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A friend of ours posted the following article on Facebook and it struck such a chord with me that I felt the need to share it with you all. I think this gives us all something to consider as we approach the Christmas season.

### The Gift of Not Giving a Thing by Christella Morris

We're pretty lucky in our family. I can cross off three out of four of our birthdays in May alone! Then Christmas and the fourth birthday are taken care of in December. This makes for a lot *less* time worrying about buying and giving presents and a lot more time *thinking* about how much stuff we have.

In fact, all of that thinking about *not* buying presents gave me a thought: **I really can't imagine having more things in my house.** More toys, clothes, sippy cups... we've got so much already. I'm constantly packing and donating toys my boys no longer play with, it seems. Now, I don't want to diminish or sound ungrateful for the *amazing* generosity of our friends and family, we're *beyond* thankful for all they've given us... but it's just... so much. **So much** more than they need.

My boys really do not need for another thing.

I know my favourite thing about presents... it's *giving them*. I spend extra time and care thinking about giving gifts to my own family, to our friends and to their families. I try to be thoughtful about my own gift-giving and I know how difficult it can be to find that *perfect* gift sometimes. Occasionally, before a birthday party or event, I get overwhelmed and buy something just to bring it...and maybe that's not the right approach.

What if...

What if nobody gave my boys presents anymore? What if we only gave GIFTS? The gifts of experience, adventure and more importantly, *familiarity* that they truly *need*. Instead of the things (toys, games, clothes) that they didn't even really know about or want? The only thing I truly think my boys need to have is more time with their family...

So, starting now, this year, before the holiday season begins, I'm beginning a *new* tradition. Although we'll always be grateful for the presents we and our boys receive, I'd ask that our friends and family offer these experiences and time spent *with* our boys instead of money spent *on them*.

I'm not going to tell you what to do, or what to buy... but here are some suggestions: Instead of buying my boys a toy lion, why not take one (or both) of them to the zoo to see a real one? To spend some time with a family member or friend would mean so much more to them than another toy.

Not a lot of time to give? What about contributing towards one of the (shockingly expensive) activities the boys will be participating in? Piano/drum/guitar lessons. Swimming lessons. Summer soccer season. Dance lessons.

Don't have a lot of money? (*Hey, neither do we! No big deal!*) -- How about just spending some quality time with the boys? Set a day and take them to the park. Take one of them on a bike ride. Take one to the movies. Take them to a local play centre. Instead of investing in their toy collections, invest in your relationship with them.

We have a really good friend who, back in May, couldn't make it to Cash's third birthday. She said she wanted to drop off a present at another time and I said, "He really doesn't need anything, but we'd love a visit! Actually, instead of a present, why not just take him and do something with him just the two of you?" In the end she, her boyfriend, and their friend and her daughter ended up going to the zoo with Cash and he LOVED it. He asks about this friend a lot now, and wants to spend time with her again because he enjoyed it so much.

This is what I would like for my boys to grow up with. Not mountains of toys (*which are growing bigger by the minute, I swear!*) but experiences and close relationships with the people in their lives who matter most.

Here's the thing: I always think about the what ifs: what if something happened to me? What if something happened to their dad? They've built strong bonds with *some* family members, but others are only seen on occasion and only for short periods of time. They're unfamiliar and being young, the boys often don't remember them on special occasions and it breaks my heart. Building relationships now with these family members and friends will only benefit them in the long run if something were to ever happen to us.

These are the things I think about, people. *Deep, I know.*

But seriously, if you're in our circle of friends or family, please don't buy my kids presents but instead give them the gift of your time and love. It doesn't have to cost anything, but it's really the **ONLY** thing they need.

Source: The Huffington Post <http://buff.to/1bgWQzD>

#### 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.



## COLLEGE DATES

<b>Wednesday 4th December</b>	Senior School Awards Assembly
<b>Friday 6th December</b>	Taylor's Lakes Campus Junior School Picnic Day
<b>Saturday 7th December</b>	Working Bee at both campuses
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>	Last Day of Term 4

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### CELEBRATION OF LEARNING MORNING.

Our final Junior School Celebration of Learning morning for 2013 was held last Thursday 28 November. Students and teachers have worked hard throughout the semester and were very excited to share their learning portfolios with parents during this informal occasion. Students prepared for the sharing of their portfolio by selecting samples of work they wished to show parents. Parents were given the opportunity to begin the process of celebrating and providing feedback to students on their learning, achievement and growth throughout the year. During this initial discussion parents and family members listened attentively and gave positive feedback through encouraging and supportive comments. As students reflected on their learning and achievements, parents asked questions which focused on how students feel about their learning.

Families will be able to continue the process of reflection and feedback when portfolios are sent home on the last day of the school year. During discussions at home, it is helpful to focus on successes and efforts as well as areas in which students may need to improve. Student Reports and portfolios will be sent home with students on Wednesday 10 December. The combination of Semester 2 reports and portfolios will complete the reporting process for 2013 and give parents a holistic picture of their child's progress and development throughout the year.

We wish to thank parents for their enthusiastic participation in all our Celebration of Learning events throughout the year.

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Junior School students sharing their learning with parents and family members.

