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The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

School Crossing: All students must cross Towerhill Road at the designated crossing which is manned by crossing attendants. Please note the lines on the hump are to identify to the traffic that the hump is there; **THIS IS NOT A CROSSING** for students. Parents ***must not*** take children across the road at this point.

One Student's Great Success: Ronin B of 6B has again been highly successful in his high jump attempts. Recently, in the Victorian Youth Comp, he competed above his age (under 14s) and came third. This has earned him a place in the Nationals in Sydney in four weeks' time. We wish him every success.

Congratulations

2014 Badge Ceremony: On Tuesday the Mayor of Frankston, Darrel Taylor, presented our leadership awards to this year's grade 6 leaders at a special assembly. The students' parents and family members joined us for afternoon tea. The following students were presented-**School Captains**; Jemimah W 6A and Sam C 6B, **House Captains**: **Strickland** Imogen B 6A and Riley V 6A, **Souter:** Meg W 6A and Kaleb H 6B**, McPhail:** Leanne S 6C and Zack M 6A, **Wickes:** Lucy H 6B and Jesse C 6C, **Music/Performing Arts/AV**: Isabel D 6C and Joel S 6 B, **ICT:** James M 6A and Scott M 6B, **Environment:** Hollie H 6C and Seth M 6A, **Canteen:** Aleesha S 6B, **Sport:** Olivia M 6B and Luke K 6A **Office:** Gabby H 6A and Mia G 6B, **Library:** Brooke P 6C and Deanne P 6A, **Japanese:** Kim N 6B and Gabriella P 6A, **Art:** Anna R 6B and Sienna A 6C. We are very proud of them and look forward to their support and leadership across the school throughout the year.

Thought for the Week

The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do.

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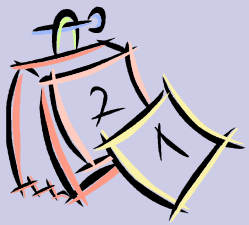
Diary Dates



Friday 28th February
Crazy Hair Day

Friday 7th March
Gr5/6 Water Safety

Monday 10th March
Public Holiday

Thursday 13th March
School Photos

Friday 14th March
House Cross Country

School Photos

Thursday 13th March

Payment envelopes need to be returned by this date.

Family portrait order envelopes are available at the office.

Curriculum Day Focus, Friday 21st February: At our curriculum day on Friday, the teachers undertook the first of our professional development in partnership with Adam Voigt from 'Real Schools'. Our whole school is being trained in Restorative Practices. This is the next step to continue our journey to make Overport a safe and happy school. Miss Higgins, our Wellbeing Coordinator, has worked closely with school staff to develop a positive approach to student wellbeing. This includes proactive support to address behaviour concerns and ensure that strategies are in place to provide a range of support both in the classroom and the playground. Our library now incorporates an area called the "Play Away" space and is open every day from 1.30 to 2.00 pm with two teachers in attendance. Also, the "Safe Play" area, with games and building activities is in operation throughout lunchtime, just outside the staff room. Many children prefer this to large open spaces. At every recess, two teachers and an integration aide are on duty in the grounds.

Out of Hours School Care – *Do we need a holiday program?* As many families already know, Extend provides OHSC for our children, both before school and after school. Extend has approached us with the question as to whether we would require a holiday program to be run at our school. This of course would depend on numbers. If you are interested and think you would be likely to utilise this service, please contact me. If sufficient families are interested and willing to commit to the use of this program, we will discuss its possible operation with Extend.

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson, Principal.

Instalment Payments

Reminder: 1st payment instalment was due on **28th January 2014.** If you are paying by instalments and have not made your first instalment, please do so as soon as possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Jackson 2B, Taleah 3A, Shayegan 5A, Laura 6C, Angus 1A, Charli 2C, Logan 1A, Charlotte 3B, Rebecca 2B, Matthew PA, Aleshia 1A, Saxon 3/4C, Shayla 5C, Oliver 4A, Jai 4B, & Zack 6A

ATTENTION EVERYONE:

The House Cross Country is on Friday March 14th. Time to start training!

Library News

We would like to remind students to please bring a bag when borrowing at Library Sessions to keep Overport books safe. Preps can use their green bag for borrowing books.

A letter will be going home to students who have overdue books from last year. Please search everywhere! If you still have a library book please return it. We would like to see all books back to be available for all students. This letter will remind your child of the overdue book they have and its replacement cost..

