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The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,,

Grade 5 Urban Camp

Our grade five students left by train yesterday morning for our first urban camp experience. They were very excited yesterday and looking forward to it. Visiting the museum, the Victoria Market, bowling at the Crown indoor bowls with a night walk and going to the movies are among the many things that they will do. We trust the weather is kind but are confident that they will have a great time.

Our Preps First Excursion

They had a lovely day. Thank you to the parents that attended with our teachers.

Student Engagement, Inclusion and Attendance Guidelines

Early this year I outlined new guidelines that have been implemented to ensure Victorian schools are safe and supportive environments for staff and students. These cover the areas of: Attendance and enrolment; student inclusion and engagement; and creating respectful and safe school communities. This fits well with our work with Adam Voigt and Real Schools. We continue to work towards developing our processes towards restorative practices and improved relationships with all school stakeholders.

My earlier article outlined attendance requirements and the impact it had on student development. The focus is on Every Day Counts and the importance of students attending every day at school. New legislation was passed in 2013 to provide a clearer process for issues of non-attendance. Research has shown that the impact of poor attendance, from the beginning of school on learning, is significant. When comparing poor attendance with Naplan results, a significant impact on student achievement is evident. Children who have poor attendance, school refusal and poor punctuality have a negative impact on long term conditions such as: poorer health outcomes, poorer employment opportunities and lower income across their lives. Please see attached flyer: ***EVERY DAY COUNTS!***

Diary Dates

Mon 3rd–Fri 9th May
Book Fair Week
Wed 7th-Fri 9th May
Yr 5 Camp
Tues 13 -Thurs 15th May
NAPLAN
Saturday 17th May
Working Bee
Tuesday 20th May
Education
Sub committee
Wednesday 21st May
Buildings & Grounds
Sub committee
Friday 23rd May
District Cross Country
Monday 26th May
School Council
Monday 9th June
Queen's Birthday
Student Free Day
Mon 16th - Fri 20th June
Wellbeing Week
Thursday 19th June
Open Night
Monday 23rd June
School Council
Friday 27th June
Last day Term 2
Monday 14th July
First day Term 3

Thought for the Week

You can't separate caring and teaching ~ they are one of the same thing!

Principal's article cont'd...

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to our wonderful Parents' Club who have once again run a fantastic Mother's Day stall for all our students. The delight of the students who have been able to buy something special for their mum or grandma is priceless. *A huge thank you to all the parents who have given up their time to be on the stall.* Funds are raised by Parents' Club through this program. However, the main focus is to encourage our children to develop the joy of giving; especially to our lovely mums. I would also like to wish all our mums a happy Mother's Day on Sunday and hope your children spoil you. Breakfast in bed, I believe is the order of the day!

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson, Principal.

Did you know the school sells Second hand Uniform?

We would welcome your donation of any clean, useable, second hand uniforms. Please deliver to the office for us to resell to our school community.

Frankston High Tour Dates Year 7 2015

Friday 9th May 2014 9.15am – 11.00am
Mon 12th May 2014 9.15am – 11.00am
Wed14th May 2014 (7.00pm – 8.00pm
Information session only – No Tour)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children who have celebrated their birthdays this week.

Ruby OPD, Ronan 1C, Malic 2C, Chol 5A, Charlotte 5C, Tiahnee OPB, Jackson OPA, Kayeana 4B, Ebony OPB, Jasmine 3/4C & Lucy 6B

Canteen News

Thank you to everyone who supported our junior and middle school donut day.

We no longer use the single sauce sachets, as children are having difficulty using them.

Sauce is an additional 20c on hot food prices and will be added to food prior to bagging in the canteen. This will be easier for the younger children and less messy accidents in the classroom.

A new winter price list comes with this newsletter.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

I was very fortunate to have been invited on the Prep excursion to the Botanical Gardens in the city last week. We began the morning with a Welcome to Country ceremony, then had a tour and did activities in the gardens with one of the educators. It was a great day, and the children had a wonderful time.

Each term we have Tracey and Deb come in to the school to check our students hair for headlice. They will be here over the next two Wednesdays; 14th and 21st May. If you have any questions at all in relation to the treatment of headlice, they would be more than happy to have a chat with you. Just call the school office on either of these days. We also have been provided with a DVD, which explains the **Conditioner and Combing Technique**, which you are more than welcome to borrow at any time.

Next week our NAPLAN testing will take place. As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, please contact me if you have any queries in relation to this testing. The schedule will be:

Tuesday 13th – Language conventions (grammar and spelling) and Writing, Wednesday 14th – Reading, Thursday 15th – Numeracy. Results of these tests are sent out to schools towards the end of Term 3. Please keep in mind that the results are a snapshot of your child's performance on the day of testing. Our teachers conduct ongoing assessment for reporting purposes.

Next Monday's assemblies will commence at approximately 2.40pm in the following locations:

Prep – Yr 2 assembly will be held in the hall.

Yr 3 & 4 classes assembly at the Year 5 end of the TLC.

Yr 5 & 6 classes assembly at the Year 6 end of the TLC.

Parents are very welcome, and encouraged, to attend any of these assemblies.

I've been lucky enough to have spent last night and today with our Yr 5 students at their Urban Camp; a totally different school camp experience for Overport students. I'm now home, but the students and their teachers will return tomorrow afternoon, with lots of tales to tell about their experiences exploring our wonderful City of Melbourne. Parents are reminded that their children are to be picked up from the car park behind Tasman Meats at 3.15pm tomorrow afternoon.

Have a great 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.

All of OPA, Bill OPB, Charlie, OPC, Cara OPD, Xavier 1A, Jai 1B, Miquella 1C, Nikesha 2A, Bethany 2B, Jordy 2C, Ruby 3A, Neria 3B, Andrew 4A, Diona 4B, Ashley 3/4C, Sarah 5A, Oliver 5B & Kelvin 5C,

Book Club is due back on:

Monday 12th May 2014

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**

Parent Book Club Payment Online is available:

Use this convenient service to pay for your book club order using a quick, easy and secure method!

After your payment has been accepted, you will be given an 11-digit receipt number. Please record your receipt number in the space provided on your Book Club order form, in the bottom left corner.

Remember to also record the amount paid and provide the details of the credit card holder on this form. Your completed Book Club order form should be sent back to your child's teacher.

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Last week was our first full week back. As we have a feature wall every term the before school care group transformed last terms feature wall into a a seasonal poster about spring.

Our new feature wall is 'Once Upon A Time', the children have started to decorate it with fairies and castles, plenty more creations to be added to the wall over the term.

We had a couple of days outside in the prep playground. The children had lots of fun building sand castles and playing in the sand pit.

Next Weeks Activities starting 12th May
Monday- Dragons
Tuesday- A tissue a tissue
Wednesday- Boxes, Boxes, Boxes
Thursday- Stick Art
Friday- Crayon Design

enrolment hotline

Phone our friendly customer service staff on: **1300 366 437**
www.extend.com.au

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.

Downloading is easy...

Available on the App Store — iPhone and iPad. Go to the Apple App Store and search tiqbiz.

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