*Mirella Zalakos*

### STEP-UP MORNING

Next Monday all Junior School students will be visiting their 2014 classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know their new teacher and have a little snapshot of how things will be next year. The home group teachers go to great lengths to place students into groupings that meet their academic and pastoral needs. We thank parents for trusting the complexity of the work that has gone into preparing the classes. Please understand that the classes have all been double checked by the leadership team and no students will be moved. It is always important to re-frame any negative thinking for students and welcome the opportunities that come along with a new class each year. We will be reinforcing 'growth' mindsets, as opposed to 'fixed' mindsets as they head off to their classes on Monday morning. It is always an exciting morning for students and teachers alike.

*Anne McNaughton*  
*Head of Junior School-Keilor Campus*

**JUNIOR SCHOOL - KEILOR CAMPUS  
COMING EVENTS TERM 4 , 2013 DATES**

<b>Thursday 5th December</b>	Year 4 Celebration Night – 7.00pm Assembly Hall
<b>Friday 6th December</b>	Prep Excursion – Art Centre, Melbourne
<b>Friday 6th December</b>	Chapel – Prep – Year 2 – 1.40pm – 2.15pm Year 3 and 4 2.45-3.20pm – Assembly Hall - Hosting TBA
<b>Monday 9th December</b>	Step Up Day
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	Final Assembly – 2.00pm – 3.15pm
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	Student Leader Celebration 5.30pm – 7.30pm
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>	Pizza Day
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 4</b>

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Each child's learning journey was highlighted last week during the Junior School Celebration of Learning morning. The feedback received about the morning was exciting to hear. The students shared their journey through developments in their portfolios. Growth, successes, challenges and improvements were shared throughout the morning. I heard stories of goal setting for the future and even parents and teachers who were challenged to provide reflections and show their own talents. This vibrant sharing is a credit to the students, teachers and parents alike who have worked hard together throughout the year to ensure the best possible educational outcomes were achieved for each individual.

There are often times along the journey when we question teaching techniques, learning styles and abilities as well as educational initiatives; however, I think you will all agree that the hard work along the way and genuine partnership between home and school is worth the effort. Without a doubt the students in the Junior School have thrived in their own capacity. The pride that was felt on Celebration of Learning morning by all involved was most certainly warranted.

The Junior School Captains shared memories of the year that was 2013 at their assembly last week and this also highlighted a busy, productive and successful year. They shared that alongside the classroom programs there has been an array of additional programs and learning taking place in the Junior School, including the following:

- iRespect theme
- Diversity through Harmony Day
- Giving to the less fortunate through raising money (Big Breakfast, Anglicare Shopping, Art Sale, Book Bizarre, Book mark making)
- Nude Food
- Happiness Pig
- Student Representative Council
- Persistence, Resilience, Getting Along,
- House – Synergy, Activate, Encore
- Book Week
- Year 4 athletics, Cross Country, Swimming Carnivals
- Compassion, Curiosity, Empathy
- Parent Support Team events (Disco, Crazy Hat and Tie Day, Movie Night, Father's Day afternoon tea)
- Year 4 and Prep buddies
- Camps
- Incursions and Excursions.....and so much more!

This week the celebrations continued with our beautiful and moving Carols Service at St. Pauls Cathedral, Final Assembly and Christmas Musical and Picnic Day. These are always highlights that provide avenues to celebrate the year together.

Monday will see the introduction of the 2014 school year with Step-Up Day. The students and teachers are looking forward to meeting their new class for next year. This is always a much anticipated event and will provide great discussion at the dinner table on Tuesday evening!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for another excellent year in the Taylors Lakes Campus Junior School. It is a wonderful place to be each day and that is most certainly due to the students, teachers and families that share in the learning journeys and culture that is Overnewton. I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season and look forward to seeing you again in 2014.

Very special thanks must go to our Year 4 students who have done an outstanding job as the leaders of the Junior School this year. It has been a privilege to work with these students throughout the year and I wish them all every success as they move to the next phase of your educational journey in Middle School.

**Tracy Fielder**  
**Head of Junior School-Taylors Lakes Campus**  
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**AEROBICS**

On Tuesday 26th of November, the Junior School House Team held their final lunchtime Encore activity. All students were invited to participate in an Aerobics session instructed by our very own Ms Sadler.

Moves such as the ‘grape-vine’ and pumping arms were taught as we exercised to the music. We definitely had our heart rates pumping.

**Brodie** (1M) I loved it because it was emotional, at first I didn’t know what I would be doing so I was emotional, then it was such fun!

**Aliyah** (2D) it was fun because you get to move to music.

**Domenic** (Prep MA) It was good because you get to try out new moves.

**ANGLICARE SUPPORT**

**The Taylors Lakes Junior School Art Sale and Book Bazaar raised a grand total of .....\$1631.05!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

On Tuesday the 26th of November, the Junior School Student Representative Council went to Watergardens Shopping Centre to buy toys for those who are less fortunate than us. We presented these toys to Anglicare at our Carols Service on Tuesday the 3rd of December. Thank you for all your support in raising this amazing amount of money and Merry Christmas!

