A BALANCED LIFE

Have you ever been tempted to turn it all off? Go for a walk without headphones, lock away the laptop, be out of contact for a weekend or a month. To close down your email account and farewell your Facebook friends. Last month, all Year 8 students at Keilor Campus participated in an E-Fast where for 24 hours, they were not allowed to access any television, radio, computers or mobile phones. Could you imagine doing this for six months?

Susan Maushart, a Perth based journalist and social commentator and her three teenage children Anni, Bill and Sussy aged 18, 15 and 14 respectively, did just this. “When I first announced my intention to pull the plug on our family’s entire armory of electronic weaponry – from the ittiest bittiest iPod shuffle to my son’s seriously souped-up gaming PC (the computing equivalent of a Dodge Ram) – my three kids didn’t blink an eye. Looking back, I can understand why. They didn’t hear me.”

The account of the Maushart family is illustrated in the book The Winter of Our Disconnect which described their six month journey without technology. Susan acknowledges her own difficulty “switching off” and that the ban was as much for her as her children. Part of the impetus stemmed from her favourite novel, Walden, written by Henry David Thoreau. He conducted his own ‘experiment in living’ in the woods near Walden Pond. “He lived there for two years in a wooden hut he built with his own hands, surviving mainly on a diet of wheaten cakes and pond fish. No neighbours. No running water. And, needless to say, no kids.”

So why on earth would she want to do this I hear you ask? Her kids were spending endless hours a day gaming or updating their social networking status; even more hours were spent illegally downloading music, movies and other media; homework was being neglected; and she saw more of the backs of their heads than anything else. Are any of your households like this?

Why are so many of us obsessed with digital technology? Is it a way of relieving boredom? Has life become so dull that we believe we “need” these devices? Most of us know that boredom is actually a good thing and it is through times of boredom that we have the opportunity for reflection and rumination. It is often where the sparks of creativity are born and we need to remind ourselves that it’s ok for kids to be bored. My mother-in-law often says “if you are bored, you must be a boring person”. I think there’s something in that for all of us.

The need for connectedness is often cited as another reason for our preoccupation with digital technology. Sherry Turkle, a social psychologist with Massachusetts Institute of Technology, acknowledges that this is a furphy, along with the need for the internet to do homework. Her latest book, Alone Together, explores how online social networks and texting culture are changing how people relate to society, their parents and friends. “People who choose to devote large portions of their time to connecting online are more isolated than ever in their non-virtual lives, leading to emotional disconnection, mental fatigue and anxiety.” Turkle talks about social network “friending” as “providing the illusion of companionship without the demands of friendship, without the demands of intimacy.”

Other negative effects of this media fascination are that some adolescents are now reporting that they would rather text than talk to someone. Texting affords the ability to “hide from each other” as phone calls “reveal too much” and “actual conversations don’t give them enough control over what they want to say,” What a sad state of affairs. We need to teach our children how to be alone, to be comfortable in their own skin and not dependent on others for validation. Being constantly digitally connected works against this.

So what were the benefits for Susan’s family? After being “bored”, her son picked up the saxophone again, something he hadn’t played in years. Her oldest daughter became more efficient at completing her university assignments and learned to cook. The youngest daughter developed closer relationships with her friends as she spent more time on the landline as opposed to texting and instant messaging. Susan also noted that their sleep improved (they weren’t on the computer before bed and they weren’t being woken by messages throughout the night); they read more and had more time to concentrate on things. Teachers at the school found their attention span improved as did the quality of their work.

Six months may seem like a long time and I’m not sure how I’d cope myself. Turkle suggests three basic rules for getting away from technology and nurturing real life relationships. No technology at meals, no technology when out with friends or family and no technology when taking time for yourself in nature. What would be the impact on your family?

College Mission Statement

Overnewton Anglican Community College encourages and supports its students as individuals to achieve at optimum levels in a broad range of curricular and co-curricular activities and to prepare them for life as responsible members of the community with sound values based on Christian faith. The College will maintain a strong sense of community values and strive to ensure that its educational program is widely accessible and that parents, the community and the Anglican Church enjoy active roles in the life of the College.
YEAR 7 MATHEMATICS GAMES DAY
Last week’s Year 7 maths games day was a great success and attended by approximately 200 students from a wide range of Melbourne schools. The organisation was excellent, with our staff and students from Middle and Senior schools helping with scoring and handing out the challenges for the teams. Well done to Robyn Garnett and her team for doing a great job.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TO ENHANCE LEARNING
There have been several recent examples of students helping other students with their learning. Every Thursday afternoon after school, a group of Year 11 students are providing mathematics support to Middle School students, which is supporting their work to complete homework and understand current topics. A number of Year 6 students recently helped out in the Preparatory Grade to enable the younger students to develop Word documents with text and embedded photographs. Earlier in the term, a number of Science Week activities included Middle School students working in Senior School science classes being shown some chemistry techniques.

All of these activities help develop stronger relationships between students in different schools and provide good role modelling for younger students who may, in turn, come to provide such assistance themselves in future years.

ACS ALL STARS PRESENTATIONS
ACS All Stars are nominated as the best and fairest players in the ACS Competition. Congratulations to the students below who have been nominated as ACS All Stars for 2011. The students received a certificate and medallion at a presentation on Wednesday 7th September and many of them will also participate in this week’s ACS representative matches against the Ballarat Association of Schools.

