

The Overport Times

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Book Fair, Parade and Open Morning: On Wednesday we celebrated book week with a parade of book characters. It was great to see so many students and teachers get into the spirit to celebrate books and reading by dressing up in a range of wonderful characters. After the parade our parents took the opportunity to visit the children's classes. It was a great morning! Thank you to Miss Gleeson for her organisation and for arranging for our book fair from Lamont Books in our library. The book fair is open again tonight and Friday. So make sure you pop in to look at the great range of books available – always a great idea as Christmas stocking fillers! Miss Gleeson will announce how much was raised to allow us to increase the books in our beautiful library.



New Portable: You will notice that a new portable arrived today to accommodate our growing student population. We were only notified yesterday afternoon that this was happening so quickly. However, this is great news as this will be ready to help accommodate our 28 classes next year. Our school numbers continue to grow with an expected enrolment next year of over 650 students.

Thought for the week.

*Keep your face always towards the sunshine
and the shadows will fall away*

-Walt Whitman - American poet 1819 - 1892

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Diary Dates



Monday 24th October

Canteen closed for 2 weeks

School Council meeting

Friday 28th October

Swimming Prep-Yr 4 continues

Tuesday 1st November

Cup Day-Public Holiday
NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday
25th October**

**PUPIL
FREE DAY**

Friday 28th October

Swimming Prep-yr4 continues

Tuesday 1st November

Cup Day—Public Holiday
NO SCHOOL

Friday 4th November

Swimming Prep-yr4
Twilight Christmas Market



Naplan Results: On Tuesday after school our year 3 and 5 teachers shared the Naplan results with staff. We were delighted with the results. The requirements for the national minimum standards (NMS) show our students to be working at an excellent level in both years 3 and 5. The percentage of students that are performing ABOVE the national minimum standard in each area are as follows: Year 3's – mathematics - 79%, reading – 75%, writing – 92%, grammar – 85% and in spelling – 90%. For our Year 5's – mathematics - 82%, reading – 86%, writing – 86%, grammar – 85% and in spelling – 90%. These results are very encouraging. So what are we doing really well? The percentage of students achieving above the minimum standard in all areas is over 80% in Year 5 and over 75% in Year 3. In Year 3, the best results were in Writing and Spelling. In Year 5, the best results were in Writing and Reading. It is evident that staff work well with students at their point of need, given the small number of students that are achieving below the minimum standard. (less than 4%). We teach the whole child and look at the big picture of education. We manage the arrival of new students well. We use the whole curriculum to inform our planning and, therefore, our data has integrity. What can we improve on? A stronger focus on problem solving so that our students fully understand how to read, interpret and comprehend the types of questions asked in NAPLAN. Continue to teach essential skills and provide real life application of those skills in all areas of the curriculum areas. Provide sufficient time for students to consolidate learning so skills and knowledge are embedded in their long term memory. We need to get the balance right between new learning and embedding current learning. However, it is very satisfying for both the staff and parents to see we are well on the right track with our teaching and learning for our students.

Year Five Urban Camp: Last week our year five students attended their annual Urban camp in the city. They had an amazing time. They were praised by the camp staff for their wonderful behaviour and their teachers told me they were a joy to take. Thank you to the teachers and parents that attended, making this such a memorable experience for the students.

RACV Fund Raiser: Thank you to everyone that supported the RACV day last Friday. We are delighted to report that they raised \$1265.55 which is a wonderful effort and will be greatly appreciated by the push cart teams.

Swimming Program reminder: Don't forget that tomorrow is our second swimming day for years prep to 4. Remember to bring your bathers and towel!

Just a note that I will be on leave until next Thursday. Mrs Madder is in charge should you have any questions. I will try to bring the QLD sun back for us, especially for our Christmas Market on 4th November, with all the great stalls, rides and fantastic fireworks display at 9.00 pm.

*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.

Arisa 00A, Sanuli 00B, Levi 00C,
Connor 00D, Grace 1A, Isabelle 1B,
Yasmin 1C, Amelia 1D, Ivy 2A,
Campbell 2C, Tyler 2D, Tamara 3A,
Sam 3B, Jai 3C,
Francesco 4B, Mia 4C,
Dillon 5A, Sasha 5B,
All of 5C, Alex 5D,
Wil 6A, Ann Maria 6B & Zoe 6C.

