And so to Christmas …….
It’s getting close now.
I wonder how many of you have:

- Put a tree up already?
- Flashing lights?
- Started the Christmas shopping?
- Finished the Christmas shopping?
- Written cards and letters?
- Posted cards and letters?
- Cooked the pudding?
- Ordered the turkey?
- Wrapped the gifts?
- Stood still and listened to beautiful Christmas music being played?
- Smiled to ourselves as we’ve anticipated the face of a dear one when we give them our latest news or a kiss or a gift?
- Looked at all the Myer windows, including the separate, post script one, where the Christmas story is told?
- Stayed focused in the moment, rather than on the list?

These are crazy, crazy days. But I believe each age, in its own way, had its craziness.

It’s not that long ago, that Monday was “washing day” – because it used to take a whole day to do it, so yes, the busyness is different now, but busyness in itself, is not new.

If you are at all acquainted with the Hebrew Scriptures – the sacred texts shared by both Jews and Christians, you will be aware that, over centuries, God sent messengers into the craziness of their time. There was a strong one – David; the somewhat reluctant one – Moses, the young one – Samuel, the devoted one – Ruth, the depressed one – Job, the one-in-the-whale – Jonah, and even the one who married a harlot – yes, that’s right – Hosea, in order to demonstrate the pain of loving the unfaithful (that is, to show what it’s like for God, with people turning away all the time).

One cannot therefore possibly imagine that we have the market cornered on crazy days. Days, it seems have always had the potential to spiral towards crazy.

How inspired then to avert our focus towards a tiny baby with a timid couple to care for him. How inspired to draw our attention to love in its purest form – a tiny wee babe, who could not grow alone. Others would have to pause and take care, if this precious little one, was to grow into all he might be.

In Jesus’ time, as in ours, it takes a village to raise a child.

Thank God enough people knew this. Thank God enough folk paused long enough to notice and comprehend that “remarkable” and “wonderful” takes time to develop. Thank God that this story of remarkable and enduring love is still being told and experienced and lived and pray to God we don’t get too busy to receive the gift we have been offered.
VALEDICTORY DINNER

Valedictory dinner was a very enjoyable evening and a good opportunity to farewell the Class of 2011. It was also an occasion where many students took the opportunity to thank their teachers for their work over recent months and years. It was terrific, therefore to see a wide range of staff, including some past teachers, at the dinner to pay their respects to those students.

One aspect of the night was a chance to talk with students about their activities in the coming weeks. It was interesting to note that this ranged from some local holidays to overseas trips, paid work and some charitable activities for communities in south east Asia. There were also many former students in attendance, mostly older siblings of the valedictorians and it was good to hear the stories of their tertiary studies and careers.

It was an evening that reflected the strong relationships between teachers, students and their families, on many levels.

MELBOURNE TIGERS VISIT TO KEILOR CAMPUS

Last Wednesday, our young basketballers were treated to a special event with the visit by Melbourne Tigers players Ron Dorsey and Tom Greer. There are now eight basketball teams that have arisen from the Junior Sport Development Program, which is an after school program run by parents. Players from these teams can be seen from time to time on court during the half time break at Melbourne Tigers home games. The visit by the players and the half time games have been arranged by College parent Nolan Joson, who has played a significant role in promotion of the junior basketball program. Over sixty students attended Wednesday’s special event and Ron and Tom were most generous in providing time for lots of signatures and photos at the end of the session.

It has been another great year for the Junior Sport Development Program (JSDP), which has again had a huge number of students involved in afterschool sporting programs at both campuses, as well as a new dance activity, known as the Glee Club.

I congratulate the great work of the JSDP committee, which is led by Dom Facchino, Tony Paolozza, Michelle Smith and Craig Richardson. They are always looking for addition parents from either campus to join their committee, so please contact Dom at ddvati@optusnet.com.au; Michelle at msm96638@bigpond.net.au; Craig at richardson71@optusnet.com.au; or Tony at tonypa@optusnet.com.au if you are interested in the management of the program.

ACS SPORT GRAND FINALS

We have a very big week ahead of us in ACS sport.

Firstly, congratulations to the Year 9 girls soccer team for winning their grand final last week. This is a great result – well done!