Christina Kassis  
Matthew Riley  
Adam Jones  
Tammie Kantharidis  
Jimmy Le  
Mark Tan  
Gregory Georgiadis  
Gregory Georgiadis  
Hashan Weerasooriya  
James Coster  
Crystal Cheung  
Olivia White  
Natasha Tung  
Tanya Nenov  
Thomas Beagley  
Daniel Morcos  
Sacha Philippou  
Sacha Philippou  
Helina Vunderl-Messis  
Romy Doric  
Matthew Bontorno  
Daniel Ganeshanantham  
David Nguyen  
Maddison Savvidis

Troy Duca  
Tayla Raniolo  
Joshua Esposito  
Mitchell Chandler  
Karina Beaumont  
Aneta Pitek  
Ashlee Richter  
Chloe White

Tennis  
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Table Tennis  
Table Tennis  
Badminton  
Badminton  
Touch  
Soccer  
Cricket  
Softball  
Softball  
Softball  
Softball  
Volleyball  
Hockey  
Hockey  
Soccer  
Soccer  
Soccer  
Soccer  
Volleyball  
Basketball

Further congratulations are due to Gregory Georgiadis who was awarded the prestigious Pierre de Coubetin award for his contribution to College Sport at the Senior School assembly last Thursday.

COUNTRY FAIR CASUAL CLOTHES DAY
The casual clothes day on Wednesday 21st September is in support of the Country Fair and will be held at both campuses. Students are asked to bring items that may be sold at the Fair, rather than money. A letter has been sent home with students indicating the nature of goods that should be brought in on the day to provide items for sale at the Fair. Parent organisers will be collecting the goods from each campus.

JUNIOR SCHOOL-KEILOR CAMPUS
Our Year 1s have certainly spent some time thinking about the past throughout this term (or the ‘olden days’ as it was referred to by a 1R student). Following their excursion to Yarrabee Yesterday’s World, this week they invited their Grandparents to school to join in with some old fashioned games. The purpose of the afternoon was to revisit the games the children’s grandparents played when they were young. Through this term’s inquiry unit the children were asked to think about their playing time and how they vary their time between active and passive activities. They also looked at the games of the past and how they have changed throughout the times, why have they changed and what are the effects of these changes.

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On Wednesday 31st August, our Year 3 students participated in an Indonesian cultural day with guest presenters Baguskan! Through intercultural activities they discovered more about people who speak the Indonesian language which provided valuable links with the written and spoken language they are learning in class.

The Year 3s experienced a taste of Indonesian culture through four hands-on activities: playing gamelan instruments, mask-making, dance and village games. Each class dressed up in dancing costumes and performed the dance they learned in the workshop and then watched the visitors perform a wayang kulit puppet play. The students looked fantastic in their costumes and were a sea of smiling faces as they shared what they had learnt.

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Another exciting event held last week was the combined campus ‘Challenge Day’ at the Keilor Campus. Selected students from Years 3 and 4 participated in a day of problem solving activities. They were given the task of creating a T-shirt for a specific client. They were asked to design and create the product to meet their client’s needs within a budget and a given time frame. There was certainly a great deal of thinking involved and it was impressive to see the co-operation and diligence of the children as they worked to meet the requirements of the task. Congratulations to all students and staff involved in this event led by Mrs Silvie Myles and Mrs Lyndal Mihic who ensured the tasks were appropriately targeted and suitably challenging.

A buzz of excitement was emanating from the 2M classroom last week and on further investigation, it was the result of a Maths lesson. The students were using Smarties to assist in their understanding of graphs. They were required to estimate how many smarties were in their box, count the colours, create a tally and then create a pie graph. As well as the many mathematical concepts covered, a real highlight was being able to eat the Smarties when they had completed their graph.

Some Comments from the students included: “I learnt that no box of smarties is the same”, “I didn’t know how to do a pie graph before... it wasn’t that hard”, “I learnt how to estimate” and “Maths is fun”. It is interesting to ponder about learning in the past (as the Year 1s have been studying) and the great fun we have while we are learning in 2011.

Anne McNaughton

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
JUNIOR SCHOOL-KEILOR CAMPUS

The following students received a Student of the Week Certificate this week.

- **Prep C** Nikita Bontorno for working hard in the classroom and being a good helper
- **Prep L** Jess Clark for trying so hard in class! You are doing a great job
- **Prep P** Frank Jnr Rajic for showing lots of enthusiasm about Minibeasts at our excursion to Gould League
- **Prep S** Jackson Buenaventura for being a friendly and helpful member of Prep S
- **1W** Tahlia Tanti for approaching all work tasks with confidence and enthusiasm
- **1W** Michael Iliakopoulos for persisting to work on producing his best handwriting
- **2G** Arthur Gouzos for his interest and enthusiasm with sharing his ideas about books
- **2G** Benjamin Farrell for being a good friend to his classmates
- **3G** Ethan Ratcliffe for demonstrating a good understanding of how we get the seasons and making a great effort in his explanation writing of this topic
- **3P** Liam Eastwood for a great information report on Saturn and for his Neptune Rap. Well done and keep up the good work
- **4CA** Robbie Smarrelli for demonstrating excellent thinking skills when sharing his ideas during Book Club
- **4K** Julia Beazley for demonstrating very high confidence in the Year 4 debate and at our Chapel performance. Your hard work, dedication and preparation highlights your excellent attitude
- **4K** Chelsey Parisi for always encouraging her peers to act responsibly and to treat each other with respect. Well done Chelsey for spreading the message that ‘two wrongs don’t make a right’
- **4N** Isabella Collier for getting along beautifully with other class members. You are always there to offer a helping hand to those needing assistance in the classroom with their work. Allowing the class to use her iPad during group work was generous too

JUNIOR SCHOOL-TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS

Thanks this week must go to the Parent Support Team (PST) who hosted a wonderful Movie Night for the Junior School children last Friday. The children arrived in their pyjamas with bean bags, pillows and blankets in tow and enjoyed snuggling in to watch Toy Story 3. It proved to be a very successful evening with 148 children in attendance. We are so very blessed to have these exciting opportunities.

