## Oberon HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## Absence Hotline - 0439 326 767

#### <u>OCTOBER</u>

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| Mon 17th  | LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR YEAR 12<br>State Athletics          |  |
| Tues 18th   | Year 12 Celebration Day/Final Assembly                      |  |
| Wed 19th  | GEELONG CUP DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED                             |  |
| Mon 24th  | Kids Teaching Kids - Environmental Conference               |  |
| Tues 25th   | School Relocation Parent Information Session - 6 pm Library |  |
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| Thurs 3rd   | Indonesian & German Excursion to the Zoo - T8 & G8          |  |
| Wed 9th   | LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR YEAR 11                             |  |
| Thurs 10th -  | Tues 15th Year 11 Exams                                     |  |
| Thurs 10th  | Training Day for Great Victorian Bike Ride - Capital City   |  |
|   | Trail   |  |
| Wed 16th  | Year 11 Formal  |  |
| Frid 18th - Tues 22nd - Year 11 into 12 - 2017 Commencement Program |   |  |
| Mon 21st  | Year 12 Valedictory Dinner - The Pier                       |  |
| Wed 23rd  | Making Moves on Mental Health - Year 9 Presentation         |  |
| Frid 25th   | LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR YEAR 10                             |  |

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As this is the first newsletter for the Term, I would like to welcome back everybody to Term 4. I trust that everybody had a restful third Term break and is enjoying being back into the routine of school.

#### **Relocation Announcement**

As you would now be aware, through the school correspondence and media reports, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October it was announced by the Minister of Education James Merlino that Oberon High School would be relocated to a modern facility to be built at the Armstrong Creek Education Precinct in the near future. To access the Media Release from Minister Merlino, click on the following link:

http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/future-secured-for-oberon-high-school/

I see the announcement of the relocation as a positive outcome for the school. The school has been battling declining enrolments and innuendo by the media and some members of the community that it would close at some time in the future. Parents can now be assured on enrolling their children that the schools long term future is secure. The relocation will allow the school to continue to offer the high quality education and access to a full program of senior studies in VCE/VET/VCAL to its students in the first class facilities that they deserve.

The relocation was based on the recommendations from the Secondary Education Provision report of Southern Geelong and Armstrong Creek. The link below will allow you to access the report which is a public document for any interested community members.

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/infrastructure/Pages/ reviewsoutherngeelongarmstrong.aspx

Thank you to all parents that have contacted the school with their positive response to the announcement and also questions. We will be running an information session for interested parents on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October** at 6 pm to explain the rationale behind this relocation.

#### Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

It was great to see so many parents taking the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss their children's academic progress. The opportunity to celebrate the successes and discuss opportunities for further improvement are invaluable. If you were unable to attend or unable to see a particular teacher, I encourage you to make contact with the school to arrange this.

#### Staff changes

We have a number of changes to our staffing for Term 4:

Mrs Renee Durran and Mrs Angela Fiala have returned from family leave. Mrs Durran will be teaching English and Mrs Fiala will be teaching Japanese.

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Mon 28th - Mon 19th December<br/>Mon 28thAntipodeans Abroad ExpeditionMon 28th<br/>Tues 29th - Thurs 1st DecemberMaths ExamsYear 10 into 11 - 2017<br/>Commencement Program

# DECEMBER Tues 6th - Wed 7th Year 6 Orientation Frid 9th LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR YEARS 7, 8 & 9 Mon 12th Year 12 Results Mon 12th - Frid 16th Year 7-9 End of Year Activities - Details will be distributed to students. Tues 13th Awards Day - Costa Hall

Tues 20th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM

#### JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

#### Western Metropolitan Athletics

Congratulations to all students that represented the school at the Western Metropolitan Athletics on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Good luck to all students that have qualified to compete at the School Sport Victoria State Finals on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you to Mr Sly and Mr O'Brien who accompanied the students.

#### Arts/Technology Showcase

Thanks to Ben Lombardi and Sandra Silo and the Arts and Technology staff on the organisation of the Arts/Technology Night that was held on Wednesday 12th October. The quality of the work produced and showcased by the students was once again amazing. Thanks to all parents, staff and students who took the time out of there busy schedules to support this event.

#### Year 12 Celebration Day

Our Year 12's have their last day at school on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. As in previous years the school will be running a whole school assembly to farewell the students, reflect on their time at Oberon High School and wish them well in their upcoming exam period. Parents/Guardians and grandparents are invited to this event.