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**YEAR 4 INDONESIAN EXCURSION**

Year 4s went to CERES to extend our knowledge of Indonesian culture. First we split into three groups – 4NW, 4S and 4NJ. We learnt how to play Indonesian games which are sometimes the same but the rules are different, and we discovered how to make paintings using wax. When we did dancing we learnt that the dance was about a farmer who had a great harvest. Indonesian men who do puppetry have to sit and do it for 10 hours with no toilet break and no food or drinks the only drink was coffee that only lasts an hour. Indonesians speak many languages and have more than one thousand islands. Indonesian animals are very close to extinction and their population numbers are only half the population of people. It was exciting to explore the Indonesian culture. It was a privilege to learn about Indonesia

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*Lachlan Bonaguro 4NJ, Ella Samuel 4, and Michael Galofaro 4NW*

<b>JUNIOR SCHOOL - TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS COMING EVENTS TERM 4, 2013 DATES</b>	
<b>Thursday 5th December</b>	Final Assembly 2.00-3.20pm
<b>Friday 6th December</b>	Picnic Day-All Day
<b>Monday 9th December</b>	Step-Up Day 9.30-10.30am
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	Year 4 Celebration 7.00pm
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>	Final day for students

A huge thanks to all our families for their support, commitment and dedicated work throughout the year, in so many ways. May you enjoy treasured times with family and friends during our Christmas break and we look forward to sharing a brilliant 2014 with you.

**WISHING A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL  
FROM THE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

*Shirley Seit, Susan Bates, Diane King, Jane Sneddon, Janine Hilton and Anne Quinn.*

## JUNIOR SCHOOL-TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS, STAR STUDENTS

Prep P	Bailey Farrington for showing amazing growth in his reading
Prep P	Hannah Baker for always doing her best. Making an effort to start her work straight away and remain on task
Prep MA	Taylor Preston for writing such interesting and informative recounts
Prep MA	Season Wu for working diligently all of the time and displaying excellent thinking skills
1M	Sanuka Gamage for his amazing mathematical thinking and his solving of division problems
1G	Francesco Bryce for trying so hard with his reading and writing
1G	Olivia Tilling for helping others learn to use iMovie
2D	Alexandra Haintz for encouraging others to try challenging activities at Camp
2D	Ryan Periera for challenging himself and being persistent at Camp
2F	Innila Mohan received the award for persistence when writing an amazing procedural text
3L	Lucas Conde Osorio for active participation in the collaborative movie making projects
3BF	Antonio Aranguiz for being an enthusiastic participant on camp
4NJ	Alyssa Bakarnis for going above and beyond and challenging herself consistently
4NJ	Hanifi Mustafa for working hard to improve his understandings and extend himself
4S	Calista Lo-Iudice for the success she has had with mental computation relating to division and multiplication
4S	Jordon Turiello for always giving any task a go and achieving improved success and confidence
4S	Lucia Yang for always aiming for the top and reflecting on her work with great maturity and enthusiasm
4NW	Denise Stylianou for the inspirational way she shone with confidence in Maths, this week
4NW	Peter Hernandez for a semester of hard work, determination and success!
4NW	Christian Lazarevski for demonstrating consistent academic and social maturity this term

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## YEAR 6 CAMP 2013 – ANGLESEA

This year the Taylors Lakes Campus Year 6 classes went to Anglesea for camp. We focussed on water sports and how to keep safe around the beach. The activities were surfing, body-boarding, mountain biking, canoeing, crate building and surf awareness. For a lot of us it was our first time participating in these activities. We spent one night sleeping in a tent and we also learnt how to make pasta using a Trangia. On the last day we had a beach carnival where we got into teams and earned points by completing challenges. Overall it was a great experience for everybody.

*By Isabella Halil and Charley Maggs*

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## YEAR 6 BAND CONCERT

Congratulations on a job well done to all of the students who participated in the Year 6 Band Concerts at both campuses last week. Students displayed their development over the course of the year as a musician, playing with confidence and entertaining the enthusiastic audience. It was wonderful to see them perform solos, in small groups and as a band. Their concentration and focus as well as their ability to work as a member of a team is a credit to them all. Thank you to all the classroom instrumental teachers who have worked to prepare and inspire the Year 6 students for this performance, and to the parents who have encouraged and supported their children at home to master their instrument.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Middle School Arts Awards at a recent assembly.

### Visual Communication and Design Excellence Awards:

Year 5	India Horton
Year 6	Jami Declerck
Year 7	Mary Christodoulides
Year 8	Aprille Trajcewski

### Visual Communication and Design Encouragement Awards:

Year 5	Darren Truong
Year 6	Kaitlin McCall
Year 7	Lauren Murphy
Year 8	April Ashcroft

### Design and Technology Excellence Awards:

Year 5	Hope Ahcheen
Year 6	Arlen Tan
Year 7	Victoria Meletis
Year 8	Elise Moon

### Design and Technology Encouragement Awards:

Year 5	Mitchell Sprague
Year 6	Naomi Abayawardana
Year 7	Briana Zahra
Year 8	Jordan Nguyen

### Art Excellence

Year 5	Malcolm Gonsalves
Year 6	Mia Bono
Year 7	Jacinth Kunapo
Year 8	Anna Nguyen

### Art Encouragement

Year 5	Emma Brotchie
Year 6	Lachlan Coyne
Year 7	Madeline Cram
Year 8	Kate Loncar



### The Overall Middle School Visual Arts Award

**Melissa Lam** from Taylors Lakes Campus Middle School is the one student that has been selected for excelling in all of the Visual Arts areas. She has excelled in each of the Visual Arts areas of Design and Technology, Visual Communication and Art. She produced a visual diary of support work and final pieces of a high quality and contributed to the Art community by helping others, assisting with the care of materials facilities and equipment. Melissa contributed to the positive atmosphere of the art community in an enthusiastic and proactive manner

### MIDDLE SCHOOL-KEILOR CAMPUS, CAMPS

#### Year 5 Camp 2013

The Year 5 Anglesea Camp was filled with laughter and smiles. With amazing surroundings, constant rain and cheerful staff we all had a fantastic time. We can't wait for next year.

