

MARCH

**Wed 1st** Year 8 - Verbal Combat presentation  
**Frid 3rd** Year 10 Author Visit - Barry Heard Periods 3 & 4  
 Barwon Division Swimming and Diving  
 Information Night for Rubicon Camp -  
**Wed 8th** **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL**  
**Mon 13th** **CLOSED**  
**Thurs 16th** School Athletic Sports - Landy Field - whole  
 school event. All students are expected to  
 attend.  
**Frid 17th** Year 12 Presentation - VCE Success Strategies  
 with Darren Pereira - Periods 1-3  
**Tues 21st** White Card Training - 8.45 - 3.15 pm  
**Wed 22nd - Frid 24th** Year 7 Camp - Camp Wilken Anglesea  
**Mon 27th - Tues 28th** Unit 1 & 2 Outdoor Ed - Excursion - Port Fairy/  
 Great Ocean Road

**Wed 29th** Oberon High School - Information Evening  
 5 pm - 8.30 pm  
**Thurs 30th** World's Greatest Shave - Casual Dress Day - Gold  
 Coin Donation  
 Western Metropolitan Swimming Championships  
**Frid 31st** **LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - 2.30 PM FINISH**  
APRIL  
**Mon 17th** **EASTER PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Tues 18th** **TERM 2 COMMENCES**  
**Wed 19th** Academic Enhancement Program Information Session  
 in the Library at 6.00 pm  
**Frid 21st** Preliminary Enhancement and Scholarship application  
 forms due.  
**Wed 26th - Thurs 27th** Academic Test for Leadership and Academic  
 Enhancement Program

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### School Council Annual General Meeting

After our recent School Council Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, the School Council formation will be as follows for the 2017 school year:

- President – Craig Wood-Burgess
- Vice President – Kerry Iapozzuto
- Treasurer – Scott Barnes
- Parent representative – Craig Wood- Burgess
- Parent representative – Scott Barnes
- Parent representative – Greg Burgess
- Parent representative - Kathy Spowart-Dellar
- Parent representative – John Brown
- Parent representative – Kythie Fisher
- DET representative – Craig Feaver
- DET representative – Helen Carson
- DET representative – Josh Baker
- DET representative – Sam MacKenzie
- Community representative –
- Community representative – David Noble
- Community representative – Richard Nearn
- Community representative – Kerry Iapozzuto

If parents have issues that they wish to have discussed at School Council I encourage you to address these to your parent representatives.

### Annual Report

At the March meeting of School Council the 2016 Annual report was tabled and approved. The Annual report provides a summary of the achievements of the school over the past 12 months based around the focus areas of student achievement, student wellbeing, student engagement and productivity. I will be placing a copy of this Annual report on the school website and I am happy to discuss this with any community members who require clarification. A direct link to the Annual Report is shown below: <http://www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au/site/about-oberon/policy-documents/school-performance-reports/>

### Bob Hillman VCE Presentation

Thank you to Mrs Nicola Maher, Ms Liz Kelly and Mrs Deidre Pike who organised the presentation workshop for Year 12 students, staff and parents led by Mr Bob Hillman who is the Chief Examiner of English with VCAA. Bob was able to explain to the audience the role that each of the groups play in a student achieving a successful ATAR at the end of the year. Many of the points made by Bob link into the school mantra of 'Go One Better', he explained a number of pertinent points including:

To be competitive, students should be doing at least 3 hours a day of study and spending most of Sunday revising, planning and getting

Students who achieve high ATAR scores are dedicated to their studies and honest with themselves in what they will achieve and how they will go about achieving this result

Students need to maintain a balanced lifestyle between study and other activities i.e. work, sport, socialising.

To achieve well in the VCE, students must perform well in the exams as internal assessment results are scaled up or down based on exam results. Parents can do a lot to support their student – an orderly home life, food/diet, encourage balance, support study groups at home or at school, read and discuss the English novels, help solve problems along the way, build independence and personal responsibility, and finally have expectations that students operate as young adults.

### English Staff Regional Presentation

I have a strong philosophy that improved school academic outcomes is achieved through a high performing staff that are always looking for ways to refine and improve their teaching practices, which in turn results in improved student learning outcomes. Over a number of years our student outcomes in English have been outstanding with students performing above not only other schools in the region but also above most schools in the State. These results have been recognised by the Department of Education Regional Office who have requested a presentation by our English team, highlighting their improvement strategies to a Principal forum in March. This acknowledgement is a reflection of not only the quality of teaching occurring in the school, but also the effort that is being put in by the students.

