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The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Let's get Wacky!

Tomorrow is our Wacky Walk-a-thon: We hope that everyone has collected lots of sponsors and that you all have lots of fun walking tomorrow. The walk-a-thon will take place across Towerhill Road in Delacome Park and parents are welcome to cheer on the walkers. As I indicated earlier parents club have marked the funds raised for air-conditioning in our hall. This will make our assemblies, PE sessions and events such as graduation much more comfortable for our children. I am sure next week we will have some great photos of interesting "wacky" costumes.

School Choir: Our lovely choir sang at assembly on Monday and we were very proud of them!

Japanese Week – 21st October: Next week on Monday and Tuesday Sensei Yamashita will be undertaking a number of exciting activities to highlight our Japanese program. There will be lots of interesting cooking of Japanese food, cultural and language activities and a sports carnival on the Tuesday. Also, a special meal deal 'sushi' day from our canteen. I am certain that Sensei will add some photos for next week's newsletter.

Late Arrivals: Disappointingly we have had a huge number of students arriving late each day since the beginning of the term. This disrupts the learning of everyone. Students must be at school by the 8.55 am bag bell and certainly in class ready for learning by 9.00 am. As the late book sits outside my office, I have taken the opportunity to speak to children about why they are late and encouraged them to arrive on time. Often there are legitimate reasons and this is understandable. Students who are consistently late miss vital instruction. Therefore, in the interest or each child's development at school, I strongly request that parents ensure students are here on time. Please note, when children are late, parents MUST sign them in; students are not permitted to fill in the late book. Thank you for your cooperation in the interest of everyone's welfare.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

From term 1 2014 , the newsletter will no longer be printed. It will be available to download from Tiqbiz or accessed via our website: www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au

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Diary Dates

Friday 18th October
Wacky Walkathon
Mon 21st—Fri 25 Oct
Japanese Week
Tuesday 22nd October
- Education Sub committee
- Japanese Meal Deal

Wed 23rd October
Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee
Thursday 24th October
House athletics—whole school
Monday 28th October
School Council
Tuesday 5th November
Cup Day
Student Free Day
Monday 11th November
Remembrance Day

Thought for the week

Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.

John Lennon

Principal article cont'd…

Traffic issues: Last week we were advised by a parent of a number of very dangerous practices in the Delacombe car park. Parents are stopping in the driveway to let children in or out of cars and blocking the roadway. This has been reported to the council and council traffic authorities have advised that they will randomly send someone to book those offending. However, more importantly we do not want any of our students harmed. Please follow all road signs and use the Kiss and go area for dropping students off.

House Athletics: Our whole school will be involved in the House Athletics next Thursday. This is always exciting for the children. Let's hope the weather is fine.

Enrolments: Our prep numbers are filling fast, so if you have not yet enrolled your child for Prep next year, please contact our office next week for an enrolment package. Enrolment forms can also be down loaded from our website. ***If your child is leaving the school in 2014 please advise us as soon as possible.***

As indicated last week, teachers will be developing grades for 2014 shortly, if you have a request in relation to grade placement that is based on your child's **specific educational** needs, please contact either Mrs Madder or myself prior to placing this request **in writing** by Friday, 25th October. *Please note that due to our planning requirements, requests after this date will be unable to be considered.*

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson, 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.

Tamara OPA, Seth and Degan OPB, Olivia OPC, Bob 1A, Chanitha 1B, Bethany 1C, Zac 2A, Lisa 2B, Kaleb 2C, Emily 3A, Elizabeth 3B, Rose 3/4C, Leyton 4A, Grace 4B, Kim 5A, Taylor 5B, Isabel 5C, Mahley 6A, Megan 6B & Tom 6C

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

Yanni 6A, Oscar 2B, Benjamin OPC, Katya 2A, Bonnie OPC, Hailie 4A, & Leanne 5C

Minasan Konnichiwa (Hello everyone)

The next Monday and Tuesday are Japanese theme days, so all the students are having very special Japanese sessions. We are also having a special meal deal on Tuesday 22nd October. The theme for these days is based on the famous Japanese folk story called "Rolling rice balls" (*onigiri kororin).* Prep students are working with Grade 5 buddy students to participate in simple Japanese cooking, story listening, Origami activities, and Japanese games. Grade 1, 2 and 6 students are working together to participate in some of the following activities: story listening, Origami activity, simple Japanese cooking, Japanese folk dancing and dressing up, or Japanese sport carnival. Grade 3 and 4 students are watching the folk story, doing origami, and participating in the Japanese sport carnival.

Regarding the Japanese cooking, the detail information will be sent to all the prep, Grade1, Grade2, Grade5 or Grade6 students this week. The ingredients are rice, water, salt, sugar, soy sauce, soya bean flour, and seaweed paper (*nori)* as an option. If you have any concerns regarding the food allergy, please contact me or leave a message at the office.

Finally I have requested all Grade 1 and 2 students. Please bring clean cardboard boxes to the school. This term during the Japanese lessons, we will look at various (Japanese) toys to talk about their systems. We will also make these toys to experiment by using recycling boxes, so we need a lot of clean boxes. I highly appreciate your donation of the clean cardboard boxes!

Arigatoo gozaimasu **(Thank you very much)**

Tomoko Yamashita (Japanese teacher)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

This is my first chance to welcome everyone back to term 4. I hope it has been a smooth start for you.

