HELPING CHILDREN DEAL WITH REJECTION

Resilience is one of the fundamental attributes we aim to develop in our students at Overnewton. The College does this in a number of ways through the You Can Do It program, engaging in challenging activities in the classroom or on camp, and in the House program to name a few. As parents, we too can help our children develop resilience when they experience disappointment or rejection. The following excerpt from Michael Grose provides some excellent information and strategies to help them cope when things don’t go their way.

Most children experience some type of rejection from their peers throughout childhood. One study found that even popular children were rejected about one quarter of the time when they approached children in school. Paradoxically, children’s experience of rejection and disappointment at school is good for them, as long as it’s balanced with successful experiences too. They learn that they can cope and solve problems in their own way and that bad experiences don’t last forever.

And they learn that sadness and disappointment can be managed too, which is an important lesson to learn to take into adolescence and beyond, when life is full of ups and downs.

Helping them move on

Most children recover from such rejection. They move on and form constructive, worthwhile relationships but some children need help. They often take rejection personally, blaming themselves. As a parent it is useful to challenge children’s unhelpful thinking and encourage them to look for new friendship opportunities. Parents can help children understand that rejection may happen for any number of reasons that are unrelated to them.

In the course of a school day children will meet with a number of challenges and even setbacks. They may struggle with some schoolwork. They may not do well in a test and they may not be picked for a game that they wanted to play. Children grow stronger when they overcome their difficulties. The challenge for parents is to build and maintain childrens’ confidence levels to help them get through the rough times.

One way to help children deal with rejection and disappointment is to talk through problems or difficulties, recognising and accepting their feelings. Talk about various scenarios, discussing possible outcomes. The age of your child will determine the amount of detail. Keep things simple and avoid burdening a younger child with concepts he or she doesn’t understand.

Your attitude as a parent can make a huge difference to how a child reacts. If you see rejection or disappointments as problems then your child will be hamstrung by this view. See them as challenges then your child, in all likelihood, will pick up your upbeat view and deal with disappointments easily. After all, confidence is catching!

To help children handle rejection and disappointment try the following four strategies:

1. **Model** optimism. Watch how you present the world to children, as they will pick up your view.
2. **Tell** children how you handle disappointment and rejection. Not only is it reassuring for children to know that their parents understand how they feel but they can learn a great deal by how their parents handle situations.
3. **Help** children recognise times in the past when they bounced back from disappointment. Help them recognise those same strategies can be used again.
4. **Laugh** together. Humour is a great coping mechanism. It helps put disappointment in perspective. It helps them understand that things will get better. They always do.

The stronger the wind the stronger the trees is the notion here. Supporting children to handle life’s hurdles helps them to develop a lasting sense of resilience, which is essential for good mental and emotional health.

ANXIETY DISORDERS IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

A big thank you to the parents and staff that attended the Parent Education Evening with Dr Michael Gordon last week. Michael spoke about the difference between minor, major and clinical anxiety and the various forms that typically affect our children. He also outlined the importance of being able to regulate our emotions and how this is difficult for adolescents who are dealing with physical (hormonal) changes at the same time. Finally, he provided a range of ways of supporting children who are experiencing symptoms of anxiety and these can be found on the College website at the following address [http://www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/parent_info_evenings.php](http://www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/parent_info_evenings.php)

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**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.
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**PARENTS AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

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

**TERM 1, 2012**

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**MR ROB HUNTINGTON, Head of Keilor Campus**

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**THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW JUNIOR SCHOOL**

During the coming month, a number of changes to the way the Campus operates will be introduced in preparation for the move into the new Junior School building. Most of these changes will affect Junior School families but others will affect the whole campus community. Two aspects that will have implications for the whole campus are canteen arrangements and car parking.

From Term 2, Junior School students will only be able to buy food from the canteen via lunch orders.

Please note that a boom gate has been placed on the north side of the visual arts building. This will be commissioned soon. As is currently the case, the only vehicles that will be able to access the road behind the Penman Centre are maintenance and cafeteria delivery vehicles. There will also be revised drop off and pick up arrangements for parents as well as arrangements for student movement between Out of Hours School Care and the Junior School.

The logistics of equipment transfer from old to new buildings are being worked through as are removal of some old buildings. I have appreciated the many offers from parents to assist with this process.

All details of the Campus changes resulting from the transition to the new building will advised towards the end of Term 1.

**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Victoria University Achievement Scholarships are merit based scholarships for students from Melbourne’s west. Awards are based on academic achievement in Year 12 and co-curricular involvement. We are delighted to advise that Tenealle Hawke is this year’s recipient of the Victoria University Achievement Scholarship.

**SATURDAY’S WORKING BEE**

An excellent turn out of parents was greeted by poor weather but they enthusiastically worked on a range of tasks, with plenty of time spent on cleaning tasks. Their persistence in the wet conditions was greatly appreciated.

**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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OVERNEWTON FAMILIES**

**SIBLING APPLICATIONS**

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.
JUNIOR SCHOOL-KEILOR CAMPUS

With an ‘attitude of gratitude’, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Junior School community for welcoming me to the College. I was attracted to the College for many reasons but am most inspired by the ‘Overnewton 2020: Our Future in Focus’ vision document and how this impacts on individual students. In my role as Lower Primary Co-ordinator, I will endeavour to provide leadership in educational initiatives as well as both staff and student welfare.

The school and wider community will work together to support the family and the growth of our students.

On Thursday 1st March, the Junior School hosted a Prep Parent Information Session: Learning in the Early Years. This was an opportunity for families to work in partnership with the school. The session covered the Literacy and Numeracy curriculum and future directions as well as how learning can be supported at home. It was most pleasing to hear the thoughtful questions of parents. Here are some points for consideration:

**Speaking and Listening:**
- It is important to use correct spoken language when communicating with children as this has implications for reading and writing.

