

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Bush Dance

Don't forget to join us tonight for our family picnic and Bush Dance. The children have enjoyed learning the dances today and are looking forward to showing off tonight. Thank goodness the weather has cooled and we will be able to enjoy our lovely grounds. We hope to include lots of photos in next week's level newsletters.

Student Engagement & Student Wellbeing

Our student wellbeing program is based on the department guidelines, "Every Child Every Opportunity – Student Engagement policy and guidelines". This guideline promotes student engagement, attendance and positive behaviours in Victorian government schools. **Behavioural Engagement** refers to students' participation in academics, social and extra-curricula activities. **Emotional Engagement** encompasses students' emotional reactions in the classroom and the school. It is defined as a student's sense of belonging. **Cognitive Engagement** relates to students' investment in learning and their internal motivation and self-regulation. Positive school cultures ensure that students feel value and cared for, have meaningful opportunities to contribute to the school and can effectively engage with their learning. Effective schools are engaging and inclusive, recognising and responding to the diverse needs of their students, accommodating different learning needs. (*Effective Schools are Engaging Schools, 2009, Page 7. This can be found on the education website: www.education.vic.gov.au*) Our school's policy is available on our website. Last year we trialled a lunchtime games room with some success. However, this year we have introduced a "play away" area which is located under the sails, just outside the staff room. Children can choose to play with games, Lego, mobile, etc. Sometimes children who find the large grounds challenging may be directed to this area for support. Staff are able to assist them if any concerns or issues arise. This also provides an area for those who are unable to find a friend to play with and supports students social connections.



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Diary Dates



Thursday 14th March

Billy Tea Bush band

Friday 15th March

- Free Dress Day
Easter egg donation
- Yrs 5/6 Water Safety

Monday 18th March

Parent's Club AGM

Wednesday 20th March

Yrs 1/2 Balnarring

Excursion

Thursday 21st March

School Photo Day

Friday 22nd March

Yrs 5/6 Water Safety

Thursday 28th March

- Easter Hat
Parade 9-11.am
- Last day of Term 1
2.30pm dismissal

Friday 29th March

GOOD FRIDAY

Thought for the Week
Life is About Learning to Dance in the Rain.



Principal's article cont'd.

School Values

Our values of Commitment, Acceptance, Respect, Excellence and Strength: **CARES** underpin our work with the students. Our values link well with our behaviours through the You Can Do It program of Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience. At assembly we remind our students of our values. And this year our awards are based on these values. We encourage you to discuss these with the students and what each value means.

Naplan Data

Our Naplan data in both grade 3s and 5s is showing a continued upward trend in reading, numeracy, writing and spelling, which is very pleasing. It is particularly rewarding to see our grade 5s well above other schools in writing. It is evident that we need a further focus on grammar and punctuation. Teachers will discuss ways forward with this. However, across the board our data shows that we are well in line with all schools as well as those of similar cohorts. We are confident that the approaches being taken by teachers through differentiated instruction and curriculum and personalised learning will continue to support students academically.

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson Principal

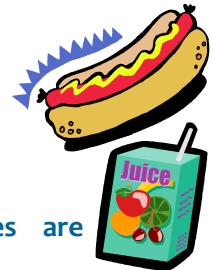
MEMOS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

1. **Student Accident Insurance Arrangements:** DEECD has asked that each school ensures parents understand that we do not provide personal accident insurance to students.
2. **School Injuries & Insurance:** Parents & guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are an ambulance member or have private health insurance, you may also be able to claim expenses incurred.
3. **Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner's Risk:** DEECD does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors. There are many companies offering student accident insurance should a parent wish to organise their own coverage.

Canteen News

We have one more student who has joined the team of canteen helpers, thank you Anzali for taking on this task.

