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The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Education Week Science Fair

Don't forget next week is Education Week. On Tuesday 21st May, from 6.00 to 7.30 pm, we will hold our annual Open Night and our science fair. We look forward to seeing all our families there and the interesting science exhibits produced by our talented children.

Overport Primary School App

Have you got our free app yet? Go to www.tiqbiz.com.au. This will ensure you are kept up-to-date with everything happening here at school. Parents who have already joined have said it's really simple and easy to install, spare brochures are available from the office. By the end of this term all information will come through this manner. Overport has really moved into the future! To improve our communication with our parents, Overport now has its our own app for your iPad or iPhone, android smartphone or tablet, lap top or computer. However, if you require a hard copy please contact the school office. Of course, newsletters will still be available on the website.

Working Bee

Thank you to the many families who attended our working bee on 4th May. We had about 60 families represented. A special thank you to Mr John Hearn and Mr Bill Mallinson for their coordination of the day. The children that were here with their parents loved being involved in the planting in the biodiversity gardens, near the canteen and around the school. I feel sure we will watch with pride as the plants take shape. The school is looking wonderful!

Mother's Day Stall a Great Success!

Congratulations on such a successful Mother's Day Stall. The large number of parent helpers assisted the children to select from the interesting items for sale. Parents club raised $832 which is a wonderful effort. Funds raised are used to support the environmental efforts being undertaken around the school and to develop the children's environmental awareness.

Stranger Danger and Safety

Recently all schools in our area have been alerted to some concerns that would come under the umbrella of "stranger danger". Our teachers have all discussed this with the children in their grades. Please talk to your children regarding their safety and the need to walk to and from school quickly and not talk to anyone who they don't know, especially anyone in a car. This is only a sensible precaution and should be part of keeping our children safe at all times.

Naplan-Year 3 and 5

Our students have completed their Naplan this week. Results will be forwarded to the school later in the year and shared with the community. Naplan is a snapshot of children's ability but not necessarily a complete picture. Our teachers who have the children for the first semester have a much more comprehensive understanding of their development. This will be reflected in their mid-year reports. Reports will be forwarded to parents on

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Diary Dates

May 20th-24th
Education Week

Tuesday 21st May
- Open Night & Science Fair
- Education sub committee 3.45pm

Wednesday 22nd May
Buildings & Grounds Subcommittee 6.00pm

Thursday 23rd May
Yr 3/4 Scienceworks excursion

Friday 24th May
District Cross Country

Monday 27th May
School Council 7.00pm

Monday 10th June
Queen's Birthday holiday

Thought for the Week

It's not whether you win or lose.... it's how you play the game.

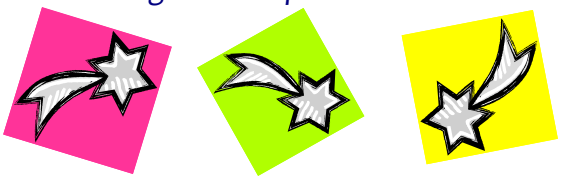
Cross Country Last Friday: The children had a great day at the Cross Country with colours flying and much barracking for their houses. Well done to all the houses. The results were very close; however, congratulations to Strickland (green) who was 1st. They were followed by Souter (red), Wickes (blue) and then McPhail (gold). Please see Mr Bryant's report for details on the Cross country as well as the District Winter Sports Trials. Well done to all students and to those named who have made it through to represent our district.

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson Principal

'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.



Tamara OPA, Cooper OPB, Zoe OPC, Sophie 1A, Alec 1B, Shanelle 1C, Taleah 2A, Jesse 2B, Isabelle 2C, Mia 3B, Olivia 3A, Lis Marie 3/4C, Nada 4A, Davyn 4B, Lucy 5A, Angel 5B, Leanne 5C, Noah 6A, Jordan 6B, Anikita 6C

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Charlotte 4B, Miles 6A, Kayeana 3B, Jasmine 2A, Charlotte 5C, Talicia 4B, Bronte 5B, Brandon OPA, Holly 1C, Alex 4B, Remi 6A, Maggie 2B, Dylan 6A, Brook OPC

Canteen News

Our Dessert Day meal deal will be held during Education Week on Friday May 24th order forms went home last week and must be returned by Wednesday May 22nd

No other lunch orders or counter sales are available on this day; being a Dessert, children will need to bring any other snacks and their sandwiches.

Looks like being a fun week!

District Winter Sport Trials

Well done to the following students who were selected to represent our district at the Winter sport trials last week:

- ***Australian Rules Football***: Jordan W and Dylan G.
- ***Basketball***: Akram S, Bonnie I and Meg W.
- ***Netball:*** Megan W, Annabel R and Jiodyn D.
- ***Soccer***: Charlotte C and Remi P.

These students should feel very proud of their efforts. Dylan G, Charlotte C and Remi P were selected from these trials to compete in the upcoming divisional trials which is a brilliant accomplishment.

