

AUGUST

Mon 22nd Year 11 Chemistry SAC - Ecolinc
Tues 23rd Indonesian Film in Melbourne - Yrs 10, 11 & 12
Wed 24th VCAL Excursion - Geelong Ports
Frid 26th Casual Dress Day - Intermediate VCAL Fundraiser
Mon 29th - Frid 2nd September Bogong Leadership Camp

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 1st Year 7 Poetry Incursion - Workshops and Presentation
Year 8/9 Masquerade Social - School Gymnasium
Mon 5th - Sun 25th Japan Cultural Trip
Tues 6th Empowerme - Year 10 Engagement/Leadership Workshop
Wed 7th Year 7 Student Led Conferences -
Thurs 8th Year 12 Study Skills - Elevate Education - Period 3
Mon 12th Respectful Relationships - Years 7 & 8
Tues 13th Year 9 Mock Interviews - Library
Thurs 15th Western Metropolitan Athletics
Frid 16th **END OF TERM 3**

OCTOBER

Mon 3rd **TERM 4 BEGINS**
Thurs 6th English Practice Exam
Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 12 Midday - 7.30 pm
Year 7 Mission Possible Day at Deakin University
Frid 7th Year 7 Immunisations
Thurs 13th Trivia Night - Fundraiser for Antipodeans Tour
Frid 14th **LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR YEAR 12**
Mon 17th **Year 12 Celebration Day**
Tues 18th State Athletics
Wed 19th **GEELONG CUP DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

STUDENT FREE DAY

Oberon High School will be closed
for the Public Holiday
on Geelong Cup Day
Wednesday 19th October
Please mark this date in your calendar

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Staffing

Long term staff Mr Bruce Patterson officially retired on Friday 5th August after previously taking some Long Service Leave in Term 2 and 3. Mr Patterson has been a long serving Oberon High School employee teaching English at the school for more than 25 years. I would like to acknowledge the work that Mr Patterson did at the school and the contribution that he made to the education of the many students that he taught whilst at Oberon.

Barbara Staff Evening

An evening was organised by our English Learning area to remember the contributions that Mrs Barbara Staff made to the school. The evening particularly focused on literacy skill development which was the passion of Barbara. The evening was held on Tuesday 9th August and was attended by Barbara's daughter who flew down from Sydney. The evening showcased the many initiatives that Barbara instigated including the Oberon Public Speaking Festival, Oberon Reads, the Author visits and focus on developing writing skills. The passion with which many staff colleagues and students spoke about Barbara demonstrated the impact that she had on so many people whilst at Oberon.

Subject Selections 2017

Over the last two weeks parents and students have been working closely with our Careers & Pathways staff team to choose subjects for 2017 that are going to address the students future pathways. It was great to see so many parents/guardians attending these sessions. As parents you should be fully informed about the subjects that your child is choosing for the following year and seek clarification from them and from the school as to why this choice has been made and whether it is suitable. Subjects shouldn't be chosen simply because the student enjoys it, if it may limit the student pathways in future years. If you didn't attend the recent subject information evenings and/or were unable to attend the subject selection counselling sessions then contact the school to seek clarification on what subjects your son/daughter is undertaking in 2017.

Well done to Mrs Nicola Maher, Mrs Kaye Barry and Mr Wayne Lynch from our Careers/Pathways team who put so much time and effort into the organisation of these course counselling sessions.

Child Safety Standards

The Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry's Betrayal of Trust Report (2013) made fifteen recommendations aimed at protecting children from all forms of abuse and neglect. All organisations working with children, including schools, have been required to work towards compliance with a number of Child Safe Standards. In response to recommendations from the Betrayal of Trust Report, schools will now have a framework for preventing, identifying and responding to child abuse and neglect.

In order to comply with these changes, the school has developed and refined a number of policies that have been ratified by School Council.

The 'Child Safety Policy' and a 'Commitment to Child Safety' are now located on the school website. If you have any queries in regards to this I encourage you to contact me at school.

NAPLAN Results

Schools were able to access a summary of the NAPLAN results on Monday 15th August. It is anticipated that we will receive the student copy of results in the near future. These will be sent home with students and we will inform parents of this through a text message.

Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

It was great to see parents taking the opportunity to speak with the Year 12 teachers on Thursday 18th August. If you were unable to access this opportunity and would still like to discuss your son/daughters progress, feel free to make contact with your son/daughters teacher at school.

