

# The Overport Times

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

**EVERYDAY COUNTS! EVERYMINUTE COUNTS! Be here and be ontime!**

*Welcome back to school for term three. We trust that you all had a lovely break and enjoyed the opportunities that the holidays present: no rush mornings, shopping expeditions, going to the movies or away on holidays. We are delighted to see all our "560" (yes, we have grown again!) students return safe and well. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new students and their families that have joined us and trust they will enjoy being part of the Overport school community.*

**Family Forums:** We look forward to our families attending the "Family Forums" next week. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to hear about and celebrate your child's learning. There will be a short time at the end should you wish to ask the teacher about something specific. However, if you have particular concerns or a query that you wish to discuss with your child's teacher, you are welcome to make an appointment at any time during the year.

**School Council Casual Vacancy:** Due to unexpected circumstances our School Council member Clare Camillo, has found it necessary to retire from Council. Therefore, we now have a casual vacancy for the period; July 2015 to February 2017. (Approximately 18 months) We need to co-opt a community member to fill this position. School Council plays a key role in Victorian government schools, and being a member of the school council is a rewarding and challenging experience. Acting as a team, council supports the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**Wellbeing Week:** At the end of the last term, we finished the week with a Wellbeing Week for everyone here. The staff got into the swing of things doing walks around the soccer pitch and enjoyed an end of term breakfast. The children undertook lots of enjoyable activities with other classes, played board games, had lunch with their buddy grades, some grades created happiness posters, and lots of outside games were played. This was a great way to end the term.



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## Diary Dates



**Tues 21st July &  
Wed 22nd July**  
Family Forums

**Wed 22nd July**  
Prep Responsible  
Pet Ownership

**Mon 27th July**  
School Council

**Fri 31st July**  
Meal Deal

**Tues 4th August**  
Yr 3/4 Hooptime

**Thurs 6th August**  
Yr5/6 Coal Creek  
Excursion

**Wed 9th September**  
Whole School  
Production

## Thought for the Week

*Start by doing  
what's  
necessary;  
then do what's  
possible;  
and suddenly  
you are doing  
the impossible.*

Francis of  
Assisi



**School Review:** This term we will be undertaking our School Review on 18<sup>th</sup> August. Throughout last term, we have been developing the draft of our "Self-evaluation, which outlines our journey over the last four years. At School Council this month, we will review that together. Following the completion of the review process, a new Strategic Plan for the coming four years will be developed. The self-evaluation so far suggests that we need to continue to work on the areas of Personalising Learning and differentiation, along with Literacy and strong focus on mathematics.

**Parent Helpers and Toddlers in Classrooms:** We are delighted with the number of parent helpers we have in the school. As your role at this time is to give your full attention to the students that you are assisting and we are all aware that toddlers can be a distraction, we would appreciate that they do not attend with you. Thank you for your continued assistance and understanding.

*Kind Regards,  
Julie Gleeson,  
Principal.*

## Book Club is due back on Friday 31st July

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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Welcome back everyone and I hope you were able to stay warm enough to enjoy the term holidays.

As mentioned by Mrs Gleeson, we have our Family forums next week. The booking site will be closing soon, so please make sure you have booked your time. [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) Our booking code for this event is **YV TYU**. If you are unable to access the site, please call the school office and we can arrange a time for you. Our specialist teachers will be available, upon request, next Tuesday afternoon only if there are parents who wish to chat with them. Appointment times must be made with these staff members by calling the school office by Tuesday morning.

Our term 3 calendar of events has been updated on the website and facebook yesterday. A couple of events, and date changes have been added. Please try to check this calendar regularly.

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year. This is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability. All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student's level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. Data will be de-identified prior to its transfer, i.e. no student's identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9783 8777 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621.

Yesterday we said farewell to Mrs Wathen as she leaves for a rest before the birth of her second child. We wish her all the very best, and look forward to her returning for a visit later in the year, with the new addition to her family.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder**  
Assistant Principal

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children  
who celebrated their birthday  
this week

Jye 3B, Bethany 3C,  
Amiru 4C, Mackenzie  
5A, Owen PC, Tyrell 3B,  
Brock 2B, Elise 1A &  
Ayshia 5A



## Canteen News.

### Term 3 canteen opens

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Morning recess counter sales

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Lunch orders  
Counter sales morning recess  
& lunch time

Look out for the new menu going  
home today; and some tasty new  
items for cold winter days.

**Please note** Chicken Dip n Sticks  
have been removed from the  
menu.

Monica Champion

## Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



WE'RE BACK! We can't wait to jump straight back into the exciting time that is OHSC. We hope all families enjoyed the school holidays, we sure did at Extend. We ran a 2 week Holiday Program filled with lots of fun activities and games, along with a couple of awesome excursions! During the first week we piled into the bus and headed off to The Big Slide where the children bounced, climbed, and slid till their hearts content. We also had a cool incursion about fishing! The children had a great time learning the tricks of the trade about fishing and even got to try and catch themselves a yabbie...which was released at the end.

When the second week rolled around we were lucky enough to go to the Aquarium! The children loved learning some interesting facts about sharks, manta rays and all the different sea creatures within the tanks. Also during the second week we had a Yoga incursion! We all learnt some pretty cool poses to help us relax and stretch our muscles. We hope all who attended enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces back at the program.

Kelly & The Team

### TERM 3 WEEK 2 ACTIVITIES

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July:** Apricot Balls

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Fish Bowls

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July:** Crab Soccer

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July:** Weaving Coasters

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July:** Making Playdough

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## Office News

Please note,  
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are now due.

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