Runners' Club

Congratulations to Michael W for reaching 10km during Runners' Club. This club may be joined by all students from years 1-6. Students wishing to participate meet Mr Bryant on the oval between 8:30-8:50am on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Runners' Club is a great way to build cardiovascular endurance, experience associated health benefits and improve students' concentration for the academic day ahead.

House Cross Country

Well done to all students who participated to the best of their ability last Friday. Thank you to all teachers, the SRC and sports captains and assistants who helped on the day. The results were as follows:

- 1st Strickland (Green) 728 pts
- 2nd Souter (Red) 706 pts
- 3rd Wickes (Blue) 682 pts
- 4th McPhail (Gold) 608 pts

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

It's unfortunate that the world we live in now is not always as safe for our children as we would like it to be. From time to time there are incidents reported within our school's area. When these situations occur, the Education Department sends a relevant alert to schools' relating to the incident, which is then passed on to all teaching staff. Staff then will speak to their students, reminding them of the importance of staying safe, and reinforcing the 'stranger danger' message. While we don't use any details or language that would alarm the children, we ensure the appropriate message is passed on through classroom discussions.

Our Mother's Day stall this year was a tremendous success, with many Fair Trade items selling out long before the end of the stall. We raised over $800 and the feedback was excellent from the children and the parent helpers on the beautiful gifts that were on offer. The school community would like to thanks all the mums who helped out on the day at the stall. I know that Parents Club is looking forward to more great Fair Trade at the Fathers' Day stall later in the year.

Health and hygiene is always vital, but it seems at this time of the year there are quite a few more nasty bugs going around. This is a reminder to all that washing hands, and carrying a tissue or handkerchief to catch coughs and sneezes, will help to minimise the contagious germs in our atmosphere. Also, if your child is unwell, the best place for them to be is home in bed.

Members of our school community enjoying some well-earned refreshment after our recent Working Bee.

As you know, at the end of this term each child will receive an academic report of their progress. There is also the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss this report. We will again be using the online booking system found at www.schoolinterviews.com.au This site will open next Monday, and you are encouraged to make your booking as soon as you can. Instructions on how to make your booking will be sent home to assist you. If you don't have access to the internet to make your booking, please send back the reply slip, or call the school and we can arrange this for you.

Preps are off to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Melbourne tomorrow for their first big excursion of the year. Let's hope the weather is kind to them. Yr 3's and 4's will be heading over the Westgate Bridge next Thursday as they make their way to Scienceworks. This will be a great follow-up to our Science Fair, which will take place in the school hall next Tuesday evening 21st May at 7.00pm, following our Open Night at 6.00pm. I hope to see all of our families here enjoying the displays and presentations the students have worked so hard to prepare.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder, Assistant Principal

Bunnings Workshop

On Wednesday 8th May the children in Grade 2 participated in a Bunnings Workshop. They had a great time decorating and making a butterfly on a stake then planting a Primula in a pot for Mother's Day.

I hope all the Grade 2 mums enjoyed their present. A huge thank you to Lyn Kellows from Bunnings.

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Our weekly recap

Last week the weather was wonderful so we spent most afternoons outside playing relay games and doing some fitness exercises.
The children were very creative with their Mother's Day secret baskets and boxes.
The theme for the week has been under the sea, the children did a variety of activities relating to all things found in the sea. Their creations were fantastic. Our display board is covered with all their art work. Our theme next week is Space.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all the families that attend the program over the coming weeks. Please feel free to come and introduce yourself. Kelly

Don't forget to Book online & win a Prize!

Our Online Bookings promotion runs until Friday 31 May. Details are displayed at your OSHC room or on our website. Win yourself a $100 gold class voucher!

Our Extend Superstar is…..Everyone! All the children were Superstars for me last week.

Next week's activities:

Monday 20 May:	Rockets
Tuesday 21 May:	UFO's
Wednesday 22 May:	Astronauts
Thursday 23 May:	Planets
Friday 24 May:	Aliens

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

Minasan Konnichiwa (Hello, everyone)

Congratulations to the following five students who won the Overport Japanese festival drawing competition.

Imogen F, Chamod J, Jasmine P, Grace E, and Tamzin L

These students' drawings will be displayed in the Box Hill Japanese festival.

I hope everyone enjoys this beautiful autumn season. In Japan, it is time to appreciate the autumn harvests, to enjoy the seasonal foods, sports and arts activities. This means another Japanese festival to celebrate this special season! The venue is in Box Hill, and it is quite a distance from Frankston, however, this is also another great festival full of Japanese activities to watch, to do by yourself, and to listen to! There are many Japanese food stalls as well. If you have time, I highly recommend you visit and immerse yourself in Japanese culture!

Date and time:
Sunday 19 May 2013 from 10:00am - 5:00pm
(Doors Open 9:30am)
Venue:
Box Hill Town Hall & Box Hill TAFE
1000-1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill
(Melway : 47D9)
Entry fee:
General Public: $5.00
Free Entry:
Children up to Grade 6; Disabled persons
(+ 1 attendant) & Seniors Card Holders

Arigatoo gozaimasu (Thank you)
Tomoko Yamashita (Japanese teacher)

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