The House/SRC Adventure Challenge activities began last week with the WOW (Walk on Wednesdays) walking group and Trivia Club. These are both lunch time activities that proved to be very popular. We will continue to promote these within the Junior School and hope that many more children will take up these exciting opportunities.

Our Melbourne weather at the moment has been true to form with one day being very cold and the next being quite mild, and some even being slightly warm. I have had some parents question the winter uniform still being worn when the weather is warm during third term. The College uniform rules state that winter uniform is to be worn during terms two and three. This must be adhered to even when the weather calls for short sleeves. When it is warm, the children are not expected to wear
their jumpers or jackets during the school day. The classrooms are kept cool and the children are encouraged to drink plenty of water. Please ensure your children wear their winter uniforms up until the end of this term. Short sleeves are not acceptable during Term 3.

As I have met recently with the many new families joining us in Prep at Overnewton next year, I have been discussing the philosophy of the 18 hour Family Contribution Scheme at length. The new parents and I have chatted about the importance of parental involvement in a child’s education. We have talked about the fact that Overnewton is very much a family and community environment. These discussions have encouraged reflection on the impact parents have in their children’s lives. It reminded me of a poem I have read which highlights the need for us, in our very busy lives to ensure we take time out to spend it with our children.

Poem by Diana Loomans from her book, ‘Full Steam Ahead, One Hundred Ways to Building Self Esteem into Children and Adults’.

If I had my child to raise all over again,
I would finger paint more and point the finger less,
I would do less correcting and more connecting.
I would take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes,
I would care to know less and know to care more.
I would take more hikes and fly more kites,
I would stop playing serious and seriously play,
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I would do more hugging and less tugging,
I would be firm less often and affirm much more,
I would build self esteem first and the house later.
I would teach less about the love of power,
and more about the power of love.

TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS JUNIOR SCHOOL HOUSE PROGRAM – WOW
“Walking On Wednesdays”
The Taylors Lakes Junior School Wow Walking Group had a great turn out last Wednesday with lots of children turning up to get fit and stay active with the Junior School teachers. We walked around the whole school and clocked up approximately 1km of fast pace walking. The aim of this program is to get the children appreciating physical activity while having fun with their friends. This program will continue at the start of lunch each Wednesday until the end of the year. The WOW walking group will meet in front of Mrs Murray’s office. It would be great to see more walkers joining in the fun!

YEAR 3 EXCURSION TO SOVEREIGN HILL
The Year 3s visited Sovereign Hill on Tuesday 6th September. We were immersed into what life on the goldfields was like for diggers, women, children and store owners. We all had an awesome time. In 3AC, we compared the lives of the European Digger and the Chinese Digger. We compiled Venn Diagrams of similarities and differences between the two and how they found life on the goldfields. Here is a sample of our work.

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<td>European women didn’t dig for gold they cleaned and cooked.</td>
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<td>The European diggers lived on mutton, damper and tea.</td>
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<td>There was no clean water.</td>
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Similarities
All diggers lived in tents.
The diggers came looking for gold.
The diggers had small spaces to dig in.

Differences
The European diggers worked every day except for Sunday.
The European diggers ate damper.
The Chinese diggers left their families behind and sent money home when they found gold.
The Chinese worked on abandoned spaces that the Europeans had left.
The Chinese diggers has their own medicines.

By Matthew Morello

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS?
Personification Poems By 4A
Fire truck
It looks like a red burning sun,
Spinning wheels zooming through the busy traffic,
Loud like a storm,
Like lightening,
It will shoot water and save souls.

By Adrian

Fire truck
A fire truck sped to the rescue,
Like a bullet speeding through the air,
The fire lunged up into the tree,
As the fire truck raced to the fire,
The alarms swirled around,
Like your every day alarm clock waking you up for work,
The fire blazed through the forest as the water spurted out.

By Lachlan C

Spring
The sun blinds my eye,
Flowers bloom in the night light,
The sweet scent of jasmine from the pathway makes headache,
Leaping from each lily pad the frog croaks,
Bees buzzing,
Birds chirping,
Winds whistling,
Awakening the earth,
Bringing life back into nature,
Spring.

By Isabelle
Fire truck
A huge black and grey object zipping past me,
It sounds like a top fuel drag car,
Entering the danger zone.

By Lachlan B

Fire truck
Whoosh, the fire truck passes Maverick Street,
I've had nothing to eat but the fire truck has put butterflies in my stomach,
The siren is louder than a supernova,
I think I might be deaf,
After the truck passes I can still smell the burning rubber.

By Max

Flowers
Colourful blooming flower,
Gazing at the sun,
Slowly blooming,
As is giving itself to the sun,
Gently whistling in the breeze,
Its sweet scent awakens the world.