*Kiara Gerada 5MK*

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#### Year 6 Camp 2013

Four of the most exciting and breathtaking days of our lives. These four days were spent by the Year 6 students at the Valley Homestead in Ovens. We stopped in Glenrowan where we learnt about Ned Kelly and had the opportunity to purchase a souvenir from a local store. At Valley Homestead in Ovens, we were able to attempt daring activities that allowed people to come out of their comfort zones. We endured the Vertical Challenge and Billy Boiling and used persistence in the Power Poles. Some of the activities were just fun such as the Dual Flying Fox and Bike Riding. Thanks to all the Year 6 teachers and parents for making this camp possible.

*Olyvia Munro and Josephe Garreffa 6C*

### MIDDLE SCHOOL – IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4, 2013

<b>9th December</b>	Step-Up Day
<b>10th December</b>	Taylors Lakes Campus Summer House Day
<b>10th December</b>	Keilor Campus Final Assembly 9.15 for a 9.30 start
<b>11th December</b>	Keilor Campus Activity Day: Year 5-8
<b>11th December</b>	Taylors Lakes Campus Final Assembly
<b>11th December</b>	Last Day of Term 4

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### YEAR 9 SOCIAL REMINDER

It is now too late to order tickets to the Year 9 Social. The event is taking place on Thursday 5th December in the Carrick Room at Melrose Receptions, corner of Melrose and Carrick Drive, Tullamarine. Students are asked to arrive at 6.30 pm in readiness to be seated for dinner by 7.00 pm. The evening will finish at 10:30 pm sharp. Students are expected to attend school on Thursday 5th December and will be dismissed at 1:15 pm. Any appointments should be made after 1:30pm. Students who make appointments before this time will be asked to reschedule them.

### FINAL ASSEMBLY

Canowindra's Final Awards Assembly is on Wednesday 11th December at 9.15 am. This is a significant event in the Canowindra calendar and parents are most welcome to attend. Awards include Subject Awards, Student Leaders presentations, and our top two academic achievers will be announced. The event will also include a number of student performances.

### DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS

Tuesday 10th December is the day students will be reflecting on their personal journey though Year 9. They have been given a great deal of guidance and quite a bit of class time to prepare their Digital Portfolios. Letters have been sent home and appointments have hopefully been made or will be shortly. Times do fill up in the evening session so if it is at all possible to attend during school hours please do so.

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## STEP UP PROGRAM

A reminder to parents that Monday 9th December Canowindra students spend the day at Keilor Campus for an introduction to Senior School. Letters have been sent home outlining the day and what students should be bringing, including uniform requirements.

## RACV ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

We had five teams competing at Maryborough from Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th of November. There were three events we entered in. The pedal powered vehicles competed in the triathlon, where each team is put through a range of challenges such as sprints, agility trials, an eight hour endurance race and the 24 hour pedal power race. We achieved a 4th place in the triathlon competition. The hybrid vehicles also participated in the 24 hour race in the hybrid class. In the human-powered category, we had a 19th and a 17th place. In the hybrid category the petrol electric team came 25th in their class the pedal electric vehicle team came 3rd in their class. As you can see, these results are magnificent.

## FOCUS WEEK 8

We've have just completed our final Focus Week for 2013. Some photos of Active Kids with our Prep students are below.

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## JUNIOR SPORTS PROGRAM

### NETBALL RESULTS

#### UNDER 13 Overnewton 2

Congratulations to the team on winning their semi final match against the Roxies 17 to 7

Good luck to everyone on the Grand Final match to be played this Friday

### BASKETBALL RESULTS

#### UNDER 10 BOYS (Overnewton 2)

The boys got off to a quick start and led the entire game. A great effort considering the team was two players short and had another fouled off in the second half.

**Final scores:** Overnewton Fire 2: 16, Aberfeldie Jets 5: 3

#### UNDER 10 GIRLS (Overnewton 1)

A strong game against the Blue Devils 2. Both teams played really well.

**Final scores:** Overnewton Fire 1: 9, C.S. Blue Devils 2: 14

#### UNDER 12 BOYS (Overnewton 2)

A very hard match this week, the boys played hard but unfortunately walked away with a loss.

**Final scores:** Overnewton Fire 2: 10, Aberfeldie Jets: 22

#### UNDER 12 GIRLS (Overnewton 1)

The girls played a great game, with only five players and they never gave up. Congratulations girls on your team playing and determination.

**Final scores:** Overnewton Fire 1: 24, C.S. Blue Devils 1: 32

#### UNDER 12 GIRLS (Overnewton 2)

The girls did a great job this week against a very evenly matched team. At half time, their opponents were up by 2 points, but our girls hung in there and caught up to end in a six-all draw with some excellent defensive play.

