

World's Greatest Shave – Whole School Community Service

The students from Year 7A 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 Thursday 30th March. We elected to run this whole school community service activity as part of our Level 3 - 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 24 prizes. We also organised the BBQ lunch, the selling of cans of drink, the hair colouring booth and the DUNK TANK

The greatest contribution for our fundraising came from the fourteen very brave and generous people who shaved their hair. Not only did they give up their hair but they also gained sponsorship from their family and friends and the community with some amazing donations which contributed to the final amount.

A massive THANK YOU to:

Year 12 students Aran Barnes, Daniel Garcia-Baldonado, Zachary Jinnette, Emily Kinross-Smith, Kendra Schmid, Lachlan Shedden, Jamie O'Toole and Toby Foster. Year 11 students Hugo Duff and Mathew McGuane. Trae Jager and Isaac Atwell from Year 8, and Isabelle Taylor and Amelia Davie both students in the 7A Enhancement class.

There were many people who helped us organise and who supported 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 – especially Tracey Bell (mother of Aston Smith) for her Quiksilver gear and Joanne Foster (mother of Toby) for her hand crafted gifts.
- 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)
 - ◆ Dianne McNamara Hairdressing Apprenticeships Co-ordinator – (mum of Shainna and Tammsyn) who mentored students from the Gordon Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy course.
- Nicky McMahon and Byron Brice who did a fantastic job as MC's for the event
- Ms Louise Monotti – for her in focus photography
- Gary Plummer and Jai Costa for technical support
- Hands on Learning crew
- Yr 12 student helpers
 - ◆ Carly Davies, Alex Flisher and Sophie Colebrook
- Mr Andrew Katos MP (Member for South Barwon) for attending and providing a raffle hamper.
- Mr Tim McMahon, Mr Josh Baker and Mr Adam Freeman for volunteering to go in the DUNK TANK



We would like to acknowledge the following students who raised outstanding donations:

Emily Kinross – Smith	\$871
Daniel Garcia-Baldonado	\$899
Isaac Atwell	\$451
Aran Barnes	\$514
Matt McGuane	\$260
Trae Jager	\$130
Amelia Davie	\$160



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' raising an outstanding amount of

\$6,345

A representative from the Leukaemia Foundation will be attending a whole school General Assembly later in the term where we will present the money raised. Thank you Oberon High School community for your awesome support.



MAY

Mon 1st Year 7 Immunisations
Tues 2nd **STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - STUDENT FREE DAY - EXCEPT FOR STUDENTS DOING THE RSA COURSE**
 Year 12 - Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Course
Thurs 4th Barwon Division Athletics
 Choir performance at the You Yangs
Tues 9th Year 12 "Medea" excursion
Wed 10th Year 8 Community Day
Thurs 11th Year 12 Biology excursion to GTAC (SAC)
 House Cross Country - Eastern Gardens
Sun 14th - Frid 19th Year 8/9 Tasmania Camp
Mon 15th 7A Bush Walk - Point Addis
Wed 17th Year 10 Physical Science excursion - Ecolinc
Frid 19th Science and Engineering Challenge

Frid 19th Year 11 WRICA Expo (Careers)
Tues 23rd Year 11 Biology excursion - Ecolinc
Thurs 25th Top Arts Exhibition - Year 12 Studio Art
Mon 29th Geelong Cross Country
Tues 30th Year 8 & 9 English Presentation and Workshops with Author Sue Lawson
Wed 31st Antipodean parent meeting
JUNE
Thurs 1st Year 8 & 9 English Presentation and Workshops with Author Sue Lawson
 Year 9 STEM Program
Wed 7th Year 7 Bullying Presentation - Verbal Combat Period
 Periods 5 & 6
Mon 12th **QUEENS BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**
Wed 14th **REPORT WRITING DAY - STUDENT FREE DAY EXCEPT FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS SITTING THE GAT**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As this is the first newsletter of Term 2 I would like to welcome all of the school community back to school. The school has been involved in a number of ANZAC day services and activities. On Monday 24th April the school held our ANZAC Day Service which was run by our School Captains and organised by Ms Candeece Cole. Our School Captains also represented the school at the Geelong Schools ANZAC school service at Johnstones Park and the school at the Torquay Dawn Service.

Whole staff Professional Development Day

A reminder to parents that staff will be undertaking a professional learning day on Tuesday 2nd May, this is a student free day. The focus of this day is around curriculum development to ensure that the courses we are teaching our students are not only challenging for all of our students, but also in line with the new Victorian Curriculum.

New Furniture

On Wednesday 26th April, as part of the maintenance money that the school received in 2016, many of our classrooms had their furniture replaced with new furniture. It is anticipated that the rest of the classrooms will have their furniture replaced in the near future. In further upcoming works from the start of May, many classrooms will also be re-carpeted that weren't in the last maintenance works undertaken in 2016. It will be great for our students to have modern furniture in their classrooms; all students deserve this.

School Uniform

A reminder to parents that all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times. With the weather being a lot colder in the morning it is important that students have an appropriate Oberon High School top to wear to keep them warm. Tops can be purchased at Bellarine Uniforms. Our 2nd hand uniform shop is also open each Friday from 1pm—1.30 pm. Hoodie tops are not to be worn under the school uniform, your support with this is most appreciated.

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

It was great to see so many students, parents and guardians in attendance at the student/parent/teacher conferences last Thursday. The number of bookings is an acknowledgement that we have a parent community interested in being part of their children's education. If you were unable to attend the interviews or were unable to make an appointment with a specific teacher, please contact the school so that this can be arranged.

