The last couple of weeks have provided some lovely connections with members of the College community from those that are past members (if one can ever be a past member) to those just finishing and those who are about to join the community next year. All of these meetings have affirmed the true strength of the bonds that link each of us to Overnewton.

Recently, we held the twenty-year reunion for the Class of 1991. A sit down dinner was held in the Assembly Hall at the Keilor Campus with staff and old collegians joining to remember their time at Overnewton and to reconnect with each other and their old school. Obviously, the physical environment of the College is vastly different to how it was twenty years ago. However, the old collegians and past staff that attended were pleased to see the development in the facilities but were far more interested in the memories and relationships that they shared having been together all those years ago.

The following week, the one-year reunion was held in the Atrium of the Richardson Centre. Our one-year reunions provide an opportunity for students who have graduated from the College only recently to come back to their school, meet up with their old friends and remember that they still belong to the Overnewton community as old collegians. The one-year and twenty-year reunions are very different events designed to suit the needs of the old collegians that attend. But they are very similar in terms of providing avenues for old collegians and staff to remain connected to or reconnect with their school.

This week, we held also the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner. A true time of celebration and acknowledgement of our students as they graduate and become old collegians. This night was a time also of saying farewell to families that have belonged to the Overnewton community, many for a very long time indeed. Truly, it was delightful to chat with families some of whom came with older siblings and reminisce about shared moments over many years.

Additionally, over the past couple of weeks, Gabe Alessandrini, Rob Huntington and I have been meeting with families that will join the College in 2012 when their children start with us. When we meet with the new families, we talk about the friendships that they can expect to make and be delightfully surprised by in the coming years as they meet families in the canteen, the College shop, in first aid, covering books in the library, digging a hole together at a working bee or one of the myriad of other ways that families meet each other.

The many conversations I have had with families and old collegians over the past few weeks has confirmed how important and meaningful these friendships are. I know that all schools provide opportunities for friendships to develop amongst members of their communities. I am delighted to know that the friendships and connections that develop over many years of association at Overnewton are incredibly strong and that they continue long after children graduate from the College.

### 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.
THE MATTER OF MANNERS

Manners are the small things - the small building blocks for a general attitude of respect and consideration for other people. So if you don’t teach children these rather formal automatic manners, then I think it may be more difficult for them to grasp the bigger issues later on - the bigger issues about respect for others. And I remember as we all do when bringing up children, right at the beginning you sound like a long-playing record going on. ‘What do you say? What’s the magic word? Where’s the thank you?’ That sort of thing. We have to do that. And it’s a form of fundamental socialisation. The problem seems to me that a lot of that has been somewhat pushed to the side because of pressure on parents, perhaps.

They’ve got less time. Everybody has to work harder, and therefore they have less time. The fact that people aren’t having meals with their children - that’s a rather disappointing development that if you look at the figures for the number of families that ever eat together, in a formal way, it’s rather sad... eating with the other person is a very fundamental form of social communication.

It’s recognition of the humanity of the other. It’s a fundamental social ritual which we’re allowing to be eroded by the pressures of modern life. Is that making us lonelier as people? I suspect it is. I suspect we’re becoming far more isolated and we sit there with our computers and iPhones, our electronic gizmos and we’re losing the ability to talk to people. Look at what’s happening to conversation. How many good conversations do you get on an aeroplane these days?

One of the four College values is respect. Good manners are an important ingredient of a respectful school environment and I am always delighted when I have members of the public or visitors to the College commenting favourably on the manners shown to them by students. Collectively, we need to make the time to have good conversations with each other to role model manners and enable respect to develop.

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DRIVERS

At the One Year Reunion on Friday, one of our College Board members, Don Hilton, addressed over one hundred of our Class of 2010 students about the need for safe driving. It wasn’t the reason he was speaking to them, as he was ostensibly presenting prizes for the Old Collegians football tipping competition and talking about the virtues of maintaining contact with the Old Collegians. However, it was compelling to think about the recent tragedies on Victorian roads and the loss of young lives and here was a group of first year drivers before him.

This is a very timely discussion to have with your sons and daughters who are P platers or learners. The summer holidays lie before us, and parties, fun times and relaxation may include car trips in convivial circumstances. Calmness and concentration is essential and a wise head is needed behind the wheel. We all know that wisdom comes with experience that young drivers do not yet have and sometimes a taxi or an offer to drive them is a good solution.

I recommend that all parents of young drivers take a suitable opportunity to chat about care on the road as we enter the summer break.
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wrote the following piece:

I am crouched in my trench with my gun by my side. My best friend died minutes earlier. There is anger running through me. I scramble out of my trench and begin shooting wildly. As I run through Flanders Fields, I see my best friend’s body lying breathlessly on the ground. A cold feeling runs through my body, but that feeling only makes me madder.

