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The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY

...AND ON TIME!

Family Forums – Survey: Our staff undertook a survey on Monday night about our family forums. We also had a very healthy discussion about this at our School Council meeting. While there were many positives, there were also areas for further development. A survey link is included for our families for feedback which will be discussed at an Education sub-committee meeting. We strongly encourage everyone to add their opinions to the survey so we can continue to meet our community's needs, make appropriate adjustments for the next year and offer the best opportunities for student engagement and ownership of their learning. Please click on this link

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NZLMTJL

Tree-Planting Day: Each year we are given a large number of plants from the Frankston Council. Miss Suzie Moroney, who is in charge of our sustainability program, has organised for a tree-planting day tomorrow. The children are looking forward to being engaged in further beautifying our school.

Level Three Excursion Moonlit Sanctuary: Our level three students were excited about travelling to Pearcedale on Wednesday to visit the Moonlit Sanctuary. The sanctuary offers many interesting activities including visiting the reptiles, investigating amphibians and a wallaby walk. This links with their current investigations on the environment. The children were well prepared with gumboots and rain jackets but the weather proved fine most of the day. The teachers reported the children had a great time.

Prep 2015 Enrolments: ***Please note: to ensure sufficient places are available for all student attending Prep at Overport in 2015, we require students to be enrolled by the end of August.*** Today we held another tour for 2015 Preps. The next tour is on 6th August and, as that is nearly full, a further date has been arranged for Thursday 21st August. If your child has a sibling who will begin Prep next year, please contact the office for an enrolment package and enrolment form. Enrolment forms can also be downloaded from our web site.

Diary Dates

Friday 1st August
Tree Planting Day

Tuesday 5th August
Pupil Free Day

Thursday 7th August
Kinder Visit

Thursday 14th August
Zoo Excursion gr1/2s
Parents Club Meeting

Saturday 16th August
Social Night

Thursday
11th September
Whole School Production

Thought for the Week

"Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny."
Stephen Covey.

…..Continued overleaf

National Gonski Week: A number of parents have asked us questions relating to the promised Gonski review funding. Information that has come to hand outlined by the AEU and The VPA unions explains it as follows: National Gonski Week takes place from 28th July to the 3rd August and is an opportunity to focus on the benefits of additional resources within schools. Gonski is a way of funding schools based on student needs rather than just on demographics and was recommended by the Gonski Review. The concerns raised, centre on the current federal government's announcement in the May budget that it will only provide schools the Gonski funding for four years not six. This will only deliver one third of the funding, which is to come in the first four years. Parents can find out further information at www.igiveagonski.com.au

Newsletter Availability: At School Council on Monday night, a question was raised about the availability of our newsletters: For our community's information, the newsletter is forwarded on Tiqbiz each week, posted on our website, a link is emailed to those on our distribution list, it is also on display at our office window and hard copies are available for collection by families who require them. Each week there is vital and hopefully, interesting, information in the newsletter. Please ensure you access it through one of these means.

Father's Day Breakfast: Don't forget our Preps have a special treat for their dads with a Father's Day Breakfast here at school on 5th September. Please make sure you let the prep team know by tomorrow that you are attending, for catering purposes.

Children Handling Disasters

The following link has been given to us by Michael Grose as a support to help children in light of the recent air disaster.

http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Blog/July-2014/Helping-kids-make-sense-of-the-MH-17-air-disaster

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson
Principal

Fully Funded Training Program For Parents

Please contact the office if you did not receive a form last week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Marshall PA, Yusuf PD,
Chris 1C, Taniesha 4A,
Luke 6A, Samuel 1B, Mia PA,
Josh 5B & Michael 5C

'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.

Marshall OPA, Phoebe OPB,
Taj OPC, Max OPD,
Jennifer 1A, Cooper 1B,
Krissy 1C, Rose 2A,
Holly 2B, Mia 2C,
Lexus 3A, Jake 3B,
Sophie 3/4C,
Imogen 4A, Marcel 4B,
All of 5A, All of 5B, All of 5C,
All of 6A, All of 6B
& All of 6C.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Thanks to all the families who have already returned their Parent Opinion Survey. The chocolate frogs have worked a treat! Unfortunately not all families are able to participate in this survey, as just a random group of 74 families are selected; 15% of our school population. The more surveys we have returned, the better the data will be to guide future improvements at the school. If you are yet to return your survey, please send it back tomorrow.