This week we wish all the best to the following teams competing in grand finals:

- Year 7 Basketball A (boys)
- Year 7 Softball (boys)
- Year 7 Table tennis (boys)
- Year 7 Soccer (girls)
- Year 7 Tennis (girls)
- Year 7 Softball (girls)
- Year 7 Volleyball B (girls)
- Year 8 Basketball A and B (boys)
- Year 8 Cricket (boys)
- Year 8 Hockey (boys)
- Year 8 Tennis (girls)
- Year 8 Volleyball A (girls)
- Year 9 Basketball B (boys)

This is the greatest number of teams we have had in a grand final series and all of the students involved are to be commended on their efforts. In fact all of our students are to be commended on their efforts in ACS sport this year as we continue to improve and maximise our opportunities. The students have had an excellent year in sport and they should be very proud of their achievements overall.

JUNIOR SCHOOL-KEILOR CAMPUS

Our final assembly for 2011 certainly ended with some wonderful moments. Our choir opened proceedings with two songs, *The Bare Necessities* and *I've Got No Strings*. We are very proud of our little choir and thank Merryn Steel for the work she has done with them this year.

Mrs Zalakos and Mr Huntington presented certificates to the students that participated in the ICAS Mathematics competition. Participation certificates were awarded to Bianca Jefic, Jack Kotevski, Janet Nguyen, Poojitha Ravikumar, Hannah Shenton, Natalie Stojanovski, Kevin Truong, Alan Wu, Ethan Anevski, Samuel Bisinella, Jordan Cadzow, CJ Campo, Akshat Chopra, Kyle Evans, Josephe Garreffa and Bobby Hua. Credit certificates were awarded to Nelson Tran and Jade Tran. Jamie Papworth-Dent was awarded a Distinction which is an excellent achievement in this very difficult competition.

The audience was captivated by Annabel Van Thijn’s performance of *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*. For a Prep to...
Another very confident student in the Junior School is Mia Scalise. Mia is a Year 1 student with a passion for the performing arts. She has just completed filming a commercial for Medibank Private which will go to air in January next year. The commercial features many red haired children and we look forward to seeing Mia’s smiling face on our screens. (We are told it is very funny). This is Mia’s fourth commercial so we may well have a budding Nicole Kidman of our very own.

All students are to be congratulated on the way they are working productively as the end of term rapidly approaches.

Anne McNaughton

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING MORNING

The Overnewton community spirit was buzzing with life in Junior School Keilor Campus on Wednesday as parents, grandparents, pre-schoolers and even babies attended our final Celebration of Learning morning for 2011. Junior School students proudly shared their learning portfolios giving families an opportunity to take a glimpse into some of their learning and hard work throughout Semester 2. As the year draws to a close, student portfolios become a wonderful keepsake of the year’s learning and development as well as an important component of the reporting process when explored in conjunction with student reports. Families who were unable to visit classrooms will have unlimited time to share student achievements once portfolios are sent home during the final school week of the year.

Mirella Zalakos
Deputy Head of Junior School

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HOUSE REPORT

On Monday 21st November we had our final House event for 2011 – Crazy Hair Day. Most students came to school looking very wacky indeed. There were coloured wigs, feathers, hair spray, ponytails, and even decorations stuck into peoples hair. By having Crazy Hair, students were able to earn House points for their team. Thanks must go to all of those mums and dads who were creative ‘hairstylists’ for the day, the creations looked amazing!

Mrs Pollard
House Co-ordinator

COMING EVENTS
JUNIOR SCHOOL - KEILOR CAMPUS

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JUNIOR SCHOOL-KEILOR CAMPUS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received a Student of the Week Certificate.

