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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 - a Great Success! If you were lucky enough to be able to come to our first Christmas Market last Friday, you will already know what a great success it was! Thank you to parents who supplied cakes and biscuits for our cake stall, which made in excess of $1000. Thank you to Shane Saxon and his helpers on the barbeque, which raised over $1400. While some minor costs are yet to be calculated, in all, the night raised over $6,000. Thank you also must go to Lyndal Luca for all her organisation over several months to bring this event to fruition. As well, the many parent helpers on the day, and parent and staff throughout the evening. Stall holders were impressed with the smooth organisation and were pleased with the evening. Many were indicating that they would be more than happy to do this again. All in all, it was a fantastic evening and fundraiser for the school, and gave our community an opportunity to get together and enjoy the pre-Christmas atmosphere and purchase some lovely gifts for family and friends.

RACV Challenge: Today the children travelled with parents and teachers to Maryborough to begin competing in the RACV Challenge. They have put in many hours with Miss Higgins and Mrs Wynn practising with their push-cart in preparation for the event. We wish them every success and hope that they enjoy the experience. We look forward to hearing about it all next week.

Diary Dates

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

Sat 29th November
Working Bee

Monday 1st December
Book Fair Week starts

Wed 3rd December
Transition 4

Thurs 4th December
Parents Club Meeting

Fri 5th December
Whole School House Athletics

Thought for the Week

Knowledge is power!
- Katie Perry - 2014.

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Working Bee: On Saturday, November 29th, we are holding our final working bee for the year. There is painting to be done, seating to be installed as well as work in the vegetable garden and general gardening to mention a few. As usual we will end with a BBQ and refreshments. We look forward to many helpers from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. *If you have not yet attended a working bee this year, this is your chance! Helping at working bees is helping your child!*

Transition and Prep Information Night: On Wednesday the children were involved in the third of our transition afternoons. On 3rd December the fourth afternoon session will be held. Following this, the final transition day will be on the state-wide transition day, which is Tuesday 9th December from 11.30 to 1.30 pm. The children will meet their teachers and classmates for 2015. , Our 2015 Prep Information night will be held on 26th November.

Level 4 Commercialism Unit: It seems we are certainly in the market mood! Our level four students are studying a unit on "Commercialism." They have developed a business idea, logos, flyers, and products for sale at their "shop" on their Market Day, which will be held on 28th November for all our students. This happens every second year and was very successful last time. The children learn about the process of running a shop-style business, product development, and display, costing, the language of sales, promotion and marketing. All funds raised are directed to a number of areas that have been voted on and decided through our Student Representative Council. All students are invited to bring some coins to spend at the variety of stalls. Real life experiences support deep understanding and provide variety of teaching and learning opportunities.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson
Principal

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Archie 3/4C, Matthew 5A, Tyler 5B, Lisa 3A, Olivia 1B, & Jordan 5B

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Today you will receive payment information for 2015. Included are amounts for Bookpacks, other essential educational items, and levies for incursion/excursions, sports and fruit. The cover letter will clearly explain each of these. Payments can be made at the front office at any time, with options available for full payment or by instalments.

Also coming home tonight is the permission form for our end of year Movie Day. This will be happening on Thursday 18th December. The cost of this event has been included in your 2014 excursion levy, so in many cases all that needs to be returned is the signed permission slip. If you are yet to make payment, this will be noted on your child's form.

An information night for our new Prep families will take place next Wednesday evening from 7.00pm. If you are aware of any family members, friends or neighbours who are yet to enrol, please ask them to contact the school immediately. Teachers are now working very hard at forming classes and, as you are aware, there are many factors which need to be taken into account during this process, one being class sizes. On that note, if you know that your child will not be returning to Overport PS in 2015, please advise us of this as soon as possible.

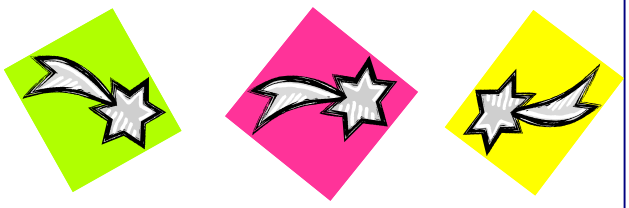
Next Wednesday the Yr 4's are heading off to The Briars at Mt Martha for their camp. This will be a great experience for them, and they will thoroughly enjoy all the experiences that are on offer. Let's hope for fine weather for them.

Good luck to the RACV team, who headed off to Maryborough this morning. I know they will have a great time, and have lots of stories to tell us next week.

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.

Jack S OPA, Aziah OPB, Zoran OPC, Ben OPD,
Aleisha 1A, Jai 1B, Evelyn 1C,
Bob 2A, All of 2B, Tyrell 2C,
Kobe 3A, Desiree 3B, Zac 3/4C,
Lis Marie 4A, Hannah 4B,
Matt 5A, Ruby 5B, Isabella 5C,
Gabby 6A, Mirabai and Alesha 6B & Thomas 6C.

To Lyndal Luca for all of her hard work in organising the Christmas Market. Also to everyone who volunteered their time by baking goods for the cake stall, during the day to help set up or on the night at the stalls or BBQ etc. It wouldn't have been such a success without you all.

From Parents' Club

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Last week was an exciting week for all! The children were lucky enough to have TWO visits from Gilbert the Gecko! He came on Monday and played musical statues with the children, which all the children loved and received stickers. He then came again on Friday to Overport's Christmas market so other children and parents could meet him, while handing out balloons.

During the rest of the week the children played outside on the playground and on the pitch playing soccer.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU

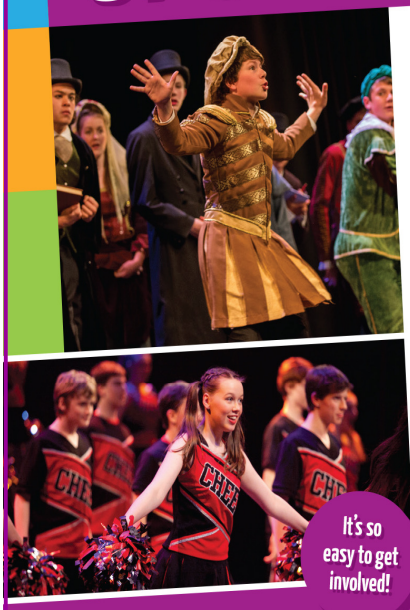
Booking deadlines apply and excursions fill fast. Book now to avoid disappointment at **extend.com.au**. All holiday programs are open to primary school aged children from the wider community.

Kelly

Next week's activities:

Monday 24th November:
Box construction
Tuesday 25th November:
Drawing competition- favourite sport
Wednesday 26th November:
Balloon Stomp
Thursday 27th November:
Barnyard- animal sound game
Friday 28th November:
Cubes

JOIN US IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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