

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

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

Safety and Summit Road Gate: We have begun to notice a lot of community members are using the school as a thoroughfare during the day. We have seen dog walkers, walking groups, bike riders, etc, moving from Summit Road through the school from the front to the back or the other way. This is unacceptable and could pose a safety risk for our students. Therefore, from next week this gate will be locked between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm. Parents who use this for school access in the morning and who arrive after 9.00 am will need to enter the school via the front gates. Thank you for your understanding as we work together to ensure our student's safety.

Ski Camp Mt Buller: Last week our wonderful students Ruby P, Flynn W and Sara L from 6A attended the Ski Camp at Mt. Buller and joined Frankston PS, Frankston Heights PS, Derinya PS and Frankston HS. The teachers who were responsible for them told us that they were all extremely well-mannered, highly supportive of each other and were excellent Overport representatives. We are very proud of them! Our thanks are to be expressed to the staff that travelled with them, with a special mention to Mr Rubinstein, Mr Marsden and Ms Smith who were their key contacts. Ruby told me that her favourite part was the "penguin sliding," where they slid down the slope on their bellies, although she said, "...the snow was very cold!" The camp has now been running for 13 years and is an initiative of the Frankston Federation of Schools, which is made up of our school, Derinya PS, Overport PS, Frankston Heights PS and Frankston High School. The camp aims to challenge our students to learn new skills, but also provides an avenue to assist with transition programs, where students meet others that may go to the same Secondary College (or may already be there). Mr Rubenstein told me 40 students from the five schools attended; however, about 35 of these students were beginners who had never skied before; in fact, many of the students that attended had never been to the snow before! After the three days every student had mastered their turns and their ability to stop safely and were all skiing green beginner runs quite well. Several students also attempted the more difficult 'Blue' runs as well. This was a huge accomplishment for our students who all progressed at an amazing rate. The schools are in the process of making a movie that we will share at assembly as soon as it is finished. The camp will continue to be offered next year in year 5 and 6, providing we have sufficient students interested. Although at \$700 it is not cheap, it is still very good value for money when you begin to investigate the cost involved with skiing. It is a great opportunity for our students, so if you would like your child to be considered for this camp, start planning for next July.



Annual Report: Please note that our Annual Report is now available on our website at: <http://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/annual-report.html>

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Diary Dates



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

*A pessimist
sees the
difficulty in
every
opportunity;
an optimist
sees the
opportunity in
every
difficulty."*

— Winston S.
Churchill



Girls Football Team: Our first "Girls Only Australian Rules Football" team played this week. They had a terrific day with Mr Lukas and won one of their three games. We hope that this will continue and that they more opportunities like this will be able to be provided for our girls. Thank you Mr Lukas.

All Stars Registration: On August 13th there will be another opportunity for children to enrol in the Overport All Stars Basketball club. If your child is interested, the registration table will be setup near the sails at the back of the office building from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

Please remember to like us on Facebook:



*Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson,
Principal.*

Signature Brick Drive

**Don't forget to order your
Signature Brick**

The first 100 bricks will go into or around the Japanese Garden. 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 are available from the office.

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

Max 5B, Janet Mary 5C, Cooper
PC, Marshall 1/2E, Yusuf 1C, Kai
2A, Chris 2B, Taniesha 5B, Eliza
PD, Samuel 2B, Declan 6C, Mia 1B,
Josh 6B & Michael 6C



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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Thank you to all the families who have already returned their Parent Opinion Survey. A random sample group of 85 families are selected; representing 15% of our school population. Accurate data for future school improvement will be best achieved with the return of all of these surveys. If you received a survey but are yet to return it, it is due back at school tomorrow. Your child's reward (chocolate frog) is waiting in my office.

We currently have a number of students arriving at school extremely early each morning. While we are aware that it is great to start the day in a social way, the school grounds can be a quite an empty place at 8.00am, and we don't want unsupervised students feeling unsafe. Yard supervision by teachers does not commence until 8.45am each day, however by 8.30am there are sufficient people moving about the school to ensure safety, so would suggest this be a more suitable arrival time. It is also important to be aware that supervision of the school crossings surrounding the school commences at 8.15am, so students arriving before then are crossing the road at their own risk.

Please be reminded that there is financial assistance available now to all holders of Health Care Cards through Camps, Excursions and Sports Funding. This annual CSEF grant of \$125 per eligible student, is to offset the cost of excursions and camps, but must be applied for before the end of term 3. Funding for eligible families will be paid directly to the school, and will be credited to each child's account. Any funds not used this year will be carried forward to the following year, and can accumulate to offset future excursion and camp payments. Application forms have been sent home, however if you require another copy please contact the school office.

This winter has been particularly cold, and has brought along some quite active bugs and viruses. Hand hygiene is extremely important in order to minimise the spread of these bugs. Students are encouraged to wash hands thoroughly and regularly, and to make sure they use tissues and handkerchiefs appropriately. Your support to reinforce this message is appreciated.

Attached to this week's newsletter are our curriculum overviews for this term. These are designed to give you an indication of learning concepts introduced at each level. Other extracurricular events coming up next week include Hooptime competition for year 3 and 4 students and a trip to Coal Creek for our year 5 and 6 students. Headlice checks will continue next Wednesday as well.

Next Monday's assembly in the hall will be for our junior school – Prep – Year 2. All parents and members of the school community are most welcome to join us.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal

Canteen News.

Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal
Friday July 31st

No other lunches or counter sales available on this day.

No counter sales on Monday August 3rd.
Please bring your recess snacks to school on this day.

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.

Josh 3A, Sophie 3B, Chloe 3C,
Makayla 4B, Sophie 5A, Taniesha 5B,
Grace 5C, Oliver 6A & Shayegan 6C

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



Last week was a great week. The children had fun doing all the activities and experiences planned, as well as many that the children come up with for themselves. Once again Uno seems to be the game that all want to play as well as using the cards to make card towers. The children had fun making play dough once again and we can't forget the fabulous Apricot Balls that the children created with the help from Michele. We have more fun and yummy cooking activities to look forward to this term.

Kelly & The Team

KIDS CLUB COMPETITION WIN A \$200 TOYS R US ONLINE GIFT CARD

Entries are now open for Extend's Kids Club Competition! Submit your art entry online at extend.com.au between Monday 20 July to Friday 7 August, 2015.

This year's theme is **WE LOVE EXTEND!** For further details and terms visit extend.com.au

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BUT THERE'S MORE! Help your After School Care service win an Animals or Reptiles incursion! Be sure to come along to After School Care to enter. See you there!

TERM 3 WEEK 4 ACTIVITIES

Monday 3rd August: Endangered Animals

Tuesday 4th August: Wax Drawings

Wednesday 5th August: Chocolate Bear Cookies

Thursday 6th August: Weather Clouds

Friday 7th August : Bat and Ball Games



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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.

Forms are available from the office.

Office News

Please note,
3rd Instalments
are now due.

Payments can be made by cash, eftpos, credit card,