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### Dates to remember:

#### JUNE —

- 15/6 Term 3 excursion notice coming home
- 16/6 Lightning Premiership Day  
Year 6
- 19/6 Regional Cross Country
- 20/6 Bunnings workshops for  
Yrs 5 & 6
- 23/6 Girls Footy competition
- 24/6 Saturday Working Bee  
9.00am - 12.00pm
- 26/6 Student reports sent home  
Japanese Week activities  
School Council Meeting  
@ 7.00pm
- 28/6 Meal Deal Day-Sushi
- 30/6 **Last day of Term**  
**School finishes at**  
**2.30pm**

### Remember-

**30th June 2017**

**Last Day of Term**

**2.30pm Dismissal**

### Thought of the week:

*Numbers are the  
highest degree of  
knowledge.*

*It is knowledge  
itself!*

*0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9.*

*- Plato*

15th June, 2017

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# OVERPORT NEWS

## *From the Principal's Desk.*

### ***“Blitzing Our tables through Blitz Master!”***

If you have a child who is in year 3 through to 6 you have no doubt heard the excitement surrounding our new automatic response program *Blitz Master*.

This program is designed to assist children to develop their automatic responses in number for the four processes: multiplication, division, addition and subtraction; as well as a range of more complex number concepts. The program is proving very popular with the students and teachers alike. The improvements noticed already across the school have been outstanding. Many students have doubled or even tripled their own individual score or improved their time.

Each week the students undertake three practice sessions at a particular level identified by the teachers. Within each level there is opportunity for students to practice skills, be extended and improve their time and personal best. Students only compete against themselves. However, each week, the class from each year level that has improved the most overall receives the ‘Blitz Master Bear’ to keep in their class for the week. The announcement at assembly is met with great excitement and the good spirited competition between classes has been beneficial.

I am very confident that this success will continue and that success breeds success. Therefore, this is likely to impact on other areas as well. The program developers have noticed this in other schools that are using it. Other local school Principals who have also implemented the program have told me that this is what they have also found. We continue to look towards improvements in our students’ outcomes, certainly within students’ capacity to improve their automatic responses in number.





Sophie 1A, Dylan 4A,  
Ziva 1D, Darcy PB, Zoe  
PC, Olivia PD, Kirby 1D,  
Billie 2B, Raj PC, Daniel  
1B, Thomas P, Ben 3A,  
Wynta 4A, TJ 4B,  
Evana PA, Joshua 2A,  
Willow PE, Juliana 2D,  
Zain 2D, Bel 5C, Reece  
5C, Ginny PD, Monique  
6B, Lana 2D, Sienna 3A,  
Shaun 3C



### Canteen News

**Celebrate Japanese  
Week**

**Sushi Day Meal Deal  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

**Order forms are with  
this Newsletter**

**Orders must be  
returned by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
June**

**Orders brought after  
this date will not be  
accepted.**

**No other lunches  
available on this day.**

### Reminder

**No counter sales  
Tuesday 20th June.**



### *Building Program.*

We have been advised that the portable that houses our year 2 students will remain for the most part this year. Our new portables at the back of the music room have now been handed over to us and our year fours that are currently in the smaller portables, will move across shortly. Work is still being completed on the new toilet block and at this stage, we do not have a final date.

### *Working Bee!*

Our impending working bee will be held on 24th June. This is the last Saturday before the holidays. We hope that you will join us!

### *Holidays on the Horizon!*

Don't forget that the school term finishes on 30th June. Our

students finish at 2.30 pm on that Friday. If you require care over the holiday period, please ensure that you book your child into Extend this week. Kelly and the team do a terrific job and the children love going. To book, please contact Extend on 1300366437 or online at [www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au)

*Kind Regards,*

*Julie Gleeson Principal.*

### **Booklist Final Instalment**

Please note the final instalment for booklists is due by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Could all payments please be finalised before the end of term.

Thankyou

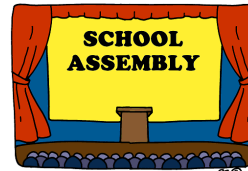
Payments can be made via Eftpos, Cash or Bpay

### **Prep - 4 School Assembly Reminder**

**JSC (Junior School Council) Prep - 4 badge**

**presentation will be on**

**Monday 19th of June at 9:10am in the school hall.**



### *'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.*

**05/06/17**

Marquee PA, Jack PB, Addi PC, Florian PD, Issy PE, All of PF,  
Sam IA, Ammie IB, Ruby IB, Dhanveer ID,

Jovina 2A, Mary 2C, Lana 2D,

Jackson 3B, Tarik 3D, Sammy 4A, Khodi 4B, Ashly 4C, Flin 5A,

Shanae 5B, Alex 5C, Emma 5D, Taleah 6A & Wooju 6C

## Assistant Principal's Report

**Family Forums** are coming up in week 2 of term 3. You will have received a notice earlier this week to let you know that the **School Interviews** website is now open for bookings. I know for a fact that many parents have already been onto the site and made their booking, so if you have a preferred time to meet with your child's teacher, I suggest you hop on as soon as you can. The booking code for this event is **9s57e**. Please note the alternate dates for 4B bookings, due to Mrs Wynne being on leave earlier in the term.