Due to a printing error, there was a delay in the distribution of NAPLAN results for this year. However they have now been sent to the school, and were sent home with individual students yesterday. If your child was absent yesterday, these results have been posted home and should be in your letterbox today. If you are the parent of a Yr 3 or Yr 5 child and you did not receive these results, please contact the school immediately.

There are a number of activities coming up in the next few weeks, which will keep us very busy. Tomorrow, of course, is our 'Wacky Walkathon', which promises to be a lot of fun. Our Parents Club have put a lot of work in to organising this fundraiser for our school. It will be great to see everyone supporting this event. Next week we have many activities planned by Yamashita Sensei to celebrate Japanese Week. Again, there has been a substantial amount of preparation put in to these activities, and we thank Yamashita Sensei for her commitment and enthusiasm. I hope everyone enjoys the Japanese Lunch Day on Tuesday. Orders for this meal deal are due back tomorrow.

Also happening next week are Family Life sessions for our Yr 5 and 6 students, and our whole school House Athletics day. This will be next Thursday, and we encourage all students to wear their house colours, and cheer their team mates on! Parents are most welcome to join the cheer squads too. Prep – Yr 2 events will be from 9.00am – 11.00am. Yr 3-6 events will take place after recess.

We have had a number of children representing Overport PS at sporting events today. We had a Hooptime team at regional finals, and other students competing in individual events at a regional athletics competition. At this stage I am unsure of any results, but I'm sure they all tried their best. We are very proud of them all for reaching this level of competition.

At the beginning of November, Jenny and Deb will again be here to do headlice 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.

For any parents who are able to make it, we will be having our next Education subcommittee meeting next Tuesday afternoon at 3.45pm in the staffroom. The agenda will include reviewing our Curriculum policy and looking through some survey data. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder, Assistant Principal

CANTEEN NEWS

To support our Japanese week we will hold a

Japanese Lunch Day

Tuesday October 22nd

Order forms went home on Monday and need to be returned by

Friday October 18th

*NO other lunches available on this day

Book Club is due back on:

Friday 25th October 2013

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

"Being a Planet Saver is fun! Last week, we had Nude Food week and Carry In/Carry Out week. We had to compost all of our food scraps and put them in a bucket. The buckets were collected from every single grade by the Planet Savers and they were put in the school's new compost bin that is inside the fence of the vegie garden. Miss Moroney helped us carry the compost and opened the gate for us. The Planet Savers want Overport Primary School to carry in and carry out food so our playground is nice and clean. Thank you to everyone who participated. Nude Food week was a great success."

Written by the Planet Savers: Rory, Zoe, Michael, Hannah, Riley and Josh.

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Our weekly recap

Wow what an amazing week. All the children had exciting stories about what they did during their school holidays. Outside play was a must when the weather was nice and sunny. This week the children were so creative in all the activities that were available this week. They also had so much fun with the science experiments. We also had an afternoon in the hall music raging dancing and all different games. Also I would like to mention that as it is getting hotter the children will be required to have their hats at before and after school care for outside play. ***Kelly***

Next week's activities:

Monday 21 October:	Ceramic Painting
Tuesday 22 October:	Clocks
Wednesday 23 October:	Clowns
Thursday 24 October:	Caterpillars
Friday 25 October:	Cars

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au

SPORT REPORT

Runners' Club

Congratulations to Luke O who is the first student to receive a 50km certificate for efforts during Runners' club this year. Keep up the great running Luke!

Divisional Athletics

Last Wednesday October 9th our school had a large group of students compete at Divisional Athletics. They were: Matt K, Monte C*, Edwin A*, Lachlan J*, Charlotte C*, Sienna A, Kim N, Olivia M, Lawrence L*, Luke K*, Jesse C*, Jacob A*, James K*, Dylan G*, Jordan W*, Tyron S*, Ruby P, Monique S, Aleesha K, Carmen S, Lilly S*, Ruby W, Kollin B*, Ronin B*, Bonnie I*, Imogen B*, Annabel R, Amy H, Melissa J, Nick Cameron, Woodley A and Haylana T*.

Students with an asterisk alongside their name finished in the top two of either an individual event or relay which is an outstanding achievement. These students will compete at regional level this Thursday 17th October. All students who competed last Wednesday should feel proud of their efforts.

House Athletics

This year's House Athletics will run as follows:

Thursday 24th October at Overport Primary School

Prep-yr 2: 9am -11am

Yr 3 – 6: 11am - 1:30pm and 2:30pm -3:15pm

Students are encouraged to wear suitable clothing for the house athletics that is the colour of their house. Please note, students are not permitted to have coloured dye in their hair and are required to be sunsmart (shoulders must be covered). We welcome the school community to attend to help spur on our students.

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.

ANDROID APP ON Google play — Android smartphone and tablet. Go to Google play and search tiqbiz.

www.tiqbiz.com — Windows & Mac computers. Go to www.tiqbiz.com and click on the download button.

High Tea for HeartKids at Rocotillos Cafe

Date: Saturday 19th October 2013
Time: 3pm
Address: 36 Wells St, Frankston
Cost: $5 kids & $8 adults
Includes: High tea with sparkling wine
Lots of fun & entertainment
All proceeds to HeartKids

HeartKids

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Cancer Council I Love Pink Gatsby Cocktail Party at Rocotillos Cafe

Date: Saturday 26th October 2013
Time: 6:30-11pm
Address: 36 Wells St, Frankston
Cost: $45 per person
Includes: Cocktail & Cocktail menu
Entertainer & fancy dress prizes
Auction & raffle
All proceeds to Cancer Council

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