### School Swimming Sports

It has been a busy Term for our House Sports with both the swimming sports and athletic sports being held in Term 1. As announced at our last General Assembly, Greeves House were the Champion Swimming House. Congratulations to Greeves.

Well done the following students who were 'Age Group Champions' and were recognised for their achievement at the recent Whole School Assembly.

#### SWIMMING AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS 2017

	GIRLS	BOYS
<b>13 Years</b>	Malaika Yenkeni	Noah Brennan
<b>14 Years</b>	Lily Cockram	Harvey Martin
<b>15 Years</b>	Gabrielle Phillips	Max Houliston
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<b>17 Years</b>	Jasmine Brown	Brad Jones
<b>20 Years</b>	Isabelle Black	Locky Reekie

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### Barwon Swimming

It was great to attend the Barwon Swimming for a short time last Friday and see some of our students competing. It was also great to see so many of our parents in attendance supporting their children compete. Thank you to Rob Neal, Carole Fisher and Sharon Jimmink-Scott who were in charge of the team. It was a fantastic achievement by the swimming team to come second overall against many schools with much larger school populations.

### Megan Dickson

Congratulations to Megan Dickson who won the U/14 1500m at the State Athletics Titles on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Megan will be representing Victoria in the National titles in March. A wonderful achievement that you should be very proud of.

### Primary School Tours

As part of our Primary to Secondary School Transition process, a number of primary school have been visiting the school and conducting taster classes.

### Open Night

The school will be holding our Open Night on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** with tours of the school available from 5pm and an information session at 6.30pm.

### Athletic Sports

A reminder that the **House Athletic Sports** will be conducted on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at Landy Field. This is a whole school event and **all students are expected to attend**. I encourage parents to drop in over the day to support your children.

### The Age Newspaper Article

I have provided a link (below) to an article that was in 'The Age' newspaper a couple of weeks ago regarding school funding versus school attainment. It makes interesting reading but concludes with following advice which is core to what we are aiming to achieve with our teaching here at Oberon.

*One new technique that research says would improve outcomes is "targeted teaching".*

*One of its advocates, Goss of the Grattan Institute, says teachers should be provided with the time, tools and training they need to collect robust evidence of student learning, discuss it with other teachers, and use it to target their teaching to the wide range of student learning needs in their classroom.*

*Higher achieving students should be stretched, lower achieving students should be supported to catch up, and no student who stalls should go unnoticed, he says.*

*The school fosters a culture of progress, in which teachers, students and parents see learning success as being about effort and improvement, not ability and attainment. And see assessment as a way to improve, not to expose student failures.*

*The best schools in Australia are not necessarily those with the best ATAR or NAPLAN scores, but those that enable their students to make the greatest progress in learning. The goal is for each student to have made at least a year's worth of progress every year, Goss concludes.*

<http://www.theage.com.au/comment/-gumq31.html>

### **Tim McMahon**

#### **VALE LAWRIE BARKER**

The Oberon High School community was saddened to learn of the recent passing of the Reverend Lawrie Barker, a former staff member during the late 1980s and 90s. During his ten years at the school, the "Rev" was an active participant in all aspects of the school community. The sharing of his beliefs, his counselling and teaching was characterised by his personal warmth and happy attitude. Lawrie had the highest of principles and always showed a genuine commitment to the well-being of others. The school community extends its deepest sympathy to his wife Ruth, along with his extended family and friends. He will be fondly remembered.



### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**



Congratulations to Year 7 student Megan Dickson who recently became a State Champion, taking out the Victorian U/14 1500m title at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park.

Megan clocked 4.50.01 at the Victorian Track and Field Championships, a new personal best, booking her spot at the Nationals later this year.

Megan trains with Manifold Little Athletics and also the Seniors at Athletics Chilwell.

Well done Megan!



### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**



Last Saturday Barwon River hosted Rowing Victoria's Junior Schoolgirls State Championship Regatta. **Rosie Tunn-McGrath** competed in the Year 10 Division 1 Single Sculls event. She rowed superbly in the heat, coming from behind to win by over a length. In the A final, Rosie faced one of her consistently strong opponents from Gippsland Grammar; performing well in the head wind conditions, Rosie claimed a Silver Medal – an excellent effort - Congratulations.

