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The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students, EVERY DAY COUNTS! EVERYMINUTE COUNTS! Be here and be on time!

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Year 5 Urban Camp: Our year 5 students and their teachers set off yesterday from Frankston station, amidst lovely weather. We hope that this will continue for them throughout the coming three days.

Book Fair: We are delighted to be holding another Book Fair in the school library, on 1st June to 5th June. Make sure you take the time to pop in after school from 3.30 to 4.00 pm to see the many wonderful books available. All funds raised will be used by Miss Gleeson to purchase more books for our library.

Congratulations to Mrs Lacey – 35 Years' Service Award. Last night at the Dingley International Mrs Jane Lacey attended a special ceremony where she received an award for her "35 Years' Service" as employee of the Department of Education. Mrs Lacey began at Overport as a graduate teacher and has seen many changes throughout the years. Mrs Lacey tells me that she is now

teaching the children of students that she has taught! We are extremely lucky to have a teacher with such a wonderful wealth of experience here at Overport.

FHS Hairspray Production: Our year 6 students walked to George

Jenkins theatre to see the FHS production of "Hair Spray" yesterday. This

involvement with the high school is an element of the transition towards high school for year 6 students. Several of our past students were performing, which is an inspiration for them, as well as a delight for our teachers. They all enjoyed the opportunity to attend.

School Review: Every school has a four year Strategic Plan that is developed to support continuous improvement within the school. Each year an Annual Implementation Plan is developed from this. These plans underpin our school's Pedagogical Master Plan which is on our website. The focus of this is to improve teacher capacity to deliver personalised learning. At the end of each Strategic Plan the school is required to undertake a review. This year is our review year and the review will take place on 19th August. Our school leadership team will be joined by Lyn Ireland, our School Council President, department representative, Dennis Pratt, two Principals, Brad Clarke from Belvedere Park PS and Pam Anderson from Osborne PS, and an independent reviewer, Tony Ross. We are currently developing our report for the review day, gathering information from the past four years, looking at the school success and using past annual reports to guide our recommendations towards improvement for the future. Once the day is completed, a report from the reviewer will be used to develop our next Strategic Plan from 2016 to 2019. This is a great opportunity to ensure we deliver the best possible opportunities for our students and community.



Friday 22nd May Yr 5 Urban Camp returns

Friday 22nd May District Cross Country

Saturday 23rd May Working Bee

Monday 8th June Public holiday-Queen's Birthday No school on this day

Thursday 18th June Education subcommittee meeting

Saturday 20th June Trivia Night

Monday 22nd June Reports go home

Wednesday 9th September Whole School Production

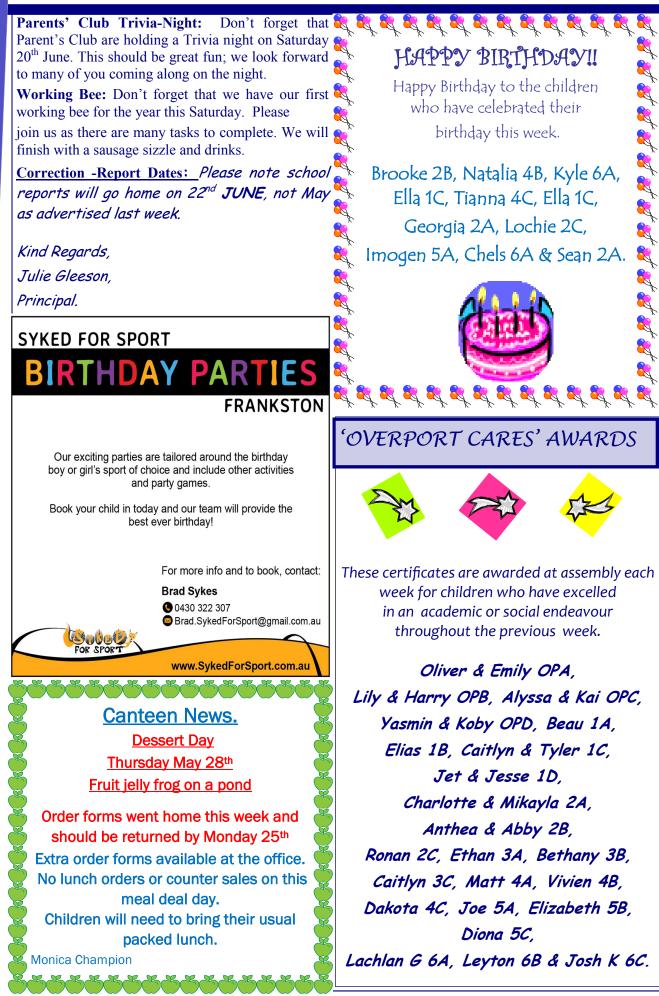
> Thought for the Week A failure is not always a mistake; it may simply be the best one can do under the circumstance. The real mistake is to stop trying.