Prep C Alessandro Coluccio for using good reading strategies and learning lots of sight words
1C Ethan Dang for always being a kind and caring friend to others. Ethan shows a gentle and thoughtful nature at all times
1C Thomas Green for independently completing his ‘Hansel and Gretel’ reading task and showing an ‘I can do it’ attitude
1R Xavier Collier for working very hard and persisting this week to complete all of his work
2F Oliver Ferrigno for working hard to develop a more focussed attitude when completing tasks
2F Isabella Pelligana for making excellent progress with her reading and for never giving up
2F Jordana Morton Scordo for her commitment in making every opportunity at school her best for learning
2G Ryan Sherry for applying himself to all classroom tasks with great focus
2G Shenay Ibrahim for being confident and participating in all camp activities
2G Jake Valentine for his enthusiastic approach to the Year 2 camp and for accepting all the physical challenges with a positive ‘Have a Go’ attitude
3C Granger Haumann for displaying creativity and artistic ability
3C Hannah Eres for displaying an outstanding commitment to learning
3C Ben Merakis for willingly sharing information with other children in the class
3G Reuben Watkins for always having an enthusiastic attitude to all aspects of school

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JUNIOR SCHOOL-TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS

Last week was full of celebration and excitement. I must admit that my highlight for the week was going shopping with the Student Representative Council (SRC) members to purchase gifts for our Anglicare service project. There is certainly nothing better than buying for children in need and feeling that excitement and satisfaction of giving to others. The children all had $100 each to spend and they were some of the most budget thrifty spenders I have ever seen! There was no purchasing of big expensive gifts and this would mean only a few children would benefit. Instead the children carefully selected gifts of toys and books that were value for money so that they were able to give to many more children. The gifts purchased were selected to suit all ages and interests. It was a wonderful process to watch as the students discussed the value of the item and who it would suit. I was most impressed with the maturity and sensitivity of our students. I know that they were also very proud when they walked out of the store with nine trolleys full of gifts for others. What a terrific exercise in giving to others.

We celebrated our last regular Junior School Assembly last Thursday with an overview of all of the countries that our classes have visited throughout the year during assembly time. It has been an exciting journey around the world and I couldn’t be more proud of the musical item based on their country. It has been an exciting experience for the students to proudly show their school work and share their reflections and self assessments with their parents and grandparents.

The comments from the parents were all positive and they were very proud of the children.

Thank you to all who were able to attend this special morning.

Mrs Deb Sheehan
Deputy Head of Junior School

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING-

In Junior School we had our last Celebration of Learning morning for the year last Wednesday. The parents were invited into the classroom to share their child’s Portfolio. It was a time for the students to proudly show their school work and share their reflections and self assessments with their parents and grandparents.

It is always exciting to see our young students talking so knowledgably and confidently about what they are learning at school. These portfolios are sent home at the end of the school year and are a wonderful record of all the work they have done throughout the year.

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PREP B REFLECT ON THE PORTFOLIO CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

“My favourite part in my Portfolio was so, me and la for music”

Joshua C

“When I showed my Portfolio I was happy because I liked showing mum my work. My mum kept changing her favourite part. Lucy my sister kept turning to the Term 1 part!”

Grace M

“I liked when I was a baby in my Portfolio”

Ryan H

“My mum Loved my work”

Ryan P

“My mum liked the book that I made. I liked my book too and the pictures of the Museum”

Maneesha

“It was fun showing my mum my portfolio. My mum was very happy with my work”

Aliyah

“My mum liked my story book that my Year 9 buddy made. I liked it too”

Ryan P
COMING EVENTS
JUNIOR SCHOOL - TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS

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

JUNIOR SCHOOL ART SALE-TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS
It gives me great pleasure to announce that the kind and generous children in the Junior School at Taylors Lakes raised an impressive $1610.20 at our art sale last week. Our very excited Year 4 Student Representative Council (SRC) members had the privilege of spending the entire proceeds on toys at Big W Watergardens last Thursday. SRC members then presented our gifts to underprivileged children via Anglicare at our Carols Service on Tuesday. Thank you to all the families who supported this wonderful cause.

Miss Joann Sheldon

YEAR 4 CAMP REFLECTIONS 2011
On the 14th November we set off for the Year 4 camp. We left to go to Lake Dewar Ledge in Myrniong, near Bacchus Marsh. The activities we were involved in were campfire cooking, ball games, kayaking, raft building and initiatives challenge. My favourite activity was kayaking. The camp was a clear favourite with everybody in Year 4, as well as me.

Lachlan Coyne

On camp we had to do lots of team work activities. We had to work together. Some of the challenges were competitive and some of them weren’t. We learnt how to work as a team. It was quite fun and challenging.