In the next fortnight Rosie is looking forward to wearing the Oberon colours at the School Sports Regatta and the Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta.

### **Louise Monotti**



**JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONS**  
Regatta co-hosted by Rowing Victoria  
and Geelong FCRC

House Swimming Sports - Monday 13th February

FINAL RESULTS

GREEVES	668
LIPSON	619
CAMERON	455
THOMSON	233

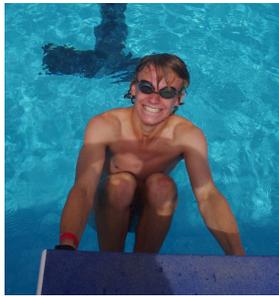
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It was a mild day for our Swim Sports at Kardinia Pool. Lipson were attempting to regain the Annual Swimming Trophy and the staff were aiming to meet the challenge from the students in the kickboard and freestyle relays. Well done to Greeves though on becoming the new champions (helped greatly by a high participation rate). Congratulations to the age level champions with most defending their titles from previous years. Finally a big well done to ALL competitors and as reported below the great swimming continued in the Interschool swimming sports on Friday the 3rd March.

Hopefully all our students are also training for the AHS sports on Thursday the 16th of March.

Mr Craig Feaver  
2017 Sports Coordinator



Barwon/Bellarine Swimming

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March our swimmers competed in the Barwon Regional Swimming at Kardinia Pool. Combined with the Bellarine Region there were 12 schools, and despite our smaller student population, we had our best result for several years, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> over all which was a fantastic effort.

We had 7 of our relay teams who have qualified for the next round. This included the 15 years girls of Rosie Tunn-McGrath, Ebony Haberman, Gabby Phillips and Ellie Pickles, and our Senior Boys; Max Dangerfield, Lachie Reekie, Nicky McMahon and Matt Anthony; both teams winning their 4 x 50m freestyle relays.

We have four divers make it through, Natalie Aston, Max Houliston, Rosie Tunn-Mcgrath and Harvey Martin. Six other swimmers qualified in individual events, including Issy Black from Year 12 in the freestyle and Breastroke Events.

Special mention however must be made about Harvey Martin from Year 9, who swam in 5 individual events, winning all 5 and breaking 3 records, including smashing the 200m Freestyle Record by 8 seconds! Well done to everyone who competed and good luck to the 25 swimmers who qualified for the WMR meeting which is on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of March.

Pictured right are the 15 Years Girls Relay Team, and Harvey Martin.



## VCE NEWS

### YEAR 12

As noted by Tim, the Bob Hillman session was widely attended by our Year 12 students and parents. As a follow up the VCE team are encouraging students to develop study groups which can meet after school. Currently, at lunchtime, there is a student led peer-tutoring group that meets in the library for students to assist each other with aspects of their coursework. Teachers, of course are also readily available for students needing assistance. Please encourage your child to take advantage of these opportunities.

Year 12 students will have a special presentation next Friday from Darren Piera devoted to study skill and organisation to further assist them in managing their workload this year. Students are also currently participating in their Pathways interviews with the Careers Staff. Parents are encouraged to discuss these meetings with their child and of course contact the Careers Team with any queries you may have.

### YEAR 11

Elevate – a corporation that runs workshops for students presented to our Year 11 students last Tuesday. The focus was on study skills thinking forward to exams and assessment preparation which we understand is new for this year level. Feedback from the presenter was very positive with students interested and engaged looking to put into effect the suggestions and recommendations made.

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On 8<sup>th</sup> March, the Oberon Year 12 girls and female staff, celebrated the achievements of women and remembered the struggles that some women face on a day-to-day basis. Our Captains Alex Flisher and Holly Wood-Burgess, reminded girls of the origins of the day in 1909 in New York City, and the gains that women have made over the years. The colours of the day, White, Purple and Green, which represent Purity, Dignity and Hope were worn in ribbons, and also adorned our cake, which we enjoyed at morning tea.



On Tuesday the night before, a group of Year 12 girls and teachers attended a screening of "Hidden Figures" in celebration of the wonderful resilience and remarkable achievements of three American women who did exacting work at NASA in the 1960's. As a school community, we are very proud of the achievements of our girls, and know that they will do us proud this year – go Oberon girls!

## LANGUAGES NEWS



7B – made masks and learnt some songs.