**Reading:**
- The purpose of reading is to gain and understand the author’s message.

**Writing:**
- The strategies used to teach children to speak and listen are relevant to writing.

**Mathematics**
- Our attitude to Mathematics makes a difference to learning.

Overnewton Anglican Community College will aim to continue to develop a reputation for providing outstanding learning programs for children of all developmental stages.

**Question:** Did you know that letters do not have a sound until they are in a word?

The Junior School has recently invested in the THRASS (Teaching Handwriting Reading And Spelling Skills) phonics teaching tool for Prep and Year 1. This includes classroom teachers completing a two-day accredited training course. THRASS is a tool that helps learners understand the relationships between the 44 phonemes (speech sounds) of spoken English, and the 26 letters of the alphabet. It teaches learners that the 44 speech sounds (phonemes) of spoken English may be represented by different letters and different combinations of letters (graphemes). A Parent Information session about the THRASS tool will be scheduled to take place in Term 2, so please stay tuned in for more information.

Research clearly shows that the reading of meaningful, connected text results in improved reading achievement.

**Question:** Did you know that the amount of time students spent in independent reading was the best predictor of reading achievement?

At a recent Professional Learning session for Junior School teachers, we considered how independent reading benefits students and can be incorporated into the reading lesson.

**Overnewton Anglican Community College will aim to develop a reputation for excellent results whilst providing wide pathways for the journey beyond school.**

This year, Years 1 and 2 will take part in a Numeracy project led by Melani Watson. Melani will work closely with classroom teachers to identify how data can inform practice. Teachers will be encouraged to use results of pre and post assessments to inform their planning and teaching for individual students.

**Overnewton Anglican Community College aims to attract and maintain a dynamic and committed teaching staff that fully supports the values of the College and works alongside our students and parents to develop the best in every Overnewton student.**

Teachers will begin planning for Term 2. The following dates indicate Year Level Planning for classroom teachers. Intended learning for students will continue on these days as classes will be covered.

- **Prep**  Tuesday 27th March
- **Year 1**  Friday 23rd March
- **Year 2**  Monday 19th March
- **Year 3**  Wednesday 21st March
- **Year 4**  Wednesday 14th March

Parents will have received an appointment time for Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd March. Please see your child’s teacher if you are yet to arrange a meeting time.

**All students who attend Overnewton Anglican Community College should have the opportunities to enjoy a rich diversity of curricular and co-curricula experiences that will help them to develop themselves as questioning, articulate, literate, global thinkers with integrity and depth of character.**

Throughout the year, Junior School students have many opportunities to represent their House. The first event for the year will be the **(Continued on page 4)**
Lapathon which is being held this week on Thursday.

Year 2 will be participating in an historical tour of Keilor on Thursday 15th March. They will visit Overnewton Gatehouse, Arundel Road Bridge, Christchurch Church, Keilor Hotel, Old Keilor Bridge, St Augustine’s Church and Harrick’s Cottage. The tour is designed to promote their understanding of the history of significant sites in the local community and what this reveals about the past.

I am looking forward to sharing more exciting news with you about Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 throughout the year.

Petra Parker
Lower Primary Co-ordinator of Junior School, Keilor Campus

JUNIOR SCHOOL KEILOR CAMPUS - COMING EVENTS TERM 1 – 2012

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JUNIOR SCHOOL-TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS

This week saw the first assembly for our Junior School. The Junior School Captains and Vice Captains did a fantastic job of running the assembly. It can be very daunting for such young students to stand in front of an audience of over 350 friends, students, teachers and parents and be able to deliver messages in such a confident manner. They are to be congratulated on their composure and attitude.

The Year 4 swimming trials were held last week. Twenty students took the opportunity to compete in backstroke, freestyle, breaststroke and butterfly with the hope of being selected to represent Overnewton at the District Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 6th March.

Oskar 4S
Artac 4S
Hayden 4NJ
Dante 4S
Jessica 4NJ
Allison 4S
Alescia 4NW
Purnima 4S
Keeley 4NW
Adel 4S
Rochelle 4S
Darby 4 NJ
Theo 4S
Matthew 4NW
Elizabeth 4S
Jasmine 4NJ
Samantha 4S
Amelia 4NW
Mia 4S
Ciourntey 4NJ
Bettina 4NJ
Catherine 4S
Lalor 4NJ
Constas 4S
Mircvevski 4NW
Fewster 4S
Vu 4NJ
Dalli 4S
Velardo 4NW
Dceleva 4S
Taylor 4NJ
Grimaud 4NJ
Honeyborne 4S

Many children and parents have noticed the new room on the Junior School veranda between the Year 4 classrooms. This room has been created as a place for students to visit at recess and lunchtime when they need a few minutes of quiet time before they go back out into the yard and re-join their friends.

The room has been well visited by students over the past few weeks and many of them have made new friends to play with. Others have had a short rest in the beanbags whilst they recharge their energy and head back to play outside.

During class time the room is used by small groups of students for quiet reading activities and also as a place for restorative chats to occur.

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We are running a competition to name this room. All students of the Junior School are welcome to enter the competition by filling out an entry form and returning it to their classroom teacher. Parents and staff are also welcome to enter this competition. Entries close on Friday 9th March. The winner will be announced at the next assembly and the winner’s name will be published in Whispers.

Last Monday evening many parents attended the Parent Education Evening at Keilor Campus. The topic, ‘Anxiety Disorders in Children and Adolescents’ was presented by renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Gordon.

Dr Gordon shared many strategies for helping children and teenagers cope with and overcome anxiety, especially in the context of school refusal and anxiety about attending camp or school events. It was great to see so many of our Junior School parents take the opportunity to catch up with Dr Gordon after the presentation to ask questions.