Rohan and Matthew F

On the 14th of November we left to go to Lake Dewar Lodge YMCA camp. The activities we did were raft building, ball games, kayaking, campfire cooking, hut building and initiatives challenge. My favourite activity was the raft building. This was the best camp ever!

Isabelle Magliozzi

BE HAPPY STAY SAFE _ YEAR 1 EXCURSION
Riding around a safe road at the Buzy Kids Traffic School on Friday, students discovered the value of learning that simple message, Be Happy, Stay Safe.

Riding two-wheeled bikes, with and without training wheels, the Taylors Lakes Campus Year 1 students found a safe environment to learn some of the road rules that their parents and siblings use every day.

But it’s tough trying to concentrate on everything at once, especially when there is other traffic zooming around the roads beside you. And, somehow the road signs just seemed to be there when you least expected them. Rose and Kerry told us about the need to stay safe in the car and why we should wear seatbelts and helmets correctly.

Another, very physical activity of the day was the play centre. All that energy in motion in the ball pit, climbing towers and swinging on flying fox and jumping in the jumping castle.

I bet we all slept well on Friday night!

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STAR STUDENT
Prep B Manesha Perera for writing a creative writing piece.
Prep ME Riley Olsen for showing care and consideration for her classmates.
Prep MI Lavinia Tosev for her wonderful creativity when writing stories.
Prep MI Noah Borg for his persistent effort with his reading.
1E Matthew Grimaud for working out 13 different ways to make up $1.
1G Adisa Fabiano for being a kind and considerate person who always thinks about others.
1G Eve Kelemen writes interesting stories.
1G Kамиya Sanasy is always kind; and she wrote an interesting sentence about the Celebration of Learning.
1G Tia Lautier for an excellent story about the Celebration of Learning.
1G Aryan Suri for a wonderful portfolio presentation about his Indian adventures.
1T Luke Psychogios for drawing like a champion!
1T Lauren Cuce for showing confidence in Maths.
2M Jakob Zarafa for his enthusiastic approach to all learning activities.
2R Serena Chao for being a wonderful student who embraced every learning opportunity every single day.
3AC Jessica Legrand for being a wonderful and positive member of 3AC. We wish you a fantastic time at your new school in Queensland.
3M Allison Cram for being an excellent leader in the classroom.
3S Dante Spataro for improving focus, determination and persistence and trying so hard to be the best he can be.
3S Matthew Mircovski for improving focus, determination and persistence and trying so hard to be the best he can be.
4A Eric Huyhn- for being independent and responsible on camp.
4A Max Karanfilovski- creating a funny and creative comic strip.
4NJ Nicolas Ioannou for conquering his fears and showing so much confidence at camp.
4NW Students in Year 4NW for being cheerful, fun loving and hardworking students.
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.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS ASSEMBLY
During assembly the Year 6 Band played many beautiful pieces and many certificates were presented including:

EXCELLENCE AWARDS
To be eligible for this award, a Middle School student must meet the following criteria in each of the Visual Arts areas.
• Achieved excellent results
• Worked in a highly imaginative way
• Exhibit advanced skills
• Displayed an exemplary approach to their work and the handling of equipment

Year 5 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
Chantelle Calonge

Year 5 ART
Jack Somerson

Year 5 VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN
Aleesa Samuel

Year 6 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
Akshi Malhotra

Year 6 ART
Natalie Fewster

Year 6 VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN
Melissa Lam

Year 7 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
Rebecca Abeysiri

Year 7 ART
Isabella Markovski

Year 7 VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN
Kevin Vu

Year 8 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
Kara VanDerBurgt

Year 8 ART
Jonah Krznaric

Year 8 ART 2
Eamon Riley

Year 8 VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN
Miriam Flores

VISUAL ARTS ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS
To be eligible for this award the students must meet the following criteria in each of the Visual Arts areas. They must have:
• Been devoted to achieving the highest personal standard possible from a design and technical perspective
• Shown a dramatic improvement throughout the term
• Produced work that shows promise
• Not necessarily been gifted but displayed dedication and enthusiasm

Year 5 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
Mitchell Kitanovski

Year 5 ART
Cindy Ngo

Year 5 VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN
Jasmina Al Syamer

Year 6 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
Isaac Mayne

Year 6 ART
Anna Nguyen

Year 6 VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN
Annalyse Schipano

Year 7 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
Jackson Mournelis

Year 7 ART
Nikolas Nikolaidis

Year 7 VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN
Ethan Man

Year 8 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
Jeremy Boroli

Year 8 ART
Stevie West

Year 8 ART 2
Laura de Waart

Year 8 VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN
Stephen Tran

THE OVERALL MIDDLE SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS AWARD
One student from the whole Middle School was been selected for excelling in all of the Visual Arts areas.

