

# The Overport Times

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

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

**Staff Changes:** Last week Mrs Jill Wathen, who has been working both in the senior school this year and developing a whole new ICT (computer usage) program, began her family leave in anticipation of the arrival of her second child, due in early September. We wish her well and look forward to hearing of the little ones arrival. Mrs Suzie McGeoch, 1D's teacher has accepted a position much closer to her home and will finish this week. While we are sad to see her go, we are delighted that Mrs Sally Pryor has agreed to join the staff and 1D's class. The students all know Mrs Pryor who has worked within the class and also in the LEAP program. We wish Suzie the best of luck at her new school.

**School Council Casual Vacancy:** Thank you to Mrs Jo Kennedy-Walker who has indicated that she is happy to undertake the casual vacancy on School Council. Mrs Kennedy-Walker has been a past member of council and will be a great asset.

**100 Days of Prep.** Our Preps have just celebrated their first 100 days of school. Our Education Minister, Senator James Merlino, sent his best wishes to our students and included a poster for their rooms. It is hard to believe the little "kinder kids" that started at the beginning of this year have developed into the confident young learners that we have here at Overport. Congratulations Preppies!



**Family Forums:** Thank you to all the parents who undertook the opportunity to hear their child talk about their growth and development, and celebrate their learning at the Family Forums last week. Once again, from all reports, this was a great success. Parents who would like to discuss anything further with their child's teacher may contact them by phone or arrange a meeting.

**Girls Soccer Pitch:** Following a petition generated by Eliza, Prep D, the Wellbeing committee contacted Frankston High School and sought permission to use the Soccer Pitch at the end of the oval, as a "Girls Only Soccer Pitch". While the current school soccer pitch can be used by all, this provides an area for the girls to play where they are less likely to get bumped. Eliza and Melanie will advise me how it goes over the coming few weeks.

## Diary Dates



**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

**Mon 24th August**  
Yr 5/6 Basketball  
Bunnings Workshop  
Yr5/6

**Tues 25th August**  
Bunnings Workshop  
Yr5/6

**Wed 9th September**  
Whole School  
Production

## Thought for the Week

*I am not  
afraid of  
storms,  
for I am  
learning how  
to sail my  
ship.*

Louisa May  
Alcott

.....Continued overleaf



**Overport's Official Facebook Page:** As a further form of communication, Overport has a Facebook page that allows you access to the newsletter. Please like the page which has the official logo and the wording:



**Bunnings Workshop:** Thank you to Mrs Lynne White for once again organising the Bunnings Workshop with Mrs Lyn Kellows. The children always enjoy the interesting craft activities that she brings through our association with Bunnings.



**Snow Camp:** Next week Ruby P, Flynn W and Sara L, all from 6A will be attending Snow Camp in the care of staff from Frankston Heights Primary School. We are very confident they will have a wonderful time and more importantly, they will be wonderful representatives of our school.

**Signature Bricks Drive:** Last term we advised the community that they could purchase a 'Signature Brick' to celebrate the official opening of our Japanese Garden this year and our new buildings. The first 100 bricks will go into or around the Japanese Garden. At this stage, we have approximately 25 purchased. If you would like to have your child's name or the family name on a brick to be laid at this site you will need to order quickly. All other bricks will be laid, in another prominent place within the grounds, as yet to be determined by our Buildings and Grounds committee. So please place your order quickly. Order forms and relevant information were provided at the Family Forums.

*Kind Regards,  
Julie Gleeson,  
Principal.*

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

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Happy Birthday to the children  
who celebrated their birthday  
this week

Harriet 2A, Branden PA, Ryan  
3B, Dylan 2A, Louis PD,  
Ryliegh 1D, Robert 3C,  
Steven 4C & Grace 6B



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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Next Monday a number of families will be receiving an envelope containing a Department of Education & Training Parent Opinion Survey. It is compulsory that all schools participate in this survey of parents. Families have been selected at random, and are asked to complete this and return it to school by next Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. This survey should only take you 15 – 20 minutes. All responses are confidential and should be returned in the sealed envelope provided. Surveys are analysed by DE&T, and information gained can then be used for future school planning and improvement, both curriculum and environment. The more surveys we have returned, the more useful the information will be to us. In order to maximise the response rate, there will be a small reward (historically this has been a chocolate frog!) for those students who bring their parents' surveys back by the due date.

Congratulations to the top Athletics students at Overport Primary School.

They are: Chris J 4B (97.66%, Ezra M 3B (91.21% and Sandra J 1/2E (93.18%). To master an activity, student must achieve a score equal or greater than 85%, so these students mentioned have certainly excelled.

### The CATS study: The Childhood to Adolescence Transition Study:

The CATS study is returning to Overport Primary School! If your child is in grade 6 and participated in the CATS study last year, the team will be back with their iPads and measuring stations this year to conduct the next annual session. If your child is absent on the day, the CATS study will be in touch with your family to organise another time to catch up. If you have any questions about the study please contact the study team on (03) 9345 6732 or email [cats@mcri.edu.au](mailto:cats@mcri.edu.au).

We have a few events coming up next week. The UNSW English test will be held next Tuesday. A team of girls will be representing Overport in Girls only Footy Competition which Mr Lukas has organised for them. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to transport these students to Wantirna for this day. Tracey and Deb will also return next week for headlice checks. These will continue on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

Next Monday's assembly will be in the hall for all Year 3-6 classes.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder**  
Assistant Principal

## Canteen News.

### Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal Friday July 31<sup>st</sup>

Order forms went home on Monday, extra copies available from the office if you missed yours.

Please return by Monday July 27<sup>th</sup> No other lunches or counter sales available on this day

Please use the new lunch order menu sent home last week;

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

Monica Champion

## '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.

Seth & Billie PA, Lewis & Jade PB,  
Grace & Felix PC, Matthew &  
Charlotte PD, Dakota & Matilda  
1A, Yusuf & Petar 1C, Danielle &  
Seth 1D, Marshall 1/2E, Ben &  
Charlie 2A, Boyd & Parker 2B,  
Jijo & Aimee 2C, Imogen 5A,  
Jackson 5B, Jordan 5C &  
Josh 6B



## Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



Wow what a first week back. The children had fun catching up with all their friends that they hadn't seen during the holidays. We rugged up and took advantage of the minimal dry weather days last week and headed outside. The children introduced us to a new game called 'buzz off', which everyone seemed to get a laugh out of. We also spent time in the hall boogying to some tunes that even some of the mums and dads joined in with! Being the first week back we also sat down and had a big discussion about what activities the children would like to do this term, from the feedback we got, it sounds like its going to be a fun one! Stay tuned...

Kelly & The Team

### TERM 3 WEEK 2 ACTIVITIES

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July:** Invisible Ink

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July:** Choc Crackle balls

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July:** Progressive Pictures

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July:** Team Games

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July:** Ribbon Art

## CSEF Forms

If you are a holder of a Health Care Card, please remember to fill in a **CSEF form** and hand in to the office **as soon as possible.**

*CSEF is an allowance of \$125 per student to be used for excursions and camps and can be carried over to next year.*

## Office News

Please note,  
3rd Instalments  
are now due.

*Payments can be made by cash, eftpos, credit card, BPay or cheque.*



## JULY 2015

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