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OVERPORT NEWS

From the Principal's Desk.

Maths at Overport.

Some amazing mathematics work was done across the four year 6 classes in their leaning spaces last week. The students impressed their teachers with the different ways they approached the topics covered. Mrs Houston commented that the students were truly all engaged. Our recent mathematics curriculum day is having a very positive impact on student engagement across the school.



Dates to remember:

- 9/3 School Photos
- 10/3 School Photos
1st Inst. For Yr 4 camp
- 14/3 Parent Helpers Course
9.00am
- 15/3 Divisional Swimming
Carnival
- 17/3 Free Dress Day
- 20/3 Yr5 Excursion to
Immigration Museum
- 24/3 Yr 3-6 House swimming
sports
- 25/3 Working Bee

*Thought of the
week:*

*It is not about
whether you get
knocked down in life*

...

*but how often you get
up again
...that is real courage.*

Anon.

Results of School Council Election.

In this years' School Council election we have had the exact number of nominations as vacancies. Therefore, I am pleased to announce our new members are: Jenny Sidwell, Catherine Price, Joy Ellis, Kim White and Liz Barr. Recently, Jo Price has notified us that she will not be retuning to council this year. This has created a short term vacancy. Sean Chinnathumby has agreed to fill this position. We welcome them all to council.

Annual General Meeting: Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 27th March at 6.30 pm prior to the first School council sitting. Parents are welcome to attend to hear the results of our annual report. This report will be on our school website.

Car Parking: Yesterday John Albiston FHS Principal and I met with Frankston council planning engineers to discuss possible options for more car parking. At this stage they are investigating but I can advise that more parking is planned in Foot Street shortly.

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Melodee, Ashley,
Jack, Jasper,
Lacy, Eve, Brady,
Emma, Jasmine,
Abbey, Nicole,
Erynne & Jake

How can parents help with spelling?

Supporting and encouraging your child.

There are a number of aspects to consider with spelling, and many methods, strategies and games you can use to help encourage and support your children in becoming confident and accurate spellers. You will find a variety of suggestions below. **Some spelling strategies**

There are many strategies that you can use to help your child become a confident and accurate speller. These include:

1. Sounding words out: breaking the word down into sounds, for example, **c-a-t** and **sh-e-ll**. Longer words do not work with this method very well so you should try some of the strategies below.
2. Dividing the word into chunks, and saying each chunk whilst writing the word. For example, **REMEMBER** can be broken up into **RE – MEM – BER** and then blended back together
3. Using the **Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check** method:
 - Look at the word and say it out aloud, cover the word, then write it and finally check to see if it is correct.
 - If not, highlight or underline the incorrect part and repeat the process.
4. Using mnemonics to help memorise tricky words. For example, “There is a **cess** pit in necessary.”



5. Finding words within words. For example, “There is a **rat** in **separate**.”
6. Making links between the meanings of words and their spelling. For example, **sign**, **signal**, and **signature**.
7. Using a dictionary as soon as they know how to.

And finally... encourage your child to have a go at spelling words they are unsure of. This will give them the opportunity to try out spelling strategies and to identify those that they find useful. You can help them to use the strategies outlined above and praise their efforts.

Remember: Every Little Helps

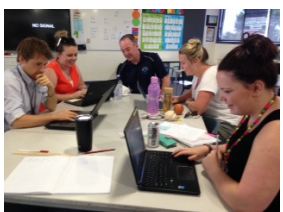
Kind Regards, Julie Gleeson Principal.

Assistant Principals Reports

Headlice can be an issue in many schools, and at any time throughout the year. We strongly encourage parents to check their children's hair regularly, and treat immediately if any live lice or eggs are found. Smothering the hair with inexpensive hair conditioner immobilises any live lice, which can then be combed out. Generally we have head lice nurses visit the school during the term to check our students' hair. Unfortunately due to illness, Tracey has been unable to come this term. Her visits will recommence in term 2.

Every week, teachers at each year level have 100 minutes of common planning time. This time enables the team of teachers to discuss and plan the curriculum for their year level. Working together allows for valuable professional discussions around the specific learning needs of groups of students as well as individuals. While our teachers are in their planning meeting, all students within the year level are at specialist lessons: art, music, LOTE, library or phys ed.

Photos are of our Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 teaching teams in action this week.



School photos began today and will continue with group and individual shots for Year 3, 4 and 5 tomorrow. Thank you to all who have placed an order. These have been handed directly to MSP, and should be delivered early term 2. If you have any queries about photos, you will need to contact MSP directly on 5222 6747.

Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle have been sent home with everyone today. These need to be sold and returned to school by Thursday 30th March, in time for the draw which will take place on the morning of Friday 31st March. Friday 17th March is a FREE DRESS day, in return for the donation of an Easter Egg. Donations will be used to make up our raffle prizes.

This is a reminder for year 6 students that orders for graduation uniform close next Friday. Please make sure you have your orders in at the office by then. We are hoping that once our order has been placed, these garments may be delivered at the beginning of term 2.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL RULES

At Overport Primary School we use a set of four positively stated school rules. These rules are;

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| Be Safe | Be Respectful |
| Be Responsible | Be a Learner |

Our rules help us to maintain a positive, respectful and safe school through consistent and clear expectations. Last week a list of examples were provided on how your child can **BE RESPECTFUL** in the classroom, in the playground and in specialist learning environments.

This week the list of examples is based on our school rule, **BE SAFE**. Safety at school is extremely important. At Overport Primary School we aim to ensure that all students behave safely and feel safe in the playground, classroom and on-line learning environments. Listed below are some examples of what our students can do to be safe and ensure the safety of others at school.

- Tell a teacher if you are sick or injured
- Tell a teacher if you feel threatened or uncomfortable
- Walk around the outside of school buildings, particularly around corners
- Wash your hands often especially after using the toilet and before and after eating
- Walk when moving around indoors
- Use computer equipment as instructed
- Use classroom equipment appropriately and as instructed
- Keep your feet and hands to yourself
- Stay within the boundaries of the school
- Wear a hat and sunscreen from September 1st until April 30th

Tree Climbing

Trees are a great source of shade and provide an excellent place to rest and play. We understand the temptation of climbing trees, however to ensure the safety of all our students trees are to be sat under and not climbed on.

Sticks

Sticks are a great prop to use in imaginative play, however when they are used in an unsafe manner the school will intervene. Using sticks as a projectile or weapon for example is unsafe, if students continue to play in an unsafe way they will be reminded of the expected behaviour. If a student or students continue to play with sticks in an inappropriate manner after the reminder of expected behaviour they may have time out of the playground.

If you have any questions regarding our school rules please talk to your child's classroom teacher or drop by the office for a chat.

Tess Higgins

Assistant Principal



We've had a very creative week with decorating our cupboards with ladybugs, butterflies and caterpillars that we have made.

Among many games of Candyland, Monopoly and Snakes and Ladders we have also continued with our birthday fish wall.

A reminder also that all children must have a sun smart hat for after school care, a wide brimmed hat or a bucket hat to protect their face, neck and ears.

AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.

New booking terms: Great news! In response to parent feedback we are pleased to announce that our Holiday Program booking terms have now changed to provide greater flexibility for families. See Terms and Conditions on our website for further information.

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend!

Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media, and get active with a variety of outdoor sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Autumn Holiday Program.

To check out what's on visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

Tammy and the Gang

Week 6 Activities

Monday: Public Holiday

Tuesday : Letter Mosaics

Wednesday : Scavenger Hunt

Thursday : Beading

Friday : Origami



DON'T FORGET!



**SCHOLASTIC
Book Club**
orders are due:

Monday 20th March 2017

'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.

*Seren PA, Max PB, Laughlin PC,
Genevieve PD, All of PE, Ciara PF, Ellie 1A,
Finnley 1B, Trey 1C, Charlotte 1D, Toby 2A,
Jackson 2B, Felix 2C, Charlie 2D, Henry 3A,
Oscar 3B, Emilie 3C, Senara 3D, Lena 4A,
Cohen 4B, Darcy 4C, Vidak 5A, Jasmine 5B,
Heath 5C, Hannah 5D, Allister 6A,
Peter 6B, Josh 6C & Abel 6D*

Year Level Reminders for this week:

Foundation: Preps are very tired now that they are full time. It would be great if they could be in bed by 7.00/7.30pm. Don't forget to return your zoo notices.

Year 1: Please remember to bring a drink bottle with water to school everyday.

Year 2: Please remember to read your reader every night and have your diary signed.

Year 3: Head lice have been found in the year 3 area. Please be vigilant and carefully check your child's hair at home.

Year 4: Please remember to return incursion notices.

Year 5: Don't forget our Immigration Museum excursion coming up on Monday 20th March.

Year 6: School photos are this week on Thursday and Friday. Remember clean clothes and your smiles.