

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE A SUPER FUNDRAISING EFFORT - OVER \$4,500 RAISED



The students from the L7A Enhancement Program would like to sincerely thank the students, staff, parents and families of Oberon High School for your wonderful support of the World's Greatest Shave event; which was held on Friday 29th April. We elected to run this whole school community service activity as part of our Compass Program and spent eight weeks organising and planning the event. The day was an enormous success and we could not have done it without your help. We chose this activity because so many people in our own community have been affected by cancer and we wanted to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation so they can do more research and help people who have cancer. We hope that one day we can all live a life without cancer.

To raise money we organised a casual dress day and sold raffle tickets for the Hampers – there were 6 prizes. (Congratulations to Ms Carson for winning the major prize.) We also organised the BBQ lunch, the selling of cans of drink, the entertainment and the hair colouring activity.

The greatest contribution for our fundraising came from the twelve very brave and generous people who shaved their hair. Not only did they give up their hair but also they gained sponsorship from their family and friends and the community. The people who shaved their heads were:

- Mitch Fisher - School Captain & Yr 12 physics class
- Jordan Terrill - Yr 12 physics class
- Oscar Park - Yr 12 physics class
- Will Hartney - Yr 12 physics class
- Thomas Kelly - Yr 12
- Casey Griffiths - Yr 12
- Declan Hitchcock - Yr 12
- Ryan Short - Yr 12 physics class (coloured hair)
- Toby Foster - Yr 11
- Bailey Timberlake - Yr 10
- Celeste Schmid - Yr 9
- Adam Koch - Yr 8
- Angus McKie - Yr 7
- Mrs Yvonne Varley - Teacher
- Mr Sean Fitzgerald - Yr 12 Physics Teacher
- Mr Thom Kadera - Teacher

- Ms Michelle Ferry - Teacher (cut 60 cms of hair – enough to make 3 wigs)

There were many teachers, students and parents who helped us organise and support this event. We would like to thank everybody but especially the following people:

- Family and friends who attended on the day
- Students and families who donated items for the hampers
- Sam Mackenzie (Welfare Coordinator) who organised the BBQ and drinks and did so many other things to help us.
- The Hairdressers who gave up their time and attended on the day:
 - Kim Hogue – mum of Ben, James and Ruby Winter
 - Di McNamara – mum of Shainna and Tammysyn McNamara who mentored Hairdressing students from the Gordon Institute.
- Mr Andrew Dowling– did a fantastic job as MC for the event
- Ms Renae Barnett and the Oberon choir who sang beautifully
- Ms Monotti – for in focus photography
- Simone Johnston, Brilea Burling and Kristy Gould for great help on the day
- Gary and Jai for technical support
- Yr 8 Enhancement boys for setting up the Student Shelter
- Yr 11 VCAL class – working as the bank of Oberon
- Yr 12 VCAL class – pack up of the student shelter
- Mr Andrew Katos for attending and providing a raffle hamper.
- Mr McMahon, Ms Knight, Mr Baker, Ms Kelly and Ms Cole for their support.

When we started planning this activity our goal was to raise \$2000. We are really pleased to announce that we were able to meet this goal and go one better to raise an outstanding amount of over **\$4,500**. **(We are still accepting sponsorship donations until the end of next week so the amount is not yet finalised.)**

A representative from the Leukaemia Foundation will be attending a whole school general assembly in a few weeks where we will present the money raised. We would like to invite parents and families to this assembly – date to be notified.

**Thank you - L7A and Carole Fisher
Oberon High School**



MAY

Tues 10th - Frid 13th NAPLAN Testing
Wed 11th Year 11 Biology Excursion - Ecolinc
Thurs 12th House Cross Country - Eastern Gardens
Frid 13th - Frid 20th Year 8 & 9 Central Australia Tour
Wed 18th Year 12 Chemistry Excursion - Biolab
Frid 20th Year 12 Legal Studies Excursion - Melbourne Supreme Court
Mon 23rd Geelong Cross Country
Thurs 26th Public Speaking - Years 9 & 10
Friday 27th Public Speaking - Years 7 & 8
Mon 30th G7 & T7 Science Excursion to Earth Ed Ballarat
L7 Enhancement - Compass Award Hike