### KARNEVAL celebrations in German classes

Last week saw the final days of celebrating the Karneval season in German communities. Several classes learnt about this cultural activity and completed several tasks:

L9 – wore masks and had Mr Baker come to class. Frau Ray cut off his tie – women are allowed to do this during Karneval!



### GERMAN TRIP

On Monday night, Frau Ray, along with Chelsea Joel, Maddi King and Celeste Schmid received their tickets to fly to Germany on 25 March. The countdown is on! We will be away for 5 weeks at our Sister School near Marburg.



### SAGSE Debriefing

Students in Years 11 & 12 can attend this event at Scotch College on the evening of **March 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Frau Ray and return notes if interested.

If you intend to apply for a scholarship, you are advised to attend.

### LANGUAGES CORNER - DAYS OF THE WEEK

DAYS	HARI	die Tage	しゅう	shuu
Monday	hari Senin	Montag	げつようび	getsuyoobi
Tuesday	hari Selasa	Dienstag	かようび	kayoobi
Wednesday	hari Rabu	Mittwoch	すいようび	suiyoobi
Thursday	hari Kamis	Donnerstag	もくようび	mokuyoobi
Friday	hari Jumat	Freitag	きんようび	kinyoobi
Saturday	hari Sabtu	Samstag	どようび	doyoobi
Sunday	hari Minggu	Sonntag	にちようび	nichiyooobi
week	minggu	die Woche	しゅう	shuu
weekend	akhir minggu	das Wochenende	しゅうまつ	shuumatsu

## WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE

Our first Whole School Community Service activity for 2017 will be fundraising for the Leukaemia Foundation to help raise money to continue research into finding a cure for cancer and to help provide support for those people suffering from cancer. The students in the Year 7A Enhancement Program are planning, organising and hosting the day.



World's Greatest Shave will be happening on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. This will be a Casual Dress Day (**gold coin donation please**) with entertainment, BBQ lunch and cold drinks sold at lunchtime (Students will be advised of prices closer to the event.) We will also be running an Easter Hamper Raffle to be drawn on this day. A highlight of the event for students will be the 'Dunk Tank' starring Mr McMahon and Mr Baker.

Via the Student Bulletin, email and at a Whole School Assembly I have asked that students who are passionate about supporting this fundraising event, and are prepared for their hair to be shaved (number 1 cut) to please see me in Staffroom 1. Of course students will need to have parent permission to participate and if they are not brave enough (or not allowed) to shave then sponsoring other students is the best way to be involved. Last year we raised a staggering \$4,500 so we know our goal of \$2000 this year is very possible. Please note that qualified hairdressers are responsible for the hair cutting.

Any questions or to collect a permission form please see Carole Fisher in Staffroom 1 or contact me on 5243 4444.

Donations of chocolates, lollies, vouchers or other suitable items would be greatly appreciated for the raffle hampers. These can be left at the office or given directly to Ms Fisher.

Thank you on behalf of Year 7 Enhancement class



### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to past Oberon student - musician Sage Craigen who has just released his first album. If you are interested in purchasing Sage's album please visit his Facebook page - Sage Craigen Music.

Well done Sage!

### AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS LUNCH FOR STUDENTS

Students need to be responsible for bringing their lunch each day. They need regular fuel for energy. This means a healthy lunch and snack every day at school. This may be lunch from home or purchased from the Canteen which provides a healthy selection.

If your son or daughter forget their lunch they can come to the office **at the start of lunch or Recess** to call a parent to bring some lunch or money up to school. As the Canteen is an independent business it is not possible for them to issue lunch passes. Please note that the office can no longer lend money to students for lunches.



### AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS



**MONDAY 13TH MARCH**

**IS THE LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

### STUDENT FREE DAYS 2017



The following days have been approved by the Oberon High School - School Council as student free for 2017:

- **Tuesday 2nd May** - Staff Professional Development Day (**this date may change subject to availability of Guest Speakers**)
- **Wednesday 14th June** - Report Writing Day
- **Tuesday 15th August** - Staff Professional Development Day

Please mark these dates in your diary.

