

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Grade 6 Campers: Our campers had a fantastic time at camp. We were lucky enough to view a slide show at assembly on Monday afternoon that showed many of the best moments. I would like to express our thanks to Mr Daniel Cole who went with the group and taught the children paddle-boarding. It was certainly a highlight!



The Billy Bush Family Dance: We can't wait to catch up with all our families for the Billy Bush Tea next Thursday evening. The evening begins at 5.30 pm. Bring a picnic and enjoy meeting other parents and your child's friends. The Bush Dance takes place at 6.30 pm; it should be quite a treat.

Prep Parents Picnic: Today our Prep parents were invited to have a picnic with the teachers and new preps. The children loved showing off their class to their mums, dads or grandparents. They displayed their skills on the play equipment! It is lovely to meet our new parents and hear how well the children are settling in. They are a delightful group of children who are extremely confident and appear to be enjoying school.



Diary Dates



Friday 8th March

Yrs 5/6 Water Safety

Monday 11th March

LABOUR DAY

PUPIL FREE DAY

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

**NO SCHOOL
NEXT
MONDAY 11th
MARCH
LABOUR DAY
HOLIDAY**

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Principal's article cont'd..



Grade 3/4C gets Dirt! –Mr Leyden and the children of 3/4C were investigating the properties of soil that had been collected from various locations. They mixed it with water, looked at it under the magnifying glass and made observations. They knew that the soil had microorganisms in it even, though they could not see them. They used classification lists to identify the different kinds of soils. *Quite the little scientists!*

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson Principal

Thought for the Week

*Science may not
always be exact....
but it is a continuous
exploration for truth.*

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

SPORTS REPORT

Runners' Club

During Runners' Club on Monday and Wednesday mornings, Monte C has been running brilliantly, as have a number of other students. Only after a few weeks of this term, he had clocked up 10 km and is now very close to reaching 25km. Students who accumulate such distances receive certificates, as Monte has.

Runners' Club is available to all children from years 1-6 on Wednesdays, starting at 8:30am and finishing at 8:55am.

Participants meet Mr Bryant on the oval.

District and Divisional Swimming

The following students were chosen to represent our school at the district swimming trials, held at the Pines Swimming Pool on Wednesday 27th February:

Mia J, Sara L., Ruby P, Brooke P, Shae R, Grace R, Monte C, Alex F, Oliver G, Delma S, Roy L, Laura K, Leanne S., Meg W, Jacob A., Kaleb H, Tayla S and Eric C.

At this meet, the following students achieved either the first or second fastest times in their events, resulting in them representing our school at the divisional swimming meet, next Wednesday, 13th March:

Oliver G.: 1st freestyle and 2nd backstroke
Eric C.: 1st freestyle and 1st butterfly
Sara L.: 1st freestyle and 1st butterfly
Brooke P.: 2nd breaststroke and 2nd butterfly

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Meg 5A, Jessica 1A, Monique 4B, Ashley 2C, Keira 4B, Emmett 6B, Akram 6A, Emma 3A, Jontee 3A, Emma 2C



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE



Last Friday Miss Wendy Kilpatrick and Miss Jacqui Goodier ran a Parent Helpers training program. We thank them for their time and commitment to our school, and also thank the many parents who took part. Your help in the classrooms will be greatly appreciated by our teachers and students throughout this year.

It was lovely to see so many of our Prep parents at their special afternoon tea yesterday. What a lovely way to celebrate the beginning of the first year of your child's schooling. Thank you to our prep teachers for organising this event for our community.

Tracey and Deb have been at school this week to do our first headlice checks for the year. These checks help us to keep on top of this issue. They would like me to pass on the message that everyone is doing a great job at keeping long hair tied back, which is an enormous help within the school environment. If you need any advice on how best to treat your child's hair, please let me know and I can provide you with some information. Tracey and Deb will be back again throughout the year, and are more than happy to chat to you too.