Over the coming Labour Day long weekend, we encourage all families to relax and enjoy each others company, and look forward to having all of our students return safely on Tuesday 13th March.

Sally Curmi
Deputy Head of Junior School

4S STUDIES THE FAVELAS OF BRAZIL

On Thursday 1st March, the children in 4S shared their knowledge at assembly about the favelas in Brazil. The purpose of this activity was to help the children in the Junior School at Taylors Lakes have a better understanding of some of the issues facing children across the world. The children were extremely enthusiastic when investigating this interesting topic and came up with some fascinating and important facts during their investigation.

They learnt

- A favela is very similar to a neighbourhood.
- Many people who live in favelas are poor.
- In the 18th century, slaves used to live in such neighbourhoods. They lived there because they had no land of their own.
- Rochina is a favela in Rio De Janerio. It is the biggest in Brazil. 300 000 people who live there.
- 4S were shocked to discover that only 67% of people have access to a toilet. This is a big problem when living in a favela as people can get sick if sewerage does not have anywhere to go.
- We were also surprised that not everyone gets their rubbish collected by the council.
- Rochina is in a major city, Rio De Janerio. Only 88% of people have clean drinking water.
- 6% of people live in slums in Brazil. 70% of the people who live in the favelas are not white.
- There are many children who live on the streets. The favelas can be very dangerous for children.
- There are 7 million children working on the streets in Brazil. Some children can be as young as the Preps at Overnewton. Oxfam is helping children get off the streets and stay safe.
- Brazilians look at life as though the glass is half full, just like the students in 4S. While they might not have everything, they have friends, create games and make their own fun.
- Like some of the students in 4S, Brazilian children living in favela’s love soccer. They call it football.

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Miss Sheldon and 4S

STAR STUDENTS - TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS

Prep MA Maya Stajewski for always helping around the classroom.
Prep MA Oscar Karanfilkovski for trying so hard to get things right.
Prep MI Sanuka Gamage for being kind and friendly to his classmates.
Prep MI Robyn Haddad for always having a beautiful smile on her face when doing her work.
1A Chloe Guljas for working hard and showing persistence when working on reading and writing tasks.
1B Skye Love-Linay for writing fantastic recounts about exciting trips with her family.
1B Joshua Curric for his enthusiasm when working with numbers in Maths.
1G Riley Washbrook for writing interesting stories about his memories in his journal.
1G Madison Mountjoy for being a kind, supportive and helpful ‘personal assistant’ to everyone in the class.
2E Daniel Rullo for working hard on his Sizzling Starts during writing time.
2E Dion Sakkas for having a positive attitude and listening during instruction time.
2L Hannah Cole for working hard at reading and making excellent progress as a result.
2L Blake Johnson for taking on the role of leader in a Maths group and encouraging all members to do their best.
2R Marcus Zoric for his insightful contributions to classroom discussions.
2R Isabella Tzimos for her focus and determination when working on task.
3MR Timothy Smith for his great contributions to class discussions.
3MR Sandeera Marasinghe for her kind and caring attitude to others.
3MY Lachlan Bonaguro for great team leader skills.
3MY Claudia Petreusvksa for a brilliant start to Year 3.
4NJ Andre Athanasiadis for improving his organisational skills and remembering our routine.
4NJ Chantelle Borg for demonstrating a caring, helpful and inclusive nature.
4NW Hayden Green for listening to advice given and working hard to achieve the desired result.
4NW Matthew Mircevski for the dedication and effort he has displayed.
4S Joshua Temelkovski for a great first go at writing a wonderful Interior Monologue on the Midnight Cat.
4S Natasha Stamenkovic for taking responsibility for her learning, behaviour and belongings and setting a fine example of what a friend and learner should be in 4S.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR STUDENT’S UNIFORM

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.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL/YEAR 9 HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 24th February all of the Taylors Lakes Campus Middle School and Year 9s travelled to the St Albans Leisure Centre for the annual House Swimming Sports. It was a perfect summer day for the competition and all students were Sunsmart. Participation in the events was excellent and the students showcased their aquatic talents in the different strokes. The day also displayed the strong presence of the swim squad members who are currently training hard for the upcoming ACS Swimming Competition. Thank you to Ms Lokaj, Head of Sport on the Taylors Lakes Campus, the House Leaders Mr Bowyer, Ms Sadler, Mr Cusworth and Mr Maguire as well as the student leaders for all of the hard work in organising the successful day.

Congratulations to Curie the overall winner for Middle School and also the year level champions.

Year 5 Matthew Fisicchia /Billy Tzimos and Sophie Veitch
Year 6 John Santi and Jessica Farrugia
Year 7 Thumula Senanayake and Olivia Winton/Jennifer Le
Year 8 James Koroneos and Stelian Constas

Congratulations to the staff team on their win, with Mr Laussen anchoring the staff team in the staff v student relay.

THE STUDENT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Student Environment Committee is a team of dedicated Middle School students who want to learn about and address environmental issues in our community and at school. These students will work together to create a presentation for students from other local schools at the Brimbank Sustainable Schools Conference. Last year this group implemented environmental initiatives at school, such as Nude Food Thursdays and helped our school achieve Bronze in the Water Lili Accreditation program. The 2012 team is a group of talented and enthusiastic students who are sure to also make a difference in how we take care of the environment at Taylors Lakes Campus.

Captains: Oktem Ozmal and Chloe De Jonk
Year 5 Jessica Rose Peters Rodriguez, Chelsea Rose Jones and Naomni Darshani Abayawardana
Year 6 Georgia Marie Cole Mallory Ann Vandeloo and Aleshea Jade Samuel
Year 7 Brianna Castaldo, Ivan Mate Mandic, Joseph Phan, Alexandra Di Stefano and Shanel Hussein

ACHIEVEMENT IN ATHLETICS

Last weekend it was the Victorian Athletics Championships at Albert Park. These championships are held every year and the athletes come from all over the Victoria to compete.

