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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!

Japanese Week: This week has been very eventful with our students across the school engaged in a variety of Japanese activities to promote our Japanese Language program. The level 2 children made traditional Japanese Toys; our grade 5's assisted the preps to make and eat Japanese rice balls; the level 3 students participated in a Karate incursion; and the grade 6 students made and tasted Japanese pancakes. As well several lunchtime activities were held. The children played with Japanese toys, created dances or dressed in traditional costume. We were treated to some Japanese dancing by some of the grade 6 students at assembly. Also, Mrs Champion has out done herself with a special Sushi lunch held today. All in all, a fantastic week! *Arigatoo, Sensei Yamashita.*

Report Writing Day for Teachers: This is to advise out community that Monday 3rd November, is a Report Writing Day for teachers. **Students are not required at school.**

Communication with Teachers: All teachers can be contacted through the school email address. Parents who wish to contact teachers can send their first email to the school email address marking it to the attention of the teacher concerned: overport-ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and it will be forwarded to that teacher. They will then respond to you through their direct email. Or you may simply ask them for their email address; whichever is most convenient. All teachers are very happy for your to contact them in this manner, so do not hesitate to do so.

Grades Placement 2015: Should you have a request in relation to grade placement for 2015 that is based on your child's **specific educational** needs, please make an appointment to see either Mrs Madder or myself prior to placing this request **in writing** by **Friday, 24th October.** We will respect all requests; however, we will also use our professional judgement to ensure your child receive the optimum educational opportunity for the year. ***Please note requests after this date will be unable to be considered.***

Diary Dates

Friday 17th October
RACV Free Dress Day

Friday 24th October
Gr3 Sleepover

Monday 27th October
School Council

Monday 3rd November
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 4th November
Melbourne Cup
Public Holiday

Thought for the Week

"To have another language is to possess a second soul."

Charlemagne

…..Continued overleaf

Real Schools Program-Restorative Practices: We continue our journey with our partnership with Real Schools. Last week teachers undertook further training in the program to support students' wellbeing at school. The focus of the program is to build young people to be good citizens and contribute to the world. By developing their social skills, capacity to discuss feelings, willingness to restore harm and resilience, we are able to support their development. You will notice the Real Schools sign at the front of the school. Should you require any further information, please contact Miss Tess Higgins, our Wellbeing coordinator.

RACV Casual Dress Day: This is a reminder about our RACV Challenge students' casual dress tomorrow. It is a gold coin donation. Please support their efforts.

Holiday Program: Following discussions I have had with our OHSC, Extend, we are investigating if we were to offer a school holiday program, would our families be interested? If we get sufficient interest, we may be able to operate this through Extend. **Please indicate on the attached expression of interest form and return to our office by 31st October.**

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson
Principal

Book Club is due back on:

Monday 27th October 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.

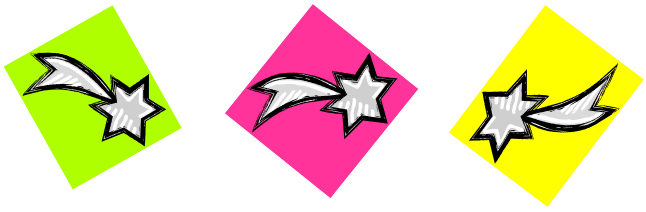
Remember to also record the amount paid and provide the details of the credit card holder on this form. Your completed Book Club order form should be sent back to your child's teacher.

* REMINDER *

Final Instalments were due on 6/10/14

Please bring your accounts up to date. Statements are being sent home this week.

'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.

Matilda OPA, Louie OPB, Rina OPC, Amelia OPD,
Dayle 1A, Amber 1B, Lucy 1C,
Nate 2A, Caleb 2B, Brooke 2C,
Makayla 3A, Abel 3B, Sasha 3/4C,
Sienna 4A, Zoe 4B,
Lachlan 5B, Jazmin 5C,
Jemimah 6A, Marcus 6B & Ruben 6C.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Students who participated in the University of New South Wales competitions were presented with their certificates of achievement at our assembly last Monday. Special mention was made of the following students who received distinction awards: Neria 3B and Seth 6A who excelled in Writing, Chris 3A for Spelling and Damon 3A for Mathematics. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement.

Outstanding results were also achieved at the recent Divisional Athletics competition. The students pictured did an outstanding job representing our school. The 11 and 12 year old girls relay teams have both progressed on to the Regional Championships, as well as Monte from 5B, who will compete in the 800m. Regional Championships have taken place today, but at the time of writing we are unaware of the results. We know all students will have done their very best.