By Rohan

Fire truck
The rapidness of a fire truck,
Zooming down the road,
Making a loud noise,
Louder than a jet engine,
Shooting water at the building,
Saving souls.

By Jamie

Fire truck
Red like the burning sun,
Zooming red across your eyes,
Louder than thunder,
Saving souls from death.

By Arlen

Fire truck
Red trucks coming by,
Loud noises sounding high,
As it gets louder and louder,
So loud,
So loud,
It sounds like a jet coming by.

By Saravpreet

Spring
Beautiful fresh blooming flowers,
Smiling at the sun,
Blossoming slowly,
Swaying in the breeze,
Smelling nicely for everyone,
Sitting down under the tree,
Listening to the bees,
Beautiful pretty flowers,
All in a row,
Standing together to let everyone know,
Spring has begun.

By Lauren

Spring
Rainbow multi-coloured flowers,
Blooming every day,
Slowly opening up into the sunshine,
Birds chirping,
Bees buzzing,
Bringing our beloved trees back to life,
In our everyday lives.

By Jazmine

Fire truck
Bright red,
Redder than lava in a volcano,
Zooming faster than a jet fighter when it passes,
The sound makes your ears bleed,
Shooting out jets of water,
Putting out fires and saving souls.

By Matthew

JUNIOR SCHOOL-TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS
STAR STUDENTS
3M  Jamie Trajcevski  for brilliant letter writing
3M  Flynn Rice  for thinking outside the box during Maths lessons

COMING EVENTS
JUNIOR SCHOOL - TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS
Thursday 15th September  Assembly – 1G hosting
Wednesday 21st September  Casual Clothes Day
Friday 23rd September  Footy Day and Term 3 Ends

The following students have also completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge:

Janet Nguyen, 4CR  Isabella Razmovski, 3SK
Hoang Le, 2MK  Terrence Facchino, 3G
Matthew Sofianos, 4NK  Akshat Chopra, 4NK
Natalie Stojanovski, 4K  Jack Knott, 1TK
Liam Perumal, 1R  Keiya Osumi, 1C
Vasileah Papafotiou, 1W

Congratulations to the following students who achieved “centuries” (read 100 books) in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge:

Liam Armstrong, 1W
Emily Simic, 2F
Jesse Campagna, 2M
Alexander Ciccone, 3C
Hayley Curwood, 2B
William Martin, PL
Lucy Martin, 2F
Maddison Reynolds, 1R

VIEW THE CALENDAR ON THE OVERNEWTON WEBSITE
Our College Calendar is always available to view on our College Website.
Visit www.overnewton.vic.edu.au, enter the website, select Calendar from the banner at the top, click on 2011 College Calendar on the page and view the year term by term. Term dates are also available for you to view.
We hope all families will find this a convenient way to view important dates in the life of the College.
STUDENT LED CONFERENCES
Thank you for the efforts of the students and teachers in preparing for and facilitating the very successful Student Led Conferences held on Monday 12th September, which was received so positively by families. Parents and teachers found the conferences wonderful and uplifting, seeing the students so proud of, and share their learning journey with family members. It was also great to see the students be responsible for, and at the centre of, their own learning. The reflection on their learning by the students as well as the honest, open dialogue, created active learning and built invaluable self-confidence.

MATHS GAMES DAY
On Monday 5th September, four Year 7s attended a State-wide Maths Games Day at Keilor Campus. There were schools from all over Melbourne with a total of 27 teams. The team from Taylors Lakes Campus consisted of Kimberly Legrand, William Campbell, Nikhilesh Nivani and Kristine Carlos. It was wonderful to see the team work and involvement in all three rounds - the relay, problem solving booklet and origami. Well done Year 7s.  

Ms Sue Ellis

VICTORIA UNIVERSITIES STUDENTS WORK WITH THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
We had approximately 40 Victoria Universities Physical Education Student teachers work with the Middle School students recently. The focus of the days were to improve fundamental motor skills in physical education, improve fitness and have fun in the process. It was wonderful to see so many Victoria University students work with the small groups of Overnewton students in so many varied activities. Thanks goes to Mr Bowyer for organising this.

YEAR 7 AND 8 CROSS CAMPUS SOCIAL
The Taylors Lakes Campus and Keilor Campus Year 7s and Year 8s came together on the night of Thursday September 8th at Canowindra to enjoy a great night. It was wonderful to see so many students at the event, with the DJ working hard taking requests for favourite tracks. Thanks to the Parent Support Teams from both campuses who worked together to organise the night.

GIRLS NIGHT IN
On Friday 16th September Canowindra is hosting our second annual ‘Girls Night In’

The event aims to raise awareness and funds for women’s cancer. Our student committee has been working very hard to organise the event, including guest speakers, goods, donations, advertising and activities.

Donations from families are most welcome. Please contact Justine Crandles or follow the instructions below:

1. Go to www.girlsnightin.com.au
2. Click on the link at the top right ‘Find an Event’
3. Select Victoria and GO
4. “Lisa Field” into the participants name area
5. Click on the link ‘sponsor me’ to donate
6. You can also leave a message on the message board

CANOWINDRA COMING EVENTS
Friday 16th September Canowindra Girls Night In
Monday 19th September Respect Yourself Day 3
Monday 29th August Focus Week 6 including the Duke of Edinburgh preliminary camp

OVERNEWTON PARENTS & FRIENDS BUSINESS & SERVICES DIRECTORY
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For an additional paper copy please contact Janine Hilton 9334 0104.