I was very excited because I came first in discus and second in both shot put and javelin for the Under 14 age group. Because of my results I get to go to Sydney to compete in the Australian Junior Athletic Championships in a few weeks. I hope that I will be able to get personal bests at the championships and maybe even medals.

Shannon Bain Year 7

TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL BBQ

Thank you to the Middle School Parent Support Team for organising and running the recent Welcome to Middle School BBQ held on March 1st in the Taylors Lakes Campus Middle School Courtyard. It was a great opportunity for new families to meet and mingle and it reaffirmed the positive start we have had to the year.
YEAR 5 FAMILY PICNIC: KEILOR CAMPUS

As a welcome to Middle School at Keilor Campus, the Parent Support Team would like to invite Year 5 families to a “Year 5 Family picnic” with a sausage sizzle provided.

Date: Monday 19th March
Time: 6.00pm
Venue: Middle School Amphitheatre near library (Keilor Campus)
RSVP: Monday 12th March via SMS to Rosemary Romeo 0403 499 043 or Emma Freame 0417 350 771 with exact numbers attending
BYO: Picnic hamper/blanket and any other snacks you wish to bring

All siblings are most welcome to attend and as there will be children present, no alcohol will be permitted. We will also be providing cordial for the children.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the evening.

Thanks, Rosemary and Emma

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Liana Konjarski is one member of a year level full of talented athletes but she still shines bright amongst her peers. Liana was one of only ten girls selected in the School Sport Victoria U/16 Girls Volleyball team recently. She will be participating in the School Sport Australia National Competition held in Bendigo this August. In the same weekend she qualified for the State Little Athletics Championships in triple jump, long jump and 80m Hurdles. This event will be held the weekend of March 24th and 25th. Everyone a Canowindra wishes her well.

GOAL SETTING DAY

Canowindra students received their Goal Setting interview appointment letters on Friday 2nd March and should have confirmed their appointment times by now. There are no formal classes on Tuesday 13th March but students are expected to attend school in their full Canowindra uniform for the allocated appointment time. They have been preparing for the event over the last couple of weeks so all students should be ready to discuss their aspirations and goals with a parent and their teacher.

FOCUS WEEK 1

The first Focus Week of the year is always an interesting experience for students and they head into it with great expectations. Here is some feedback from students:

City Experience

This week we went to the city as part of our first Focus Week at Year 9. Our highlights were exploring places like Melbourne Central, The Victorian Market, South Wharf, and taking photos with different people like police, tourists, and buskers. Another highlight was choosing what we would eat for lunch everyday. There were a great variety of stores like McDonalds, Krispy Kreme, Nandos, Subway and much more to choose from.

There were many challenges during the three days spent in the city of Melbourne. One of those many challenges was our sense of direction! We were so lost at the start when we were alone we asked random people for directions. It was a challenge finding the closest tram stop and not knowing which tram to catch, or even whether we were going the right way. It was a challenge having to be at a check in point at certain times and trying to be on time but these challenges helped everyone in the group become stronger in these areas.

There were a lot of new experiences like going to specific shops in weird places, going to places like the State Library and Parliament,
catching a lot of transport like trams and trains and more. But all in all, this Focus Week was a new experience itself. Completing tasks in the city and answering the questions was different, only because when we usually go to the city we just shop and walk around. I’m glad that we did this Focus Week.

The whole group has decided that what we learnt is valuable because we only have one chance in a year to experience City Experience. We learnt to never jaywalk and always ask for directions from the people wearing red because that helps a whole lot. We learnt to catch the right tram and always have a ticket to avoid being fined and that it is good to stay in a group and never be separated. We also learnt to have fun and enjoy ourselves in the city and to demonstrate appropriate behaviour especially when in public.

By Chris Pavlidis, Anton Longhitano, Elena Loizou, Georgia Haddathy & Kim Van.

Images have been removed to meet privacy needs

Pictured above: Other activities during Focus Week

MELBOURNE AQUARIUM
My first Focus Week was Water Works. On Tuesday 28th February our group went to the Melbourne Aquarium to see the effects of water, when it comes to wildlife. After travelling by train we walked through the city to the Aquarium. First we saw the penguins and we then learnt that the Melbourne Aquarium is the only place to successfully breed penguins.

After the penguins, we travelled around the corner to the “Weird and Wonderful” creatures. We saw all sorts of animals from clown fish to the leafy sea dragons, cuttlefish to spiky lionfish. We saw how these animals camouflage within their surroundings. It was an educational and enjoyable part of the Aquarium.

As we went around the Aquarium we saw different animals like catfish, octopus, crabs, jelly fish, sea stars, puffer fish, turtles, sting rays, sharks and many more.

When we finished our tour, our group was allowed to go behind the scenes where they prepare food for the fish.

It was an enjoyable day and I learnt a lot about the marine life.  

Kara Gallone

MS LAUREN OLD, Head of Senior School
lauren.old@overnewton.vic.edu.au

YEAR 12 PARENT/STUDENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parents are reminded that on Thursday 15th March there will be Parent/Student Teacher interviews from 4.14 until 8.30pm. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to meet with their teachers to discuss their progress so far and what other ways that they can build upon and develop their skills to ensure success this year. Parents/Students are encouraged to book in appointment times with teachers. All interviews this year will be held in the Sports Hall to allow ease of convenience from moving from one appointment time to the next.

YEAR 10/11 PARENT/STUDENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Tuesday 20th March provides an opportunity for parents and students to meet with their teachers to discuss their ongoing progress. This is also a good opportunity for parents of Year 10 students to discuss how well their son/daughter is transitioning into Senior School. Parents/students are strongly encouraged to book appointment times with their son/daughter’s teachers.