#### Intentions for 2017

If students are **not** returning to Oberon High School in 2017, can families contact the school as soon as possible and speak with one of the Assistant Principals in regards to this.

#### Geelong Cup Day

A reminder that the school is closed on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** as this is the designated public holiday for schools in Geelong for the Geelong Cup. School classes will run as normal on Melbourne Cup day.

#### School Uniform

Can parents please ensure that their children are wearing the full correct school uniform. With the recent warm weather a number of students have not been wearing an Oberon High School shirt and when they removed their rugby top they were not in full school uniform. Your support with this is appreciated.

#### Tim McMahon



#### WESTERN METROPOLITAN TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

On a wild and wintery Tuesday in October, 14 students travelled to Moonee Valley Athletics Track in Aberfeldie to represent Oberon at the Western Metropolitan Athletics Championships. A number of other students also qualified, however given this event was postponed due to poor weather at the end of Term 3, many senior students decided not to compete. Those who did compete, performed exceptionally well.

Four students won events on the day; however 8 of the 14 students competing came home with at least one gold, silver or bronze medal. Congratulations to Kade McKenzie who won gold medals in three of his four individual events (High Jump, Javelin and Triple Jump); also to Chris McMahon (1500m Walk), Malaika Yenkeni (Discus) and Kasey Parish (Javelin) who also won gold medals in their respective events. Great efforts also resulted in medals to the following students: Silver to; Caleb Morrissy (400m), Max Houliston (1500m Walk) and Locky Reekie (800m) and Bronze to Bonnie Hodge (1500m Walk).

Congratulations also to Rose Bretherton (3000m), Ebony Haberman (Discus), Jemma Sears (High Jump), Bailey Richmond-Craig (100m), Rosie Tunn-McGrath (1500m), Bridget Brown (800m & 1500m), Caleb Morrissy (100 & 200m) and Kade McKenzie (Long Jump) for fantastic efforts in their respective events.

We have five athletes who have qualified for the State Championships to be conducted at the State Athletics Centre at Albert Park on Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to Malaika Yenkeni (Discus), Chris McMahon & Max Houliston (1500m Walk), Kasey Parish (Javelin) and Kade Mckenzie (High Jump, Javelin & Triple Jump).

Thank-you to Mr O'Brien for his organisational assistance and for very capably driving the school bus on the day.

#### Results:

#### First:

| Kade McKenzie<br>Kade McKenzie<br>Kade McKenzie<br>Malaika Yenkeni<br>Chris McMahon<br>Kasey Parish | 13 years<br>13 years<br>13 years<br>13 years<br>16-20 years<br>16 years | High Jump<br>Javelin<br>Triple Jump<br>Discus<br>1500m Walk<br>Javelin |
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| Second:   |   |  |
| Caleb Morrissy<br>Max Houliston<br>Locky Reekie   | 14 years<br>16-20 years<br>17 years                                     | 400m<br>1500m Walk<br>800m   |
| Third:  |   |  |
| Bonnie Hodge  | 12-15 years   | 1500m Walk   |

#### Chris Sly









#### Konnichiwa!!

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of September, 11 students in Years 9,10 and 11 together with Mrs Filipovski and Mr.Fitzgerald, embarked on a journey to Japan which became the trip of a lifetime for all of us. The three week trip overseas consisted of Japanese family homestay, participating in Oberon High School's sister School Genkai's classes, sports day, Judo, tea ceremony and travelling north on the Shinkansen (Japanese Bullet Train), sightseeing many of Japan's famous towns, temples and shrines, and eating amazing food, and of course discovering Japan's and Kira's favourite drink "CC Lemon"

For the first 10 days of our stay in Japan, we were given the opportunity to experience home life with a Japanese family. This gave us the perfect opportunity to practice our Japanese and learn about the Japanese culture and customs. This included visits to shrines, shopping centres, night festivals wearing traditional zeibins (boys) or yukatas (girls).

School days in Japan were very long, but exciting. Most of us were at school by 7:30 am and although school finished at around 4 pm with school clubs running some of us were still at school at 7 pm at night. The club activities were exciting with Japanese students learning tradition drums, handball, Japanese archery, soccer, fencing and brass band, just to name a few. We were lucky enough to be at Genkai for their Sports festival which was a specular day of amazing performance sports.

