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The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Pre-schoolers first visit to Overport: On Wednesday morning all of our enthusiastic young four year olds from Delacombe Park Preschool visited our library to hear stories from the "Princess Pirate". They sang songs and our grade six students helped them decorate a sea picture. This is the first opportunity they have had to visit a school environment. We have begun taking enrolments for 2014 Preps, so if you have a child who will be commencing school next year, please contact our office for an enrolment form. We have the second of our Prep tours on Thursday, 16th May, at 9.15 am and another on Open Night, during Education Week on Tuesday 21st May, at 6.00 pm. Bookings are essential, thank you.

Communication to parents - Our School Has an App! 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. This will send SMS messages to you for our newsletter and any other important notices to keep you fully informed. Please read the detailed information about how to join the free app included with this newsletter. Following this, if you require a hard copy please contact the school office. Newsletters will also still be available on the website.

Education Week Science Fair: On Tuesday 21st May, from6.00 to 7.30 pm, we will hold our annual Open Night as part of Education Week. This will also conclude with our science fair. The children have already begun making plans and many have started to prepare their science project for display. The teachers have been discussing this with them and they are fully aware of the categories and expectations…and we have already seen many young scientists emerging with the number of interesting ideas for exploration. We also have our third Prep tour at 6.00 pm. The children love showing off their school and home rooms, so we look forward to seeing all our families during this exciting evening;

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Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd May
Nude Food Day
Friday 3rd May
House Cross Country
Saturday 4th May
Working Bee
Tues7th & Wed 8th May
Mother's Day Stall
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

One Planet; one world – Ours… Looking after it Is our future.

Principal's article cont'd..

Carry In – Carry out- Environmental Awareness

Our 'Planet Savers" group held the first '*Carry in Carry out'* week to encourage children to minimise land fill, increase the use of nude lunches wherever possible and be aware of keeping our school clean and tidy. Many grades reported a big increase in nude lunches and healthy food. Our Cleaner, Mr Cousins, said it has made a huge difference to the amount of rubbish he is removing. This is really pleasing and we will continue to encourage our students to focus on these environmental issues as we move towards being a sustainable school. Joe and Luke of 3B and Bella of 4A show their nude lunches.

Working Bee

Don't forget our working Bee this Saturday. There is lots of planting to be done and many opportunities for the children to be involved along with our parents. For our new families, this is always a great way to meet other families in the school, so, please join us. The working bee will commence at **9.00 am on Saturday the 4th May and finish at about 12.00 pm** with a sausage sizzle and refreshments.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson Principal

Canteen News

A new price list went home last week; some seasonal lines have been deleted [Salad boxes and Nachos]

Extra copies are always available at the office.

Thank you, Monica Champion

Production News

This year, Overport Primary School will be putting on a spectacular show called "Oz!" Oz! is an adaptation of the Wizard of Oz story by L. Frank Baum and promises to be an enthralling, exciting show!

Calls for auditions (grade 6 only) will come in the next few weeks and once we are underway, we will certainly be appreciative of any parent assistance in costume, set and prop making.

More information to follow soon!

Overport Parent's Club

Mother's Day stall this year will be on the 7th and 8th of May, we will be selling fair trade products with prices ranging from 50 cents to $10. This is coinciding with fair trade fortnight.

SAVE THE DATE, we will be having a trivia night on sat the 1st of June. Tickets will be $10 per person. Tables of 8 to 10. May the best team win! More info to come.

We are now collecting Bayside vouchers and Woolworths (Safeway) earn and learn stickers, boxes are at the office to put your vouchers and stickers in.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and Year 5 students is coming up soon. The tests will be held on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, and teachers which can be used to improve student achievement. All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. An information brochure will be distributed very soon, or may be accessed at http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2013_Parents_Brochure.pdf

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer, but must only be considered in consultation with the school. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must come and see me and I will provide you with a Student Withdrawal form to sign.

Our whole school **House Cross Country** event will take place tomorrow. It would be great for all students to wear colours representing their houses. I wonder if everyone remembers that as a connection to the history of Overport Primary School, each of our houses has been named after one of our past Principals: Mr Souter, Mr Wickes, Mr McPhail and Mrs Strickland. Wear you colours with pride.

I'm hoping to see lots of families at our **Working Bee on Saturday**. And also, please remember that next Tuesday and Wednesday our parents will be running a **Mother's Day stall**. Their efforts and your support will be greatly appreciated.

An update from SunSmart…From May put sun gear away.

Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones, muscles and general wellbeing. The best natural source of vitamin D is the sun's UV.

From May to August when UV levels are low (below 3), Victorian schools are advised to put sun hats and other sun protection gear away and ensure staff and students get some sun for vitamin D. At this time of the year, staff and students need to expose their face, arms and hands (or equivalent area of skin) to midday winter sun for 2-3 hours spread over the week. Those with naturally very dark skin may need 3-6 times this amount. Sun protection is not required at this time of year, unless near highly reflective surfaces such as snow, outside for extended periods or when the UV reaches 3 and above.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder, Assistant 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.