READ WHISPERS ONLINE AT: www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/whispers
The girls’ basketball team had a 12 point victory against Westbourne who finished second by only a point. The girls and the coach Kate Keogh (MSI) made the most of their last training session last week to hone some of the skills that were required to overcome a strong opposition. Many of the girls commented that they continued their training at home to be fully prepared for the game and obviously this paid dividends during the game. Zoe Sadler, not renowned for her scoring during the season, scored 8 valuable points to give the opposition somebody else to worry about. Tessa Dewaart who has only recently joined the team and has only played a couple of games shone in defence causing many a turnover and a headache for the opposition. Congratulations to all of the players and their coach Kate Keogh.

The boys’ football were defeated by Loyola the last time they played which was only two weeks ago. This meant they lost the advantage of a home final and had to travel to Loyola to play their grand final. The coach Adam Cusworth (OACC) was very confident that they had a game plan that could get them over the line. It was a nervous encounter with the scores remaining close for most of the match. In fact the boys and the coach thought they had lost the game when it came to the final siren. After checking the scores with the opposition scorer it was deemed that Overnewton had won the game by 3 points. Although belated, the boys and coach were extremely excited that they had beaten a very worthy competitor in Loyola. The boys started slowly and remained competitive in the game by a goal from Riley Caines at quarter time. Some great efforts in the second quarter from Navneet Ludu and James Hart helped the team in front at half time. Loyola had the scoring end in the third quarter and were 2 points up at the break. Last quarter goals to Daniel Venables, Ganesh Gandhi kept the scoreboard ticking over but Loyola had also scored two. ‘Supersub’ Tim Jordan kicked a goal with a minute to go and the boys won.


The boys’ tennis team finished second to Westbourne with the head to head count being 1:1 between these two teams that dominated this competition. Having a recent win over the competition, the team was quietly confident in upsetting the ladder leaders. After losing the first singles match by a narrow 1 game margin, the rest of the singles encounters Overnewton led 5 – 2 thus setting up a good chance of victory after the doubles. This was made a certainty when three of the four doubles pairs won their matches, giving Overnewton the win by 4 sets. Congratulations to the team and coach Veronica Johnston.

The boys’ soccer team was dominant all season finishing in first place and gaining the vital home ground advantage. They had beaten their opponents Thomas Carr quite convincingly in previous encounters but they were not going to take the game lightly, as history has seen undefeated Overnewton teams falling at this last hurdle. At half time the team was only up by 2 goals to 1 but then the experience and the confidence gained from the season took over and the boys stormed home. The final scoreline was Overnewton 8 goals and Thomas Carr 1. Multiple goal scorers were Jamie Bontorno (2), Jake Pierias (2) and Anton Longhatu (2). Jonah Krnaic and Crisdion Krestevski both scored a single goal each. Congratulations to the team and their coach Jake Maguire.

The other three games at this level were the two boys’ volleyball matches and the girls’ basketball A game. All three had Overnewton on the losing side of the ledger. Both of the boys’ volleyball teams started off the afternoon very confidently but came up against a very strong opposition. The volleyball A team lost 3 sets – 1 and the volleyball B was 3 sets – 2. Congratulations the boys and their coach Carolyn Sadler.

The girls’ basketball game was a fantastic game to watch, as both teams were highly competitive and the lead kept changing throughout the game. The Overnewton players had to contend with a strong defensive set up in the key by Loyola that made it very difficult for our players to penetrate to the basket. Outside shots were needed to keep the scores even. The game was tied with only ten seconds to play. Brittany Wunhym, who tried hard all game, tried to penetrate the key but was not successful. The ball moved quickly up the court to Loyola’s basket and they scored the winning points. Overnewton had only three seconds to make a successful basket from the throw in but it was not going to happen. A disappointing end but each of the girls in this team should be very proud of their efforts throughout the season. Congratulations to the team and their coach Liam Glasscott.

The boys’ volleyball team had an undefeated season and only dropped one set throughout this time but in grand finals this means nothing at all. The team lost the first set due to nerves but this gave them the ‘wake up’ call they needed to power through the next three sets to give them the win. Rallies were the focal point of the game and the points could have gone either way. The boys worked together as a team and under the leadership of their captain Bryce Davies put together many a rally to get them over the line. Hayden Rlowley was very solid when it came to his defensive digs and the rest of the team worked hard in each point. Congratulations to the team and to their coaches Derek Summerton and Giancarlo Leung.

The girls’ netball B team had an exciting 1 goal win in their match against St Leonards, which is the first time we have ever
As part of the “Conditions of Entry” to Overnewton Anglican Community College, signed by all families upon confirmation of enrolment “One full term's written notice is required to withdraw a student from the College. If one full term's notice is not given to the College, one full term's fees will be charged.”

If you have a child who will not be completing the 2011 academic year or not returning to Overnewton in 2012 please ensure that you notify the Registrar, Mrs Diane King in writing.

Email: diane.king@overnewton.vic.edu.au
Classroom Assistance positions for both Keilor and Taylors Lakes Campuses will be advertised through the Whispers on a weekly basis. Most positions require a regular weekly commitment for the whole year, although in specific cases you may be able to alternate with another parent or join a roster. You are invited to apply for any position, even if your child is at another campus or different year level. Please note that the person you will be telephoning is a parent fulfilling their Family Contribution Scheme commitment, so please do not phone before 7.15am or after 9.00pm. Younger siblings or sick children cannot accompany parents whilst on duty. A blue Classroom Assistance folder is kept at the Front Office at each campus to record your hours.