JUNE

Thurs 2nd C7 & L7 Science Excursion to Earth Ed Ballarat
Mon 6th - Frid 10th Year 11 Exams
Tues 7th **REPORT WRITING DAY - STUDENT FREE DAY EXCEPT FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS SITTING THE GAT**
Thurs 9th Western Metropolitan Cross Country
Year 10 Deakin visit
Frid 10th Year 10 Keys Please Driver Education Program

Mon 13th **QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tues 14th Semester 2 begins
Year 7 Immunisations

Thurs 16th - Sat 18th School Production - Auditorium

Tues 21st Year 10 Deakin Experience Day

Tues 21st - Wed 22nd Year 12 VCAL Sleep Out in the Gym

Frid 24th Last day of Term - **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.30 PM**

JULY

Mon 11th Term 3 Begins

Thurs 14th State Cross Country

Wed 20th Public Speaking Evening in memory of Barbara Staff

Tues 26th VCE/VCAL Parent Information Evening

Frid 29th Year 11 Debutante Ball - Club Italia

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2016

The following day has been approved by the the Oberon High School - School Council as student free for 2016:

- **Tuesday 7th June** - Report Writing Day - except for Year 12 students sitting the GAT.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

World's Greatest Shave

On Friday 29th April, the school ran a fundraiser for the Leukaemia foundation. This event was organised by Mrs Carole Fisher, Ms Sam MacKenzie and the Year 7 Enhancement Class. Approximately 20 students and staff agreed to have their hair shaved/cut in order to raise money for a great cause. Congratulations to all involved.

James Anderson – Professional Learning

On Thursday 21st April staff participated in professional learning with consultant James Anderson on the focus of growth mindset to further improve their student learning outcomes. James' presentation, whilst thought provoking for our staff, reinforced many of the processes and frameworks that we already have in place in the school to support our students in their learning.

Secondary School Provision

The first Community Reference Group Committee meeting was held at Oberon High School on Thursday 28th April. As you are aware both School Council President Craig Wood-Burgess and I are representing Oberon High. This committee will meet again in approximately one month I will keep the school community informed of any developments.

State Budget

In the recent State Government Budget it was announced that Oberon High School will be receiving \$2.5 million for further maintenance of school facilities. It is pleasing that the state government has recognised that the current facilities at the school are sub-standard and require refurbishments to modernise the learning environment for our students and teachers.

NAPLAN

On Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May, students in Year 7 & 9 will undertake the 2016 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern.

Central Australia Camp

Sixty five students and seven staff will be leaving on **Friday 13th May** and returning on **Friday 20th May** as they travel to Central Australia visiting Adelaide, Coober Pedy, Alice Springs, Uluru and Kings Canyon. I wish everyone a wonderful trip and look forward to hearing of your wonderful experiences.

Interschool Athletics

Well done to all students that represented the school in the interschool athletics at Landy Field on Thursday 28th April. Oberon was represented by more than one hundred students on the day, approximately twenty of whom won events to qualify for the Western Zone Finals later in the year. Thank you to Mr Neal and Mr Sly who organised the team.

State Diving

Congratulations to Year 9 student Rosie Tunn-McGrath and Year 8 student Max Houliston who have both qualified to represent the school at the School Sports Victoria State Finals in diving.

Senior Girls Softball

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Softball Team that have qualified to compete in state final.

School photos

All students should now have received their school photos. If you didn't receive your photos can you contact the general office.

Report Writing Day

Students will not be at school on **Tuesday 7th June**, as staff have a designated Report Writing Day. Year 11 and 12 students who are completing a Unit 3-4 VCE subject are required at school to complete the General Achievement Test (GAT), which will be held in the school Gymnasium.

Public Speaking Festival

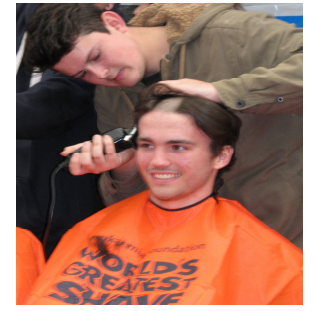
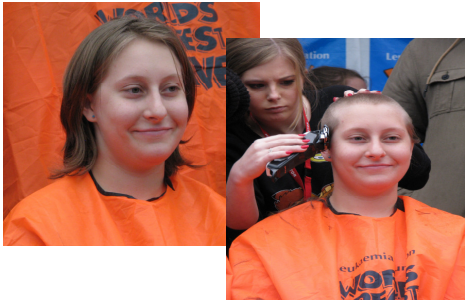
The Oberon High School Public Speaking Festival has continued over the past couple of weeks with large numbers of students participating. The effort that the students have put into the planning of their talks and the confidence that they display in speaking in front of their peers is something that all of the students should be very proud of. The festival will conclude over the next couple of weeks. Thank you to Mr Adrian Stirling who has been instrumental in the organisation of this wonderful learning experience