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Our **Overport Twilight Fair** is only 3 weeks away now. There will be a working bee straight after school tomorrow to get a few more things done in readiness for this event. Help will be needed with things such as painting signs. No experience necessary – just your enthusiasm! Please meet Wendy and Catherine outside the artroom/staffroom area at 3.30pm. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

A group of parents completed our Parent Helpers training today, and are now ready to become **Classroom Helpers**. I know our teachers will truly appreciate having an extra pair of hands to assist during literacy activities. Thanks to Miss Kilpatrick and Miss Goodier for conducting this program for our school.

Congratulations to those students who competed in the District swimming trials yesterday. It was an early start for them, but they had great fun. Those students who did well will go on to compete in the next swimming carnival. We wish them the best of luck.

At our Education subcommittee meeting last week, the topic of school shoes was raised. Our Uniform policy states the following:

Appropriate/ footwear is predominantly black or white, and is a fully enclosed shoe which can be securely fastened. Rubber soled shoes are recommended on PE and sports days.

Our subcommittee has recommended to School Council that this be enforced from term 3.

Students were reminded at assembly on Monday of the restricted play areas around the school. Please reinforce with your children the following: Prep, Year 1s are allowed to play in the Junior Adventure Playground. Year 2, 3 and 4s are allowed to play in the Middle Adventure Playground. Year 4, 5 and 6s are allowed to play in the Senior Adventure Playground. These three different playgrounds are age appropriate to each particular level.

At assembly on Monday, the captains also spoke about the **'Friendship Hut'**. This is the sheltered area between the soccer pitch and football oval. The purpose of this space is to provide a place for students to go if they are feeling a little lonely or need someone to talk to. If anyone has lost their friend, a good meeting place could be the Friendship Hut.

It's **Crazy Hair day tomorrow** – bring a can of drink to support our Twilight Fair. Donations will be collected from classrooms first thing in the morning.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal

Did you know the school sells Second hand Uniform?
We would welcome your donation of any clean, useable, second hand uniforms. Please deliver to the office for us to resell to our school community.

Parent Club News

Last week we held our Parents' Club AGM and have a new committee as follows:

President: Catherine Price
Vice President: Trish Fox
Secretary: Wendy Lorimer
Assistant Secretary: Lisa Williams
Treasurer: Tash Stewart
Sick Bay Coordinator: Tanya Adams
Lost property Coordinator: Tonya Routley
OPC Newsletter Editor: currently vacant
Purchasing Officer: currently vacant

General committee as present:

Latu Lakai
Julie-Anne Coyle
Cath Scott

Thank you to all who came to the AGM, it was great to see some new faces. Our next meeting date is Thursday 27th March at 9am in the staffroom, all welcome.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CRAZY HAIR DAY ON FRIDAY AND BRING A CAN OF SOFTDRINK TO DONATE.

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Our weekly recap

Last week the children and staff started our seasonal weather wall, which is a hand's on project. The children started to make clouds and sun and the children are very excited about what they can add to the wall. Our junk craft basket has been well used by the boys. They have been making robots and knight's armour. It has been very creative to watch how they use the boxes.

We had some fun outside making bubbles although it didn't work out as well as I expected but the children had fun when they decided to pour mixture into cups and blow bubbles with a straw.

As it is term 1 the children are required to have a hat at before and after school care. We would like the children to either have a spare hat in their bag or leave one at the program

We are also introducing more drama play into the program, so we would like to ask if you have any unwanted clothes dolls or material that you would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

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

Next Week's activities

Monday 3 March:
Super starch
Tuesday 4 March:
Soap powder
Wednesday 5 March:
Magical marbles
Thursday 6 March:
Thirty second clouds
Friday 7 March:
Gelatine mobile

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

E.M.A.

This is a ***final reminder*** to please put in your EMA application forms. If you are the holder of a health care card, you may be eligible to apply for EMA. Forms are available from the office.

'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.

Marli PA, Darius PB,
Tarik PC, Siyan PD,
Sandra 1A, Benjamin 1B, Matilda 1C,
Heath 2A, Alec 2B, Jasmine2C,
Baden 3A, Zeb 3B,
Jordan 4A, Will 4B, Jessica 3/4C,
Matt 5A, Maya 5B, Lachlan &
Alex 5C, Sam 6A,
Joel 6B & Isaac 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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