I shoot even harder. With a flash of light, a bomb explodes metres away from me. I get blown back from the force. Strapped lands on my face. I scream in agony. Everywhere I look is red with blood. I panic when a body lands on top of me. I cannot move and I am too afraid to move. I shout with fear “Can somebody help me?” Will I ever make it home?

It is most rewarding for us all when we read such colourful pieces of work. As we head into the last weeks of the 2011 school year, the students continue to be engaged in purposeful, educational experiences that will stand them in good stead for their move to their new level next year.  

Anne McNaughton

PREPS – BEAUTY AND THE BEAST PERFORMANCE

Last Monday, the Preps delighted in a pantomime performance of Beauty and the Beast.

The show was captivating right from the beginning, and the children were laughing and singing, and very much enjoyed the interactive nature of the show.

The show revealed a message to the children that we should like someone for who they are on the inside not on the outside, and that beauty is only skin deep.

The children completed some beautiful reflections about the show, showcasing their growing writing and illustrating skills.

Kylie Lokman (Prep teacher)

I liked Beauty and the Beast. My favourite character was Belle. My favourite part was when they lived happily ever after.

By Ally Prep L

I liked it when Lumiere taught the Beast to love other people.

By William Prep L

I liked all of the characters in Beauty and the Beast. There was Cogsworth, Jiggins, Scooter, Papa Maurice, Lumiere, Belle, Gaston, Mrs Potts and the Beast.

By Monica Prep L

I liked Belle because her dress was beautiful. Belle was my favourite character. She was hilarious.

By Samantha Prep L

As the double doors swung open, the music hit us like a blast. Lights flashed as we waited for the production to begin. Our eyes gleamed with anticipation as we watched the stage fill with colour. As soon as the lights dimmed to darkness, our excitement grew. This was going to be an entertaining performance!

YEAR 3 FRACUTURED FAIRYTALES

On Tuesday the 8th of November the Year 3 students of Keilor Campus were engaged in a highly entertaining and informative incursion, ‘Fractured Fairytales’. The production encouraged the students to step away from the norms of storytelling by questioning the characters’ perspectives and plots told in the original stories.

‘Fractured Fairytales’ linked beautifully into our Inquiry topic, ‘Stories can be told in many different ways’. The students learnt how to use elements of the stories they know to cleverly recreate new ones. The use of puppetry, music, costuming and an ingenious script added a new dimension to traditional tales.

This interactive performance also gave the students an opportunity to become part of the show. They loved stepping on stage and being involved. The questioning session at the conclusion of the performance allowed the students to broaden their knowledge of story writing, as well as gain a greater understanding of backstage preparation, costume production and characterisation. The director, Tony Bones’s informative answers to the children’s questions left them wanting to find out more!

The Year 3 audience sat with their eyes glued to the actors from the minute they stepped through the door. Even the most reluctant writers couldn’t wait to get back to the classroom to write their own stories!

Charmaine Saraci (Year3 teacher)

YEAR 1 FAIRYTALE FIASCO

Today we went to Fairytale Fiasco. It was fun! We got to dress up as fairytale characters but it was mixed up and crazy and weird and so silly. Firstly, I dressed as Snow White, and then the Big Bad Wolf and that was my favourite. At the end we had a pretend slumber party. It was so much fun.

Jonathan Yung 1C

YEAR 4 POETRY

‘Snowflake’

by Janet Nguyen

I am ready to drop and freeze.
I wonder if I will melt.
I hear wind blowing towards me.
I see bleach white everywhere.
I don’t want to melt.
I am ready to drop and freeze.

I pretend to stay still.
I feel the coldness coming into me.
I touch the softness of the ground.
I wonder if I will die.
I cry when I hit the ground.
I am ready to drop and freeze.

I understand that I am just plain.
I say I’m just nothing.
I dream about people.
I try to stop dropping.
I hope to stop dropping.
I am ready to drop and freeze.
The following students received a Student of the Week Certificate this week.

**Prep P** Claudia Patsiouris for always showing lots of cooperation when working in a group

**PS** Lachlan McKie for improving and persisting with his handwriting skills

**1C** Jonathan Yung for always offering to help those around him. Jonathan shows a caring and thoughtful nature at all times