We are hoping for a fine evening next Thursday 14th March – our Billy Tea Bush Band night. Families are invited to return to school from 5.30pm to enjoy a picnic tea before being entertained by the children and their bush dances. Thank you to all families who have already paid for this event. The cost of \$10.00 per child covers both the day and the evening performance. There is no additional cost on the night. For those who are coming along for a picnic tea, you must bring your own food and drinks. No alcohol please.

I have some information at the office about a free event coming up at Frankston Library. **“When Great Minds Don't Think Alike”** - an insight for parents of children with learning difficulties. Presented by Nadine Shome from ReMinds, this information session is on March 20th at 6.30pm. Booking can be made by calling the library on 9784 1020 or email registration@reminds.com.au



Asia Pacific Melbourne Ironman 2013 - Volunteers needed!

As you may be aware, there is another Ironman event in Frankston in a couple of weeks' time. The organisers are seeking support from members of the local community to be volunteers at the event. There are a wide range of activities that volunteers will be needed for - including Cycle Catchers, Cycle Rackers, Bike Course Marshals, Run Course Marshals, and Transition Aid Station or even being part of a cheer squad (especially for our younger community members) etc. The organisers of the event have said that they will make a per head contribution to the Frankston Community Fund, so your help will benefit our local community. To register as a volunteer, contact: Melanie Boulton at Frankston City Council - melanie.boulton@frankston.vic.gov.au - 9293 7154

Next Monday is Labour Day, so I hope you make the most of this long weekend. Spend some extra time in the garden, or just sit and relax; we don't often give ourselves permission to be 'still'. Whatever you do, make sure you enjoy yourself.

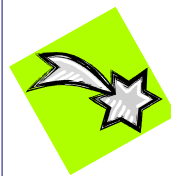


Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder, Assistant Principal

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

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



Jhett OPA, Anthea OPB, Sammy OPC, Safi 1A, Mia Grace 1C, Jasmine 2A, Cate Millen 2B, Amelie 2C, Taleah 3A, Joe 3B, Hayden 3/4C, Josh 4A, Nicholas 4B, Meg 5A, Mirabai 5B & Kaleb 5C

LOST TEDDY!!
Very special teddy, mid brown, Gund brand, lost at school. Please return to office if you find him!

extend OSHC

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



Wow, what a week. We have certainly had some summer fun this week. We have been making some fantastic sculptures out of polystyrene bits. We made coconut ice, an old fashioned treat, and we made stress balls. We have been playing lots of team games inside, which we have found great for creating a team spirit and teaching children that it is not always about winning, but having a go and having fun. Next week at Extend we will be offering activities such as:

- ◆ Nature craft using seed pods and gum nuts.
- ◆ Making goop
- ◆ Baking muffins
- ◆ Making candle holders
- ◆ Ice block designs.



Our Superstar of the week is Indiana R for always sharing and coming up with some great imaginary games to play with her friends.

Have a great weekend,
Lori and the team at Overport

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

Canteen News

Our grade six canteen helpers are all in place and start their roster this week. I would like to thank Ronan, Emmett, James, Connor, Millie, Mahima, Caitlyn, Ankita, Maya, Rachael, Taylah, Chantelle, Monet and Helena for taking on this challenging commitment. I am sure this impressive group of students will do a great job.

Thank you, Monica Champion

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

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

extend.com.au
1300 366 437

Moonlit Sanctuary School Holidays Young Ranger Program

Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care,
Fun and Games during Autumn 2013.

Wednesday 3rd, Friday 5th April
Monday 8th, Wednesday 10th,
Friday 12th April

Cost: \$39.00 per day, or \$105 for 3 days.
Bookings essential - suitable 7-14 years.
Hours: 10AM – 3PM

Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and
remember your hat.

Lunches: BYO or available for \$7.50

Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Ph. 5978-7935

Web: www.moonlit-sanctuary.com
Open daily between 10am and 5pm