Recording Hours
A reminder to parents that it is your responsibility to record your own hours for classroom assistance and excursions in the folder at the front office labelled Classroom Assistance. Please ensure you write legibly and include details of your child, including the surname if you have a different name to your child, and your home telephone number. These hours are collated at the end of each term.

Working with Children Check (WWCC)
It is a Victorian Government requirement that all adults working with children have a current Working with Children Check. Please ensure you have your card number or Post Office Receipt number when you phone to register your name.

KEILOR CAMPUS
If you have any concerns regarding the Classroom Assistance program at Keilor Campus please contact Jennie McCullagh, Resource Officer on 9334 0086.
Parent Co-ordinators
Wendy Weeks – Years Prep, 1 & 2 9331 7750
wendyweeks@live.com.au
Nadine Azzi – Years 3 – 12 & ACS 9336 0071
nadine@azzicorp.com
Mimma Beazley – Library & Art 9390 7516
mimma.beazley@internode.on.net

Art Classroom Help
Parents help is required to assist teachers with setting up, preparation, supervision and cleaning in Art classes.
Prep P Tuesdays 11.35am – 1.15pm Week 2 (Term 4)
Prep S Tuesdays 11.15am – 1.15pm Week 1 (Term 4)
Mimma Beazley 9390 7516
mimma.beazley@internode.on.net

Prep – Year 4 Sports Carnival, Keilor Campus
Parents are required to assist with a Prep – Year 4 Sports Carnival on Tuesday October 18th from 9.00am – 1.00pm at Keilor Campus.
Wendy Weeks 9331 7750
wendyweeks@live.com.au

Year 5 LOTE Excursion (Indonesian)
Parent help, including a First Aid trained parent, are required to assist with a Year 5 excursion to the Melbourne Zoo on Wednesday 26th October from 9.00am – 3.20pm.
Nadine Azzi 9336 0071
nadine@azzicorp.com

TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS
If you have any concerns regarding the Classroom Assistance Program at Taylors Lakes Campus please contact Denise O’Keefe, Resource Officer on 9334 0245.
Parent Co-ordinators
Melissa Lo-Iudice – Years Prep-2 0425 757 838
rocknu1@optusnet.com.au
Michelle Schembri – Year 3 - 8 0414 907 337
michelle04@iinet.net.au
Michelle Digby – Canowindra 9449-0529
michellegigbi@mac.com

Prep and Year 1 Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)
Parent help is needed to assist with the Prep and Year 1 Perceptual Motor Program. This program runs on Fridays from 1.15pm – 3.15pm. Parents who are unable to attend every week are welcome to apply to go onto a roster for this activity.
Melissa Lo-Iudice 0425 757 838
rocknu1@optusnet.com.au

Year 1 & Year 2 Swimming
Parent help is needed to assist with the Year 1 & Year 2 swimming program. This is a 9 day program running from Tuesday 11th October to Friday 21st October at the following times:
2R and 1G 11.25am – 1.00pm
2L and 1T 12.10pm – 1.40pm
2L and 1G 12.35pm – 2.30pm
Melissa Lo-Iudice 0425 757 838
rocknu1@optusnet.com.au

Prep Swimming
Parent help is needed to assist with the Prep swimming program. This is an 8 day program running from Monday 24th October to Friday 4th November at the following times:
Prep ME and Prep MI 11.25am – 1.00pm
Prep B 12.10pm – 1.40pm
Melissa Lo-Iudice 0425 757 838
rocknu1@optusnet.com.au

Junior School Administrative Assistance
A parent is needed to assist with data entry for the Earn and Learn Program. Help will be needed on Tuesday 18th October from 8.30am – 3.00pm and on Friday 28th October from 12.00pm – 3.00pm.
Michelle Schembri 0414 907 337
michelle04@iinet.net.au

Junior School Sports Carnival
Parent help is needed to assist with the Junior School Sports Carnival being held on Friday 21st October from 11.00am – 3.00pm at Taylors Lakes Campus. All students from Prep – Year 4 will be taking part in the carnival.
Michelle Schembri 0414 907 337
michelle04@iinet.net.au

PARENTS AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE PRINCIPAL
Mr Laussen will again be holding informal opportunities for parents to meet with him over a cup of tea. Please feel free to call in should you wish to have a chat, ask a question, or share a good news story about your child.

Following are the dates for Parent Afternoon Teas in Term 3:

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READ WHISPERS ONLINE AT:   www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/whispers
DONATIONS WANTED for ART PROJECT
Old T-Shirts or Fabrics with a mix of cotton/lycra or cotton/spandex.

The Taylors Lakes Visual Art department is looking to stockpile material for a textile artist in residence project.

Please drop in your donations to Ms Eva or Mrs Petrolo at the Taylors Lakes Campus.

Thank you

FOOTY DAY
TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS
Middle School
Thursday
22nd September

‘Footy Food’ forms and money should have been returned by 13th September, 2011

FOOTY JUMPERS, SCARVES (AND HATS), CAN BE WORN OVER COLLEGE UNIFORM.