Whole Staff Professional Learning Day

On Tuesday 16th August, all staff participated in a whole day of professional learning. The focus of the day was for staff to continue to build assessment tasks and associated success criteria that will challenge all students in their learning and allow them to further develop their skills in the various learning areas.

NAPLAN

The results from the 2016 NAPLAN results are very pleasing and whilst the NAPLAN testing is only a snapshot of student learning, I believe its an indication of the high quality education that is provided to the students at Oberon. The student growth that has been achieved by our Year 9 students from their Year 7 results in 2014 is well above the average growth rate of all year 9 students (this includes all education sectors) across the State in reading, writing, numeracy and grammar; while the growth rate in spelling was equal to the average growth rate of Year 9 students across the State. While we are pleased with all of the results, the most pleasing results was in writing where the growth rate of Oberon students (from Year 7- 9) was also two times the growth rate of students across the State. The school has put an enormous emphasis on improving the writing capabilities of our students over the last few years in all subject areas; the results are an indication that the strategies being used in classrooms across the school are improving the writing capabilities of our students at a much faster than expected rate.

2017 planning

We are now in the process of beginning to plan for the 2017 school year. If you are aware that your son/daughter will not be returning to Oberon High School in 2017 could you inform either the General Office or Assistant Principals Mr Josh Baker or Mrs Bronwyn Knight.

Tim McMahon

CASUAL DRESS DAY
FRIDAY August 26th

Theme: 'Footy Colours Friday'



- **Wear:** Favourite team jumper, socks, scarf, beanie, hat, face paint / hairspray
- **Prizes for the best dressed on the day.**
- **Gold Coin donation.**

This is a **fundraising activity** being organised by the Year 11 VCAL Personal Development class. Money raised is going to an organisation called: **MERCY SHIPS**. You may ask.....**What is MERCY SHIPS?** Mercy Ships provide life-changing surgery to people who can't afford it, but need it the most. All for free.

They have a ship ('floating hospital') called 'Africa Mercy' that travels to places around the world that are in desperate need of medical care and treatment. They rely heavily on the generosity of donors to continue their work that is always positive and often life-changing.



IMMUNISATIONS - YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Immunisations will be held at School on **Thursday 13th October**.

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 3

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

YEAR 8 & 9 SOCIAL

This year the Year 9 Leadership Group have decided to hold a Year 8 & 9 Social. This event is not only so all year 8's and 9's can come together and have a fun night but also raise funds for the Oberon High Breakfast Program.

The event will be held in the School Gym on **THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER** from **6.30pm – 10.30pm**. There will be a DJ, games, prizes, canteen and lots of fun!!!

Dress Code is **SEMI FORMAL** and the Theme for the night is **MASQUERADE** – so don't forget your mask!!

Tickets are **\$15** and will be on Sale from Monday 8th August.



PARENT /TEACHER/ STUDENT CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held on:

- **Thursday 6th October - 12 Midday - 7.30 pm**

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences can be booked from **Friday 9th September at 5.00 pm** through the "Parent Interviews" tab seen on the left hand side of the Parent Portal. From there select the teacher and choose from one of the available time slots. Please note each time slot only goes for 10 minutes. If you have any issues with logging on please contact the Office staff for help.

Term 3 Reports

In addition to Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences being booked via the Portal, parents will receive Term 3 Reports via the Parent Portal. These will be accessible from **5.00 pm on Friday 9th September**. Again if you have any issues with logging on please contact the Office staff before the end of Term for assistance.

Joshua Baker
Assistant Principal

YEAR 7 STUDENT - LED CONFERENCES

On **Wednesday 7th of September**, all Year 7 students will be presenting a digital portfolio to highlight work and learning completed in classes in 2016. The work is to be presented on their iPads and they will lead a conversation with their parent/s about each of the work tasks displayed. The conference will be centred on their learning, how they will act upon feedback received and how this relates to their Semester learning goals. Students have just begun to put their portfolio together and the onus will be upon the student to choose work samples to include.

This is a celebration event and designed for students to showcase their efforts in Year 7, not to discuss behaviours and everyday class matters. The conferences will run from 1:45 - 6:00pm on this day, with all students still to attend school on this day. A letter will be sent home with your son/daughter today with further information.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will also be available on Thursday 6th October.