**1C** Aaron Hussain for always trying his best and having a go. Aaron has demonstrated greater persistence this term

**1C** Kieran Tan for writing a detailed and interesting retell of 'The Tortoise and the Hare'

**1TK** Alexander Todorovski for working hard and staying focused when completing his writing

**2F** Luka Brdjanin for always being an enthusiastic learner and demonstrating persistence in his work

**2F** Eliza Knowles for being a caring class member and having a positive attitude to learning

**2F** Joseph Comande for showing cooperation when working in a group

**2G** James Barger for always contributing interesting information during class discussions

**2G** Samuel Brincat for applying himself during numeracy tasks and never giving up on a challenge

**3C** Jourdan Kotevski for consistently displaying a love of learning

**3C** Piper Heard for always being an enthusiastic learner

**3C** Alexander Ciccone for always being willing to broaden his knowledge and work to the best of his ability

**3C** Ethan Gusman for always participating enthusiastically and for sharing his love of dance with the class

**3C** James Exadactylos for being a good learner, staying on task and working to the best of his ability

**3G** Cody Brand for showing resilience when an accident occurred, leaving him to clean up a mess that he didn’t make. I was very proud of the sensible attitude and maturity he showed

**3P** Leoni Di Stefano for her positive attitude to learning

**3P** Naomi Eskander for her great mathematical thinking when solving open ended maths problems

**4CA** Laura Wright for using initiative in her work and trying to always do her best

**4CA** Drew Mason for showing maturity and better ‘Getting Along’ skills in the playground

**4CR** Benjamin Cantarella for being motivated and enthusiastic and for learning to stay focused on his work and presenting it excellently

**4NK** Stefanie Georgeallis for demonstrating organisation and persistence in not only preparing very well for band rehearsals, but for allowing Mr Novakovic to give musical suggestion and ideas that are received and worked on

**4NK** Kevin Truong for displaying organisation and persistence. Kevin has committed himself to an important public speaking role as part of an assembly, learned challenging guitar music for a Celebration Night item and has managed to stay diligent to his studies

The Prep transition program continued last week with two major events. One was the formal Prep Information Evening and the other was the Prep Orientation Day. These two events were well attended and proved to be a great success. It was comforting to see our 2012 Prep students walk into their classes with such confidence and not one tear now that they have been here three times. The children met their permanent teachers and classmates that they will have in 2012. We once again welcome Mrs Sonia Mediero, Mrs Sue Milverton and Mrs Derynne Bullock as our Prep teachers for next year. The children were also introduced to their buddy for next year. The Year 3 students (moving into Year 4 in 2012) were ‘buddied up’ with a Prep student and spent some time getting to know each other. The Year 3 students were particularly excited about meeting their Prep buddy. I heard one Year 3 student say, “I have been waiting all my school life to be a Prep Buddy!”

**Images have been removed to meet privacy needs**

Staff have been busily working on 2012 class lists. I am very proud of the efforts each member of staff takes to ensure students are placed carefully into their next year’s class. It is a huge task to ensure classes have a mix of abilities, personalities, friendships and so forth. There are times where we make changes and move one child which then has a snowball effect on friendships and so forth. There are times where we make changes and move one child which then has a snowball effect on others in that class. After many meetings and consultations with teachers, class lists are mostly complete. I have had some parental requests this year and as mentioned in previous newsletters, I am willing to listen to particular parental concerns and will take these on board, but I am unable to guarantee specific requests due to the many other variables around placing children in classes. With class lists almost complete, I am no longer able to take on board any further suggestions from parents. We look forward to the children finding out their 2012 teacher and classmates on Step Up Day on 8th December.
WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL AT TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS?

Mrs Ramunno: Integrating ICT in the Classroom.

Collaboration is the key to a great team. In Year 2 my colleagues and I have shared stories of learning about our students. In learning from one another we have each strengthened our practice as teachers. I have learnt a lot from my Year 2 colleagues about how to use ICT in the classroom which has benefitted my students.

In 2R we have been working together on open ended Maths problems throughout the year. We reflected on our learning so that we can share what we have found out and learnt from each other. We have been reflecting about our open ended Maths tasks using Show Me. We have found this a great way to capture what we are thinking while we are working out our answers. Serena illustrates this point, “I’ve got two rows of 6 and that makes 12. If I write it as a number sentence I can say 2x6=12 or 6+6=12.” You can check it out on http://www.showme.com/sh/?i=91183.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL-TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS

STAR STUDENT

Prep B  Chris Saykao for willingly sharing knowledge.

Prep ME  Olivia Cesile for writing a wonderful story.

1E  Bianca Schembri for demonstrating a kind and caring attitude towards her fellow classmates.

1c  Joshua Ndungu for demonstrating great use of strategies when reading.

1G  Myah Chircop has been showing us some wonderful thinking lately. And we want to thank her for bringing in a Chicken Diary to show us how the chickens are going after all these months.

1G  Kristian Colak has been working hard in his ICT creating a funny story for us to enjoy.

1T  Jema Mustafa for being able to explain that $1 is the same as 100c.

2M  Jacob Platt for his confident approach towards all learning activities.