Tim McMahon

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

A reminder that parents/guardians and other visitors must report to the General Office when they enter the school grounds for a meeting, to pick up your child from Sick Bay or an appointment or for any other reason. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

THANK YOU TO THE OBERON HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY



GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE

It's that time of year again! Oberon High School will be taking a team on the 2016 Great Victorian Bike Ride. This year the ride will be starting in The Grampians, meandering along The Great Ocean Road and then finishing in Geelong. In its entirety, The Great Vic runs for nine days starting on November the 26th and finishing on the 4th of December covering a massive 527 kilometers. It is an unforgettable experience where students have to opportunity to explore Victoria, make new friends and test their limits. Bicycle network takes care of food, campsites, medical and mechanical support; all you have to do is ride.

I have been on The Great Victorian Bike ride twice previously and I can personally guarantee its merit. The size and level of organisation of the event is astounding. Every year hundreds of students from all around Victoria as well as members of the general public take part in this ride, making essentially a small moving town! I have never experienced anything like the Great Vic and I highly recommend joining in this year on this iconic journey.



There will be a parents information night about the ride soon as well as student meetings for those who are interested. Hope to see you there!

Emily Kinross-Smith - Year 11

LANGUAGES NEWS

Host Family Needed

The SAGSE organisation is looking for some additional host families for scholarship students from Germany.

Ideally you would have a child in Years 10, 11 or 12 who is learning German. An advantage of hosting is that your child will receive an automatic interview for one of the prestigious 10 weeks scholarships to travel to Germany at the end of Years 11 or 12.

If interested please contact Frau Ray at school asap.

Languages Corner

MONTHS	BULAN	die Monate	月	つき	Tsuki
January	Januari	Januar	一月	いちがつ	ichigatsu
February	Pebruari	Februar	二月	にがつ	nigatsu
March	Maret	März	三月	さんがつ	sangatsu
April	April	April	四月	しがつ	shigatsu
May	Mei	Mai	五月	ごがつ	gogatsu
June	Juni	Juni	六月	ろくがつ	rokugatsu
July	Juli	Juli	七月	しちがつ	shichigatsu
August	Agustus	August	八月	はちがつ	hachigatsu
September	September	September	九月	くがつ	kugatsu
October	Oktober	Oktober	十月	じゅうがつ	juugatsu
November	November	November	十一月	じゅういちがつ	juuichigatsu
December	Desember	Dezember	十二月	じゅうにがつ	juunigatsu

DEBUTANTE DRESSES FOR SALE

Size 10 - \$150 each - O.N.O

Contact Jackie 0425 702768

HEALTH ALERT

An Oberon student has been diagnosed with Shingles. Shingles is a contagious skin rash characterised by pain and blistering. The virus can be spread when a person comes into contact with the fluid contained in the blisters, either directly or indirectly. Shingles is caused by the same virus responsible for chickenpox. Please consult your Doctor if your child displays any symptoms.

For further information about Shingles please visit www.health.vic.gov.au.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to James Winter of Year 12 (Captain), Chloe Rosin, Carly Davies, Brooklyn McGovern, Ben Winter and Locky Reekie of Year 11, Kane Reekie of Year 9 and Ruby Winter of Year 8 who competed in the Canoe Polo Nationals during the holidays. James, Ben and Lockie came 7th in the Open Men's B and won gold in the U/21 Youth Team. They were also undefeated, a truly amazing effort! Ruby, Chloe, Kane, Brooklyn and Carly competed in the Junior Division and finished 3rd. Ruby and Kane also competed in the Micro Juniors finishing 2nd which was a wonderful result especially considering they are both new to the sport. The Victorian team also won the overall State trophy.

Well done James, Chloe, Carly, Brooklyn, Ben, Locky, Kane and Ruby!