HOUSE PERFORMANCE
Senior School House Performance is on again for another year. Students are starting rehearsals this week and I have no doubt that this year will be just as exciting and entertaining as ever. House Performance is taking place on Tuesday 27th March at 7.30pm at the Dallas Brooks Centre (please note that no classes run on this day as students are involved in rehearsals). Tickets will be on sale at the Keilor Campus main reception ($20 for adults and $15 for pensioners/children under 15). Letters will be sent home this week outlining all details of this event. We hope to see lots of families supporting this fantastic evening.

YEAR 11 NEW ZEALAND TRIP
The New Zealand trip is open to any Year 11 student who is interested in a fun-filled, adventure packed holiday. The trip will be held during the first week of the September school holidays. The 9-10 day trip gives students the opportunity to undertake various activities (skiing, white water rafting, a shot over jet boat ride, wildlife sightseeing and an overnight cruise in the Milford Sound to name a few) and cultural experiences (including a Maori performance) that are proudly New Zealand. The final cost is dependent upon numbers and is likely to be around $3500 which includes flights, all activities, accommodation, travel insurance, most meals and departure taxes.

Further information will be forthcoming early in Term 2 and an information evening will be held towards the end of the semester to provide specific details. All students interested in attending this trip are asked to submit a $200 non-refundable deposit (cheque or credit card payments accepted) to the main reception at Keilor Campus by Wednesday 28th March.

READ WHISPERS ONLINE AT: www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/whispers
**JUNIOR SPORTS PROGRAM**

**BASKETBALL - SEMI FINAL RESULTS**

**UNDER 10 GIRLS (Overnewton 1)**
The girls played another great game in their first final. They fought hard all game and came out on top in the end to secure a spot in the preliminary final. Great work girls.

*Final scores*: Overnewton 1, 14 - St. Christophers 2, 6

**UNDER 10 GIRLS (Overnewton 2)**
The biggest nail biter of the season. Although the game was an 8 - 6 loss against St Peters (1), the score was even until the last few minutes. The girls played a great attacking game showing a great improvement in their overall skill base. Well done girls on a great first season!

*Final scores*: Overnewton Fire 2, 6 – St Peters, 8

**UNDER 10 BOYS (Overnewton 1)**
This was a terrific effort from the boys, who took out the win quite easily to make it through to the next stage of the finals. Very exciting!

*Final scores*: Overnewton 1, 32 - St. Bernards 1, 22

**UNDER 10 BOYS (Overnewton 2)**
The boys had a strong start and a convincing lead at half time. The Aberfeldie Jets 2 mounted a big come back in the second half to give us a nail biting finish and the win. Well done to all the boys and our coach John.

*Final scores*: Overnewton 2, 22 – Aberfeldie Jets 2, 21

**UNDER 12 GIRLS (Overnewton)**
The girls came up against a very defensive team this week and found it hard to score. They kept their own pressure up all game and came back with a few great goals in the second half. Although they lost, they are lucky enough to have a second chance in the preliminary final... Keep up the good work girls

*Final scores*: Overnewton, 8 - Taylors Lakes, 15

**UNDER 12 (1) BOYS (Overnewton 1)**
This week the boys came up against St Bernards 2 in the semi final. In the closest game of the season the boys managed to have us all on the edge of our seats in a thrilling match and win a place in the Grand Final. Good luck boys.

*Final scores*: Overnewton 1, 21 - St Bernards 2, 18.

**UNDER 14 GIRLS (Overnewton)**
This week the girls came up against St Peters 2 for the first week of the finals. Having lost to St Peters 2 last week, St Peters 2 had the mental edge over our girls. However, true to the girls spirit they dug in deep with a great team effort and managed a fantastic win 27 to 22.

*Final scores*: Overnewton, 27 - St Peters, 22

**YEAR 9**
Both of the girls’ volleyball teams had a win this week by 3 sets to 1. Tynique Pace served very well in her games and Natalie Christou is improving each week and is a valuable asset to the team.

Unfortunately the table tennis team had a loss this week to a much stronger opponent. Nice singles games were played by James Epifaniou and Christopher Pavlidis.

Both basketball teams also had a win this week. Leading scorers from these games were Gavin Dannock (19 pts), Adam Mandic (15 pts), Jeremy Bortoli (11 pts), Mitchell Peacock (10 pts), Ethan Towns (7 pts) and James Paraskevopoulos (5 pts).

Matthew Bell and Benjamin Spittler were strong all game during the hockey match. Nick Brankovic had a great second half while Zachary Antovski put in a fantastic effort in defence.

From the girls’ soccer match Taylor Skelton played very well as sweeper while Caroline Rutkowski scored a great goal in the first half of the game. Kim Van was the other goal scorer in the 3 goal defeat this week.

The girls from the softball are improving each game. This week Janay Casa-Vysma displayed some great skills sneaking between bases. Michaels Dimopoulos took a great catch in the first innings of the game. The boys keep on winning and are holding down the first position on the ladder in this sport. They had another big win helped by a huge outfield catch by Sam Gevergizian. Best on ground was Hanifi Hasan who displayed solid pitching, great batting and excellent base running.

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Lent begins…
Join us in the Mini Chapel
Tuesdays 4pm – 5pm
For discussion and prayer’
As we explore together, “Out of the Depths”
Using wisdom of our elders to explore issues of our time.
Tuesdays from 28 Feb, through Lent
interested? inquisitive? feel free to contact Rev Kim on kim.cruickshank@overnewton.vic.edu.au for more information, and relevant links.

CANOWNDRA PARENT SUPPORT TEAM

Our first meeting for 2012 will be held on Thursday 8th March 2012 at Max Brenner, (Opposite Hoyts) Shop R02 Watergardens Town Centre. Taylors Lakes. Commencing at 7.30 pm.

