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The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

School Council Election Results: Thank you to those community members who nominated for SC. There were five vacancies for parent positions this year. As the number of nominations equal the number of positions, a ballot was not required. The following parents have been duly elected to School Council: Angela Cafarella, Hayley Garrett, Stacey Owens, Shane Saxon and Kieren Thompson. They join our current School Council parent members: Julie Coyle, Lyn Ireland and Daniel Price, as well as our DEECD members: Tess Higgins, Marie Yanni and Deborah Madder. At the Parent's Club AGM on 20th February, Wendy Lorimer accepted a nomination and was duly elected as their representative to attend School Council. We congratulate our new council members and thank them for their commitment to the school.

Annual General Meeting: The school's AGM will be held on 24th March at 6.15 pm. Community members are welcome to attend. This will be followed by the first School Council for the new cycle for 2014.

Senior Playground: Following an injury in our senior playground on the old equipment, we have received advice from Worksafe to demolish the old playground and redevelop a new one. This is to ensure the safety of our students and we will act on this immediately. I am meeting with the playground company next week. Until such time the old area of the senior playground will remain out of bounds.

Dry Paddling Day: In preparation for level 4 Water Safety program on Friday. Daniel Cole undertook preliminary training for Paddle boarding on the water with a form of "dry" paddling. The students thoroughly enjoyed it as can be seen from the photos. They will be at Mornington Beach for the entire day tomorrow.

Thought for the Week

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear,
Not absence of fear.

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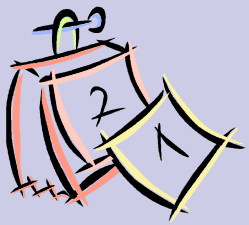
Diary Dates



Friday 7th March
Gr5/6 Water Safety
Monday 10th March
Public Holiday
Wednesday 12th March
Overport's Got Talent
Thursday 13th March
School Photos
Friday 14th March
House Cross Country
Tuesday 18th March
Ed. Sub Committee
Wednesday 19th March
Buildings and Grounds
Friday 21st March
Twilight Fair

Don't Forget

Next Monday 10th March is a Public Holiday

There is no school on this day.

School Photos

Thursday 13th March

Payment envelopes need to be returned by this date.

Family portrait order envelopes are available at the office.

Twilight Fair: It is only two weeks until our Twilight Fair on 21st March. Don't forget to buy your wrist bands for rides and nominate a number for Cow Poo Lotto; and I believe that funds are being collected to "Dunk the Principal". At this stage we have $250.00 not quite enough yet to get me on the seat! So, I guess, we'll see!

School Photos and Uniform: Our School photos will be taken on 13th March. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform with hair tied back if it is beyond the collar. Also all hair ties should be in school colours. Mrs Madder mentioned last week that from the beginning of term three we will expect all students to be wearing shoes that are predominately white or black. A Uniform Policy is attached to this newsletter for your information.

Dogs in School Ground: We have noticed an increasing number of dogs off lead in the school grounds. Please note that dogs are not permitted in the grounds, especially when off lead. Delacombe Park has an off lead area for your dogs. We have two children who are allergic to dogs and many young ones are frightened of them. The exception to this rule is assistance dogs such as guide dogs. Please support us with this request.

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson, Principal.

These certificates are awarded at assembly each week for children who have excelled in an academic or social endeavour throughout the previous week.

Ella PA, Aziah PB,
Matilda PC, Tyler PD,
Degan 1A, Dakota 1B, Fiona 1C,
Bethany 2B, Alwyn2C,
Max 3A, Leila 3B,
Mackenzie 4A, Grace 4B, Maggie 3/4C,
Carmen & Matt 5A, Aydin 5B, Kiera 5C,
Bronte 6A,
Mirabai 6B & Jesse 6C.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Lehara PC, Sara 1B, Bodhi 3B,
Meg 6A, Tilly PA, Jessica 2B,
Minnie 5A, Ashley 3/4C,
Keira 5C & Jack PA

Earn and Learn

Last week we were the happy recipients of a fantastic selection of sports equipment and play items thanks to the Earn and Learn promotion. The Overport Parents Club worked extremely hard to collate and collect the stickers which ensured we received the items. Our prep students are now the proud owners of a play washing machine with the remaining students in the school receiving a selection of play balls to use in their learning spaces. Thanks to the Overport Parents Club.

Instalment Payments

Reminder: 1st payment instalment was due on **28th January 2014**. If you are paying by instalments and have not made your first instalment, please do so as soon as possible.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

The Twilight Fair is nearly upon us. It was great to see a great band of helpers here last Friday evening to help out with preparations. Only 2 weeks to go now, but there are still many last minute jobs to be done. I know teachers are still looking for parents to help out with their stall rosters, so if you can spare an hour or two to support this event, please let them know as soon as you can. I'm sure our parent organisers, Catherine Price and Wendy Lorimer, would be more than happy to hear from you if you are available to assist with setting up on the day. Feel free to leave your name and number at the school office and we will pass it on to them.

Along with the Twilight Fair, there are many other school-based activities and events taking place. Among these is a **Real Schools Parent Information Session on Tuesday 25th March** at 7.00pm. Our staff was inspired a few weeks ago when Adam Voigt from Real Schools presented to us a day relating to managing behaviour, encouraging responsibility and improving our students chances of success. We would like you all to come along and hear the message Adam has to deliver, so we can all be working together delivering the same message. A notice will be coming home in the next few days for you to indicate if you will be attending. Teaching staff will be providing child minding on the night for school-aged children. Please let us know on the reply slip if you will be requiring this service. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Excursion notices for Life Education and Athletic Sports have recently been sent home. If you have made full payment of the excursion and sports levy, all you need to do is return the signed permission form. If payments have not been made, please return payment as well. May I remind families who have elected to pay these levies by instalment, that the next instalment is due by the end of this term.

