

# The Overport Times

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

### Book Week Celebrations

Thank you to Mrs Hearn, Miss Gleeson and Mrs Hill who ensured that our book fair was a great success. The children loved the opportunity to look through the many books to select a purchase. Funds raised are used to purchase books directly for our library and an interesting variety has been chosen. Mrs Hearn has again booked the fair for next year. Further to support book week our students have been involved in writing their own books. These include blurbs, title pages, chapters, illustrations and were bound and presented last Tuesday night for our community to view. The children were excited to be seen as real authors and produced a fantastic display across the school. What talent we have! I am sure that you agree with me when I say thank you to our teachers for their excellent writing programs that have seen the children reach such high standards.



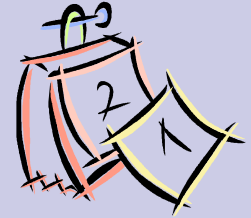
### Working Bee Thank You

Twenty five families attended our working bee last Saturday. The weather was beautiful and the 'gardeners' enthusiastic. It was delightful to see the children so involved in the planting in the Japanese garden. We also added plants to our biodiversity area, around the grade 2 portable, the front of the school and the entrance. The grounds are looking wonderful.



Thank you to our hardworking Buildings and Grounds committee and their efforts to ensure we provide a lovely aesthetically pleasing environment that reflects our curriculum for our students.

### Diary Dates



**Friday 13th September**

Footy Day

**Friday 20th September**

Last day Term 3

2.30pm early dismissal

**Monday 7th October**

First day Term 4

***Next Friday,  
20<sup>th</sup> Sept is  
the end of  
term and the  
children will  
be dismissed  
at 2.30 pm.***

**Thought  
for the  
week**

**"It solves  
itself by  
walking"**

—

**Aboriginal  
saying**

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*Principal article cont'd...*

**Footy Day Tomorrow:** Don't forget your colours...of course I KNOW you'll be wearing **BLACK** and **YELLOW!** And remember to bring some coins for our coin line. Funds raised will go to State Schools Relief.

**Enrolments 2014:** We are currently accepting enrolments for Prep 2014. Students must be enrolled by the end of the term. If you have a sibling that is to commence in 2014, please contact the office as soon as possible to ensure a place in our prep centre. Enrolment forms can also be found online on our website: <http://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/>

**Production Accolades:** Once again we enjoyed the children's wonderful effort at our production. We received many accolades from our community. One of our grandparents sent this to us and requested I place it in our newsletter: *Every single member of the audience was absolutely enthralled at the performances of the school play at the Arts Centre. The audio was superb and both the diction and inflection from the players was perfection! The children "got into character" and maintained it throughout the whole performance. It was wonderful to see so many on stage at the one time and anyone understanding logistics, will appreciate the complexities in getting 50 to 100 performers together for so many entries. You could see the enjoyment of the players and the enormous amount of work in the costumes. The talent from all the players was absolutely beyond belief and many of the actors will take the confidence they gained and add it to their personal presentation. Performing in front of an audience is one of the most important factors in life; it starts "confidence-building" every child will have gained by this performance. There will be so many dozens of people who have helped get this "on stage" and to see the result come over so smoothly and vibrantly will be enough satisfaction and reward. I know everyone will wholeheartedly agree, it was a night to be REMEMBERED.*

*Bailey's grandfather, Colin Mitchell.*

**Street Art:** If anyone is aware of the person who did the street art on the rebound wall and by the containers, please advise us. We were impressed with the art work and may engage them to work with the art teacher and the children to do a mural. If you are aware of anyone else who has skills with street art, please contact me.

**End of Term:** Next Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September is the end of term and the children are dismissed at 2.30 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 2 weeks.

Lucas OPA, Ethan OPA, Rylan OPB, Indiana OPC, Isabelle 1A, Denis 1B, All of 1C, 2A, 2B & 2C, Melvin 3A, Rita 3B, Emalene 4A, Talicia 4B, Cameron 3/4C, Amy 5A, Rory 5B, Charlotte 5C, Tayla 6A, Paris 6B, Milli 6B & Andy 6C

Jasmine OPA, Sara OPB, Jhett OPC, Cecilia 1A, Sebastian 1B, Lilly 1C, Charlotte 2B, Cate 2B, Baden 2C, Jucy 3A, Rory 3B, Lilly 4A, Alex 4B, Bailey 3/4C, Amy 5A, Seth 5B, Delma 5C, Molly 6A, Emmett 6B & Britney 6B

## CANTEEN

Footy Day Meal Deal  
tomorrow—Friday.  
No other lunch orders or  
counter sales