Student Banking

Reminder to all families that student banking is every

Wednesday.

Deposit slips must be completely filled in by family.

Assistant Principal's Report

In preparation for 2017, it is important that all families who are eligible to receive CSEF funding, have submitted the relevant application. If you hold a valid concession card, your child is entitled to be funded \$125.00, which comes to the school and is used to offset the costs of camps, sporting activities and excursions. As well as support for these activities, all Prep and Year 7 CSEF recipients are also automatically eligible for uniform support through State School Relief. A basic uniform package can be organised through the school, (or your child's secondary school) simply by contacting us, and this can be easily arranged through SSR. Please be aware that this uniform support is only for Prep and Year 7 students. If you are currently receiving the CSEF payment, this will continue next year. You are not required to reapply.

Our annual Twilight Fair will be happening in two weeks' time. While we have many independent stall holders coming along to sell their goods, we also have a few school-based stalls, which we still need helpers for. Thanks to the many people who have already volunteered to assist. Rosters for these stalls are displayed on the staffroom windows. If you are able to fill in any of the gaps, please leave your name at the office and we will slot you in.

We also have a number of flyers which need to be delivered to houses in the immediate area, to alert our neighbours to the fact that we will be having a fireworks display at the end of the night. If you are able to help out with this letterbox drop, please contact the school office or Erin from Parents Club.

Yesterday we had one of our best book parades yet! The effort put into costumes was outstanding – well done to all. and it was fantastic to have so many parents come and visit our classrooms after the parade. We hope you enjoyed sharing some stories with your children.

Our year 1 students had a fantastic day at Balnarring Beach today as part of a unit of work exploring coastal ecosystems. It was a perfect day to do this, and to enjoy a nature walk. Thanks to Mr Rodwell and his Year 1 team for organising the day, and to the parents who were able to assist as well.

Well done to our RACV teams who raised just over \$1000 last Friday. This money will assist greatly with all entry costs, as well as team uniforms, etc. Teams will be heading to Maryborough in a few weeks' time. Regular training sessions are continuing in preparation. We know all members of these teams are having a fantastic time already, and can't wait to compete. I'm sure they will do their very best.

Final payments for Year 3 sleep over and Year 4 and Year 6 camps are due next Friday 28th October.

This is a final reminder that next Tuesday 25th October is a PUPIL FREE DAY. Students are not required at school on that day.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Deborah Madder
Assistant Principal

Year Level Reminders for this week:

Foundation:

Swimming on Friday. Biodiversity talks at school next Monday. We have a curriculum day on Tuesday—No school for students.

Year 1

Swimming again tomorrow—don't forget your bathers and towel!!!

Year 2

Swimming again tomorrow—don't forget your bathers and towel!!!

Year 3

Don't forget swimming is on this Friday!

Year 4

Please remember to bring your swimming gear on Fridays!

Year 5

RACV is fast approaching. All the students need to be practising their scripts for the big weekend.

Year 6:

Please return all camp forms this week. Start looking at your packing list and collect items.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children
who are celebrating their
birthday this week.

Ben 3C, Katya 5A,
Zali OOD, Mackenzie OOB,
Matthew 1A, Isabella 2A, Bonnie 3B,
Ann Maria 6B, Elias 2D, Beau 5A,
Tom 4A, Santo 4C, Grace 1A, Lily
1A, Jackson 1B, Abel 5A
& Kade 2B.

Extend OSHC at Overport



Last week was an interesting week, we had a lot of fun doing a variety of activities. The children were into making some awesome lego creations, as well as building towers and castles from the blocks. The children played tiggy outside and played on the equipment outside the hall. The staff helped the children with decorating the spring cupboard with butterflies and flowers.

Kelly and the Gang

Week 4 Activities

Monday 24th October : Slime

Tuesday 25th October: Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 26th October: Paper Plane Competition

Thursday 27th October : Ball Games

Friday 28th October: Sparkle Snowflakes

ONLINE BOOKINGS:

extend.com.au

OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

Important Canteen dates -

The canteen will be **closed** for the next two weeks—

**Tuesday 25th October to
Friday 4th November**

And

**Tuesday 15th November to
Thursday 17th November**

**A meal deal will be held on
Friday 18th November**

**Normal trading resumes
Tuesday November 22nd**

***Children need to bring their lunch
drinks and snacks during these dates**

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