Scott McDonald
Middle Years Leader

LANGUAGES NEWS



Geelong Regional German Poetry Competition

This was held two weeks ago at the Geelong German Club. Congratulations to our four Year 7 competitors: Isaac Burns, Abbey Geddes, Ebony Rundell and Chloe Paton. Chloe was awarded the Bronze medal for her performance.



SAGSE Scholarship Interview

Year 12 student Andy Creswell attended the gruelling interview process two weekends ago. Andy had to attend "Kaffee und Kuchen" on the Saturday – this was the first test! On Sunday Andy had to return to Melbourne for an interview. Andy is now awaiting the results – Viel Glück!

German Trip 2017

Deposits, confirmation and matching sheets need to be handed in next week. The deadline is Friday 26th August. It is not too late to express an interest. See Frau Rau or Frau Jones asap.

Welcome Azqia Nadya

This Thursday we will be welcoming an Indonesian exchange student called Azqia Nadya.

Asqia is on exchange with the Australian Scouting Association, and will be experiencing school life in Australia at Oberon for the next two and a half weeks in year 10. We welcome Asqia and hope she enjoys her time with us at Oberon High School.

LANGUAGES CORNER

<p>OLYMPICS Swimming Athletics Basketball Volleyball Table tennis Badminton Tennis Hockey Yachting Diving Rowing Fencing Archery Pentathlon Gymnastics Equestrian Soccer Boxing Weight-lifting Judo</p>	<p>OLIMPIADE berenang athletic bola basket bola voli tenis meja bulu tangkis tenis hoki layar loncat indah mendayung olahraga anggar panahan pentatalon senam berkuda sepak bola tinju angkat besi yudo</p>	<p>オリンピック すいえい りくじょうきょうぎ バスケットボール バレーボール たつきゅう バドミントン テニス ホッケー ヨット とびこみ ボート フェンシング アーチェリー 五しゅきょうぎ たいそう じょうば サッカー ボクシング ウェイトリフティング じゅうどう</p>	<p>orinnpikku suieii rikujoogyoogi basukettoooru bareebooru takkyuu badominton tenisu hokkee yotto tobikomi booto fenshingu aacherii goshukyooogi taisoo jooba sakkaa bokushinngu weitorifuthinngu juudoo</p>	<p>die Olympiade Schwimmen Leichtathletik Basketball Volleyball Tischtennis Badminton Tennis Hockey Segeln Turmspringen Rudern Fechten Bogenschießen moderner Fünfkampf Turnen Reitsport Fußball Boxen Gewichtheben Judo</p>
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ATTENTION PARENTS OF YEAR 12 STUDENTS IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Friday September 16th	Closing date for payment of 2016 School Magazine
Monday 17th October	Last Day of Classes for Year 12
Tuesday 18th October	Year 12 Celebration Day/Final Assembly
Wednesday 19th October	Geelong Cup Day - School Closed
Wednesday 26th October - Wednesday 18th November	Year 12 Exams
Monday 21st November	Year 12 Valedictory Dinner 6.30 pm to 11.30 pm

YEAR 11 STUDENTS - DEB BALL PHOTOS

A reminder to Year 11 Deb Ball students to please return photos and money as soon as possible to the General Office for collection by Dean Bateup Photography.

ROAD SAFETY

Could parents please refrain from using the Oberon High School Pickett Crescent entrance as a drop off point for their children. This is a **CARPARK** only and the least amount of traffic in this small area will prevent a serious accident from occurring.

Thank you for your understanding.

YEAR 7 STUDENTS - IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3 & 4

Please mark in your diary

TERM 3

Week 7

Friday 26th August Casual Dress Day - Intermediate VCAL Fundraiser

Week 8

Thursday 1st Year 7 Poetry Incursion - Workshops and Presentation

Week 9

Wednesday 7th September Year 7 Student Led Conferences

Week 10

Monday 12th September Respectful Relationships - Years 7 & 8
Friday 16th September **LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

TERM 4

Week 1

Monday 3rd October Term 4 Begins
Thursday 6th October Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 12 Midday - 7.30 pm

Week 2

Thursday 13th October Year 7 Immunisations

Youth @ Grovedale

On a Friday afternoon we have a 'Youth Drop In' at the Grovedale Hub. Karina Donkers from the City of Greater Geelong, facilitates this great program with a co-worker. The Youth Services team also run a range of programs and activities across Geelong and Grovedale. Check out all the fab events for term 3!