NEW PARENTS ARE WELCOME
Parent Support Team is a friend raising group who work closely with Year 9 staff to organise activities for the students. We are also there to help families in need during tough times. Hours will contribute to the Family Contribution Scheme.

If you would like to help, come along to our meeting and join our friendly team or if you have any queries, please call Dianne Seiffert on 9307 0818 or Judy Simpfendorfer on 0431 154 589.

Keilor Campus Junior School
“Zooper Dooper Friday”
March 9th

The Keilor Campus Junior School are holding a “ZOOPER DOOPER” day on Friday March 9th
Time: Lunchtime
Where: Junior School playground.

If you wish your child to have a Zooper Dooper, please provide them with 50c to purchase at lunchtime on Friday 9th March.

If you wish your child to have a Nestle Lemonade Icy pole ($1) due to allergies, please contact Carina - 0410 559 151 or email: carina.camilleri@bigpond.com so that arrangements can be made.

2012 Keilor Campus Junior School Parents Support Team

OVERNEWTON PARENTS & FRIENDS BUSINESS & SERVICES DIRECTORY

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS AND NEW FAMILIES.
Support the Overnewton Community and always consult the Parents and Friends Business and Services Directory!

The 2012/13 edition is currently being compiled. If you would like to advertise your business please contact Janine Hilton for further details. Current advertisers please send in your renewal form, or email your requirements for the new edition. Applications close 23rd March, 2012.

Janine Hilton 9334 0104 (Tuesday and Wednesday) or email janine.hilton@overnewton.vic.edu.au
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 Parents and Friends Directory. You can then download this directory or view it online.
CLASSROOM ASSISTANCE

Classroom Assistance positions for both Keilor and Taylors Lakes Campuses will be advertised through 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.

TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS

If you have any concerns regarding the Classroom Assistance Program at Taylors Lakes Campus please contact Denise O’Keefe, Resource Officer on 9334 0245.

Parent Co-ordinators
Melissa Lo-Iudice – Years Prep–2 0425 757 838 rocknu1@optusnet.com.au
Michelle Schembri – Year 3 – 8 0414 907 337 michelle04@iinet.net.au
Michelle Digby – Canowindra 9449-0529 mitchelledigby@mac.com

Junior School Classroom Assistance
Parent help is needed to fill the following classroom assistance positions.

| Prep MA | Week 1 9.00am – 11.00am Mon, Tues | Week 2 9.00am – 11.00am Mon, Tues, Fri |
| Prep MI | Week 1 9.00am – 11.00am Thurs | Week 2 9.00am – 11.00am Mon, Tues, Fri |
| 1B | Week 1 9.00am – 11.00am Fri | Week 2 9.00am – 11.00am Mon, Tues, Fri |
| 1B | Week 1 10.00am – 11.00am Thursday | Week 2 9.00am – 10.00am Thurs |
| 1A | Week 1 9.00am – 11.00am Tues, Thur | Week 2 9.00am – 11.00am Thur |
| 2L | Week 1 9.00am – 11.00am Mon - Fri | Week 2 9.00am – 11.00am Mon, Wed, & Fri |
| 2L | Week 2 9.00am – 10.00am Tuesday |

Melissa Lo-Iudice 0425 757 838 rocknu1@optusnet.com.au

Prep Computer Assistance
Parent help is needed to assist the Prep students with Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). Parents require only very basic computer skills, eg using a mouse, logging in. Days and times are:

| Prep MI | Week 1 Friday 9.00am – 10.00am | Week 2 Friday 11.00am – 12.00pm |
| Prep MA | Week 1 Friday 10.00am – 11.10am | Week 2 Monday 11.00am – 12.00pm |
| Prep ME | Week 1 Wed 9.45am – 10.45am | Week 2 Friday 9.00am – 10.00pm |

Melissa Lo-Iudice 0425 757 838 rocknu1@optusnet.com.au

Junior School Classroom Art Assistance
Parent help is needed to assist the following Junior School art classes. Duties will include setting up, packing up and general assistance.

| Prep ME | Week 1 Monday 11.00am – 1.00pm | Week 2 Wednesday 12.00pm – 1.00pm |
| Prep MA | Week 2 Monday 11.00am – 1.00pm |

Melissa Lo-Iudice 0425 757 838 rocknu1@optusnet.com.au

| 3MR | Week 1 Tuesday 11.00am – 12.00pm |
| 3MY | Week 2 Wednesday 8.50am – 11.00am |
| 3BF | Week 1 Wednesday 11.00am – 1.00pm | Week 2 Wednesday 2.30pm – 3.30pm |
| 4NW | Week 1 Tuesday 12.00pm – 1.00pm | Week 2 Tuesday 11.00am – 1.00pm |
| 4S | Week 1 Wednesday 8.50am – 10.00am | Week 2 Wednesday 11.00am – 1.00pm |

Michelle Schembri 0414 907 337 michelle04@iinet.net.au

Years 5/6 Sport
Parents are required to assist with Year 5/6 sport on Friday mornings from 8.45am – 11.15am. Duties will involve assisting with equipment and supervising students.

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

READ WHISPERS ONLINE AT: www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/whispers
KEILOR CAMPUS

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

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Classroom Assistance in Prep

Parent help will be required in Prep classrooms daily in 2012. If you would like to register your name please contact Wendy Weeks for specific sessions. Please remember that you must have a current Working with Children Check to apply.

Prep C  Wednesdays 9.00am – 11.10am, Thursdays 9.00am – 11.10am and Fridays 9.00am – 10.00am.
Prep F  Tuesdays 9.00am – 11.10am, Wednesdays 9.00am – 11.10am and Thursdays 9.00am – 11.10am.
Prep S  Mondays 9.00am – 11.10am Week 2, Tuesdays 9.00am – 11.10am Week 1 only, Wednesdays 9.00am – 11.10am and
Prep S  Thursdays 9.00am – 11.10am.

Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)

Parent help will be required for Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). All students in Prep and Year 1 participate in activities that develop coordination skills with Physical Education staff. Sessions will be each Tuesday from 8.45am – 11.15am and we require a regular weekly commitment. Please contact Wendy to register your name.

Year 1 Classroom Help

1CA require assistance on Mondays 9.00am – 11.10am weekly.
1W require assistance on Wednesdays 9.00am – 11.10am weekly.

Wendy Weeks 9331 7750
wendyweeks@live.com.au

Year 2 Classroom Help

2G require assistance on Fridays 9.00am – 11.00am weekly.

Nadine Azzi 9336 0071
nadine@azzicorp.com

Year 3 Movie Makers

Year 3 students will be making a mini movie/news story about the History of Overnewton College. Parents familiar with digital cameras and/or Movie Maker (basic movie making software) are required to work with small groups of students for a minimum half a day on the following dates commencing at 9.00am:

3F – Monday 19th March, 3C – Tuesday 20th March, 3S – Thursday 22nd March and 3G – Thursday 22nd March.

Nadine Azzi 9336 0071
nadine@azzicorp.com

Year 3 Classroom Help

3C require assistance on Tuesdays 2.00pm – 3.20pm Weeks 1 & 2
1CA Thursdays 11.15am – 1.00pm Weeks 1 & 2
2P Tuesdays 9.00am – 10.20am Weeks 1 & 2
3F Tuesdays 2.00pm – 3.20pm Weeks 1 & 2
3S Tuesdays 11.00am – 1.00pm Weeks 1 & 2.

Year 4 Indonesian Excursion

A first aid trained parent is required to assist with a Year 4 Indonesian excursion to CERES on Thursday 8th November from 9.00am – 3.20pm.

Nadine Azzi 9336 0071
nadine@azzicorp.com

Junior School Art Classes

Parent help is required in Art classes for preparation, setting up, assisting students and cleaning up.

Prep C  Fridays 9.30am – 11.15am Weeks 1 & 2
Prep P  Tuesdays 10.15am – 11.15am Week 1 & 11.15am – 1.15pm Week 2
1CA  Thursdays 11.15am – 1.00pm Weeks 1 & 2
2P  Tuesdays 9.00am – 10.20am Weeks 1 & 2
3F  Tuesdays 2.00pm – 3.20pm Weeks 1 & 2
3S  Tuesdays 11.00am – 1.00pm Weeks 1 & 2.

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

Year 8 LOTE Excursion

Parents are required to assist with a Year 8 Indonesian excursion to Victoria Market on Thursday 16th August from 9.00am – 3.15pm.

Nadine Azzi 9336 0071
nadine@azzicorp.com

Year 10 Forensic Science Excursion

A first aid trained parent is required to assist with a Forensic Science excursion to the Victoria Police Museum on Tuesday 13th March from 11.20am – 3.15pm.

Nadine Azzi 9336 0071
nadine@azzicorp.com

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Year 10 Spirituality & Meditation Retreat
A parent is required to assist with a Spirituality and Meditation Retreat with Year 10 students to Lysterfield on Monday 19th March to Tuesday 20th March. If you would like to apply for this retreat please send an email to campskeilor@overnewton.vic.edu.au or a letter Jennie McCullagh, Resource Officer, Keilor Campus no later than Monday 12th March. Please provide any relevant experience, a photocopy of any First Aid qualifications, your child’s name and class, your postal address and a contact number. First Aiders are required to hold a minimum Level 2 first aid certificate. 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. All email applications will receive a receipt of delivery. Two terms of hours will be credited at the conclusion of the camp.

Come and join us at the RICHARDSON CAFE
If you are a new parent or an existing parent wanting to complete your Family Contribution Scheme hours in a fun environment, we would love to have you join us on the roster at the Richardson Cafe in the Senior School.

Vacancies are available for Term 1 2012 roster.

Please send your request to be included on the Cafe roster. I can be contacted either by email Kadijahy4@bigpond.com Or on mobile 0419 114 090

MOTHERS DAY GIFT SHOP
Helpers are needed for set-up of the Mother’s Day gift shop at Keilor on Thursday 3rd May from 3.30pm and Friday 4th May, gift shop day from 8.30am.

Donations welcome, please contact us regarding all donations.

If you wish to help, please contact:
Anne Damanti 0401 773 564
Tammie Tanti 0417 388 028

IMPORTANT NOTE: Each Overnewton family is able to contribute hours for one term of hours only per calendar year, in this workgroup through one Campus only.

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

SATURDAY OPENINGS 2012
TERM 1
24th March 9 – 1 pm
TERM 2
21st April 9 – 1 pm
23rd June 9 – 1 pm
TERM 3
28th July 9 – 1 pm
4th August 9 – 3 pm
15th September 9 – 1 pm
TERM 4
13th October 9 – 1 pm
8th December 9 – 1 pm

A reminder that Term 1 is drawing close and now is the time to ensure that you purchase your child’s winter uniform requirements. If you are wishing to drop off items for sale in the second hand section, these items must be handed to Miranda Turner. At no time are they to be left at reception or the front door of the College Shop. All items must be clearly marked with name, address and telephone number, otherwise goods will not be accepted. Blazars MUST be dry-cleaned with the dry cleaning tag displayed and all other items must be washed. We do not accept hats or any items of clothing with holes or stains of any kind (such as paint). We will hold items for sale for a period of 12 months only. At the end of that 12 month period, if they have not been sold, we ask that you collect your items from the College Shop. If not collected, your items of clothing are then donated to the orphanage in Zambia.