## Assistant Principal's Report

The month of August was very busy with our school production, but was also the month for schools to acknowledge the tireless work our Education Support Staff do within our school. We have three wonderful integration aides: Robbie Thornton, Sue Rose and Wendy Jarvis, who do an outstanding job supporting students in the classroom. In the library, Venetia Hill helps to keep things thoroughly organised, and is an invaluable support to Mrs Hearn and Miss Gleeson. Monica Champion runs our canteen, providing food for many students on a daily basis, as well as organising meal deals throughout the term. Our front office staff: Linda Bradbury-Flint, Melissa Sinclair and Jenny Behrend, under the direction of Vivienne Robinson our business manager, are critical to the smooth running of each and every aspect of our school. From excursions, to sick bay, we couldn't do without them. Teaching staff took the time to celebrate with our ES Staff by providing a lovely morning tea for them during production week. I know you join with us in thanking them too.

This week has been a planning week for our teaching staff. Each team of teachers has had a day to discuss curriculum, and plan learning experiences for their classes. This enables a smooth start to the term. During these planning days, the students are supervised by our specialist teaching team.



It was lovely to see many, many parents and visitors in our classrooms on Tuesday afternoon, when there was the

opportunity to view the picture story books our students had created. The children (and teachers) had put a lot of effort into preparing these books, and it was great to see their literary efforts being shared. I hope you enjoyed reading them as much as the children enjoyed creating them.

The end of term is fast approaching, with just one week left before our term holidays begin. It's time to start looking for those school hats. As you are aware, hats are a compulsory uniform item during term 4; I will remind you again next week.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder**  
Assistant Principal



**News from the Library**  
**Book Fair**

Thank you to all the students and parents who came along to this year's Book Fair. It was the best ever! We now have over \$1150 new books being processed, ready to be put on the shelves as soon as possible.

Congratulations to the following students who won prizes in the raffle:

Sara 4C, Anna 5B, Luke 3B, Monte 4B, Jhett Prep A, Ella 4A, Lucy Prep, Sienna 3B, Andrew 2C, Angus S Prep A, Brooke Prep C, Ronan PrepC, Alex 4C, Mat-tisse 5C, Francesco 1C,  
Mahima 6B, Beau 2B, Jordan 3A, Georgia Prep B, Lachlan 4b, Rose 3/4C, Jhai 1A, Lacey 5B, Matt K 4A, Ethan R 1A, Isabel 5C, Zaria 1A,  
Tayla 3A, Lily 1A, Oliver 1A, Max 2A, Kadin 6B, Vivien 2B, Flynn 4B, Toby 1C, Isaac Prep B, Jemma 6C, Ethan W PB and Molly 6A.

*We hope everyone enjoys their books and prizes.*

*Sharron Hearn and Melissa Gleeson*

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or call Leisl on 0488 778 060

## Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

### Our Weekly Recap

Wow last week was amazing. The children and I spent 3 out of 5 afternoons outside in the playground having fun, playing games, just soaking up the sun. It was wonderful. And we ended the week with a dance party. The children had so much fun dancing around, even some of the parents joined in!

Please note – from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September we will be moving to The Portable classroom for both Before and After School Care. **Kelly**

### Next week Activities:

Monday 16 September: Wet chalk drawings  
 Tuesday 17 September: Box, box and more boxes  
 Wednesday 18 September: Bubble wrap creations  
 Thursday 19 September: Bless you – tissue paper creations  
 Friday 20 September: Party games & activities

### Kids Club Competition

#### The winners have been announced!

Thank you for all the amazing entries we received for our annual Kids Club Competition! The votes have been tallied and the winners have been announced.

Please visit the Kids Club competition page on our website to see who won.

Congratulations to the two winners and we hope you enjoy your prizes!

### enrolment hotline

Phone our **friendly** customer service staff on: **1300 366 437**  
[www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au)



## School Holiday Program

Spring 2013



**Bookings close:**  
 Friday 6 September

**Monday 16 September to Monday 14 October\***

\*Dates vary according to program

**QLD locations**

- Highfields
- Toowoomba

**VIC locations**

- Bangholme
- Brunswick East
- Caulfield
- Endeavour Hills
- Essendon
- Kew
- Mt. Eliza
- Ormond
- Sunbury
- Upwey
- Wodonga

**NSW locations**

- Griffith
- Lidcombe
- Randwick



The non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate applies for most families!

For timetables, activity descriptions, and to book, visit:

**extend.com.au**  
**1300 366 437**

## 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.



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