Organised by Taylors Lakes Campus
Middle School Parent Support Team (PST)

MUSIC LESSONS

Instrumental Lessons for Term 4, 2011

Private instrumental lessons are now being finalised and timetabled for Term 4, 2011. If you would like to commence private instrumental lessons, or if you are choosing not to continue with private instrumental lessons after Term 3, please advise Tania Riotto in writing or by email to tania.riotto@overnewton.vic.edu.au before Friday, 23rd September 2011.

For students wanting to enrol in private instrumental lessons there are a limited places available and some instruments do have a waiting list. When a position becomes available for these instruments parents will be contacted.

Any student currently enrolled in private instrumental lessons that do not put their intention to discontinue lessons for Term 4, 2011 in writing to Tania Riotto before Friday, 23rd September 2011 will be considered to be continuing and invoiced accordingly.

Please note:
Students must commit to learning an instrument for the full term and lessons that are discontinued once the term has begun are not refundable.

If you would like any further information on private instrumental music, please contact Tania Riotto via email and she will respond to you accordingly.

Hire Instruments
Could all instruments currently being hired that will no longer be required going forward please be returned to Tania Riotto before the end of the school term – Friday, 23rd September 2011. Any instrument returned after this date will continue to be charged in Term 3, 2011.

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PARENT SUPERVISION NEEDED FOR PRACTICE EXAMS

All students studying a Unit 3/4 subject will be completing practice exams in the second week of the Term 3 holidays (Monday 3rd October to Friday 7th October).

Parents are sought to help set-up and supervise these exams as part of their hours towards the Family Contribution Scheme.

If you are available to help out for one or multiple days, please ring the Senior School Administration Officer Mary Formica to register your interest and days/times available on 9334 0162 or email mary.formica@overnewton.vic.edu.au by Monday 19th September.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS KEILOR CAMPUS

Help to relieve the congestion at the College and join the walking school bus today. We have vacancies for both student walkers and parent helpers (Bus Drivers). Parent assistance will be allocated to the Family Contribution Scheme.

For all enquiries please contact Judith Osbon on 0427 033 411 or email judith.osbon@bigpond.com
The College Shop is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday every week during term. Please note: the College Shop is not open during school holidays unless advertised in Whispers.

OPENING HOURS
Tuesday 8.15am - 4.30pm
Wednesday 8.30am - 4.30pm
Thursday 8.15am - 4.30pm

SATURDAY TRADING FOR 2011
Term 3
17th September 9 – 1pm

Term 4
15th October 9 – 1pm
3rd December 9 – 1pm

SECOND HAND SALES
Please note when purchasing second hand uniforms, they must be paid for by Cash Only. Choose well as there is no exchange on second hand items. If you are wishing to drop off items for sale in the second hand section, these items must be handed to Miranda Turner. At no time are they to be left at reception or the front door of the College Shop. All items must be clearly marked with name, address and telephone number, otherwise goods will not be accepted. Blazars MUST be dry-cleaned with the dry cleaning tag displayed and all other items must be washed. We do not accept hats or any items of clothing with holes or stains of any kind (such as paint). We will hold items for sale for a period of 12 months only. At the end of that 12 month period, if they have not been sold, we ask that you collect your items from the College Shop. If not collected, your items of clothing are then donated to the orphanage in Zambia.

EXCHANGE & REFUNDS
While we are happy to exchange, you will need to keep your receipt to do so. All exchanges and refunds will only be accepted in the term of purchase.

ZIP REPAIRS
Bags requiring zip repairs can be dropped off at the College Shop the last Thursday of the term before 11am. A notice will be in Whispers with regards to the date for 4th term. We ask that you clearly mark your child’s bag with their name and phone number contact and ensure the bags are clean. These bags are then ready for collection on the first Tuesday of the new term.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate contact Miranda Turner on 9334 0112.

Miranda Turner
College Uniform Shop
Direct to Shop 9334 0112

VACANCY MOTHERS DAY/ FATHERS DAY STALL CO-ORDINATOR
KEILOR CAMPUS

The position may be shared!

This position is to commence in Term 1 2012, with a handover fourth term this year and plenty of on going assistance from the current co-ordinator throughout the next year. The co-ordinators duties include sourcing goods for the stalls, advertising for parent assistance, set up of stalls and supervising the day of the stalls. Applicants must be available the afternoon prior to the stalls for set up and on the day of the stalls.

This position will fulfil your commitment to the Family Contribution Scheme.

Contact: Dean Dannock for more information and a full position description, or to apply.

Working Bee
Keilor Campus
Saturday 17th September

The next Working Bee will be held on Saturday 17th September 2011. Please note that the working bee commences at 8:30am and not before. Hours will only be credited after 8:30am. The day will finish at 4.30 pm. Please stay as long as possible so that the tasks organised for the day can be completed. The day will cover projects and general clean up. Please bring along your own gloves and any gardening tools you may require, including lawn mowers.

Lunch: $4.00

Please note that children are not permitted to attend working bees.

Co-ordinators: Andrew Daalmeyer 0411 269 331

(Working Bee dates are also listed on the College website, www.Overnewton.vic.edu.au/Our Community/Parents and Friends/Family Contribution/Working Bee Dates)

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When recording hours contributed toward the Family Contribution Scheme please write your home telephone number (NOT mobile number) as this will assist us to ensure your hours are allocated correctly.

STUFFED TOYS

Are you sick of seeing those large oversized stuffed toys lying around your home?

Here's your chance to get rid of them!! Whether it's Homer Simpson, The Red Devil or perhaps that large oversized puppy with the big brown eyes, we will be more than happy to take them off your hands – be rest assured that they will go to a good home!!