With term one now in full swing Frankston City Council is keen to get your school community to sign up to Council's **Halve Our Waste (HOW)** program. The program is about making small changes within the home to *reduce* household waste and *encourage* recycling and composting. Frankston Council *needs* 1000 families living in the Frankston municipality to sign up to the program. To find out more, and to register for the HOW program, visit www.frankston.vic.gov.au and search for Halve Our Waste, email environment@frankston.vic.gov.au or phone 9784 1755.

School photos will be taken on Thursday 13th March. Purchasing of school photos is optional, but if you wish to take this opportunity, payment envelopes must be returned by this date. The school does not handle any money, so please enclose the correct cash amount, or credit card details. Family photos are available on the day, but you must collect an appropriate order form from the office prior to photo day.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal

Parent Club News

A huge **thank you** to all the families who joined us at the **twilight fair working bee** on Friday night. It was a huge success and we got lots of jobs knocked over - signs made, bunting produced, coin toss frame constructed, mystery jars sorted, raffle prize wrapped, paperwork collated ..... It was great to see many parents working and chatting and the kids joining in too.

RAFFLE PRIZE - If you purchase your ride band before Friday 7th March, you will go into a draw to win a raffle prize which includes $70 worth of vouchers (Coles, Darts Meat, Robinsons) and also some lollies, chocolate and textas.

Sports bands, dunk the principal and cow poo lotto all on sale now too.

PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED - Please see your teacher if you are able to help at the fair on a stall even for just one hour on the night of the fair. Some teachers are struggling for numbers so let them know if you are available for longer too. This is a huge community event and it can only be a success if we all put in a bit. The kids love the night and the funds raised go to support important parts of the childrens' learning such as the computer program.

Did you know? We are going to have a stage at the fair with all night entertainment, stalls (including the dunking machine, mystery jars, cake stall, silent auction, plant stall, showbags, guess the jellybean competition, funky hair, face painting and tattoos, fairy tent), cow poo lotto, food area (including roast beef rolls), minigolf, sports area including a Tennis Australia speed server, craft area, games area, rides (including entry to the animal farm) and fire works at the end of the night. We hope to see you there.

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Our weekly recap

Last week the children were very creative cutting out pictures from magazine to make streamers of things that they like, they had so much fun they wanted to do it for 3 afternoons.

As Thursdays is our busiest afternoon we had two activities running – bubble pictures, which the children had a great time making and it was messy which I think they enjoyed more. The other activity we had going was truffles. This activity will be happening every week as the children love making them and of cause eating the end results!

As it is term 1 the children are required to have a hat at Before and After School Care. We would like the children to either have a spare hat in their bag or leave one at the program

We are also introducing more drama play into the program, so we would like to ask if you have any unwanted clothes dolls or material that you would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

Myself and all the staff are looking forward to an enjoyable fun and exciting year ahead.

Kelly

Next Week's activities

Monday 10 March:
Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 11 March:
Nature Creations
Wednesday 12 March:
Play Dough
Thursday 13 March:
Textured Pictures
Friday 14 March:
Bubble wrap footprints

Autumn School Holiday Program bookings NOW OPEN at a School near you!

Friday 4 April to Thursday 24 April 2014*

We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions ranging from Arts & Crafts, Cooking, plenty of games and sports and lots of Easter activities! We are also now offering Excursions! Visit the Extend website at extend.com.au for program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions.

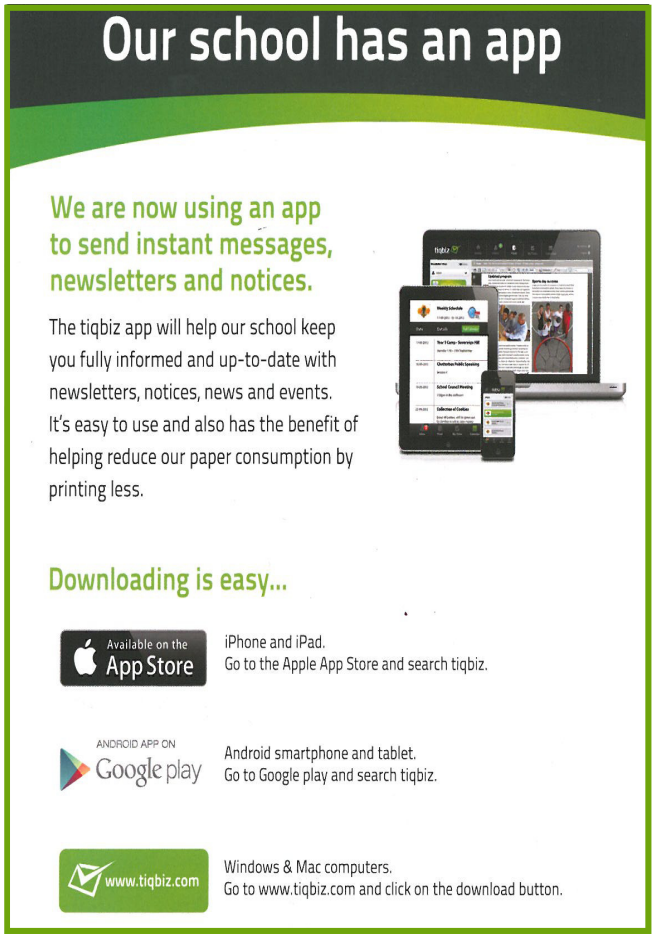
Bookings close Friday 21 March – book now to avoid disappointment.

***Dates vary according to program**

Did you know the school sells

Second hand Uniform?

We would welcome your donation of any clean, useable, second hand uniforms. Please deliver to the office for us to resell to our school community.



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