YEAR 8 DEAKIN COMMUNITY DAY

On Thursday 5th May, Year 8 students participated in Deakin University's Community Day. As a member of the DEAP program our students are able to access great uni experiences across all year levels. At the Community Day students formed small communities and toured the campus including the new sports precinct. In their new communities they undertook workshops in Cultural studies to develop their community name, motto and prioritise their values as well as a



Communication workshop. After lunch the community challenge race around the uni got the groups to make decisions together to shape their community. It was a great opportunity to hear from the wonderful student ambassadors who provided great insight into their motivations to study and become leaders. The visit has generated a lot of discussion back in class about post school options amongst students.

A huge thank you to all the students and staff for their enthusiasm and stamina on the day.

**YEAR 7 STUDENTS
IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2**

Please mark in your diary

TERM 2

Week 5

Thursday 12th May House Cross Country - Eastern Gardens

Week 8

Monday 30th May G7 & T7 Science Excursion to Earth Ed Ballarat
L7 Enhancement - Compass Award Hike
Thursday 2nd June C7 & L7 Science Excursion to Earth Ed Ballarat

Week 9

Tuesday 7th June **STUDENT FREE DAY - REPORT WRITING DAY**

Week 10

Monday 13th June **QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**
Year 7 Immunisations
Tuesday 14th June School Production - Auditorium
Thursday 16th June School Production - Auditorium
Friday 17th June School Production - Auditorium
Saturday 18th June School Production - Auditorium

Week 11

Friday 24th June End of Term 2 - School finishes at 2.30 pm

TERM 3

Monday 11th July Term 3 Commences

**HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR THE
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)?
APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 3RD JUNE**

A reminder to parents that if you hold a valid means-tested Concession Card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

How to Apply:

Contact the School Office to obtain a CSEF Application Form or download from the CSEF website. Please return completed forms to the General Office with a photocopy of your Health Care or Concession Card (card can be photocopied at the office).

**Applications close
3rd June 2016**

STUDENT DROP OFF ZONE

The staff car park is not a drop off zone and we continue to experience frequent near misses as parents manoeuvre in the tight central space of the car park. This is a very busy space and the unpredictable behaviour of students makes traffic in this area dangerous. Please **do not** drive into the staff car park unless you are dropping off a student with limited mobility.

Could parents please use the designated drop-off zones which are along Kidman Avenue rather than surrounding streets to avoid congestion of local traffic. Also please be aware that Pickett Crescent has No Parking signs during drop off and pick up times.

Could parents also please remind your sons and daughters to take care when walking or riding to school, particularly when entering through the staff car park. Please also remind your children of the danger of listening to music on headphones whilst crossing roads.

A staff member has previously experienced a near miss with a student wearing headphones whilst riding a bike. He was completely unaware that he had almost been hit because he could not hear the approaching traffic.

NATIONAL SCIENCE QUIZ



When: 3pm (doors open at 2:30pm), 1 May 2016
Where: Copland Theatre, The Spot, University of Melbourne
Tickets: \$10 Adults/\$5 Concession (online), all tickets \$15 at door
Website: www.acems.org.au



**ALL THINGS
CONSIDERED**

A Comedy by Ben Brown



Directed by
Michael Baker

19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29 MAY & 2, 3, 4 JUNE (8PM)
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For more details visit vceandcareers.com.au

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS - SICK BAY

If your son or daughter becomes unwell at school they need to ask their teacher to give them a note and come straight to the Office to be signed into Sick Bay. If the student is too unwell to remain at school a staff member in the office will then telephone a parent. **For safety reasons it is important for students not to telephone their parents themselves.**



Please remind your son or daughter that Sick Bay is a place for sick students to rest before being picked up by a parent or to rest for 15 minutes before returning to class. It is not a place for extended stays. It is vitally important for parents to provide up-to-date contact numbers and emergency numbers in case of illness or emergency.

Please remember that if your child is sick the best place for them to recover is at home.



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IMMUNISATIONS - YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Immunisations will be held at School on **Tuesday 14th June**.

Consent forms have been distributed and should have now been returned to school, even if your child does not require the immunisation. Please ask your child to collect a consent form from the office if you do not have one.

Year 7 Students:

- HPV (Human Papillomavirus) dose 2
- Chicken Pox (Varicella)



If parents have any questions regarding immunisations please call Barwon Health Immunisation on 42156962 or visit immune@barwonhealth.org.au.

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