We urgently require your help with the donation of new and pre-loved children's large and small stuffed toys, the kind you would find at Moomba or the show if you were lucky enough to have won one!!

Stuffed toys with stains or tears will not be accepted.

We are bringing back to Student Street the “stomp a balloon” stall, and we are seeking your kind donations to be on display and won by the winning tickets found in the balloons.

Donations can be made by contacting Olga Forsythe to arrange for collection or pick up on 0402 035 428 or can be donated on the following collection dates at the Taylors Lakes Campus Shed.

Saturday 10th September 9:30 – 12pm
Saturday 24th September 9:30 – 12pm
Saturday 8th October 9:30 – 12pm

STUDENT STREET – HELP NEEDED

Come and visit “Student Street” at this years Fair. It is jam packed with activities for the kids – face painting, nail art, tattoos, beading, painting, fairy floss, popcorn, sno-kones, balloon stamping, jaffa smasha, handball footy, and so much more! Awesome prizes to be won!

This is by far the coolest place for the young (and the young at heart) to be at the fair.

To ensure Student Street’s success, we require volunteers to help out on the day with running some of the activities. All hours worked will be allocated to the Family Contribution Scheme contribution in Term 4 (or Term 1, 2012).

Please contact me ASAP if you are able to assist on the day and we hope to see you there! There is also the setting up on the Friday night and packing up on the Saturday straight after the Fair – if you are able to also assist with this please let me know.

Thank you

Olga Forsythe
Student Street Co-ordinator
Mobile: 0402 035 428

Trash ‘n’ Treasure Collection Day

Collection day for donations of goods for the Trash ‘n’ Treasure, Student Street And Books Stall for the Overnewton Country Fair will be held on:

Saturday 24th September 9:30 – 12pm
Saturday 8th October 9:30 – 12pm
Saturday 22nd October 9:30 – 12pm
Saturday 29th October 9:30 – 12pm

Please bring any donations to the huge shed at the TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS (you can see it from the car park).

For any queries, please contact: Claire Moore 0413 997 289

** Unfortunately, we are unable to accept electrical items, mattresses, clothes or lounge suites **
Whispers Distribution via email

Requests to receive Whispers via email are being updated regularly and will be implemented weekly. Other lists will be updated at the commencement of Term 4, 2011.

This may mean that you will receive both an email & paper copy until that date.

Visit our Website and record your email address to receive a colour version of Whispers weekly, via email


Save Paper - Please consider the environment

ENTERTAINERS

Student and parent entertainers invited for the 2011 Country Fair to be held on the afternoon of Saturday 5th November at Taylors Lakes Campus.

All forms of entertainment including singers, dancers, musicians, magicians etc are welcome.

Please call Beth Allen on 0411 409 685

A VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE regarding the WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

All parent volunteers must now have completed the Working With Children Check (WWC Check). The WWC Check is required before any parent at Overnewton College is able to participate and fulfil their 18 Hour Family Contribution commitment and co-ordinators cannot allocate parents to a roster unless they have completed this check. Please note that there will be some minor exceptions to this e.g. parents working at Saturday Working Bees.

The WWC Check is free for volunteers and will provide an ongoing monitoring of those who hold a WWC Check Card. Cards will be valid for a period of five years after which time you will need to reapply.

Application forms are available at both Keilor and Taylors Lakes reception and also at Australia Post participating outlet (those that accept passport applications)

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 9334 0140 if you have any questions or alternatively you can contact the WWC Check Information Line on 1300 652 870.

Shirley Sei, Head of Community Development.
9334 0140 / shirley.sei@overnewton.vic.edu.au

COUNTRY FAIR 2011

CHRISTMAS AND GIFT HAMPERS STALL

Are you employed full time and finding it hard to contribute your hours? Look no further, we have the answer!

The Christmas and Gift Hamper Team, are looking for expressions of interest from anyone who would like to take advantage of a fantastic way to contribute their hours from home.

Newcomers welcome!!

For all enquiries please call:
Danielle 0425 854 028 or Maria 0412 416 715
between 6pm and 8 pm (Mon - Fri)

MUSIC SHACK

DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD CD'S, DVD'S, RECORDS, AUDIO TAPES??

CAN YOU SPARE AT LEAST ONE ITEM OR MORE FROM YOUR COLLECTION of Children's Music, Pop, Classical, Gospel, Country, New Age, Alternative, Jazz etc.

What do you do with your donation?
Please leave your donation marked “Music Shack” and leave it at the front office of your campus.

If you have a larger donation and require collection please contact
Nada Phillipou 0407 234 707

COUNTRY FAIR 5TH NOVEMBER

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HOME MADE CAKES AND SWEETS STALL

The Overnewton Country Fair is rapidly approaching for another year and we would like to call on all the wonderful support we have had from our school community, to make it another successful cake stall.

Cakes, biscuits, muffins, slices, savouries, whatever your baking specialty may be, would be great for our stall.

All contributions are allocated towards the Family Contribution Scheme.

For expressions of interest please contact
Kalli Lontos: HOME: 9390 8276 or MOBILE: 0419 371 391
Email: kalli@adec.org.au
or
Rosie Smarrelli: HOME: 9336 7256 or MOBILE: 0418 512 029,
EMAIL: rosie@metrobodycorp.com.au
This is a fantastic stall with lots of yummy treats for young and old to enjoy.

Thank you
Kalli Lontos

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