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The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

EVERY DAY COUNTS! EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! Be here and be on time!

Christmas Market: We are all excited and looking forward to our inaugural Christmas Market **tomorrow** **at 3.30pm (straight after school pickup) to 8.30pm.** This is a great opportunity to get your Christmas presents and support your school at the same time. There is also an amazing raffle with some fantastic prizes donated by our stall holders. No doubt, it will also be a chance to catch up and chat with everyone as we speed towards the end of the year. See you all there!

Remembrance Day: On Sunday, Miss Yanni and I had the privilege of meeting with our two school captains, Jemimah W and Sam C along with our house captains, Meg W, Kaleb H, Jessie C, Lucy H, Leanne S, Imogen B, Zac M, and SRC members Alex F, Shayla H. Lizzie C, Edwin A as well as their families to attend the Springvale War Crematorium, RSL Memorial Service. It was an extremely touching and informative service that allowed out students to develop an understanding of the history behind Remembrance Day. They heard of the many sacrifices our soldiers, nurses and war personell made to allow us the freedom that we enjoy today. They followed this with a touching tribute at a special assembly on Monday with poems and information for the whole school. Jessie and Jemimah spoke eloquently over our PA on Tuesday and led us through a minute's silence. We trust that this will support the development of an appreciation by all our students.

Diary Dates

Friday 14th November
Milk & Cookie Day
Christmas Market
3.30-8.30

Wed 19th November
Transition 3

Thurs 20th November
RACV Challenge

Mon 24th November
School Council

Wed 26th November
Yr4 Camp
2015 Prep Information Night

Thurs 27th November
Yr5/6 PARC Excursion

Fri 28th November
Yr4 Camp Returns
Yr6 Market Day

Thought for the Week

The purpose of life is to matter – to count to stand for something, to have it make some difference that we lived at all!

Leo Rosten – Polish-American writer.

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School Communication – a vital link between home and school: Where do I find out what's happening? How do I address concerns? These questions are important for our parents, so just in case you are uncertain, this week, I have attached an outline for you all to assist with the communication between home and school. This vital area which covers communication between your child's teacher and you, information to you from the school about school events also helps us help you and your child. Please read thoroughly. Thank you.

SRC Disco: Last Friday our SRC ran their annual disco for the students. This is always enjoyed by all the children who attend. Funds raised are forwarded via Rotary to support the Mekasari Regional School in Bali. We have been undertaking this program for a number of years. Supporting others less fortunate than ourselves helps us to build a sense of appreciation for what we have as well as a social justice in our students.

They raised $331.00!

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson
Principal

Runners' Club

Well done to the following students who have achieved 10km during Runners' Club: Ruby P, Lachlan G, Jessica M and Michael W. Also, Dakota R has run brilliantly earlier this year, achieving 25km.

Although Runners' Club has been operating for many years, here is a reminder about how the club runs:

Students from years 1-6 may participate, no matter what their running ability is. Participants 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. Runners' laps are recorded and once theyhave reached certain accumulated distances, they are awarded certificates at assembly and achievements are published in our newsletter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children who have celebrated their birthday last week and this week.

Andrew 4A, Tony 1A, Beau 1A, Campbell PD, Rose 2A, Elizabeth 4A, Ayva 6B, Delma 6B, Annabel 3A & Admir 6B,

Canteen News

Milk & Cookie Day is this Friday November 14th

This is our last cookie day for the year

The canteen will be closed and no counter sales or lunch orders available on this day.

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Yesterday our students had their second 2015 transition session; moving up a year level to 'have a go'. Up until now, the students have remained with their current classmates, but from next week teachers will begin to mix these groups. Observations by teachers during these sessions will assist in making grade placement decisions. Placement of staff for 2015 is yet to be finalised. Your child will meet their 2015 teacher and classmates on Tuesday 9th December, our final transition session.

It's great to see our students thoroughly enjoying our swimming program. We are half way through this program today, with 4 more lessons to come tomorrow and next week. Your children are doing a great job organising themselves both before and after lessons. Very few lost items, so far!