Free Wifi

Grovedale Neighbourhood House has free wifi, so come on out of the cold, have a cup of tea and catch up on your emails, Skype your friends and family or finish that last essay. Just ask us for the password.

YOUTH DROP-IN
AT THE SHACK

FREE 3.30PM - 5.30PM
EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON OF SCHOOL TERM

**TABLE TENNIS
X-BOX
FOOSBALL
WII
FREE FOOD
ART
SPORTS
AND MORE!**

Want to hear more about youth activities and opportunities for 12-25 year olds in your area?
Get involved in school holiday programs, youth events, youth environment opportunities, programs, community volunteering and more!
Whether you are a young person, parent or carer, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact Karina on kdonkers@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or 0419 504 329

Like or follow us on Facebook
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Geelong Society Youth Activities

GEELONG

www.grovedalenh.org.au

CURRICULUM DAY PROGRAM

Is your school having a curriculum day?
Are your kids looking for something fun to do on their day off?

These are some of the fun activities at YMCA Geelong:

- Origami
- Cooking
- Play Dough
- Minute to Win It
- Lego
- Charades
- Iron Me Beads
- Magic Tape Art
- Balloon Games
- Paper Plane Competition
- Egg & Spoon Races
- Incursions (Eg. Dance, Judo, Circus Skills, Sports Clinics, etc.)
- LUNCH (Picnic at oval - weather permitting)
- Parachute Games
- Gymnastics
- Jewellery Making
- T-Ball
- Tug of War
- Card Games
- Popcorn/Movie & Chill Out Time
- Mobile Basketball
- Board games Challenge
- Dodge Ball
- Bookmark Making
- Court Games
- Placemat making

Please note activities may vary or some activities listed may be unavailable depending on weather, stock availability, program numbers, and when your school's curriculum day occurs

To register your interest please email kimberley.maher@ymca.org.au or phone 5223 2714 to speak to the Community Programs Co-ordinator, Kimberley Maher

HEALTH ALERT

A student at Oberon has been diagnosed with Scabies. Scabies is a contagious skin infestation caused by **very** small mites called *Sarcoptes scabiei*. Please seek medical advice if you believe your child may have symptoms.

Further information can be found at www.health.vic.gov/ideas, where you will find an alphabetical list of health conditions and information.

DANCEFACTORY

SUMMER SCHOOL 2017

16th - 20th January

Juniors: 7 - 12 Years Adults: 13 years and over

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- COMPETITION ENDS BEFORE OUTDOOR SEASON BEGINS
- ALL AGE GROUPS ACCEPTED

- Register a TEAM or INDIVIDUAL by calling 5222 1822 or email us info@geelongindoorsports.com.au
- Tournament starts AUGUST 24th finishes MID OCTOBER
- Registrations close AUGUST 21st
- \$10 PER PLAYER PER MATCH

Want more information? Contact us! 5222 1822

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13 Gravel Pits Rd
South Geelong 3220

HOMEWORK CLUB FOR STUDENTS FROM A REFUGEE BACKGROUND

Diversitat have starting up a NEW Homework Club for **Secondary and Tertiary** students of a Refugee background. The club will commence **Tuesday 12th July, from 3:30-4:30pm, Geelong Library, Level 1 'The Cave'**. Also, we are running a Homework Club at **Corio Library** for **Primary and Secondary** school students of a refugee background, each **Monday from 4pm-5:30pm**. Both run during school terms with highly skilled Tutors supporting the project.

These clubs will aim at supporting students with all homework requirements including essay preparation and assistance, exam study techniques, language and literacy support, reading and writing and further understanding of class material.

HOMEWORK club

A new Homework Club for CALD secondary and tertiary students!

Join us for home work support

Tuesday's- during school term

At Geelong Library & Heritage Centre
(Level 1-'The Cave')

51 Little Malop Street Geelong 3220

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Get assistance with:

essay writing, preparing for exams,
language/literacy support and more!

Please come along!