**Final scores:** Overnewton Fire 2: 6, St Peter's 1: 6

#### UNDER 14 BOYS (Overnewton 1)

A challenging game this week, with the opposition keeping us almost scoreless for most of the game. Some great play from our boys in the closing minutes of the game reduced the gap somewhat. Special mention to Sam for scoring a 3 pointer with incredible ease. Well done boys.

**Final scores:** Overnewton Fire 1: 9, Taylors Lakes 4: 20

#### UNDER 14 GIRLS (Overnewton 1)

The girls played another great game. Our girls were in front the whole game and stayed focused. Great passing and teamwork. Awesome effort!

**Final scores:** Overnewton Fire 1: 34, St Christopher's: 6

#### UNDER 14 GIRLS (Overnewton 2)

The girls took on the league leaders, in a heart fought match they showed excellent team work but unfortunately they were defeated.

**Final scores:** Overnewton Fire 2: 14, C.S. Blue Devils 2: 36

#### UNDER 16 BOYS (Overnewton 1)

It was another tough game for the boys this week. With a full team back on board, they still struggled against a taller side. Keep on trying boys!

**Final scores:** Overnewton Fire 1: 18, Aberfeldie Jets 10: 54

#### UNDER 16 BOYS (Overnewton 3)

It was a slow start to the game and the opponents were ahead by 3 goals in the first half. In the second half the boys equalised the score and achieved the lead and the game was close from then on. In the last few minutes of the game the opposing team was fouling to maintain the lead and won the game.

**Final scores:** Overnewton Fire 3: 14, St Bernard's 9: 18

#### UNDER 16 GIRLS (Overnewton 1)

The girls came up against a strong and tall Taylors Lakes team this week. This was the girls first official game for their new grade. The girls played an excellent defensive game running out winners by 10 points.

**Final scores:** Overnewton Fire 1: 31, Taylors Lakes 4: 21

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## YEARS 5-9 SPORTS RESULTS

### Grand Finals

It was grand final week for the Year 7 and 8 students in the ACS competition. Eleven teams made it through to the grand finals and six of them were victorious. The winners were the Year 7 and 8 girls' tennis teams, the Year 7 and 8 boys' softball teams, the Year 7 girls' volleyball B team and the Year 8 boys' basketball A team. The Year 7 girls' tennis team took on Loyola at the Taylors Lakes Tennis Club and made it four years in a row for Overnewton to hold the trophy. After the singles matches the coach Veronica Johnson was confident to holding onto the trophy again as the team was up 6 sets to 2 with the game scores in Overnewton's favour. The doubles were split evenly between the two sides but the team had done their jobs and was victorious. Congratulations to the team and their coach Veronica Johnson with an 8 sets to 4 win.

Simon Bowyer has been one of Overnewton's successful coaches in the sport of tennis and again he and his team were able to secure the 9 sets – 3 emphatic win over Westbourne. Olivia Panayiotidis, captain and Overnewton's #1, player took on one of her rivals from her own domestic competition and started the quest for victory with a 6 games – 1 win. Then the second to fifth seeded players, Taylah Goudie, Keilani Evans, Courtney Stokes and Emily Papageorge followed suit and set up the win taking their singles sets 6-1, 6-3, 6-1 and 6-0 respectively. Unfortunately the remaining players did not win their sets but they did not give up and they accrued crucial games giving the team the advantage leading into the doubles. The double partnerships were solid winning 4 sets from 4. It was a brilliant end to the season and a testament to the persistence and effort of the entire squad throughout not only the final but the entire year. For many of them it was their second win in a row.

Outstanding pitching by Michael Ajaimy and power hitting by Jordan Tomkinson set up the 15 run – 13 victory over Westbourne and a second trophy for the team in two years. It was a great team effort by all of the boys and congratulations to them and their coach Alan Quaipe. The Year 7 boys' softball team had a near perfect season and were fitting finalists with a crushing 15 run – 3 win. It was an excellent team performance which led to the convincing win. After being behind early, some excellent pitching by Michael Hunyh kept the Overnewton team in the game. Charles Hong and Matthew Gacovski then produced some excellent batting to push us into the lead. A strong fourth innings set up the comfortable win. Congratulations to the team and their coach Jake Maguire.

Our last two winners came from the sport of basketball and volleyball. Firstly the to the Year 8 boys' basketball A team who had to travel to the Werribee Sports and Fitness Centre to take on their opponents Thomas Carr. The end of the first half saw the scores locked at 13 points apiece with Richard Leenaars and Trent Cousins leading the scoring for Overnewton. In the second half the boys stepped it up and attacked the basket at every opportunity. Trent was rewarded for his efforts under the basket with many free throws of which all were successful. Successful baskets by Richard and James Savvidis from the floor kept Overnewton in the hunt and at the final whistle scored the impressive 36 pts – 28 away win. Excellent team play with superb serving saw the Year 7 girls' volleyball B team dominate the first set winning it 25 pts – 13. Another strong showing in the second set (25 pts – 17), saw the team up two sets and on their way to victory. In the third set there was no loss of focus, no comeback from St Michaels but just the strong serving and teamwork that has gotten the team to this point. Key players in this win were Katrina Bajraszewski, Lauren Thompson and Jeanne Li with excellent team play from all players. Congratulations to all players and their coach Kim Ooi.