The morning we left our host brothers or sisters was very sad. Although these people had been strangers just 10 days before it truly felt as if we had made a strong bond with a second family we could always go and visit. After many goodbyes and a few tears, we began the travelling and sightseeing part of our trip.

Over the next 9 nights we continued to travel north through Japan. We had the amazing opportunity to visit historic sites such as the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima, the Golden Temple in Kyoto and the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. The rain came down quite often but Tokyo Disneyland was an almost rain free day and such a wonderful day. As our exchange overseas came to a fast end, we reminisced about all of the laughter, struggles and sights we had faced over the past 3 weeks.

## Thank you

Rusty Martin - Year 10

## RESULTS OF THE VICTORIAN LANGUAGE PERFECT COMPETITION HELD IN SEPTEMBER:

- Oberon HS was placed 1<sup>st</sup> for German in the 101-250 student category
- Oberon placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in Victoria for German with 17,190 points
- Two students achieved a Bronze Award:
- Hannah Maher and Abbey Geddes
- Hannah was 16<sup>th</sup> in Victoria with 1,643 points
- Abbey was 17<sup>th</sup> with 1,523 points
- 10 students achieved a Credit Award: Morgan Williams, Jem Sears, Chloe Paton, Dylan Robertson, Jordyn Aitken, Marisa Carnie, Ebony Rundell, Rory Pickles, Isaac Burns, Xander Russell

Congratulations to all students who participated and helped Oberon to do so well!

#### LANGUAGES CORNER

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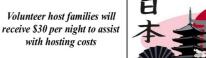
It is a **GREAT** experience for the whole family. Experience another culture without travelling overseas.

#### WE HAVE JAPANESE STUDENTS NEEDING HOST FAMILIES FROM 10/11/16 to 15/11/16



\* Students will be based at **Oberon High School** where they will have an interaction day and go on excursions.

- \* Students may be able to travel by bus to & from school (subject to space).
- \* Japanese language not necessary
- \* Provide normal Australian meals
- \* Separate room not necessary
- \* No airport runs
- \* OTHER SCHOOL LOCATIONS AVAILABLE!





OR Lynn Smith – Regional Manager AIIU Western Victoria Phone 0427 507 990 or 03 5248 5066 Email: lynn@aiu.com.au

#### FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BOOKS & UNIFORMS FOR 2017

**Uniting Care Concern** has access to limited funds to provide assistance for families who need extra support with the financial costs of books (including the cost of the *digital textbook subscription*) and uniforms for 2017. Families need to hold a current Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Card to be eligible for support. As part of the process **Uniting Care Concern** require an adult family member to attend an interview to help determine the needs and support the family require.

Unfortunately, the funds do not stretch to enable **Uniting Care Concern** to assist all families with a Centrelink benefit card, thus it is important to get in early. You are able to call **Uniting Care Concern** on **42 101100** as of **October 17<sup>th</sup> between 9.30 am – 12.00 pm** to make an interview time. Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday's and Friday's from **October 24<sup>th</sup>** until the **last week in November 2016**.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this process, please feel free to contact myself at Oberon High School on 52 434 444.

Sam Mackenzie Student Wellbeing Manager

#### 2016 OBERON HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORY DINNER PHOTOGRAPHY THE PIER, GEELONG

#### Important Information for Graduate and Family Photography

On the night, our professional staff at Success Imaging will be photographing the Valedictory group on The Pier steps after presentation and the graduates and their families in our two studio sets throughout the evening.

After family groups, graduates and their friends are welcome to get photos.

#### Ordering your photographs

Valedictory photographs can be viewed and ordered from our online store from **Thursday 1 December 2016.** A link to the photographs will be emailed to you.

#### **Photography Prices**

| Value package:    | six of 14 x18cm photos                    | - \$135 |  |
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| Gold package:     | four of 14 x18cm photos                   | - \$ 10 |  |
|                   | plus one 20 x 25cm photo                  | - \$135 |  |
| Digital downloads | Low Resolution (web only) per photo       | - \$ 10 |  |
|                   | High Resolution (print quality) per photo | - \$ 25 |  |
|                   |   |         |  |

Individual professional printed photograph prices

| 14 x 18cm               | - | \$ 25                       |         |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------|
| 20 x 25cm               | - | \$ 46                       |         |
| 28 x 35cm               | - | \$120                       |         |
| Valedictory Group photo | - | 20 x 28cm (print copy only) | - \$ 40 |
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<u>Christmas delivery</u> orders must be placed with the Studio by **Friday 16** December 2016.