The Middle School Visual Arts Award winner has:
• Excelled in each of the Visual Arts areas of Design and Technology, Visual Communication and Art.
• Produced a visual diary of support work and final pieces of a high quality
• Contributed to the Art community by
  • helping others
  • assisting with the care of materials facilities and equipment
  • contributing to the positive atmosphere of the art community in an enthusiastic and proactive manner

This year’s Overall Middle School Visual Arts Award winner is Chathuni Navarathne

Congratulations to the Visual Art award winners as well as the Year 6 band and thank you to all the staff involved.
EXAMS
Apart from all the marking the Semester 2 exam period is over. All the Year 9 staff agree that students have really stepped up from Semester 1; they appeared to revise better, came to exams well prepared with correct equipment and sat the through exams with more focus.

This is pleasing since the main reason for running exams at Year 9 is to prepare them for Senior School and ultimately VCE. If we observe this type of improvement, students are developing the required skills.

RACING FOR THE FUTURE
The Overnewton Team arrives at Maryborough

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YEAR 5 - 6 SPORT
The ACS teams for 2012 will be posted shortly. There will be room for movement at the start of 2012, when we look at the new students coming into the ACS program.

The Year 5 students from the Taylors Lakes Campus ventured over to the Keilor Campus, to select their activities for Year 5/6 sport in 2012 and aso to play against the Keilor Campus in ultimate Frisbee, rugby tag, European handball and tee-ball. All games were played in good spirits and everyone enjoyed the morning playing sport and enjoying the sunshine.

ACS SPORT NEWS

YEAR 7
Upon reaching this point in the season the boys from the basketball A team were looking at an unbeaten season. They capped off the season with a comfortable win over the bottom placed team. This means that they will now be hosting a grand final next week. Andrew Bellinger led all scorers with 13 points and Harrison Bult chipping in with 10 points of his own. Best player on the court was awarded to Joseph Catalano with his persistence in getting the ball from the back court to the front.

Highlights from other games are as follows:

- The 30 run partnership of Adrian Cannafell and Yash Khanna from the cricket game. Adrian also top scored with 24 runs.
- Sherena Huynh and Maria Ignatidis displayed excellent serving and digging skills in their volleyball game. Also Joanna Nicolo and Tracy Nguyen are improving their digging skills in the same game.
- Jessie Cameron scoring her first goal in soccer

Winners: Boys’ basketball A (44 pts – 18); boys’ softball (19 runs – 7); girls’ softball (13 runs – 7); boys’ hockey (2 – 1); girls’ soccer (3 goals – 0); girls’ volleyball (3 sets – 2); girls’ tennis (9 sets – 3); boys’ table tennis (13 sets – 3)

Teams in the grand finals are: boys’ basketball A, girls’ softball, girls’ soccer, girls’ tennis, boys’ softball, girls’ softball B and boys’ table tennis

YEAR 8
A last round victory by the cricket team sets up a replay of the grand final match from last year. This match saw St Leonards winning the match on the last ball of the super innings. The team is performing well with batsmen Jake Sexton with a high score of 43 runs (not out), Daniel Raniolo (32 runs) and James Porto (22 runs). The bowlers were looking good as well with Jackson Smith and Jacob Hazeldine both taking two wickets.
Winners: Girls’ soccer (4 goals Filiz (MSI) on a superb season. joined the team this year and helped it to be the best in the squad since Year 7. Also congratulations to those players that congratulations to all those players that have been with the these girls three years to get into a final and then to win, so giving the Overnewton team a 4 goal lead. Annabelle Toro scored the other goal, the midfield and Sarah Gonsalves scoring a hat trick of goals the break. In the second half and with Stephanie Dugina controlling to score a goal to give them a one goal lead at the half time
It was a tough encounter during this half but the girls managed either way with many opportunities for both teams going awry. prior to the match. In the first half the game could have gone
 reflection on how they were feeling during most of the morning
week. The soccer team started the match nervously which was a
win. It has taken some of the girls to work on their match preparation and they are now working well together. The team are working well together and they have the confidence to win their matches. Good try girls.