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

It's lovely to be back after my 3 weeks of long service leave. During that time I have travelled by train, bus and plane, and visited some of the most stunning places I have ever seen. Our destinations included Darwin, Broome and a tour of The Kimberley. There are no words to describe this spectacular part of our country. If anyone has been there before, I would love to compare notes, and maybe show you a photo or two!

Financial Assistance: The State Government has recently announced a fund to assist families with payments for camps and excursions. The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) will provide \$125 for each eligible primary school child to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. These are the only areas covered by this fund, so cannot be used to offset any other school related expenses. To be eligible, you must hold a valid means-tested concessions card: Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or be a temporary foster parent. Application forms will be sent home this week, are available at the school office or can be downloaded from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef This form must be filled in and submitted to the school office as soon as possible. Funds for eligible families will be sent directly to the school in term 3.

This week our Year 5's are enjoying their Urban camp, and from all reports are having a fantastic time. Thank you to our Year 5 staff for organising this amazing experience, and also to parents for helping your children to be prepared. They return tomorrow afternoon, and all students will need to be collected from the Frankston railway station.

Year 6 students were lucky enough to watch the latest Frankston High School production of Hairspray at the George Jenkins Theatre yesterday. What great motivation for them in the lead up to our own production of Zalobardi. It was also fantastic to see many past Overport students performing so capably on the stage.

Excursions coming up this term include Scienceworks for the Year 3's and 4's and the Aquarium for the Year 1's and 2's. Please ensure you have returned the relevant permission slip by the due date. If you have not yet paid the excursion levy or your second instalment, you will need to send the relevant payment to school with the permission slip.

We have a Bookfair coming to Overport on June 1st. This will be open for students during their library sessions, and also for families to browse through after school.

University of New South Wales tests have begun today, with a group of students completing the digital technologies test (formerly known as computer skills). The science test will take place on Wednesday 3rd June.

Tomorrow our cross country team will be competing at Woodleigh School. We wish all members of this team the very best of luck, and know you will all be trying your best.

Next Monday all Year 3-6 students will have their assembly together in the hall.

Have a great weekend everyone, **Deborah Madder**

Our school has an app

We are now using an app to send instant messages, newsletters and notices.

The tiqbiz app will help our school keep you fully informed and up-to-date with newsletters, notices, news and events. It's easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.



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Www.tiqbiz.com

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Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School



HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book by Friday 12th June to avoid a late fee.

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and we can't wait for you to attend! Activities include a range of arts and crafts, sports, team games, science, cooking, and much more.

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

Last week was definitely a different week. We had a couple of awesome afternoons outside in the sunshine, playing in the playground and ball games but on the not so nice afternoons we spent those in the hall, dancing, singing and playing games. The children got into the spirit of winter and made some beautiful paper snow flakes that you can see displayed in our room. Just a reminder for all, as the days get colder, children are required to have their jumpers, coats or jackets with them to be able to play outside!

Kelly & The Team

TERM 2 WEEK 7 ACTIVITIES Monday 25th May: Food Chains Tuesday 26th May: Food Surveys Wednesday 27th May: Active eating Thursday 28th May: Food Games Friday 29th May: Fruit Jelly Cups

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au

CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

Office News

Please note payment for 2015 School fees is now overdue. Letters have been sent home, please attend to these promptly.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, BPAY, Eftpos or Credit Card.

Applications have been sent home with each family informing you of the new **Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund.** If you hold a valid means-tested concession card you may be eligible for CSEF.

PRODUCTION NEWS Wednesday 9th September 2015

We are very excited to announce that our production this year will be "Zalobardi" written by our very own, very talented Jane Lacey and Katie Bingham with musical numbers composed by Anthony Bingham.

Zalobardi is the tropical island where a

boat-load of tourists have just begun their holiday. As the tourists and sailors set out for a lunch feast at neighbouring Mahala Bay, a little girl (Robin) is left behind. The glamorous queen of the jungle (Shirley Bird) and her friends direct Limbo (a monkey infatuated with humans) to help Robin find her mum. Meanwhile, through swarms of bugs and

butterflies, dangerous swamp creatures and

hungry natives dancing around their fire, a hapless search party of sailors track the girl. Despite the best interfering efforts of 3 cheeky monkeys, and with the help of a

talking totem pole, Robin and

Limbo make their way through the jungle to be safely reunited with her mum at Mahala Bay.



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