All orders will be sent express post.

#### (Please note: The school is not involved in the ordering process).

We shall be happy to answer any queries you may have. Call or SMS Patricia on **0414 789 061** or Elizabeth on **0414 389 913** or email info@patricia.rademaker.com

We look forward to photographing your son or daughter and family at this special occasion.

Thank you The Success Imaging Team

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2016 Victorian All Schools Track and Field Championships Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Students wishing to compete in this athletics meeting should note that entries close for the All Schools Track & Field Championships at **11:59pm** Monday 24th October, 2016

Entries must be done via the AV website by logging in with your AV details. If students have any problems, please see Mr Sly for assistance.

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\*Please note that due to time constraints, the boys will only be signing books. No other merchandise will be signed.

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Contact Amanda Vernon your local Saver Plus Worker: (03) 5278 8122

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| YEAR 12  | DATES TO REMEMBER - PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR DIARY   |  |  |
| Monday 17th October<br>Tuesday 18th October<br>Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Monday 21st November<br>Monday 12th December   | Last day of Year 12 classes<br>Year 12 Celebration Day and Final Assembly<br>Year 12 Exams - Students will be given their individual timetables<br>Year 12 Valedictory Dinner – 6.30 pm - 11.30 pm - The Pier<br>Year 12 Results  |  |  |
| <u>YEAR 11</u>   |   |  |  |
| Wednesday 9th November<br>Thursday 10th November - Tuesday 15th<br>Wednesday 16th November<br>Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 22nd November  | Last day of Year 11 classes<br>Year 11 Exams<br>Year 11 Formal<br>Year 11 Rest Day<br>Year 11 into 12 VCE 2017 Commencement Program at Oberon ( <b>Program compulsory for all</b><br><b>2016 Year 11 students</b> ) <b>Tuesday 22nd November is the last day at school for Year 11</b><br><b>students</b> .   |  |  |
| <u>YEAR 10</u>   |   |  |  |
| Friday 25th November<br>Tuesday 29th November – Thursday 1st December  | Last day of Year 10 classes<br>Year 10 into 11 VCE 2017 Commencement Program at Oberon (Program compulsory for all<br>2016 Year 10 students). Thursday 1st December is the last day at school for Year 10<br>students.  |  |  |
| <u>YEAR 6, 7, 8 &amp; 9</u>  |   |  |  |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December<br>Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December<br>Friday 9th December<br>Monday 12th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th and<br>Friday 16th December  | Year 7 2017 Orientation Program<br>Year 7 2017 Orientation Program<br>Last day of classes for Year 7, 8 & 9 students<br>End of Year Activities for Years 7 - 9 - details will be distributed to students  |  |  |
| ALL YEAR LEVELS  |   |  |  |
| Wednesday 19th October<br>Tuesday 13th December<br>Monday 19th December<br>Tuesday 20th December   | GEELONG CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED<br>Oberon Awards Day - Costa Hall 11.00 a.m. <u>All students are expected to attend</u><br>Staff Professional Learning Program<br>Program provided for those students in attendance<br>END OF TERM   |  |  |
| COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR EARLY 2017  |   |  |  |
| Friday 27th January<br>Monday 30th January<br>Tuesday 31st January<br>Wednesday 1st February<br>Monday 13th February<br>Thursday 15th February   | School Office open<br>All staff return<br>Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 commence school<br>Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 commence school. All students now in attendance.<br>Swimming Sports<br>School Photos  |  |  |

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## Free Regional Parenting Forum Wednesday 16th November 2016

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This forum will explore the essential conversations to have with your son; how to create respectful relationships with others; how your beliefs and attitudes live on in your son. It will also explore core values of every functional relationship - trust, forgiveness, integrity, hope and compassion

#### Session Information

Wednesday 16<sup>TH</sup> November 2016 7.00pm to 8.30pm Moolap and Barrabool Hills Baptist Church 4-32 Province Boulevard, Highton

#### **Event Registration**

RSVP by Wednesday 9 November 2016 to fsadmin@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or 5272 4741 Limited places available

If booking via email, please include your name, contact number, address and how you heard about this event and number of bookings







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