Leading scorers from the basketball games were Adam Mandic (11 pts), Michael Haridic (11 pts), Zak Wunhym (10 pts), James Paraskevopoulos (10 pts), Zachory Antosinski (8 pts) and Jeremy Bortoli (4 pts).

Winners: Boys’ cricket (168 runs – 100); girls’ tennis (9 sets – 3); boys’ table tennis (12 sets – 4); boys’ hockey (5 goals – 1); boys’ basketball A (49 pts – 19); boys’ basketball B (27 pts – 20); girls’ volleyball A (3 sets – 2)

Teams in the grand finals are: boys’ basketball A, boys’ basketball B, boys’ cricket, girls’ tennis, boys’ hockey and girls’ volleyball A.

YEAR 9
We have two teams at this level who have reached the finals and they are the boys’ basketball B and the girls’ soccer teams. The girls played their grand final this week while the boys will be next week. The soccer team started the match nervously which was a reflection on how they were feeling during most of the morning prior to the match. In the first half the game could have gone either way with many opportunities for both teams going awry. It was a tough encounter during this half but the girls managed to score a goal to give them a one goal lead at the half time break. In the second half and with Stephanie Dugina controlling the midfield and Sarah Gonsalves scoring a hat trick of goals the team was unbeatable. Annabelle Toro scored the other goal, giving the Overnewton team a 4 – 0 win. It has taken some of these girls three years to get into a final and then to win, so congratulations to all those players that have been with the squad since Year 7. Also congratulations to those players that joined the team this year and helped it to be the best in the competition. Well done to the players and their coach Salim Filiz (MSI) on a superb season.

Winners: Girls’ soccer (4 goals – 0)

Nikki Little and Janene Lokaj
Heads of Sport

JUNIOR SPORTS PROGRAM

BASKETBALL RESULTS
UNDER 10 GIRLS (Overnewton 1)
It was raining cats and dogs outside and raining goals inside. Well done girls.
Final scores: Overnewton 1, 14 – St Christophers 2, 2

UNDER 10 GIRLS (Overnewton 2)
The girls played their best ever game this week. They played with much improved skill and great team spirit.
Final scores: Overnewton 2, 3 – St Peters 1, 6

UNDER 10 BOYS (Overnewton 1)
The boys had a huge win this week shooting plenty of goals. Lovely to see some of the older more experienced players offering a helping hand and reassuring their younger, newer team mates, showing great team spirit.
Final scores: Overnewton 1, 30 – Aberfeldie 4, 6

UNDER 10 BOYS (Overnewton 2)
No game this week

UNDER 12 GIRLS (Overnewton)
The girls had another very competitive game this week. The scores were even from the first jump ball but unfortunately a score within the last minute had the girls lose by 1 point for the second week running!
Final scores: Overnewton 1, 15 – Keilor Village 2, 16

UNDER 12 (1) BOYS (Overnewton 1)
The boys continued their winning streak with another great game this week. All players are contributing to shooting goals, defending and passing the ball around and showing great mate- ship and team work. Well done boys.
Final Scores: Overnewton 1, 22 – Keilor Village 4, 1

UNDER 14 (1) BOYS (Overnewton Fire)
The game was a washout this week! No game able to be played due to flooding.