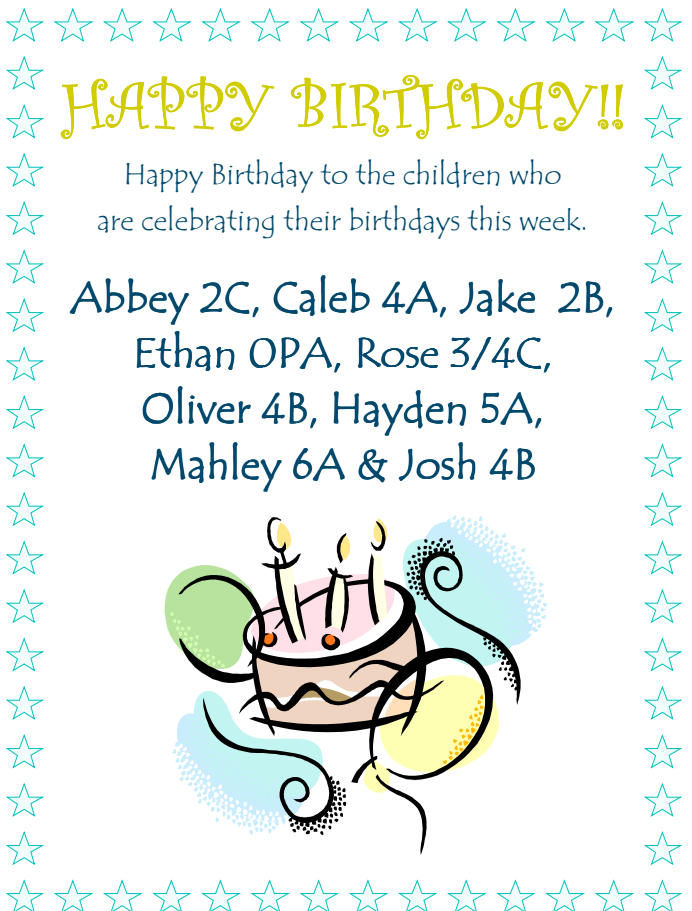
An order form for our end of term meal deal is with this newsletter, please return orders by the due date, late orders cannot be guaranteed. No other lunch orders or counter sales are available on meal deal days.



Important Dates:

Monday March 25 th	Last day for lunch orders.
Tuesday March 26 th	Meal Deal only.
Wednesday March 27 th	Morning counter sales only.
Thursday March 28 th	Canteen closed.
Term 2:	
Monday April 15 th	Canteen closed
Tuesday April 16 th	Canteen opens for lunch orders and counter sales.

Thank you, Monica Champion



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE



Tomorrow is a free dress day in return for a donation to our Easter raffle. Donations will be collected from the classrooms in the morning. The raffle will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade, which is on Thursday 28th March at 9.15am. All children are invited to participate in our hat parade, so now is the time to start thinking about your 2013 creation. I can't confirm it at this stage, but we're hoping that a special visitor might be able to come along too. Fingers crossed, as he usually has something delicious to share with us!

Tuesday 19th March is our next Education subcommittee meeting. Until further notice we will continue to meet after school; 3.45pm in the staffroom. The agenda for this meeting will include beginning to rationalise our policy list, some excursion approvals, and a curriculum report. If you have any other matters you would like to raise, feel free to let me know and I will add them to the agenda. Anyone who would like to join us for our discussions is most welcome.

Please remember that Thursday 21st March is school photo day. School uniform is essential on the day. Payment envelopes can be returned up until next Thursday. If you would like a family photo taken, please feel free to collect an appropriate envelope from the school office. These photos are taken after all individual and class group photos have been completed; usually around 1.00pm.



Apart from events already mentioned, there are many other things happening next week at Overport. Bunnings workshops for prep and Yr 1's, Balnarring Beach excursion for Yr 1/2's, Planet Savers excursion, school photos, Fire Safety presentation for preps, Water Safety for Yr 5 and 6 students... Please check with your children or their teachers if you need more details of these events. All payments and permission slips should have been returned to school by now, where necessary. It is vitally important that these payments are seen to by the due date, as payments for these activities often need to be finalised prior to the event. Arrangements can always be made for families experiencing financial difficulties.

