year the focus of Adam's presentations is on the restorative process for resolving situations teachers can be presented with during the school day. Issues needing to be resolved may occur in the playground, or in the classroom, and Adam has presented strategies for us to consider. Using Affective Statements, and having Affective Interactions with the students is a starting point. We talked about a range of resolution techniques, from informal to formal and appropriate times to use these. As part of the 2 year partnership we entered into with Real Schools, there will be another parent information session later in the year. This is likely to be in Term 2, but an exact date is yet to be set. Last year's parent session was extremely valuable, and I'm sure you will find this one to be the same. As soon a date is set, we will notify the community and ask you to put it into your diary.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is our Parent Helper's training morning, from 9.00am in the Year 6 TLC. Parents who would like to become classroom helpers are encouraged to attend this session, where you will learn about what to expect when assisting teachers in the classrooms. Once this training is completed, and you have provided the school with a copy of your Volunteers Working With Children Check, teachers will communicate with you regarding a helpers roster.

School photos are coming up on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Order envelopes need to be returned to school by that date. If you would like to have a family photo taken on the day, please collect a Family Photo order form from the office. These photos are usually taken around lunchtime, following all class photos.

Next week we see our Year 6 students off to Wilson's Promontory for the week. I know they are going to thoroughly enjoy this experience, and come back with memories which will last for a long time to come. Thank you to our teachers who have put an enormous amount of planning into this camp. We will be hoping the weather is kind to them.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder**  
Assistant Principal

***Wanted***  
***Art Smocks and Old Shirts***  
If you have any art smocks  
or old shirts, we would  
greatly appreciate them  
in the  
art room.  
***Thank you***

### Canteen News

Please note the canteen will be  
**closed on Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
No counter sales available; my  
apologies for any inconvenience.

Please use the new menu when  
placing lunch orders; extra copies are  
available on the school web page or  
from the office.

**Monica Champion**



## Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

ONLINE BOOKINGS: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)  
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

## Extend OSHC at Overport

Last week we celebrated Chinese New Year on Thursday afternoon; the children made paper lanterns that we have hung up around the room and they can take home later in the term. Other afternoons were spent playing outside or inside with rounds of Uno, dress ups and connect four.

Bookings for the next pupil free day March 20<sup>th</sup> are now being taken. Please book your child in BY MARCH 13TH Bookings can be made at [www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au)

## AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM COMING SOON

Our team have been working hard on the Autumn Holiday Program and bookings will soon be open. We have heaps of fun activities planned that you won't want to miss out on! Be sure to check our website for updates and watch this space...

Kelly

Next week's activities:

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:**  
playdough

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:**  
pyramid construction

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March:**  
continued pyramid construction

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March:**  
paint pyramids

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:**  
hyroglyphic names



Registered Fitness Instructor  
Personal Trainer,  
Mat Pilates  
Zumba & Zumba Gold Instructor  
Jenny Bosse

### Tuesday 7.30pm Zumba

Overport Primary School Towerhill Rd Frankston

### Wednesday 5.30pm Zumba

Leawarra House 200 Beach St Frankston

### Friday 9.30am Zumba Gold (seniors beginners)

55 Towerhill Rd Frankston South  
(\$12.00 pre session) under 16 years  
Free with paying adult

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## ENVIRONMENT WEEK FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2015 11AM – 4PM

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## OPEN NIGHT April 22 5pm - 7pm

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With our \$9m Stage One facilities to open early in 2015, students will experience a state-of-the-art 21st century learning environment.

At Mount Erin College, we are dedicated to the success of every student.

The evening will be held in our new Design, Art, Technology and Science building (The DATS Centre) and is followed by a tour of the College.

Session A: 5.00pm

Session B: 5.45pm

Bookings can be made on-line through the College website. Contact Barb Kershaw on 59716013 to make a booking. College tours are held on Thursdays at 1.30

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