2M  Calista Lo-iudice for challenging herself and displaying confidence on camp.

2R  Jordon Hudson for his creative ideas when writing narrative stories.

3AC  Matthew Morello for persisting at all work tasks to do his best and for thoughtful and relevant contributions to class discussions.

3M  Emily Tran for having a terrific attitude towards her learning.

3M  Hayden Green for working brilliantly in every classroom activity.

3S  Samantha Dalli for improved concentration and focus in the classroom.

3S  Nicola Xerri for writing a wonderful orientation that captured her readers attention.

4NJ  Charley Maggs for always putting her best foot forward

4NJ  Alexander Marcote for a super effort on his comic.

COMING EVENTS

JUNIOR SCHOOL - TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS

Thursday 24th November  Assembly
Tuesday 29th November  Junior School Carols Service
Wednesday 30th November  Parent Support Team Zooper Dooper Day
Thursday 1st December  Prep 2012 Transition 4
Monday 5th December  Final Assembly
Tuesday 6th December  Junior School Picnic Day
Thursday 8th December  Step-up Day
Thursday 8th December  Year 4 Celebration
Friday 9th December  Final Day Term 4

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Honour Roll in The Sunday Age

A special, 40-page lift out featuring the names of students who successfully completed this year’s Reading Challenge will be published in The Sunday Age on 27th November.

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THE AUTHOR ALICE PUNG VISITS THE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Alice Pung conducted a Writers Workshop for students in the Taylors Lakes Book Club. We were lucky to spend time with Alice who talked to us about her own life and experiences, some of her stories were funny and others just made you think. After that, we started on a series of workshops to help us improve our writing. The workshop type activities meant that not only were we able to write but, we also were able to share ideas and learn about developing our writing. We had a fantastic morning, guided by Alice.

Kara vanderBurgt

On Tuesday the 2nd of November, Alice Pung the author of recently published, ‘My Father’s Daughter’ came to Overnewton College, Taylors Lakes. She taught us helpful skills that we can use when writing, skills such as, brain storming and using our imagination. In the first lesson we had to imagine that our favourite animal became a human and what characteristics it had, such as where it lived, what type of house, its age, if it had a job and where it worked. Over all it was a fun and productive time.

Laura de Warrt and Leah Simpfendorfer

On Tuesday the 8th of November Alice Pung came to take Overnewton’s Year 7 and 8 Book Club for a workshop about writing. It involved making up characters, plotting, describing and using metaphors. It was a really enjoyable day undertaking different activities with an author who writes about real experiences. She was really inspirational and she taught us to never let your imagination stop.

Maddy Rex  Mel Kitanovski and Carissa Nomarhas

READ WHISPERS ONLINE AT: www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/whispers
MIDDLE SCHOOL-COMING EVENTS

Thursday 24th November  
Monday 28th November  
Tuesday 29th to 2nd December  
Wednesday 7th December  
Thursday 1st December  
Thursday 1st December  
Monday 5th December  
Tuesday 6th December  
Wednesday 7th December  
Wednesday 7th December  
Thursday 8th December  
Thursday 8th December  
Friday 9th December  
Friday 9th December

TLCC Assembly Period 1  
KC Year 6 Band Concert – 7.30pm  
KC Year 6 Camp, 30th November  
KC Year 8 Celebration - 7.30pm  
KC Sport Assembly  
TLC Year 6 Band Concert – Multi Purpose Hall 7.30pm  
Parent Support Team TLC  
TLC Year 8 Celebration Multi Purpose Hall 7.30pm  
KC Final Awards Assembly House Day at Taylors Lakes Campus  
Step-Up Morning  
KC Middle School House  
Last Day Term 4  
TLC Final Awards Assembly

ACS SPORT

YEAR 7
It was a tough game for the girls’ soccer team this week with a few players absent. Goal scorers were Emma Baddeley (1) and Alexandra McKellar (1). Needing to maintain their hold on second place, a win this round and in their last round next week is essential.

The girls from the volleyball B team are having a very good summer season, just sitting outside of the finals coming into the last round. All of the players are contributing and improving their general skills. Sherena Huynh and Maria Ignatidis have developed good skills in serving and digging that assist their team to perform well. Tracy Nguyen and Freya Clemen are also developing good serving techniques.

Best players from the girls’ softball game were Liana Konjarski and Charlotte Lake as they achieved 9 outs between them.

Winners: Boys’ basketball A (39 pts – 24); girls’ softball (11 runs – 1); boys’ softball (24 runs – 7); girls’ soccer (2 goals – 0); boys’ table tennis; girls’ tennis (55 games – 37); girls’ volleyball B (3 sets – 1)

YEAR 8
The girls’ tennis team had an impressive win this round. Congratulations to Tess Buchanan, Morgan Bain and Maine Stevens, who stepped up and played in a higher position, and won their sets convincingly. According to their coach Simon Bowyer (OACC), the team is now more consistent and improving their persistence especially when games are not going well.