We thank the Billy Tea Bush Band for the great day they have given our students today, and hope everyone enjoys our Bush Dance tonight; thank goodness it has cooled down in time!

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder, Assistant Principal

EASTER HAT PARADE



The Easter Hat parade will be held on Thursday, 28 March.

This will be on the last day of term.

All students are encouraged to create an Easter Hat to wear at the parade.

Students will have the opportunity to win some fantastic prizes on the day for most creative hat. The parade will start at 9.15am and end at around 10.30am on the Basketball court. The students of the SRC will run the Easter Parade and hand out the raffle prizes. Please note that this Friday is a free dress day for all students.

Students must bring an Easter egg if they are to come to school in free dress.

Their donations will go towards the annual Easter raffle. We hope all students will participate in the Easter Hat Parade and make this year's the best one yet!!

From the 2013 SRC.

Frankston YCW

Junior Football Club

Registrations still open

Contact: Ray Matthews 0413 751 923

All new registrations welcome!

Book Club is due back on:

Friday 15 March 2013

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

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OSHC

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Hi Everyone,

Another hot week, so another week of icy poles and indoor activities. The children never seem to be bothered with the heat until this week, that is. It was certainly some relief once the cool change came.

We have still managed to have a fun week. We have baked muffins, made goop and created ice sculptures.

Next week we will celebrate St Patrick's day by having a week filled of Irish games and craft. We will be making green cupcakes, green fizz and rainbows just to name a few things.

Our SUPERSTAR this week is Jessica P for always having a smile and for playing so nicely with the t other children at Extend.

Have a great weekend,
Lori and the team at Overport

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Minasan Konnichiwa (Hello, everyone)



In term one, Grade three, four, five and six students are having their Japanese lesson once per week. Our main topic for this term is "about me" and "geography of Japan." Students have learnt about the location of Japan, the main geographical features of Japan through the Interactive White Board and Japanese brochures. Grade five and six students have learnt how to write and say their name and what they like in full Japanese sentences. Grade three and four students have learnt to say their name in a simple Japanese sentence. They are looking at their animal signs (ie. Chinese zodiac) to talk and write about themselves. They have also enjoyed celebrating "Dolls festival" (*Hina* festival) by making Origami *Hina* dolls. I was impressed by many student's excellent Origami skills as well as their very creative presentation of Origami *Hina* dolls.

Japanese Festival Drawing Competition



We would like students to participate in the "drawing competition" in the Japanese Festival held on May 19th (Sunday) at Box Hill TAFE. We will select the work from each year level to represent Overport Primary School. The school winners will be announced and given an award by our Japanese captains during a school assembly. All the students entered in this competition are given a participation certificate. The theme for the drawing is "Japanese festivals." We are asked to submit by **using A3 size white paper**. Students are allowed to use **any drawing materials** (such as colour pencils, textures, crayons, pastels and water colour paint) to present their work. **We will open the library on Monday 18th and Monday 25th April from 1:30 – 2:00** to provide A3 paper and display various Japanese festival photos to assist this competition. Due date to submit your work to Sensei is 22nd April (Monday). Any students who are interested, please come to this session, or please talk to *sensei*. I am at school on Monday and Tuesday.

Arigatoo gozaimasu

(thank you).



Tomoko Yamashita

Autumn 2013

School Holiday Program



Holiday program dates

- VIC & QLD: Tuesday 2 April to Monday 15 April
- NSW: Monday 15 April to Wednesday 24 April

Dates vary according to program

Locations

- Bangholme
- Caulfield
- Endeavour Hills
- Essendon
- Highfields
- Kew
- Lidcombe
- Mt. Eliza
- Ormond
- Randwick
- Sunbury
- Toowoomba
- Upwey

VIC & QLD
bookings close:
Friday 15 March

NSW
bookings close:
Thursday 28 March

Ask us how to
get HALF OFF
your fees

The 50% Child Care
Rebate is NOT
income tested!

For timetables, activity descriptions, and to enrol, visit:

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