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# The Overport Times

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students, EVERY DAY COUNTS! EVERYMINUTE COUNTS! Be here and be on time!

## Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Parents' Club Trivia-Night: Our Trivia night is fast approaching...

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, from 7.00 pm! Lots of great prizes have been collected for our silent auction as well. *Have you organised a ticket for your table yet?* 

Book Fair: Thank you to the many parents that brought their child to the Scholastic Book Fair which was held in our library last week. Miss Gleeson and Mrs Hill were delighted with the interest generated. The sales raised a great amount for our library, as well as providing a terrific opportunity for the students to buy favourite books for their home libraries.

Extend - OHSC Excellence Award: Congratulations to Kelly Major, our OHSC Extend Coordinator, who received an excellence award last week. This award acknowledges her outstanding work with your children when in the care of Kelly and her staff. We are very proud of our association with Extend; they run a fabulous program for our students and it is reassuring for you as parents that they are in such good hands. Her award follows the many reports to the company from parents extolling her worth. Extend now offers holiday programs here at school and Kelly has indicated that this is already filling up. If you are interested, please enrol as soon as possible.

Sound Waves – Spelling Program. Recently our staff undertook a

refresher program in the Sound Waves Spelling program which operates as a tool to support student learning in spelling across the school. Sound Waves has been in the school for the last seven years; however, with the number of staff changes, it became evident not everyone knew its value. So, you may hear your child talking about graphemes and phonemes or spelling patterns and groupings when learning their spelling words. If you have any

questions about the program please ask your child's teacher.

## **Reconciliation Week**:

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May was the anniversary of the apology to our Indigenous community from our country and throughout the week a number of events around Australia have celebrated 'Reconciliation Week'.

We will be undertaking a special

assembly at the beginning of term three to

recognise and commemorate this significant event in our history along with celebrating National

NAIDOC week, which is held from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July. The special focus and theme of this year's National NAIDOC Week celebrations centres on our

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, We all Stand on unique and timeless connection to land.



Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect & Celebrate

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#### **DET's SchoolMate App:** The Department of

Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children

every day. The App, called <u>SchoolMate</u>, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for

Android phones and tablets. SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian

curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day. Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around

what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community. SchoolMate is designed to give you

an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across

every subject from Prep to Year 10.

I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.

Kind Regards, Julie Gleeson, Principal.



## **Office News**

Applications have been sent home with each family informing you of the new **Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund.** If you hold a valid means-tested concession card you may be eligible for CSEF.

## Canteen News.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday 15th June

Tuesday 16th June

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No Counter Sales

## End of Term

Friday 19th June Last Day for Lunch Orders

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June Milk & Cookie Day No lunch orders or counter sales

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June Counter Sales morning recess only No lunch orders Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June Closed \*\*\*End of term Milk & Cookie Day\*\*\*

<u>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</u> Order forms go home today, please return by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

**Monica Champion** 

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Our year 3 and 4 students had a great day yesterday on their excursion to Scienceworks. It was well worth the long drive, particularly to experience the wonders of the Planetarium. I'm sure this will inspire a lot of conversations in their classrooms over the next few days!

One of the most difficult things with organising excursions for groups of students is to get an accurate count of students attending. There are some venues which require payments prior to the excursion day, so with this in mind, it is absolutely imperative that excursion permission notices (and payments if required) are sent back to school by return date stated on the excursion notice. This will be the cut-off date for excursion numbers, so please be aware that if your child's notice has not been returned, they may not be able to attend the excursion or sporting activity. The due date will generally be one week prior to the event.

The booking site for Family Forum meetings next term has now opened. Meetings will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. You need to go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au The booking code for you to use for this event is YVTYU. If you don't have access to a computer to make an appointment time, please contact the school and we will do this with you. Meetings are 15 minutes duration, and designed to include your child. If you make an appointment during school hours, your child will meet you in their 💐 classroom, where these meetings will take place. The purpose behind this is to actively involve all those who are a part of each students learning journey: parents, teachers and students. A 3 way conversation centred on each child's achievements and future goals will provide a great opportunity for celebration and encouragement for future learning.