## Oberon HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and prospective students  
are warmly invited to our information evening

### Wednesday 29th March 2017

The evening commences with guided tours at 5:00pm followed by an information session at 6.30pm in the school library.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Oberon High School.**  
**Shape your future... Go one better**

12 Pickett Crescent, Belmont - Phone: (03) 5243 4444 - oberon.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au

### HEALTH ALERT

A case of Head Lice has been reported this week - affecting some Year 8 students. It is therefore vital to check your student and treat them if necessary. Although head lice do not carry or transmit disease, they can become a real nuisance because they are easily passed on from person to person. Head lice feed on blood from the scalp and can leave small scabs on the head. These scabs become itchy and continual scratching can lead to infection and skin problems. Left untreated the condition is very uncomfortable and irritating.



The City of Greater Geelong no longer provides District Nurses to do head lice checks. It is important that all families check for and treat head lice problems promptly and notify the school immediately. This information is completely confidential.

A pamphlet on "Treating and Controlling Head Lice," supplied by the Human Services Department is available and information is on the Internet at [www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/) or by telephoning 1300 651 160.

### IMMUNISATIONS - YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Immunisations will be held at School on **Monday 1st May**. Consent forms have been distributed and need to be returned to school **as soon as possible** even if your child does not require the immunisation.

#### Year 7 Students:

- HPV (Human Papillomavirus)
- Boostrix - Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough (Pertussis) - One single injection



If parents have any questions regarding immunisations please call Barwon Health Immunisation on 4215 6962 or visit: [immune@barwonhealth.org.au](mailto:immune@barwonhealth.org.au).

### SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA TRIAL REGISTRATIONS

School Sport Victoria Team Vic State Team Trial Registrations are closing on Friday 10th March, 2017 for the following sports; Australian Football 12 years and under. Swimming and volleyball have a different closing date.

Details can be found via School Sport Victoria's website: <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>.



It's Chilwell Fair time at Chilwell Primary School -

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

Lots of food stalls, Silent Auctions, Music, Wine, Rides for the kids and fun!

Come for dinner from 4 pm. till 9 pm. and bring all the family.



### Junior Netball at Newcomb Power

Newcomb Power Netball Club wishes to invite all new and existing players to join our 2017 Junior 15/U and 17/U

- 15/U players aged 13-15 / years 7-9 playing on a Saturday morning in the BFL
- 17/U players aged 15-17 / years 9-12 playing on a Saturday morning in the BFL

Players must be aged either 15 or 17 & under as 31 December of each year to be eligible to compete in these age groups

The 2017 season is run April – September; training has commenced on Thursday nights at the club 5:30-6:30pm; at the Netball Courts - Grinter Reserve, Newcomb 3219.

All playing levels and abilities are welcome!

Please contact Rebecca Mudd M: 0416 755 226 or [newcombnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:newcombnetball@hotmail.com) for more information or [www.newcombpowernetball.teamapp.com](http://www.newcombpowernetball.teamapp.com) for a player registration form.

### 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.

## Understanding AUTISM seminars

"Very easy to identify with. Her journey speaks volumes." ))

With Dr. Amy Wilson (B.A. Hons, PhD)  
Sociologist and parent of a child with autism (ASD)

Join Dr. Amy Wilson in an affordable and easy-to-understand seminar on the topic of understanding autism.

Whether your interest in autism is personal, professional or commercial, I have a seminar which provides information that really helps you!

"Amazing, one of the best professional learning sessions I have attended."

Early Bird prices range from a low \$13 to \$23 per session.

Gift Tickets also available.

#### Confirmed Dates:

**Burwood:** Sat 6 May and Tues 27 Jun;  
**Geelong:** Sat 3 Jun and Mon 5 Jun;  
**Warmambool:** Sat 14 Oct and Mon 16 Oct;  
**Bendigo:** Sat 28 Oct and Mon 30 Oct;

Coming to **Albury, Bundoora and Shepparton** in mid-to-late 2017.

#### TOGETHER WE CAN TEACH OUR COMMUNITIES TO:

- Understand autism
- Accept difference
- Provide empathy and support

#### EACH SEMINAR OFFERS YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Learn effective strategies to provide support
- Hear 'real life' stories from a parent of a child with autism
- Discuss and share ideas with peers
- Professional seminars offer a certificate of attendance for your professional learning

For more information and booking info visit [www.understandingautism.wixsite.com/amywilson](http://www.understandingautism.wixsite.com/amywilson)



## ACTING CLASSES

GROVEDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

45 Heyers Rd Grovedale

[www.apstudio.com.au](http://www.apstudio.com.au)