UNDER 14 (2) BOYS (Overnewton)
The boys were using their defending moves this week. It was hard to beat the team on top of the ladder, they were bigger but our boys kept on trying to score.
Final Scores: Overnewton 2, 2 - Aberfeldie 9, 33

UNDER 14 (1) GIRLS (Overnewton 1)
This week the girls came up against a much taller St Peters. St Peters took off early leaving us trailing by 8 points just a few minutes into the game. The girls then steadied keeping up their defensive pressure to be within a point in the second half. St Peters then rallied to run away with the game. Good try girls.
Final Scores: Overnewton 2, 18 - St Peters, 25

STUDENT WITHDRAWALS FROM THE COLLEGE

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 returning to Overnewton in 2012 please ensure that you notify the Registrar, Mrs Diane King in writing. Email: diane.king@overnewton.vic.edu.au

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THANK-YOU TO ALL

It was great that we were fortunate to have brilliant weather on the day. Countless hours of organisation by the co-coordinators throughout the year ensured yet another successful staging of the Country Fair. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank and congratulate all co-coordinators for their commitment and dedication which was evident to all on the day. It was a great team effort. Congratulations also to the community which rallied in helping with set-up on Friday, on Fair day, and with the clean-up on Sunday. We were short in numbers and with the help of the P & F Committee members and word of mouth by the community we were able to ensure there were enough parents to assist. Without your help this successful Fair day would not be possible and is greatly appreciated.

It is always wonderful to see the community, not only Overnewton, but also the local community, join us for our family fun day and the crowd certainly provided a great atmosphere.

A special thank-you must go to the students who assisted in Student Street this year. You should all be proud of your efforts, as $4922.52 was raised in this area. Your enthusiasm for getting involved was great to see. I also wish to thank and express my sincere gratitude to all the students who took time out of their weekend and contributed on the day both in this area and also as part of our Entertainment which showcased the wonderful talents of our students. I would also like to mention that the creative flair of our students from both campuses was clearly evident in the showcasing of artwork displayed in the Art Exhibition.

We say goodbye to the following co-ordinators: Rob Albano, Maricca Cypreou, Theo Ignatidis and Patricia Raniti. These co-ordinators have been part of the Country Fair Committee for many years and will be sadly missed. In addition, a special thank you goes to the Barbuto and Curro families, as well as Gary Nankervis and his family for their continued support in providing us with the leaflets for our letter drops. This is a wonderful example of what our Community is all about as the students of these families completed their education at the College many years ago.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Laussen, Gabe Alessandrini and all the staff who supported us throughout the year and on the day. This assistance is very much appreciated.

This year we received amazing support, not only from within the College community, but also from the local community. There were so many others who contributed to our success, and we would also like to express our grateful thanks to those as listed below.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that we achieved a profit of $43,500.00 which will be used for the benefit of our children.

Regards

Miranda Turner
Country Fair – Chairperson

Thank you

Active Mechanical Access
Mrs G Barbuto
Baroke Wines
Barry Plant Real Estate
Bunnings - Taylors Lakes
Mr & Mrs J Calello
Coates Hire
Mrs F Curro
Dilmah Tea
Drummond Golf
Impact Printing – Gary Nankervis
Keilor Golf Club
Keilor Retirement Village
Kitchen Kids
Kore Wellness and Fitness Centre
Maria Talia
Music Works
Nerada Tea
Nestle
P & D Quality Meats
Quad Samsung
Star News Group
Spotlight – Mr Don Hilton
The Lakes Gym
Unilever – Liptons Tea
Watergardens Town Centre
Western Distributors
Witchmount Winery

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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 child, 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.

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| 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.mcinnes@overnewton.vic.edu.au. | 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.mcinnes@overnewton.vic.edu.au.
Parents are required to assist with the Keilor Middle School House Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 6th March from 8.30am – 1.30pm at St Albans Leisure Centre.

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).

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

Parents are required to assist with the ACS Swimming Carnival Years 7 – 12 (both campuses) 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

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.

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

Please ensure all of your childrens’ uniform items are clearly labelled with their name and class.

This will assist in the prompt return of misplaced items to the correct students.

LOST PROPERTY AT TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS

There is a large amount of UNNAMED uniforms and items of clothing (from camps etc.) in our lost property room. If students are missing a uniform item, we would be very happy for parents to come and replace it from clothing available in the lost property.

All unclaimed uniform items and other clothing will be donated to the Orphanage in Chibobo at the end of the year. All drink bottles will be thrown out. Please call our lost property co-ordinator Marissa on 0412 094 406 if you have any enquiries.

The lost property room is located in the Multi Purpose Hall, accessible via the door nearest the staff car park side, and is open on Mondays and Thursday from 3.20pm till 3.45pm.