Keeping their finals chances alive are the boys’ hockey team with another drawn game this week. Best players on the field this week were Benjamin Spitteler, Matthew Bell and Drew Honeyborne. Anton Longhitano and Drew Honeyborne both scored a goal apiece.

Best players from the girls’ soccer team were Dimitra De Losa, Selin Huseyin and Alanna Daalmeyer. Leading scorers from the boys’ basketball B game were Jeremy Borzillo (7 pts) and Michael Harsic (6 pts). From the A basketball game the leading scorers were Zak Wunhym (13 pts), Adam Mandic (7 pts) and Carlo Rosales (7 pts).

Winners: Boys’ softball (19 runs – 3); boys’ cricket (108 runs – 78); girls’ tennis (9 sets – 3); girls’ volleyball A (4 sets – 0); girls’ volleyball B (3 sets – 2); boys’ hockey (2 goal – 2 draw)

YEAR 9
It was the last round of competition for the Year 9 teams. The last chance to make finals for the three teams still in contention for them. The soccer team needed to win to keep the home ground advantage, the basketball B team had to win just to get into second place on the ladder and the cricket had to win and win big to give themselves a chance to make the finals.

The cricket team had the hardest road, as they also had to rely on other games to get the opportunity to play in the finals. They had to secure a large win and sending in the opposition first gave them a very good start on achieving their goal. The bowlers did their job and got the opposition all out for only 32 runs. Best of the bowlers were Jordan Barrett with figures of two wickets for three runs. Other bowling figures were Nicholas Wurm (1 – 3), Rukshan Gunasekara (1 – 5), Alex Hussey (1 – 5); and Lachlan Sneddon (1-14). Now it was time for the batters to not only get the required runs but exceed them by as much as possible. Pumal Alahakoon was the best of the batters with 41 runs and he was well supported by Alex Hussey (23), Tylar Vujanis (19) and Jayden Ristevski (16). With a final difference between the two teams being 91 runs, this gave them a very good chance of making the finals. Unfortunately they missed out on a finals berth by 0.79 (run rate). The coach Alan Quaife (MSI) and the rest of the College are very proud of the team’s effort across the year. Hopefully the boys within this team will continue being a part of the senior cricket teams and will enjoy the success they deserve in the future.

For the boys’ basketball B team, their season came down to this last round of matches. Their opponent sat 1 point ahead in second place and whoever won the game would have highly valued place in the finals. The game was tight for most of the match and after the first half the Overnewton team was up by 4 points. It was an even second half and both schools were scoring freely. Fortunately the Overnewton team maintained the advantage and when the siren sounded for the final time, the team was up by the 4 points. Leading scorers for the team were Roeco Catalano (17 pts), Bryce Davies (10 pts), Christian Hudec (4 pts) and Justin Kanzamar (3 pts).

The girls’ soccer team was in the finals no matter what the outcome of this round of matches; however, they did risk losing the home field advantage if they had lost this match. They had a confident win by a massive 12 goals over their opponent and now they will face the only team that has beaten them in the season in the finals. Goal scorers from this game were Sarah Gonsalves (7), Stephanie Dogina (3) and one each from Mariah Gouzos and Annabelle Toro. The team and their coach Salim Gonsalves (7), Stephanie Dogina (3) and one each from Mariah Gouzos and Annabelle Toro. The team and their coach Salim Gonsalves (7), Stephanie Dogina (3) and one each from Mariah Gouzos and Annabelle Toro.
YEAR 5 - 6 SPORT

There has been two weeks since the last article and the Year 5 students have continued to enjoy the interschool competition between schools from the Sydenham District. Last week Keilor Campus played away at Mackellar but this week had no sport due to camp. The Taylors Lakes Campus teams played away at the Taylors Lakes Primary School, and then this week hosted Mackellar Primary School. Each week the students develop more knowledge of how each of the games are played and the valuable skill of learning how to work together as a team to achieve the goals of each of the sports. Next week, the students from each of the campuses will get together to compete campus vs campus.

We have only 2 weeks at the beginning of the 2012 to finalise our ACS summer teams. Well done to students who have been putting their best efforts into training.

Nikki Little and Janene Lokaj
Heads of Sport

A BIG THANKYOU

The Taylors Lakes Campus Art staff would like to express a huge thank you to all the parent helpers who have supported us this year. Your assistance both in and out of the classroom every week, plays a large part in the delivery of our fantastic Art programs. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and look forward to working with you again next year, thank you.

Karen Murphy, Janinka Eva, Franca Petrolo and Rachel Embury.