Thomas OPA, Isabelle OPB, Ronan OPC, Brooke OPC, Thomas 1A, Bethany 1B, Santo 1C, Damon 2A, Keely 2B, Abel 2C, Kayeana 3A, Amy 3B, Bella 4A, Lachlan 4B, Aditya 3/4C, Manny 5A, Riley 5B, Ruben 5C, Dylan 6A, Eric 6B & Jemma 6C

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Zackary 1C, Woodley 6C, Hayden OPA, Annabel 6B, Tom 6C, Carmen 4B, Sarah 3/4C, Baylin 3A, Ethan 5C, Ronan OPC & Malic 1C

BOOKING NOW…

YOGA 4 KIDS

AT

LIVING NOW YOGA CENTRE

TUESDAY 4-4.45PM

CONTACT PAOLA FOR DETAILS

MOB: 0416136084

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Hi Overport families,

The children have had such a busy week making and creating. We have made paper garlands, fantastic button pictures and a great science experiment just to name a few things.

The children have had the pleasure of meeting Kelly Anne Major who will be taking over the coordinator role from me as of Monday. She comes to Overport with lots of experience in OSHC and holds a Diploma in After School Hours Care. Kelly is really looking forward to working at Overport and I am sure she will fit in perfectly.

Next week at Extend there are lots of great activities planned, which I am sure the children will enjoy. We have organized a great Mother's Day gift idea and the children will be able to make some lovely cards.

Please be advised that for the next few weeks on a Monday the OSHC program will run in the music room due to the Active After School Care badminton program using the hall.

Once again, I would like to say thank you and farewell to all the wonderful staff, parents and children that I have had the pleasure of meeting.

Have a great weekend.

Lori and the team at Overport.

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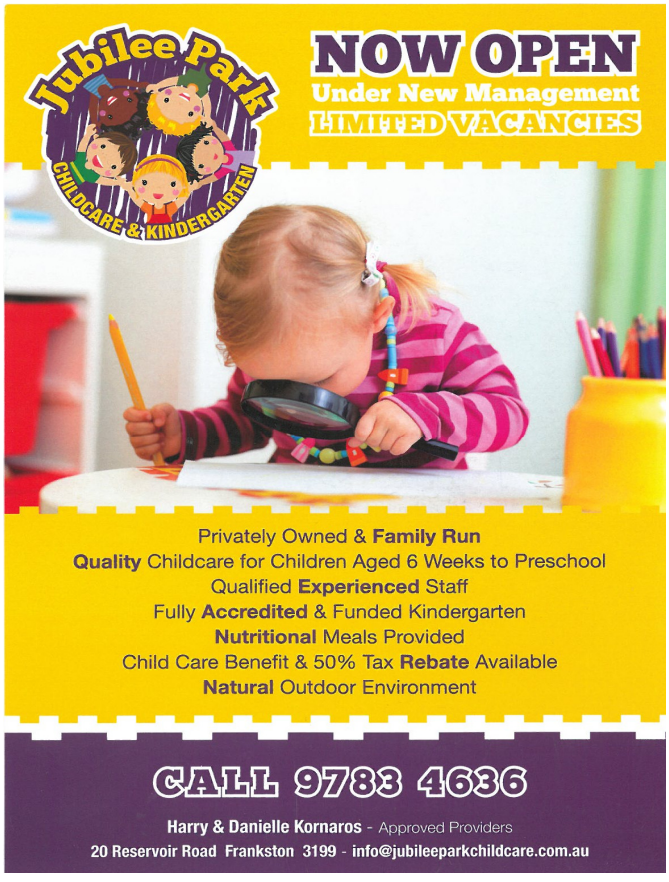

Minasan Konnichiwa (Hello, everyone)

In term two, Prep, Grade one, two, five and six students are learning Japanese. I was overwhelmed by students' passionate participation during the lessons. Some prep students have already begun saying some Japanese! It is my great joy to be able to teach these enthusiastic students!

During this term, the focus for the prep students is Japanese aural and oral skills development. The students will learn basic Japanese greetings, numbers, and family. They will be emerged to Japanese culture through activities such as Origami making and celebration of Children's Day. Please keep eye on their take home fabulous Japanese craft works!

The grade one and two students will look up the basic geography of Japan (such as location and the shape of the country). They will celebrate Children's Day by craft activities. They will learn "family" to increase their language skills (eg. listening, speaking, reading and writing) as well as to compare their own family.

The topic for Grade five and six students during this term is "Ninja." We have already started exploring the Ninja by spotting the hidden Ninja figures in the classroom. I was very impressed by many students' thoughtful questions regarding this topic. They also learn more about Japanese symbols by exploring Ninja. In order to respond to their immerging Japanese reading skills, they will also practice basic Japanese typing in the computer.

Japanese Festival at Derinya Primary School

We are very fortunate to have Japanese festival at Derinya Primary School. From my previous experiences, this Frankston Japanese festival has been always full of fun activities and demonstrations!

When : Sunday, 5 May 2013 10am - 4pm
Where: Derinya Primary School, Overport Road (cnr Derinya Drive) Frankston South
Activities: Hands on activities for all the family
Japanese performances and entertainment
Japanese handicrafts
Japanese food and cooking
Cultural displays
Goods for sale
Martial arts
Sister City displays

Arigatoo gozaimasu
(Thank you)

Tomoko Yamashita (Japanese teacher)

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