

# OBERON HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Calendar of Events

### APRIL

- Frid 11th** House Athletics Carnival - Landy Field  
**Mon 14th** Year 7 Gideons visit - Auditorium  
Year 11 VCAL Work Placement - Block 1  
**Wed 16th** Year 9 Author visit - Library  
**Thurs 17th** Year 12 Biology Excursion/SAC - Melbourne  
Western Zone Swimming/Diving  
**Frid 18th** VCE Media Excursion - Melbourne Museum  
WZC Intermediate/Senior Sport  
**Mon 21st - Wed 23rd** Duke of Edinburgh Hike - Lorne/Angahook  
**Mon 21st - Thurs 24th** Year 11 VCAL Work Placement - Block 1

- Tues 22nd - Wed 23rd** Year 9/10 Science and Engineering Challenge - Deakin  
**Wed 23rd** Year 8 English/Drama Presentation - Auditorium  
Year 12 Environmental Science - Ecolinc Bacchus Marsh  
**Thurs 24th** VCE Studio Arts Excursion  
General Assembly - ANZAC Service  
Year 10 Mock Interviews  
**Frid 25th** ANZAC DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED  
**Mon 28th** Oberon High School Surf Team Selection Trials - Jan Juc  
**Tues 29th** VSSSA Swimming/Diving  
Parent/Teacher Interviews  
**Wed 30th** Year 9 English Excursion - Collingwood/Richmond  
Careers MIPs Session - Auditorium

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back and I trust that everyone has had an enjoyable break. During the break work continued with the upgrade of our Art/Technology and Administration facilities with a lot of demolition work occurring. Movement around the school is tight with the building works now well underway, and I appreciate the cooperation of students, staff and visitors to the school during this time.

For our year 12 students hopefully you used the break to revise work covered in term 1. It is most important that you remain on top of your work from now on and for those among you with midyear exams you follow a strict study plan, prepare well and work closely with your teachers.

### Transition

Already we are conducting tours for enrolments into year 7 and other levels for 2009. Feeder primary school visits will begin next week. Thanks to Anna Shaw and Caitlin Doble our Transition Coordinators for organising these visits. The official Oberon High School Year 7 Information Night will be conducted on Monday, May 26 with tours every 15 minutes from 5-15pm to 7-45pm with the Information Sessions at 6-00pm and 7-00pm. If you are unable to attend our information evening we are more than happy to arrange tours of our school at any time that is convenient. Please contact one of the Assistant Principals or myself.

### Shave for a Cure

Students and staff showed strong support for the Leukaemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave. At lunchtime, on the last day of term 1 staff member Mrs. Edna Crassini, school captain Pat Dangerfield and year 11 student Luke Altimari had their heads shaved to raise funds. There was a great atmosphere in the student shelter as everyone supported this cause. I am pleased to report that \$2858-65 was raised. Thanks to Mrs Carole Fisher and home group G11 for their organisation of this community service activity.

### Interim Reports

Because of the short Term 1 Interim Reports will be distributed to students and parents on Friday, April 18 with Parent/Teacher interviews being held on Tuesday, April 29 between 1-00pm and 8-00pm. The parent/teacher interview is very important, as it is the opportunity to discuss progress and consider improvement strategies. An Appointment Sheet will be distributed with the students Interim Report. No students will be required at school on Tuesday, April 29; however students are encouraged to attend the interviews with their parent/guardian.

### School Crossing Upgrade

Work has commenced on the school crossing at the intersection of the Princes Highway and Kidman Avenue, the crossing is being upgraded with the installation of pedestrian operated traffic signals and a new bus stop. This work should be finished by early May. VicRoads has indicated that once these light have been installed and are fully operational the 40 kph restrictions around this crossing will be raised back to 70 kph. School crossing supervisors will still be present in the morning and afternoon.

### Community Information Sessions – Allergies and Anaphylaxis

The Royal Children's Hospital has been funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to provide free Community Information Sessions on the Prevention and Management of Severe Allergic Reactions. Two evening sessions have been organised for Geelong:

- ?? Monday, April 14: 6.30 – 8.00pm Dromoland House, 258 Pakington Street. Geelong West  
?? Monday, July 21: 6.30 – 8.00pm Geelong West Town Hall – Supper Room, 53 Pakington Street, Geelong West.

These sessions are open to any staff at Victorian Schools and parent and family members of school children.

Content covered in the session will include:

- What is an allergy
- Definition of anaphylaxis
- Causes of allergic reaction
- Recognising the signs and symptoms of Anaphylaxis
- Preventative measures for schools
- Demonstration and use of an Epipen

For registration details contact Anne Butterworth at the Royal Children's Hospital (03) 9345 4235 or email [anne.butterworth@rch.org.au](mailto:anne.butterworth@rch.org.au)

Wayne Lynch

### EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

The Dept of Education has been advised by Westpac Bank, that there has been a delay with the EMA cheques .

### YEAR 11 DEB BALL - 1ST & 2ND MAY ONLY 3 WEEKS TO GO !!



If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting Jenny Harvey, Greg Wilson or Liz Kelly at the School. We have 42 students in the Thursday Group and 44 students in the Friday Group participating in this years Year 11 Debutante Ball 2008 at Kardinia Heights Centre to be held on the 1st and 2nd May (6.30-11.00pm). All students have been practicing every Thursday Night since the start of the year and continued their practice sessions in the School Holidays. The "March Deb" Ball News was distributed to all students during the holiday practice, including the Guest List Form, Personal Information Form & Map to the Venue. If you did not receive these forms please contact Jenny Harvey to obtain a copy. A compulsory 'Rehearsal' at the venue will be held on Monday 28th April - ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND. It is most important that the forms be completed and returned on time and monies received.

**NOTE Boys Suit Hire:** Due to the change in health regulations the 'Gloves' will need to be purchased at an additional cost of \$6.00 (please make payment to the Hire Shop.

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