Year 1T Christmas drawing

BASKETBALL RESULTS

UNDER 10 GIRLS (Overnewton 1)
The girls continued their great form and teamwork for another win. What a joy it was to watch all of your hard work paying off – Go Girls!
Final scores: Overnewton 1, 24 – Aberfeldie Jets 2, 0

UNDER 10 GIRLS (Overnewton 2)
The girls played a much better game this week with a few good attempts at goal. They are really improving.
Final scores: Overnewton 2, 0 – Keilor Village 1, 18

UNDER 10 BOYS (Overnewton 1)
A close game all the way through with only two points the difference at any given time. The boys showed great determination with the game ending in a draw.
Final scores: Overnewton 1, 14 – Aberfeldie 2, 14

UNDER 10 BOYS (Overnewton 2)
What a nail biter! The boys had us on the edge of our seats but unfortunately couldn’t take the win losing by just one point! Great effort.
Final scores: Overnewton, 2, 6 – St Bernards 1, 7

UNDER 12 GIRLS (Overnewton)
It was a very tight game for the girls this week, with the teams being even throughout the entire game. The winning goal was shot on the siren, unfortunately not by us! Great competitive game.
Final scores: Overnewton 1, 16 – Salvo Saints 1, 17

UNDER 12 (1) BOYS (Overnewton 1)
The boys played another great game this week against Keilor Village 4. Keilor Village had many attempts at goal but with some great pressure from our defence they were unable to put points on the board.
Final scores: Overnewton 1, 23 – Keilor Village 4, 4

UNDER 14 (1) BOYS (Overnewton Fire)
The boys found it difficult to get into the game this week as they had just come back from camp. Their lack of sleep had caught up with them as they struggled to score accurately.
Final scores: Overnewton Fire 7, - Taylors Lakes 3, 17

UNDER 14 (2) BOYS (Overnewton)
The boys had their first win of the season with no substitutes. The boys were all very happy and excited with their win and made their parents very proud.
Final Scores: Overnewton 2, 17, - Salvo Saints, 5

UNDER 14 (1) GIRLS (Overnewton 1)
No game played this week
**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.*

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.

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**OVERNEWTON PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**BUSINESS & SERVICES DIRECTORY**

Support the Overnewton Community and always consult the Parents and Friends Business and Services Directory!

**AB & MB Electrical Contractors Pty Ltd** can assist with all types of electrical work. For further information contact Emma 0438 608 067 or see page 94 of the 2011-2012 Parents & Friends Services Directory. Special offer to members of the Overnewton Community.

This Parents & Friends Services Directory is now available on line - Check it out by visiting www.overnewton.vic.edu.au, click on the photo of Our Community and select the P&F Directory. You can then download this directory or view other publications.

For an additional paper copy please contact Janine Hilton 9334 0104.

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**CHIBOBO NEWS**

Calendars for Chibobo are for sale in Reception at each campus. At $10 each, and with beautifully captured images, they will make great Christmas gifts.

Help support our friends in Chibobo as they strive for greater education, health and independence.

A large supply of Christmas cards are also available $1 each or 3 for $2. No need to shop elsewhere – get all your Christmas cards right here.

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**Taylors Lakes Junior School**

**Parent Support Team**

** Helpers Required!**

We are looking for reliable people who can help us with two major events we have happening at our campus:

- **Zooper Dooper Day – 30th November**
  Three people required from 12.30pm – 1.30pm

- **Picnic Day – 6th December**
  Four people required 9.00am – 1.00pm

If you can help please email Fiona at fionazac@gmail.com

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**Combined Working Bee**

**Saturday 3rd December**

**Keilor & Taylors Lakes Campus**

The next combined campus working bees will be held on **Saturday 3rd December, 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 4.30pm.* 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 at both campuses. Please bring along your own gloves and any gardening tools you may require, including lawn mowers. Lunch: $5.00

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

**Co-ordinators:**

- **Keilor Campus**
  Andrew Daalmeyer 0411 269 331

- **Taylors Lakes Campus**
  Sando Temelkovski 0412 046 811

(Working Bee dates are also listed on the College website, www.overnewton.vic.edu.au)
CLASSROOM ASSISTANCE

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 18 hour 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 year 9 student, and your home telephone number. These hours are collated at the end of each term.

Working with Children Check
It is a Victorian Government requirement that all adults working with children have a current Working with Children Check with Overnewton College listed as a volunteer organisation. If you need to amend your details to include Overnewton College a ‘Change of Personal Details Form’ can be downloaded from the Department of Justice website www.justice.vic.gov.au. Please ensure you have your card number or Post Office Receipt number when you phone to register your name.