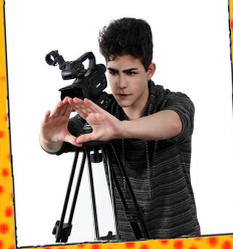
T: 9078 1454

FREE TRIAL CLASS FOR NEW STUDENTS

**KIDS**  
FRIDAYS  
4.30PM - 6.30PM



**TEENS**  
FRIDAYS  
4.30PM - 6.30PM  
6.30PM - 8.30PM



**ADULTS**  
FRIDAYS  
6.30PM - 8.30PM



### YMCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

## YMCA GEELONG

### School Holiday Program

ALL SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN (ages 5-18)



**April 3rd - 13th 2017**

**OPENING HOURS: 7:30am - 6:00pm**  
Monday to Friday

YMCA Geelong Newtown Stadium

25 Riversdale Road,  
Newtown 3220  
☎ (03) 5223 2714

✉ [geelong@ymca.org.au](mailto:geelong@ymca.org.au)  
facebook.com/YmcaGeelong  
www.geelong.ymca.org.au

#### What to Bring

All children attending the program:

- Must bring a hat
- Wear appropriate footwear (runners preferable)
- Bring healthy morning & afternoon snacks PLUS lunch
- Bring a refillable drink bottle
- Wear/bring OLD CLOTHES for craft activities (Eg. painting)
- Bring a spare change of clothes as required for matters relating to weather or personal hygiene

Please note that unlike many OSHC services, the YMCA does not provide breakfast or afternoon snacks. Please ensure you supply enough food for your child to consume throughout the day.

**Please avoid food with nuts as we have several children attending the service with Anaphylaxis This includes PEANUT BUTTER and NUTELLA.**

#### What NOT to Bring

MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT THE SERVICE UNLESS FOR TECHNOLOGY HOUR SESSIONS

#### Activities

Participation in activities on offer is optional. Children choose to participate in the activities they like.

YMCA Geelong does not offer alternative 'at centre' care for children on excursion days. All children booked must attend the excursion but are not required to participate if they choose not to. Staff will do their very best to ensure all children have an enjoyable experience while attending the program, and will aim to deliver the program as per the brochure to the best of their abilities.

A risk assessment is conducted for each excursion/inursion that children participate in. These are available to parents for review upon request.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Registrations/bookings open: Wednesday 15th February, 2017  
Registrations/bookings close: Monday 20th March, 2017  
Cancellations (without charges) by: Monday 27th March, 2017

For further information contact **KIMBERLEY MAHER**  
[kimberley.maher@ymca.org.au](mailto:kimberley.maher@ymca.org.au)

#### Registrations & Bookings

The registrations and bookings are now online! Information regarding this process will be emailed/posted to existing families and available on our website and Facebook page. Please ensure to read all relevant material for this to ensure your bookings are received.

Those without computer access - hard copies of registrations/bookings forms will be available at Newtown Stadium reception.

Registrations/bookings will NOT be processed without relevant supporting documentation (Action Plans, Risk Minimisation Plans, Court Orders, Medication Authorisation forms - where applicable).

Once information has been processed, families will receive an invoice statement with a fee estimate, tentatively confirming the booking.

Please check dates on your statement. Days may be booked out and waiting lists may take effect, there may also be human error.

#### Payment of Fees

**ALL FAMILIES ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A DIRECT DEBIT FORM FOR PAYMENT PURPOSES.**

**DATES FOR DEBITING WILL APPLY.**

All bookings are tentative until payment has been processed.

**Fees: \$62.00 per child per day - centre-based day**

**\$87.50 per child per day - excursion days**

Cost does not include CCB, OCR, or JET reductions

All families note that if eligible for Child Care Benefits this LOWERS the fee rate based on percentage each are entitled to. All families are also entitled to the 50% out of pocket Child Care Rebate (CCR).

Please contact the Family Assistance Office for further information on 13 61 50.

#### DEBIT DATES

Debit 1 (FULL FEE or 1/2 equal payment) - 22/03/2017

Debit 2 - 06/04/2017

#### NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE AGENCY (NDIA)

Children with NDIA funding will not be required to have fees paid upfront as fee claims will be submitted at the conclusion of each program. Please allow up to 7 days for bookings to be processed.

Payment can be made via internet banking (bank details on invoice), in person or via credit card over the phone.

Any families suffering from financial hardship and in need of a payment plan/support are advised to contact the Community Programs Coordinator, Kimberley Maher.