Please don't forget that next **Tuesday evening 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm** there will be a **Real Schools information session for parents**. Please come along and to hear more about the message of a restorative approach to resolving differences, as we continue our partnership with Adam Voigt and Real Schools. This information session will be held in the Yr 6 building. Child minding will be available for those who have returned this notification.

Our next assembly will be for the whole school in the hall next Monday from 2.40pm. Parents and all other members of the school community are most welcome to attend.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder Assistant Principal

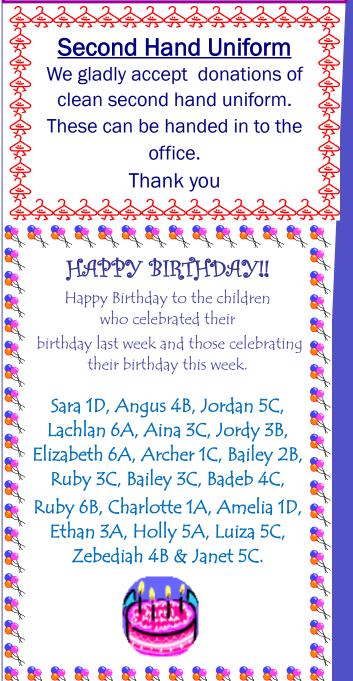


## LIVING ABOVE THE LINE

In this powerful **FREE** seminar, Kim discusses the challenges facing women in putting themselves first; the guilt associated with that concept and what it means to live "*Above The Line*".

Wednesday, 17 June at 7.30pm Patterson Lakes Community Centre

54-70 Thomson Road, Patterson Lakes To register, visit <u>www.actbykim.com.au</u> or call 0438 333 292



## Extend OSHC at **Overport Primary School**



Last week wextend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

as a great week. The children are continuing to add to our healthy eating display with more happy teeth and fruit and veggie foamies. We played outside when the weather was nice and we had an awesome Thursday afternoon Kelly & The Team singing dancing and playhing games in the hall. We ended the week with an activity that all the children enjoyed - making fruit kebabs then eating them.

## **ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au**

#### CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

#### HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE **OPEN!**

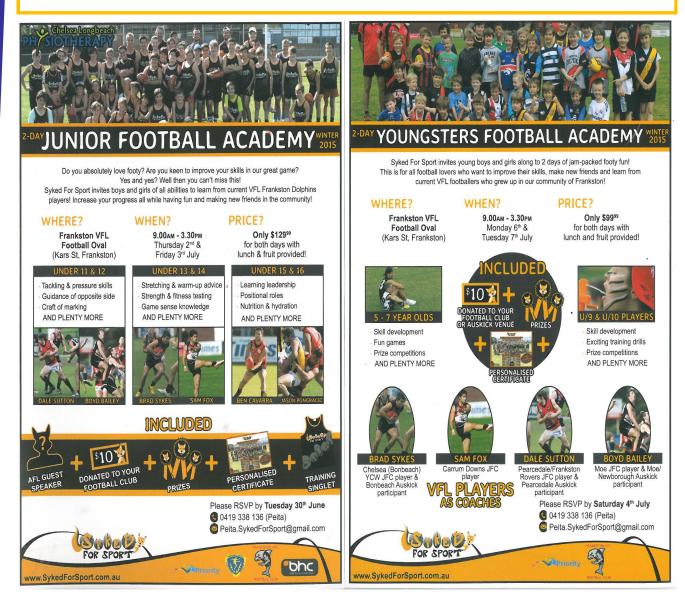
Book by Friday 12 June to avoid a late fee.

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and we can't wait for you to attend! Activities include a range of arts and crafts, sports, team games, science, cooking, and much more.

To check out what's on visit our website at

## **TERM 2 WEEK 10 ACTIVITIES**

Monday 15th June: Boomerangs Tuesday 16th June: Australian Animals Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Egyptian Mummies Thursday 18th June: Medieval Shields Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June: Pyramids



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