More information contact:

Monica @ (Diversitat) 5260 6000



SCHOOL MAGAZINE PAYMENT DEADLINE

A notice to parents who would like an Oberon High School Magazine for 2016 that the deadline for payment (\$18.00) is **Friday 16th September, 2015 (End of Term 3)**

NEW
PROGRAM
FOR 2017



SURFING VICTORIA INDUSTRY PROGRAM

Connecting students to
the Surf Industry while
studying Years 11 and 12.

Delivered by SEDA Group (SEDA),
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- ✓ Coaching to improve your surfing

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YOU'RE INVITED TO SEDA'S
INFORMATION NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST, 7PM
Australian National Surfing Museum
77 Beach Road, Torquay VIC 3228

Register at www.sedagroup.com.au or call 1300 117332

ATHLETICS CHILWELL

Athletics Chilwell is currently welcoming new members to join the club, for the upcoming 2016 -17 track and field season.



Competition is held on Saturday afternoons at Landy Field, commencing on Saturday 8 October, 2016. Athletes aged from Under 14 to Veterans are welcome to participate. Athletes of all standards are welcome. Why not give athletics a try!

Coaching is available in all disciplines eg sprints, middle/long distance running, hurdles, jumps and throws.

For further information, please contact Mary McDonald on 52293920 or email athletics.chilwell@gmail.com

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OPEN DAY

— SATURDAY 20th AUGUST —

11am - 3pm

music performance

sound production

music business

photography

painting & drawing



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.

YMCA GEELONG SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2016

ALL SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

**19th - 29th
September, 2016**

- Camp Wyuna Fun Day Camps
- Outdoor Games & Play
- DIY Pencil Cases & Drink Bottles
- Flower Pot Plant Craft
- Footy Colours Day
 - Karaoke
 - 3B Olympics
 - Cooking
- Scienceworks
 - Footy Clinic
 - Karate
 - Mini Golf
- Arts, Crafts, Games, and more!

Full Program Details Available On Our Website

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
September 2nd 2016**



YMCA Newtown Stadium
26 Riversdale Rd, Newtown 3220
(03) 5223 2714

geelong@ymca.org.au
www.geelong-ymca.org.au
www.facebook.com/YmcaGeelong

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg presents



When to Really Worry....

For Teachers, Teacher Aides, Parents, Sports Coaches, Youth Workers, Scout Leaders, Nurses, Health Workers (and anyone else interested)

This is a Community Event - Everyone welcome!

\$20 entry

7pm to 9pm

Thursday September 1st, 2016

Shoppingtown Hotel

19 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster

Wednesday September 7th, 2016

Berkeley's Events & Catering

(Pioneer Room)

150 Yarra St, Geelong

BOOK your place!

Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au

Include your name, venue and number of tickets required.

Collect and pay for tickets on the night.

No EFTPOS

Enquiries: 0433 616 771

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg works as a nationally registered child and adolescent psychologist. He is passionate about delivering evidence based psychology workshops and seminars that make a difference to the health and wellbeing of young people. His training and approach incorporates cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), mindfulness skills and interventions drawn from positive psychology research. He is a founding member of the National Centre Against Bullying and Chairs their Cybersafety Committee. In October 2010 - he was appointed the official advisor to the Queensland government on cybersafety. He is a Director of the The Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre, an Australian Government Initiative administered by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research. Michael Carr-Gregg has extensive experience in the media and is currently a regular on the top rating 'Sunrise' program on Channel 7 and on Melbourne radio 3AW and is a frequent contributor to the Australian Print media.

When does normal teenage behaviour become something you really need to worry about? In this seminar **When to Really Worry** by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, he will help you find out. In this insightful evening, one of Australia's leading authorities on child and adolescent mental health, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, offers practical, easy to understand information on how to figure out if your son or daughter is travelling okay. He discusses the signs and symptoms of the high prevalence disorders of anxiety and depression. Michael also includes tips on detecting early warning signs encouraging your child to visit a doctor, finding a youth-friendly GP, counsellor or therapist, navigating the public mental health system. **When to Really Worry** is an essential night for all parents, teachers, coaches who want to build happy and resilient young people.

Not to be missed!



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Tuesday	1.00 pm - 7.30 pm	Friday	7.30 am - 3.30 pm
Wednesday	7.30 am - 7.30 pm	Saturday	8.00 am - 3.30 pm

Call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au



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