You will notice that the names of our specialist staff don't appear on the booking website, however if you would like to meet with any of these teachers, please call the school office. A message will be passed on to this teacher, who will then be in touch with you to arrange a suitable time.

Family forums are a time for teachers, parents and students to talk together about what they have achieved and future goals for their learning. With 15 minute timeslots allocated, there may also be some time for you to seek any clarification needed in regards to your child's midyear report. This is also another opportunity for you to see your child's learning environment. I'm sure they will be very proud to show this off to you.

### What happens in our Prep rooms on Wednesday mornings?



Payment notices for **term 3 excursions** and incursions has been sent home with all students today. Payment and permission forms are due back by the first day of Tem 3—Monday 17th July. Payment information for our **Year 5 camp** has also gone home with all Year 5 students. This payment is able to be made in full, or by instalment. Please note the due dates on this form. All Year 5 camp payments must be settled by Friday 15th September at the latest.

**Friday 4th August**—this is the night of our parent social **Trivia Night** this year. We are currently seeking support for donations of raffle and table prizes. Donations of products or vouchers from within our school community would be very gratefully received. If you know of someone who may have something to offer, please just contact the school. Along with that, we would love lots of you to come along and join in the fun of this Trivia Night. Tickets will be on sale for \$10.00 a head. Bring your own drinks and nibbles, and join in the fun and games. Our Trivia Night will be held in our school hall.

Have a great weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder**

**Assistant Principal**



## Assistant Principal's Report

### Behind the scenes

Schools are not only home to students and teachers. The daily running of our school would not be possible without our team of Education Support (ES) Staff. Our dedicated, hardworking and passionate team of ES staff are often behind the scenes, and often do not receive the recognition they deserve for the important role they play, in the successful operations of our school.

The first face you see or voice you hear at Overport, will most likely be that of one of our administration or office ES staff members. This group of support staff undertake a multitude of tasks every day to ensure Overport is well managed and organised. At the front desk, or on the other end of the phone, you will usually find Melissa and Linda. Assisting them and managing our students in sickbay, is Joy. Our Business Manager, Viv, manages the finances and other business matters of the school.



Tucked away in an office behind the displays in the library, a few days each week you will find Venetia. Venetia's role as an ES staff member is that of library technician. She assists Ms Gleeson in the managing of the library as a learning space and also the organising and managing of many of the schools resources.

Ensuring that our students are well fed, four days each week is Monica, our canteen ES staff member. Monica provides a lunch order service to our school community three days per week and counter sales four days per week. A group of dedicated canteen monitors, students who volunteer to work in the canteen, as sales assistants, support Monica.

The largest number of our ES staff are in the role of integration aide. An integration aide primarily works with a student or group of students in classrooms and the playground to help them reach their academic or social learning goals. Integration aides are usually allocated to year levels, classes or groups, based on the specific learning needs of students. Not only do they assist in the school setting, often our integration staff attend school camps, excursions and special event days. Our integration team in 2017 consists of Kamla, Jen, Sue, Deone, Bianca, Wendy and Eleanor.

Our team of education support staff provide support in all areas of the school. It is thanks to them that our teachers are able to dedicate their time to teaching our students. We appreciate all they do; we hope you do as well.

**Tess Higgins**

**Assistant Principal**

### Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

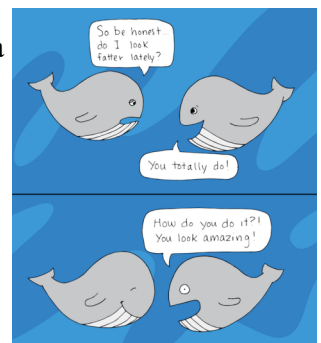
### WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.

Participate in our winter-themed activities, including science experiments to learn about animals with blubber, recreating a winter snowstorm in a jar, and participating in a snowman slam!

To check out the daily schedule, visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the Parent Portal.

ONLINE BOOKINGS:  
[extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)  
CALL OUR OFFICE:  
1300 366 437



Whales love their blubber  
Beatrice the Biologist