If you have any concerns regarding the Classroom Assistance program at Keilor Campus please contact the relevant co-ordinator or Jennie McCullagh, Resource Officer on 9334 0086.
Parent Co-ordinators
Wendy Weeks – Prep, & Year 1 Wwendyweeks@live.com.au 9331 7750
Nadine Azzi – Years 2 – 8 & 10-12 nadine@azzicorp.com 9336 0071
 Mimma Beazley – Library & Art mimma.beazley@internode.on.net 9390 7516
Tracy Wright – ACS/House Sport tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au 9336 7294

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
Prep S Tuesdays 11.15am – 1.15pm Week 1
Year 2B Thursdays 1.50pm – 3.20pm Weeks 1 & 2

Mimma Beazley 9390 7516 mimma.beazley@internode.on.net

Prep Classroom Help
Parents are required to assist in Prep L on Wednesdays from 9.00am – 11.10am for Week 1 only

Wendy Weeks 9331 7750 wendyweeks@live.com.au

2012 - Senior School House Swimming Carnival
Parents are required to assist with the Senior School House Swimming Carnival on Monday 20th February from 8.30am – 3.30pm at St Albans Leisure Centre.

Tracy Wright 9336 7294 tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au

2012 – Years 4 Swimming Trials (both campuses)
Parents are required to assist with the Year 4 Swimming Trials on Monday 27th February from 12.30am – 3.00pm at Albans Leisure Centre.

Tracy Wright 9336 7294 tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au

2012 – Keilor Middle School House Swimming Carnival
Parents are required to assist with the Keilor Middle School House Swimming Carnival on Friday 2nd March from 8.30am – 3.30pm at St Albans Leisure Centre.
Tracy Wright 9336 7294 tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au

2012 – Years 7 – 9 House Swimming Carnival – Taylors Lakes Campus
Parents are required to assist with the Year 7 – 9 House Swimming Carnival on Friday 24th February from 8.30am – 3.30pm at St Albans Leisure Centre.

Tracy Wright 9336 7294 tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au

2012 – Years 4 Swimming Trials (both campuses)
Parents are required to assist with the Year 4 swimming trials on Monday 27th February from 12.30am – 3.00pm at St Albans Leisure Centre.

Tracy Wright 9336 7294 tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au

2012 – Years 4 – 6 District Swimming Carnival (both campuses)
Parents are required to assist with the Years 4 – 6 District Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 6th March from 8.30am – 1.30pm at St Albans Leisure Centre.

Tracy Wright 9336 7294 tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au

2012 – ACS Swimming Carnival Years 7 – 12 (both campuses)
Parents are required to assist with the ACS Swimming Carnival on Thursday 15th March from 9.00am – 5.00pm at Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre (MSAC).

Tracy Wright 9336 7294 tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au

Middle School Lunchtime Assistance
Parent help is needed to assist Rachel McInnes with lunchtime environmental activities for the students and some administrative assistance. This position will suit someone who is passionate about the environment and will be ongoing in 2012. This will involve approximately 2 hours per week and will complete your 18 hour family contribution. For more information please contact rachel.mcinnnes@overnewton.vic.edu.au.
2012 – Years 4 – 6 District Swimming Carnival (both campuses)
Parents are required to assist with the Years 4 – 6 District Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 6th March from 8.30am – 1.30pm at St Albans Leisure Centre.

Tracy Wright 9336 7294
tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au

2012 – ACS Swimming Carnival Years 7 – 12 (both campuses)
Parents are required to assist with the ACS Swimming Carnival on Thursday 15th March from 9.00am – 5.00pm at Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre (MSAC).

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RENEWING YOUR WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
Working with Children (WWC) Checks are valid for five years, unless revoked due to a relevant change in your circumstances. You need to renew if you intend to continue doing child-related work after your card expires. It is an offence to continue child-related work without a valid WWC Check card or receipt.

RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM
A renewal application form will be sent 8 weeks prior to the expiry date of your WWC Check card, to the last postal address you provided. When you receive your renewal application form, please check that all the details printed on your form are accurate and up-to-date as you will not be able to make any changes to the printed form. If any of the details on the form are incorrect or incomplete you must update your details and an amended form to you. Alternatively, you can complete a new application and submit documents to satisfy the 100 points of required identification, along with a passport size photo.

If you have not received a renewal application form, it may be because the Department of Justice do not have your current postal address. To update your address go to Online Change of Details or call the WWC Check Information Line. Once updated, a renewal application form will be posted to you.

LODGING A RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM
When all details on the form are correct, take the form together with your current WWC Check card to a participating Australia Post Outlet (APO) to lodge your renewal. Only your WWC Check card will be accepted by an APO as proof of identity. You need to check that the photo and/or signature are not damaged, so that the photo remains a reasonable likeness and your signature appears clearly on the card. If this is not the case, you will need to obtain a replacement card by calling the Information Line.