The Uniform Shop will resume normal trading on Tuesday 7th February 2012.

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

IMPORTANT TIMES & DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2012

Please note that the College Shop will be open on the following days prior to the commencement of the New Year.

9am – 1pm then 3pm – 6.30pm  Monday 30th January
10am – 1pm then 3pm – 6.30pm  Tuesday 31st January
9am – 1pm then 3pm – 6.30pm  Wednesday 1st February
10am – 1pm then 3pm – 6.30pm  Thursday 2nd February
9am – 3pm  Friday 3rd February

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. Blazors 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

Final collection for school bags requiring zip repairs will be Thursday 8th December prior to 11.00 am. The bags will be ready for collection on Tuesday 7th February.

We ask that you clearly mark your child’s bag with their name and contact phone number and ensure the bags are clean. 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

Parents who have a child attending Overnewton College and are interested in obtaining a position for other siblings in their family should contact the Registrar, Diane King on 9334 0141 and request an application form as soon as possible as Prep offers for 2013 has already commenced.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OVERNEWTON FAMILIES

SIBLING APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY TO OVERNEWTON

READ WHISPERS ONLINE AT: www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/whispers
Annual Christmas Gift Appeal.
If you would like to contribute gifts of toys, clothing, non-perishable food etc, please drop your donations off at the front office of each Campus.

Anglicare Victoria is always deeply grateful for our contributions, as we share Christmas joy with families in need, and our children delight in seeing the difference a community such as ours can make.

Thank you for your generosity and may your Christmas be truly blessed.

Some ideas to help you choose a gift for a child in need this Christmas

**13 – 16 year old adolescents**
T-shirts, sneakers, CD's, tapes, videos, games, books, posters, keyrings, wallets, camera, personal radios, clock, back-pack, beach towels, diaries, calendars, year planners, cinema/book/CD vouchers, sporting goods, accessories from designer shops.

**9 – 12 year old children**
Books, games, CD's, tapes, caps, hats, sneakers, t-shirts, windcheaters, netballs, footballs, basketballs, swimming goggles, craft activities, jigsaws, marbles, carpentry set, cooking set, beach towels.

**5 – 8 year old children**
Lego, board games, balls, bats, paints, pencils, textas, scissors, crayons, art equipment (brushes and paints), musical instruments, videos, beach toys, toy trucks, dolls, jigsaws, socks, items from popular children's shows, cut and paste activities, prams.

**Pre-schoolers, toddlers and babies**
Lego, building blocks, crayons, drawing equipment, paints, games, books, shapes, pull-along toys, play-dough, beach toys, bath toys, socks, rattles, mobiles, baby blankets, baby pillows, bibs, jigsaws, book tape sets, videos, cubby houses.

**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 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.

**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.

READ WHISPERS ONLINE AT: www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/whispers
**Taylors Lakes Campus Junior School**

**Picnic Day!**

Tuesday 6th December

Organised by Junior School Parent Support Team

Taylors Lakes Campus

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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)

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**Thank you**

The Taylors Lakes Campus Junior School Parent Support Team (PST) would like to thank all the staff, administration, teachers, parents and students who have contributed to and participated in our various activities this year.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again next year in 2012.

*Taylors Lakes Junior School Parent Support Team*

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**Mr Tim Jezard, Head of Student Services**

tim.jezard@overnewton.vic.edu.au

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**Peer Relations and Digital Media Survey**

The biannual peer relations (bullying) survey is now available for all College parents to complete. This year we have combined it with questions on your children’s use of technology. The survey is available at the following web address [http://www.quia.com/sv/540665.html](http://www.quia.com/sv/540665.html) and will only take 10 minutes to complete. Your responses are highly valued and will inform future policy and curriculum.

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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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**Overnewton Parents & Friends Business & Services Directory**

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

When catching up with friends, why not meet at Vicolo Café and Risotto Bar, 28-30 Young Street Moonee Ponds and enjoy traditional Italian meals. 10% gluten free and a member of The Coeliac Society. Call Maria Tuminello on 9372 9500 to make a booking or for further information see page 74 of the 2011-2012 Parents & Friends Services Directory. Special offer to members of the Overnewton Community.

This Parents & Friends Services Directory is now available online – 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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