Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

ANZAC Ceremony: On Monday we presented an award and ‘Children’s Perseverance’ medallions to three students at our school; Mia 5A, Max 3B and Ruby 1C. Mr Giuliani, had served in the armed forces overseas for ten months and had applied for the recognition medallions to acknowledge his children’s support during his time of deployment. The medallions are inscribed on the back....For Perseverance on the home front during your parent’s deployment. This made a solid link for all of us and gave us the opportunity to bring home the message that our armed forces are still supported abroad. On Wednesday afternoon our Student Representative Council lead the school in our annual ANZAC Ceremony. We continue to ensure our students recognize how lucky we are to be in Australia and to show appreciation for the sacrifices our service people have done for us which of course includes those lost at ANZAC Cove. The respect shown by all the children was outstanding.

District Athletics-Ballam Park, Results: Last Friday a group of students attended the Ballam Park District Athletics. I am very proud to inform you that we have, once again, left as champions. The students acquitted themselves extremely well both in their behaviour, sportsperson-ship and the results. Congratulations to all of them for this excellent result. Thank you to Mr Bryant for his organisation and to Mr Pryor and Miss Moroney who went with the team.
**Late Arrivals:** We are very concerned with the high number of students arriving late to school. One class had seven students arrive late throughout the whole morning session. This meant the teacher had to stop and outline what was being covered each time someone else arrived. It is essential for students to arrive on time to make the most of the opportunities presented to them at school. The morning session, which starts at 9.00 am, covers the literacy component of our school curriculum. We appreciate that at times medical and dental appointments cannot be made after school. However, the number of children arriving late is significant and, at times, no reason is given. Parents are required to bring their children to the office to obtain a late pass with the appropriate reason for students to present to their class teacher. Children cannot fill these in alone. If you have found it necessary to make an appointment that may cause your child to arrive later than 8.55 am or require them to leave prior to 3.30 pm, please provide information to the teacher the day before. Otherwise, it is crucial for all students to arrive at school prior to 8.55 am. Teachers are on duty from 8.45 am in the school grounds. Continuous late arrival sets up poor habits for their future and disrupts the entire grade. Please support us in being able to provide the best education for your child.

**Working Bee:** On 4th May we will hold our term 2 working bee. We have a huge number of plants to plant; mulch to spread and a range of other activities. We are keen to have as many families and students as possible. The opportunity for children to feel connected to the school by being part of these works is very high. So, even if you have only a half an hour or so, please join us. The working bee will commence at 9.00 am on Saturday the 4th May and finish at about 12.00pm with a sausage sizzle and refreshments. We warmly invite our new families, encourage each other to come along! This is a wonderful way to meet others in the school. Please watch for a detailed notice early next week which will have a reply slip for catering purposes.

**Kind Regards,**  
Julie Gleeson  
Principal

**District Track Athletics**  
Our athletes who participated in this event, held last Friday 19th April, should feel very proud of their efforts. Numerous students achieved brilliant results, culminating in our school winning the division 1 overall points for the third year in a row. Thank you to David Pryor and Suzie Moroney who supervised and organised students for their events on the day.

**Runners’ Club**  
Well done to the following students who have recently achieved the 10km distance, during Runners’ Club: Luke O, Riley S, Josh W, Matt K, and Eric C. Students from years 1-6 are welcome to join this club which runs on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30-8:55am on the oval.

**Overport Parent’s Club**  
Mother’s Day stall this year will be on the 7th and 8th of May, we will be selling fair trade products with prices ranging from 50 cents to $10. This is coinciding with fair trade fortnight.  
SAVE THE DATE, we will be having a trivia night on sat the 1st of June. Tickets will be $10 per person. Tables of 8 to 10. May the best team win! More info to come.

We are now collecting Bayside vouchers and Woolworths (Safeway) earn and learn stickers, boxes are at the office to put your vouchers and stickers in.
It’s hard to believe we are already at the end of our second week of term. This means that Education Week is now only four weeks away. Please make sure you keep the evening of 21st May free, as we will be holding an Open Night and Science Fair. Information was sent home at the end of last term, so students could start thinking and preparing an exhibit for the fair. It would be great to have science displays from all students on the night, and don’t forget there will be prizes awarded at each level across the school. Please contact your classroom teacher if you require more information.

One of the many ways our school finds out about areas needing improvement is by collecting data from students. This week, our Yr 5 and 6 students have completed the Attitudes to School survey. This survey covers many areas: student learning, student safety, their connectedness to school, to name just a few. The results of this survey will be made known to schools during term 3 and presented to school council, assisting us in making plans for future improvement.

Please remember that next week is our ‘Carry in, Carry out’ week. The aim is to encourage minimal food wrappings; glad wrap, packaging, etc. Students who bring their food wrapped, will be asked to take these wrappers home with them again. This is a Planet Savers initiative, and we thank them for the planning their commitment to our environment.

Our Year 6 students have received their commemorative uniform garments this week, and are wearing them very proudly; a great memory for them in their final year of primary school. Students have been reminded to label their garments clearly, so they can be returned if found.

For those who are waiting, school photos should be arriving in the very near future.

Congratulations to the athletics team who competed so successfully at Ballam Park last Friday, finishing first and bringing back the District trophy for the track events. Well done to everyone, and thank you to Mr Bryant for his training and organisation in preparation for this day.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,
Deborah Madder, Assistant Principal
EXTEND OSHC

Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Hi Parents,
Welcome back, after a lovely first term break.
We have got right back into things since returning after the break. We have been making some really great things, such as dragonflies, butterflies, ladybugs and things out of paper clay.

Next week will be my last week working for Extend so I would like to say thank you to everyone at Overport Primary School for always making me feel so welcome. I shall certainly miss the kindness and support the staff have given me.

Most of all I shall miss the beautiful children that I have been fortunate enough to spend time with and I know that Extend will find someone who is a good fit for the school as well as the children.

Our Star of the Week is Josh K for his kindness towards others.
Well done Josh.

Once again, thank you

Lori Frowd from Extend

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children who are celebrating their birthdays this week.
Joshua 1B, Sarah 4A,
Melissa 6B,
Kye 3/4C, Bridie 3/4C,

Book Club is due back on:
Friday 3rd May 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

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