Please lodge your renewal application form soon after you receive it, to renew your card before it expires.

For further information and help about the renewals process, visit the Department of Justice website www.justice.vic.gov.au select ‘Maintaining your check’ from the menu on the left hand side of the page, select renewing your check and on the right hand side under related publications see Renewals Frequently Asked Questions

MUSIC LESSONS
Instrumental Lessons for Term 1, 2012
Private instrumental student lists are now being finalised and timetabled for Term 1, 2012. If you would like to commence private instrumental lessons, or if you are choosing not to continue with private instrumental lessons at the end of Term 4, please advise Tania Riotto in writing or by email to tania.riotto@overnewton.vic.edu.au before Friday, 16th December 2011.

For students wanting to enrol in private instrumental lessons there are 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 1, 2012 in writing to Tania Riotto before Friday, 16th December 2011 will be considered to be continuing in 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
All instruments currently being hired that are no longer required going forward are to be returned to Tania Riotto before the end of the school term – Friday, 9th December 2011. Any instrument returned after this date will continue to be charged in Term 1 in 2012.

NEED HOURS AND ENJOY A WALK???
Then the “Walking School Bus” NEEDS YOU!!!

The Taylors Lakes Campus Walking School Bus is always looking for walkers to drive or conduct our buses. It’s a great way to start the day for both you and your children and it goes towards your 18 hour commitment. (Hours are calculated at double the walk length). The 2 hour training course is also included in your 18 hour commitment.

We have 3 buses operating. The “Wakelin Walkers” bus leaves from Wakelin Crescent. The “Murchison Marchers” bus meets at the car park behind Hungry Jacks. Route 3 starts at Wellesley Drive and goes straight along Palmerston Crescent.

The more Driver’s and Conductors we have the more walks we can offer.

If interested please phone:
Emma Grimaud, mobile 0403 162 657
Email emmagrimaud@hotmail.com

READ WHISPERS ONLINE AT: www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/whispers
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 4
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
doors of the College Shop. All items must be clearly marked with
name, address and telephone number, otherwise goods will not be
accepted. Blazers 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
do so. All exchanges and refunds will only be accepted in the
term of purchase.

**ZIP REPAIRS**
Final collection for School Bag Zip Repairs will be
Thursday 8th December prior to 11.00 am. Please ensure your bag is clean and
empty of all contents. The bags will be ready for collection on
Tuesday 7th February.

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.

**CANTEEN DUTY - TAYLORS LAKES**

**VACANCIES EXIST FOR CANTEEN DUTY FOR THE**
**FOLLOWING DATES:**
Friday 25th November
Friday 2nd December
Thursday 8th December
Friday 9th December

**PLEASE CONTACT VANESSA FIELDEN**
on 0409 125 436 or vanessaflden@yahoo.com.au
if you are interested.

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**HELP US PLEASE!!**

**INCLUDE HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER**

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.

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**READ WHISPERS ONLINE AT:**  www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/whispers
Junior Sport Program (JSP)
Basketball and Netball
Starting Term 1 2012
Attention: Boys & Girls in Years 1 to 4.

The Junior Sports Program will be running the basketball and netball program at Overnewton in 2012. Overnewton parents, Craig Richardson (basketball) and Michelle Smith (netball) are co-ordinating the program.

Basketball
Venue: Sports and Performing Arts Building
Keilor Campus - Sports Hall
Time: 4.00 – 5:00pm (children are to meet parent helper at 3.40 outside Sports Hall to change and have snack)
Day: Tuesdays
Duration: Term 1, Tues 14th Feb until Tues 27th Mar (7 weeks)
Cost: $60 (participants will receive a basketball kit)

Netball
Venue: Sports and Performing Arts Building
Keilor Campus - Sports Hall
Time: 4.00 - 5.00pm (children are to meet parent helper at 3.40 outside Sports Hall to change and have snack)
Day: Fridays
Duration: Term 1, Fri 17th Feb until Fri 30th March (7 weeks)
Cost: $60 (participants will receive a netball kit)

Numbers are strictly limited to the first 40 students that register.

Register by Monday 28th November, 2011.

The program requires parents to actively assist, it will only go ahead if there are parents able to help. Parents participating can contribute time to the Family Contribution Scheme. Note: Parents will need to have a current Working with Children Check.

To register your child's interest or to help out email:
Mary Paolozza - tonypa@optusnet.com.au (basketball)
Michelle Smith - msm96638@bigpond.net.au (netball)

Any parents who are qualified to coach any sports who are interested in running a sport program, please contact the Junior Sports Co-ordinator Dom Facchino, 0408 348 912.

Junior Sports Program (JSP) Committee