Congratulations to the following teams and their respective coaches for reaching the finals and displaying excellent sportsmanship; Year 7 girls' soccer; Year 7 boys' basketball B; Year 7 boys' hockey; Year 8 basketball B; Year 8 boys' table tennis and from Year 9 boys' table tennis.

There is only one more team needing to play a final and that will be the Year 9 boys' basketball A team who play St Leonards on Thursday 5th December. We wish them and their coach Liam Glascott the best of luck.

All uniforms should be returned by the students that were in the basketball, soccer and hockey squads from all levels by this time.

*Nikki Little and Janene Lokaj*  
*Heads of Sport*



When you organise or contribute hours towards the **Family Contribution Scheme ALWAYS** ask the person who is allocating the task, "Where should I sign in my hours?"

Make sure you **WRITE YOUR NAME CLEARLY** and include your child's name if it is different to your own.

Include your **HOME TELEPHONE** number also, to help us allocate your hours correctly.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Families who have given 10 years of continuous service to the College through the Family Contribution Scheme, only need to complete a minimum of 14 hours per term from their eleventh year.

*Susan Bates*  
*Community Development (9334 0143)*





## RICHARDSON CENTRE CAFÉ

Volunteers needed for 2014.

If you would like to be part of the roster email your details to Lyndell including full name, home phone number and working with children check number and expiry date.

[lyndellgrech@hotmail.com](mailto:lyndellgrech@hotmail.com)

**MS ANDREA DART, Head of Curriculum**  
[andrea.dart@overnewton.vic.edu.au](mailto:andrea.dart@overnewton.vic.edu.au)

## COLLEGE SHOP

The College Shop is open **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** every week and two Saturdays (the first and last Saturday each term) during term. **Please note:** the College Shop is not open during school holidays unless advertised in Whispers. **Last day of trading for the Uniform Shop is the 11th December 2013**

### TERM 4 2013 OPENING HOURS to 9th December, 2013

Monday	8.15am - 4.30pm
Tuesday	8.15am - 4.30pm
Wednesday	8.15am - 4.30pm
Thursday	8.15am - 4.30pm



**The College Shop will be closed for lunch between the hours of 12 – 1pm**

### SATURDAY OPENINGS 2013

#### Term 4

7th December 9 – 1 pm

### DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2014

Please note that the College Shop will be open on the following days prior to the commencement of the 2014 academic year.

**Tuesday 28th January,**  
**Wednesday 29th January**  
**Thursday 30th January**  
9.00am – 1.00pm then 3.00pm – 6.30pm



**Friday 31st January**  
9.00am – 3.00pm

### EXCHANGE and 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 the original purchase.

### ZIP REPAIRS

Bags requiring zip repairs can be dropped off at the College Shop on the last day of school, 11th December before 11am. We ask that you clearly mark your child's bag with their name and phone number contact and ensure the bags are clean. These bags are then ready for collection on the first Tuesday of Term 1, 2014.

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

Note: Patches are now available from the College Shop for Junior School grey trousers and track pants

**Miranda Turner**  
**College Shop Manager, 9334 0112.**

### RESOURCE/BOOKLIST DISTRIBUTION

Resource lists have been distributed to students in late November. This information appears at the front of all of the Resource Lists (hard copy and online).

Completed orders can be returned to the College by Friday 7th December, or submitted online at: [www.elandmark.com.au](http://www.elandmark.com.au) or [www.overnewton.vic.edu.au](http://www.overnewton.vic.edu.au).

#### Collection of orders:

Parents can select the home delivery option, or collect parcels as follows:

Friday 24th January 2014  
Multi Purpose Room - Taylors Lakes Campus  
Hours 8.00am-12.30pm; 1.00pm-8.00pm  
Closed for lunch 12.30pm-1.00pm

Parcels (other than Pre-Paid) not collected on 24th January will not be held by Landmark. Items will be returned to stock to fill other orders.

**Home Delivery:** orders will be delivered in the week ending 17th January.

The College's official resource list supplier is:  
Landmark School Supplies (Essendon)  
319 Pascoe Vale Road  
Essendon 3040  
Phone: 1300 658 641

#### Business Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9am – 5pm  
Saturdays: 18th and 25th January and 1st February 9am – 1.00pm.  
(Closed Public Holidays, and from 1pm 24th December, and Friday 27th December.)

If you miss the return date, you can take your resource list to Landmark and select the items you require. Availability of items cannot be guaranteed as filling orders placed in December takes priority. For supply of items not available when you visit you may need to elect to: **either**

- 1) back-order for dispatch to your home address. Prepayment plus freight and handling (a maximum of \$21.95) is required **OR**
- 2) revisit the store at your convenience.

#### Some Important Points:

- Retail prices may differ from the resource list prices.
- During busy periods (late January - early February) queues and extensive delays can be expected.
- Payment may be made by Cash or EFTPOS (Mastercard and Visa accepted only)

Please consider the environment



### Register to receive Whispers via email

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

[www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/  
email\\_registration\\_form.php](http://www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/email_registration_form.php)

# 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 please go to the website [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) click on Update My Details, click again on Update My Details, and then register for My Check which allows you to update Organisation immediately on line. You will then receive an email detailing the change which you can then forward to the school or relevant Parent Co-ordinator. Please ensure you have your card number or Post Office Receipt number and expiry date 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 the relevant co-ordinator or Denise O'Keefe, Resource Officer on 9334 0245.