Miss Moroney has arranged for all grades to participate in a National Tree Planting Day activity tomorrow. We are fortunate to have had some trees donated to the school, and each grade will have 5 of these to plant in various locations around the school. Our Planet Savers group will be on hand throughout the day to assist with the planting.

Please remember that next **TUESDAY 5th AUGUST is a PUPIL FREE DAY**. Staff will be out of the school visiting exemplary programs at other schools, and will then be meeting back here at 2.00pm for group presentations. Some of the schools being visited include: Aspendale Gardens PS, Chelsea Heights PS, Lyndhurst PS, Springvale Rise PS, Pearcedale PS, Osborne PS and Hastings PS, each having a different focus for our teachers to observe. It's fantastic that colleagues from our neighbouring schools are able to support our professional learning.

Having parents actively connected to our school is a great way to continue to strengthen our culture. We understand everyone these days has so many commitments; family, work, sport, and can't necessarily dedicate regular ongoing participation to school or classroom activities, however there are other ways of connecting with the school community. Saturday 16th August our Parents Club are organising a fabulous 80's themed Social Night. For $15.00 a head you can come to the school hall and enjoy some great music and good company, as well as support the great work of our Parents Club. I look forward to seeing lots of our community there. Tickets are on sale at the school office.

Included in the newsletter today is an insert from the Asthma Foundation outlining tips for staying active this winter. Just because it's cold, and just because your child may suffer from asthma doesn't mean they can't get up and be active. Although exercise can be a trigger for those with asthma, it doesn't need to be a barrier.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder

Assistant Principal

Book Club is due back on:

Friday 1st August 2014

Please remind students:

To place all orders in envelopes clearly marked with their Name and Class

To have the correct amount of money

All Cheques payable to Scholastic

Parent Book Club Payment Online is available:

Use this convenient service to pay for your book club order using a quick, easy and secure method!

After your payment has been accepted, you will be given an 11-digit receipt number. Please record your receipt number in the space provided on your Book Club order form, in the bottom left corner.

Remember to also record the amount paid and provide the details of the credit card holder on this form. Your completed Book Club order form should be sent back to your child's teacher.

Canteen News

Last week a new price list was sent home, extra copies are available from the office or school web site.

Some small price increases of 10c apply to certain lines; this is a result of some increases from our suppliers. **Please check your price list before ordering.**

For new parents to our school, the canteen is owned and operated by the school under the guidance of School Council. Daily operations are overseen by a subcommittee of canteen manager, school business manager and school principal; any profits support the school's programs.

Monica Champion

Canteen Manager

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Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Overport newsletter week 3

Chess and Uno were the most popular games last week.

The children were all very excitied about the activities that are planned for the term, especially the drawing competetions.

We ended the week making creations from boxes and handprint suns.

Kids Club Art Competition! Win a Luna Park Family Pass!

Calling all Extend kids!

Enter now to be in the running to win a Luna Park Family Pass.

Theme: "My Cultural Tradition"

To enter: Create a piece of Artwork then visit our website at extend.com.au to upload and submit your entry.

The top 5 winning entries selected in each year level category will be uploaded onto our website for online voting!

Don't miss out! Enter today!

Entries close: Friday 8 August, 2014.

For further information and competition terms visit the Kids Club Competition page at extend.com.au

Next week's activities starting: 28th July-4th Aug

Monday- Chocolate balls

Tuesday- Newspaper art

Wednesday- Paperplate Aliens

Thursday – Healthy food Pyramid

Friday- Creative Drawing- Cars

Kelly

enrolment hotline

Phone our friendly customer service staff on: **1300 366 437**

www.extend.com.au

Japanese News

Minasan Konnichiwa (Hello everyone)

The Frankston Japanese Speech Contest will be conducted on Friday 12th September. I will organise practice for the contest every Tuesday during the afternoon play time. If any students are interested in joining in these practice sessions, please talk to Sensei, or come down to the TLC building, gr6 open space at the beginning of lunch play time. We are able to send maximum three students between Prep to Gr3, three students between Gr4 to Gr6 and three students for those who have Japanese background.

If any parents/guardians would like to make an inquiry regarding this speech contest, please leave your name and contact information at the office. I am at school on Mondays and Tuesdays

Arigatoo gozaimasu (Thank you very much)

Tomoko Yamashita (Japanese teacher)

Social Night

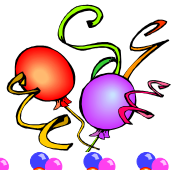
Sat 16th

August 7.15pm

Book your spot now!

$15 per person, BYO drinks and nibbles

Dance from 7.30 till late



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