Curriculum payments for 2015 are close to being finalised. These will be sent home to you shortly, hopefully in the next week or so, with various payment options available. Payment will be able to be made in full, or by instalments. There will also be the opportunity for you to meet with Mrs Robinson, our Business Manager, to arrange a payment plan. Please be aware that EMA will no longer be an option for payment, as this has now been abolished.

Current Year 5 and 6 families are reminded that deposits and/or progressive payments for next year's camps are due and payable at the school office. It is important for us to be able to confirm the number of students attending these camps now, so exact costs can be confirmed.

The last of our excursions will be taking place on Thursday 18th December, when the whole school will be attending a movie day. A permission notice for this activity will be sent home shortly. If you have already paid your yearly excursion levy, you will only need to return the signed permission form. If payment is required, this will be highlighted on your notice.

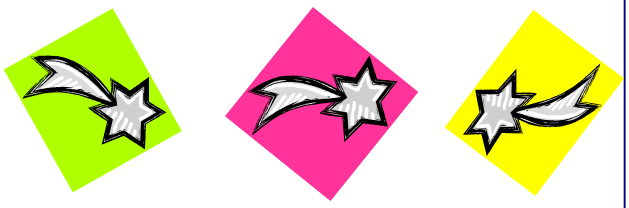
Tomorrow promises to be a great day for our inaugural Christmas Market. What a great opportunity to start some shopping, and get into the swing of Christmas. Hope to see lots of our families and friends there, tomorrow afternoon from 3.30pm.

The very best of luck to our RACV team who will be in Maryborough from next Thursday, competing in the RACV Challenge. I know lots of time and practice has been put in by all members of the team, with Miss Higgins and Mrs Wynne assisting them through the process. I am sure everyone will have a great time, and will representing Overport Primary School to the very best of their ability.

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.

Kian OPA, Malcolm OPB, Taj OPC,
Ruby OPD,
Ethan 1A, Olivia 1B, Evelyn 1C,
Bob 2A, All of 2B, Tyrell 2C,
Lisa 3A, Hannah 3B, Tyler 3/4C,
Tayla 4A, Kristjan 4B,
Meredith 5A, Ruby 5B, Jamie 5C,
Riley 6A, Libby 6B & Laura 6C.

Christmas Market Raffle

Raffle Tickets for the Christmas Market can still be purchased. Please return your tickets for a chance to win some great prizes

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Last week was a short but eventful week due to Monday being a pupil free day and Tuesday being Melbourne Cup Day. We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and stayed safe. On Wednesday and Thursday we played outside on the playground and played games of soccer. The children also enjoyed some down time playing board games and added to our display wall with all their creative drawings and art work.
We ended the week by attending the school disco. All the children were dressed to party and danced the afternoon away having a blast.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU
Booking deadlines apply and excursions fill fast. Book now to avoid disappointment at **extend.com.au**. All holiday programs are open to primary school aged children from the wider community.

Kelly

Next week's activities:
Monday 17th November:
board game day
Tuesday 18th November:
pirate hats
Wednesday 19th November:
macaroni picture frames
Thursday 20th **November:**
balloon rockets
Friday 21st November:
paper plane competition

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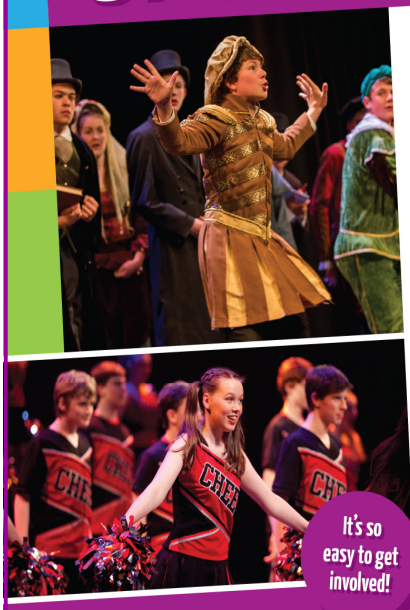
JOIN US IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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