### Parent Co-ordinators

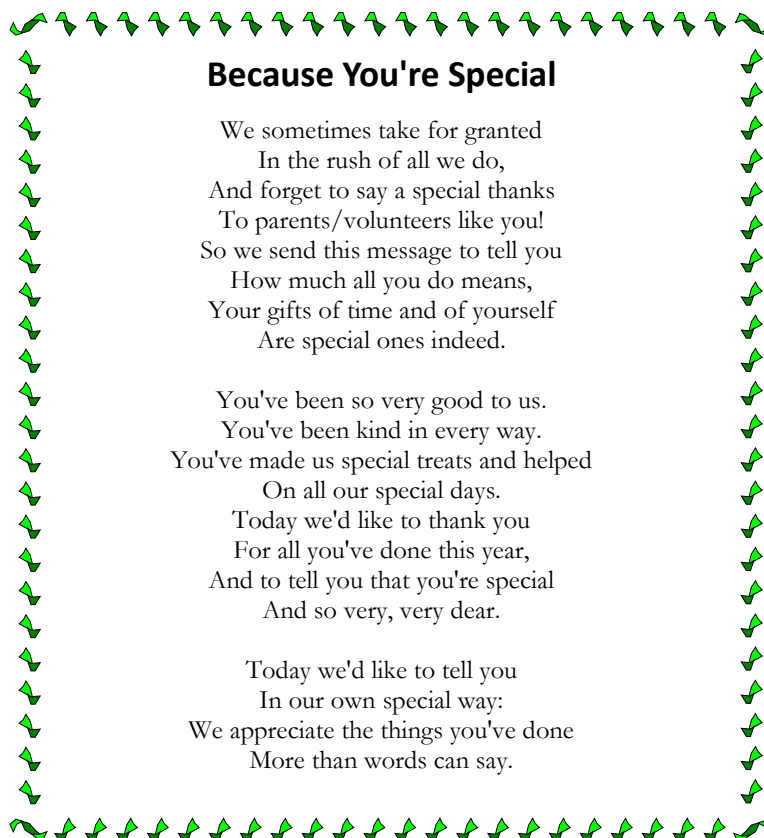
Melissa Lo-Iudice – Years Prep-2  
☎ 0425 757 838 [rocknu1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rocknu1@optusnet.com.au)  
Michelle Schembri – Year 3 - 9  
☎ 0414 907 337 [michelle04@iinet.net.au](mailto:michelle04@iinet.net.au)  
Tracy Wright – ACS/House Sport  
☎ 9336 7294 [tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au](mailto:tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au)

## 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

Susie Gekas – Prep, Years 1 and 2, P.M.P. and Art  
[susie.gekas@live.com](mailto:susie.gekas@live.com) 9449 3419  
Jenny Ratchiff – Years 3 – 8, Senior School  
[jennyovernewton@bigpond.com](mailto:jennyovernewton@bigpond.com) 0425 870 244  
Tracy Wright – ACS/House Sport  
[tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au](mailto:tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au) 9336 7294



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of the Classroom Assistance work group this year.  
We wish you a safe and happy festive season and we look forward to your continued support in 2014.  
**Denise O'Keefe, Jennie McCullagh, Robyn Vowles and the Classroom Assistance team.**

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Tracy Wright – ACS/House Sport

[tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au](mailto:tracy.wright@overnewton.vic.edu.au)

9336 7294

## Classroom Assistance, 2014

Prep and PMP sessions will require parent help in 2014.

If you would like to register your name please contact Susie Gekas of your availability (see below). All other Classroom Assistance positions will be advertised through the Whispers at the beginning of the school year when timetables have been finalised.

## Prep Classroom Assistance

Parent help is required in 2014 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in each Prep class from 9.00am – 10.45am. Please note that you will be making a commitment to a particular day for the whole school year and will not be required to re-apply each term.

Susie Gekas 9449 3419

[susie.gekas@live.com](mailto:susie.gekas@live.com)

## Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)

Parent help is required for Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). All students in Prep and Year 1 participate in activities that encourage skill enhancement movement pattern development using dynamic equipment. Physical Education staff design and oversee the program. Sessions will be held in the Keilor Campus Gymnasium on Tuesday mornings from 8.45am – 10.45am and we require a weekly commitment. Parent helpers are required to support set-up at 8.45am so prompt arrival is appreciated.

Susie Gekas 9449 3419

## IMMUNISATIONS 2014

This is a reminder to parents in Years 7, 9 and 10 to return all immunisation cards to the College before the end of Term 4 2013.

The first round of immunisations will be administered on February 26th at both campuses.



*Rani Ramanathanpulle  
Keilor Campus Nurse*

## REMINDER

### EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FIRST INSTALMENT 2014

Forms are available from the Keilor or Taylors Lakes Campus Administration offices. To be eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) you must be a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of 16 and hold a current pensioner concession or health care/benefit card, be a Veteran Affairs (TPI) pensioner, or a foster parent of the student.

Application forms must be returned to Kim Prestage C/- Keilor Campus by **Friday 21st February 2014**.