Our next Education subcommittee meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 22nd October. We meet at 3.45pm in the staffroom, and everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee are on offer for parents and teachers, and I'm sure I can find some cordial and a biscuit for any children who come along too. At this meeting we will continue our discussions about Homework, We will also discuss Student Attitudes to School survey data and our Class Formation policy, including the processed we put in place when deciding on our student groupings for next year.

Raising Resilient and Confident Children: There are just a few places left for this 4 week program which discusses concerns, questions and ideas about parenting in a friendly, supportive place. It is being held in the evening 6.45pm – 8.30pm at Mt Eliza Nth Primary School from Oct 30th. To book or for further information please contact Barbara Biggelaar form Anglicare Parentzone on 9781 6787 or 0458 750 754. Through this course, you may discover the things you need to know to raise your child to be confident, happy and resilient.

Next week Tracey and Deb will again be here to do head lice checks. This is a timely reminder for everyone to continue to check your child's hair regularly, keep long hair tied back firmly; preferably in a plait, and discourage the sharing of hats.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal

Overport Primary Christmas Market

Friday 14th November
3.30pm to 8.30pm

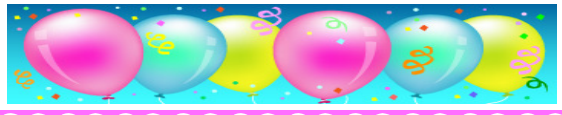
Lots of fabulous indoor and outdoor stalls
Gift ideas for Xmas
Entry—gold Coin Donation (kids free)

Food & Drink
Christmas Gifts
Fashion Jewellery
Face Painting
Candles Artwork
& lots more

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Jemimah 6A, Jesse 6C, Jet PC, Noah PC, Oscar 3A, Benjamin 1B & Katya 3B



Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Welcome back. First week is over and many more exciting ones to come. Last week the children told us exciting stories about what they did in the holidays and which lead to our first of many drawing competitions that will be running all term. We started our first of many soccer games on Thursday afternoons. The children are constantly coming up with ideas for activities they wish to experience this term.
Kelly

Are you ready to Share Christmas?
Term 4 see's the launch of our Extend-a-Hand annual Project and we would love your children to be a part of it. We hope to empower and inspire our children by asking them to 'Share Christmas'.
Extend is teaming up with **Magic** Moments Foundation by participating in the **Basket** Brigade Program to help families in need. The Basket Brigade Program raises funds throughout the year in order to put together gift baskets for families in need with items including food, necessities, and even toys.
Extend is honoured to be given the opportunity for the children in our programs to hand-craft the Christmas cards that are placed inside these baskets. We've named this the Share Christmas Project.
Until Wednesday 12 November, children who attend any Extend service can contribute to the Basket Brigade by making cards for families. We encourage you to speak with your child(ren) about this worthy cause so that they can get excited and involved in our Share Christmas Project.
Thank you for your support in a wonderful cause.

Next week's activities:
Monday 20th October:
Goop
Tuesday 21st October:
Sports Day
Wednesday 22nd October:
Comics
Thursday 23rd October:
3D pop out pictures
Friday 24th October:
Drawing Competition- Simpson Characters

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au

Runners' Club

Well done to ***Krissy J*** who has run brilliantly this year during Runners' Club sessions on Monday and Wednesday mornings. She has now run 75km! Congratulations also to ***Lexus A*** also who has run 25km.

Divisional Athletics

On Wednesday 8th October, the following students competed at Divisional Athletics: Ronin B, Jesse C, Monte C, Hayley C, Charlotte C, Ruby P, Ivey S, Imogen B, Shae R, Mia J, Olivia M, Tori B, Meika P, Jade K, Donovan M, Flynn W, Lexus A, and Amelie R. All students should feel very proud of reaching this level of competition. From this group, the following students performed exceptionally well, finishing top two in their event and progressing to compete this Thursday 16th October at Regional Athletics:

Ronin B – High jump 1st
Monte C - 800m 1st
Hayley C – 4 x 100m relay 1st
Charlotte C - 4 x 100m relay 2nd and 80m hurdles 1st
Olivia M -4 x 100m relay 2nd
Tori B – 4 x 100m relay 2nd
Ivey S – 4 x 100m relay 2nd
Imogen B – 4 x 100m relay 2nd
Meika P – 4 x 100m relay 2nd
Jade K – 4 x 100m relay 2nd
Mia J – 1500m 1st

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