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

Miranda Turner
College Uniform Shop
Direct to Shop 9334 0112

READ WHISPERS ONLINE AT: www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/whispers
A VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE
regarding the
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

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

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

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

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

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

Junior Sport Program (JSP)

Netball
Starting Term 2 2012

Attention: Boys and Girls in Years 1 to 4.

The Junior Sports Program is, again, running the Netball program at Overnewton, *Taylors Lakes Campus*.

Diane Maiden will be running the program.

**Venue:** Taylors Lakes Campus

**Time:** 4.00pm - 5.00pm

**Day:** Wednesdays

**Duration:** Term 2, Wednesday 2nd May to Wednesday 20th June which is approximately 8 weeks

**Cost:** $70 (participants will receive a netball kit)

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

Register by Monday 12th of March

**PARENT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED**

The program requires parents to actively assist, so it will only go ahead if there are parents able to help. Participating parents can contribute their time towards the Family Contribution Scheme.

**Note:** Parents will need to have a current Working With Children Check to participate.

To register your interest for your child or to help out email Michelle Smith msm96638@bigpond.net.au (netball)

If there are any coaches out there of any sports that would like to help the Junior School students, we would like to speak to you.

*Junior Sports Committee*

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Junior Sport Program (JSP)

**SOCOR**

**Term 2 and 3**

Attention: Boys and Girls in Years 1 to 4.

The Junior Sports Program is pleased to inform you that the soccer program at Overnewton is back for 2012. Martin Colak will be co-ordinating the program again this year.

** Venue:** Keilor Campus

**Time:** 11.00am – 12:30

**Day:** Saturday

**Duration:** Term 2 and Term 3 approximately 16 weeks (starting the 28th of April)

**Cost:** $90 (participants will receive one pair of soccer socks, shin pads, and a ball)

*Numbers are strictly limited.*

Register by Friday 16th of March

**PARENT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED**

The program requires parents to actively assist and will only go ahead if there are parents able to help. Participating parents can contribute their time towards the Family Contribution Scheme.

**Note:** Parents will need to have a current Working With Children Check to participate.

To register your interest for your child or to help out, email Mary Paolozza on: tonypa@optusnet.com.au the following information:

1) Child’s Name, 2) Child’s Class, 3) Campus

4) Parent’s name, 5) Parent contact phone number, 6) Parent email address

If there are any soccer coaches out there (or coaches of any other sports) who would like to be part of the program, we would like to speak to you.

Regards

*Junior Sports Committee*

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**Groovy Gardening 2012**

The “Groovy Gardeners” are a group of parents working throughout the year to provide quality plants for sale at the annual Country Fair.

If you are a keen gardener, and would like to earn your hours doing what you love, please contact Natalie Brand on mobile 0467 330 004 or email hello@nrpsupplies.com.au or Greg Wilson on mobile 0401 266 467 or email: vgw4@bigpond.com between the hours of 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

Parent Assistance Required

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**Groovy Gardening 2012**

The “Groovy Gardeners” are a group of parents working throughout the year to provide quality plants for sale at the annual Country Fair.

If you are a keen gardener, and would like to earn your hours doing what you love, please contact Natalie Brand on mobile 0467 330 004 or email hello@nrpsupplies.com.au or Greg Wilson on mobile 0401 266 467 or email: vgw4@bigpond.com between the hours of 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

**Parent Assistance Required**

The program requires parents to actively assist, and it will only go ahead if there are parents able to help. Participating parents can contribute their time towards the Family Contribution Scheme.

**Note:** Parents will need to have a current Working With Children Check to participate.

To register your interest for your child or to help out, email Mary Poaloza on: tonypa@optusnet.com.au the following information:

1) Child’s Name, 2) Child’s Class, 3) Campus

4) Parent’s name, 5) Parent contact phone number, 6) Parent email address

If there are any soccer coaches out there (or coaches of any other sports) who would like to be part of the program, we would like to speak to you.

Regards

*Junior Sports Committee*
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.

JOIN THE WATERING TEAM AS PART OF THE FAMILY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

The Watering Team would like to extend an invitation to any parents who may wish to water a small section of the school. This workgroup is ideal for working parents or parents with young children as there is great flexibility of days and times.

Please contact James Pearce on 0432 626 919 or email pearce.je@gmail.com to find out more about becoming a member of our team.

NEW PARENT SUPPORT TEAM CO-ORDINATORS NEEDED

The Taylors Lakes Campus Junior School Parent Support Team is looking for an enthusiastic and creative co-ordinator, to work alongside Maria Winton.

The Parent Support Team is responsible for Overnewton’s ‘friend-raising’ activities and organises a selection of events for parents and students throughout the year, with the support of a fantastic Parent Support Team.

From doughnut day, Prep morning tea and parent dinners, the Parent Support Team co-ordinators play a vital role in maintaining and nurturing positive parents and students relationships.

If you are interested, please contact Diane Falzon 0430 596 699 or email diane.falzon@bigpond.com

STUDENT BANKING DAY-REMINDER

Teaching your child the all important skill of money management and saving when they are young can empower them for success in the future. The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program is a special initiative designed to do just that. It also has a fantastic rewards program that child can redeem for awesome gifts along the way such as a watch, ball, book light and USB stick. You can participate with as little as 5 cents per week.

Please refer to the information pack that you received recently with instructions how to participate in this fantastic program.

When your child banks at school for the first time they receive their token and the school receives $5 to go towards our fundraising efforts.

If your child already has a Dollarmites/Youthsaver account with the Commonwealth Bank simply fill in the deposit book and amount and simply start banking straight away.

Register to receive Whispers via email

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


Please consider the environment

Commonwealth bank account.

Keilor Campus banking day- WEDNESDAY

Taylors Lakes Campus banking day- WEDNESDAY