*Gary Bonello  
Business Manager*

## Office Assistance

The nurse at Keilor Campus is looking for reliable people who are willing to do their hours on a regular roster basis assisting with administration duties. **First Aid qualifications are not a requirement.**

If you are interested and would like further information please contact **Rani Ramanathanpulle**.

[Rani.ramanathanpulle@overnewton.vic.edu.au](mailto:Rani.ramanathanpulle@overnewton.vic.edu.au)

## SIBLING APPLICATIONS

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OVERNEWTON FAMILIES

#### Some vacancies still exist for Prep 2014

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.

## 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 2014 please ensure that you notify the Registrar, **Mrs Diane King** in writing. Email: [diane.king@overnewton.vic.edu.au](mailto:diane.king@overnewton.vic.edu.au)

## PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

### Instrumental Lessons for Term 1, 2014

Private instrumental student lists are now being finalised and timetabled for Term 1, 2014.

If you would like to commence private instrumental lessons in 2014, 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](mailto:tania.riotto@overnewton.vic.edu.au) before **Friday, 13th December 2013**.

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, 2014 in writing to Tania Riotto before **Friday, 13th December 2013** will be considered to be continuing in and invoiced accordingly.

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

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

### Hire Instruments

All instruments currently being hired that are no longer required going forward are to be returned to Tania Riotto before the end of the school term – **Wednesday, 11th December 2013**. Any instrument returned after this date will continue to be charged in Term 1 in 2014.

## Junior School-Taylor's Lakes Campus Parent Support Team

Helpers Required  
"PICNIC DAY"



Are you available to help with the Junior School Picnic Day BBQ.

On Friday 6th December at Lunchtime

If you can help please email  
Gail Monument: [gail.monument@iinet.net.au](mailto:gail.monument@iinet.net.au)

## Parent assistance is needed for the TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS Sausage Sizzle Group

We need parents to assist with operating our  
Sausage Sizzle each Saturday



Operating hours are 8:30am - 3:30pm (full day shift)  
OR the following shifts (half day)  
8:30am - 12:30pm or 12:30pm - 3:30pm

All hours go towards the Family Contribution Scheme  
Parents from either campus can apply

You will be required to serve or cook  
at the COVERED BBQ AREA  
located outside the Taylor's Lakes Campus  
Gymnasium entrance

If you are able to help, please contact  
us to discuss times



HANAN DAWOUD - 0413 995 829

or

MARY MOUTAFIS - 0400 137 716



## Senior School Parents Support Team

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Any questions please contact the Senior School Parents Support  
Team:

Robyn Baddeley or Samantha Begg  
[overnewtonsspsg@gmail.com](mailto:overnewtonsspsg@gmail.com)

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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!

Are you in need of help with building maintenance, pergolas or  
decking? Consider **Hammer & Nails Home Improvements**  
who can assist with all this and more.. Please call **Arthur  
Kalaitzis** on **0412 326 726** for further information and  
assistance, or see page 26 of the 2013-2014  
Parents & Friends Services Directory. Special  
offer applies.



The Parents & Friends Services Directory is  
available on line - Check it out by visiting  
[www.overnewton.vic.edu.au](http://www.overnewton.vic.edu.au).

Janine Hilton 9334 0104



## UNCLAIMED UNIFORM ITEMS

There are a number of unnamed jumpers and rugby tops at the lost property at the Keilor Campus. These will be kept till the end of term and then given to charity.

Please make sure your children's possessions are labelled with your child's full name. It is impossible to distribute unnamed lost property.



If you think that your child's uniform could be there please contact Mary Vella on 0402 458 789.

## CANTEEN HELP-TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS 2014 CANTEEN DUTY

Looking for a fun and social way to fulfil your hours towards the Family Contribution Scheme??

The Taylors Lakes canteen is an enjoyable way to complete hours.

Come and meet new mums and dads from across all year levels and make new friendships.

Canteen hours are 8.30 or 9am – 2.30pm.

Only 3 shifts can achieve 18 hours.

Please pop into the canteen and complete the 2014 canteen nomination roster form.

Doreen Latkas [canteencoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:canteencoordinator@gmail.com)



### Attention Families new to Overnewton.

Attending working bees is a wonderful way to start contributing hours toward the Family Contribution Scheme and meet other members of our community.

No need to book! Come whenever you are able and stay as long as you can.

Did you know that if you attend a working bee during school holidays, hours can be allocated to the term before or after the working bee? Please indicate your preference on the side of the attendance sheet.

## Combined Working Bees

Saturday 7th December, 2013 and 1st February 2014

Keilor and Taylors Lakes Campus



The next combined campus working bees will be held on **Saturday 7th December, 2013.**

*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 1.00pm.**

A Christmas BBQ lunch on that day will be provided jointly by the College and the Parents & Friends Association, at no charge

**The first working bee for 2014 will be 1st February, 2014**

Keilor and Taylors Lakes Campus

**No need to book, simply come and help!**

What a great way to complete a significant number of hours toward Term 1, even before classes begin.

*Please note that the working bee commences at 8.30am and not before. Hours will only be credited after 8.30am. This 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. As with all working bees, 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 for 2013 and 2014 are also listed on the College website, [www.overnewton.vic.edu.au](http://www.overnewton.vic.edu.au))