NAPLAN Testing

On Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May, students in Years 7 & 9 will undertake the 2017 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 Australian 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.

As a school we encourage all students to participate in the testing to allow the school to monitor the academic growth being achieved by students. We use this information together with other testing to reflect on the teaching and learning practices being undertaken in the school in order to make any modifications.

The 2017 Attitudes to Schools Survey

We want our student to tell us what they think.

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. The survey assists schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school between Monday 22 May to Friday 23 June. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

Students from Year 7 to 12 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in Term 3, at which time I will report these to the school council and provide a summary to parents through the school newsletter

The Department has updated the survey for 2017 to include important new measures that are known to influence student engagement and performance.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used by the Department to combine data for research purposes only. Your child's privacy and the confidentiality of your child's survey responses will be protected at all times. No identifiable personal data is included in the survey response file. This survey is not a test and your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion.

Australian Canoe Polo Representative

Congratulations to Year 12 student Lachlan Reekie who was selected to represent Australia in Canoe Polo in New Zealand.

German Exchange

Welcome back to the three Oberon students and Ms Liz Ray who have spent the past month in Germany as part of their cultural language exchange. The group arrived back in Australia on Friday 28th April.

Tasmania Camp

One hundred and sixteen students from Year 8 & 9 and eleven staff members will be heading to Tasmania on Sunday 14th May and returning on Friday 19th May. I am sure that all involved will have a wonderful trip and we look forward to hearing of your experiences upon your return.

Barwon Athletics

Good luck to all students that will be representing Oberon High School in the Barwon Athletics Carnival on Thursday 4th May at Landy Field. Students have been given the timetable for the athletics, highlighting the times of their event(s). I encourage any parents to drop in during the day to support their children.

State Swimming

Congratulations to Year 9 student Harvey Martin who achieved a 3rd in the diving and a 5th in the swimming at the Schools State Swimming titles held at MSAC yesterday.

House Cross Country

The School House Cross Country will be held on Thursday 11th May at Eastern Gardens.

Tim McMahon

POSTKARTE AUS DEUTSCHLAND (POSTCARDS FROM GERMANY)

We arrived safely in Germany three weeks ago. During the first week we went to school and experienced all of the different classes and enjoyed not wearing school uniform! The group also had a guided tour of the beautiful, historical Marburg. Celeste and Maddi had a history excursion to learn about a work camp which was situated near their school during World War 2.

Holidays started on the Friday and we have spent time with our host families over the past two weeks. The weather has been warm until today, Easter Monday, when it started to snow in Marburg and in some of our villages! Tomorrow school starts, Tuesday 18th, however we are going on a group excursion to Berlin for the week!

Stay tuned for our next postcard!

Liebe Gruesse,

Frau Ray, Chelsea, Celeste and Maddi



The journey begins.



Just arrived in Frankfurt



Chelsea at school



On tour in Marburg



Easter Monday snow in Marburg

Postcard 2 from Germany - Berlin Trip

Our four day trip started on the Tuesday after Easter by travelling by bus for 7 hours to Berlin. It snowed on the way! We stopped along the way at The Memorial to German Division „Marienborn“. This museum is a former border crossing between the East and West Germany. After we arrived in the afternoon, we settled in to our hostel, then headed to the Reichstag. It was a beautiful view from the top of the dome, although it was a little bit cold. We saw the Brandenburg Gate at night and also the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe.

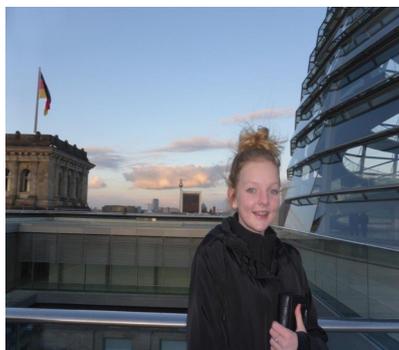
Wednesday morning we cycled around Berlin in the snow and saw the Berlin Wall. We enjoyed exploring Potsdamer Platz and the Mall of Berlin in the afternoon. In the evening we headed to the Stage BlueMax Theater to see the Blue Man Group. This show is a combination of art, music and comedy, making it "that was the best thing we have ever seen!"

On Thursday we headed out to the DDR museum and had an amazing time as it was "very interactive, and different to any of our museums". Afterwards we went shopping at „Die Häckischen Höfe“ and Alexander Platz. The evening was awesome as we went to an under-aged disco in Berlin. The dance floor was packed and we enjoyed dancing to our favourite beats.

Friday was the final day of our trip. Before we travelled back to Marburg, we visited Schloss Sanssouci in Potsdam Park. The castle was interesting and the gardens were amazing as there are so many different pavilions.

Now we only have one week of school left in Marburg and return to Australia on Sunday 30th April.

Bis bald, Celeste, Maddi, Chelsea and Frau Ray



At the Reichstag



Eating "Brezeln" after the DDR Museum visit!



At the Brandenburg Gate



Blue Man Group Visit

Year 10 students in Experience Community Services Program

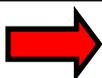
3 Oberon students, Allegra Daly, Bonnie Hodge and Wolfe Macklin-Eadie, were successful in their application for the GRLEN's Experience Community Services program. Over terms 2 and 3 these students will be visiting Head Space, Barwon Child, Youth and Family, MacKillop Services, Karingal and Barwon Health to undertake activities and explore pathways in this field.

Year 9 student, Maggie Park, was a successful applicant in the GLAM project, Girls Leading in Advanced Manufacturing, which is run by GRVEC.

During terms 2 and 3 Maggie will be touring industry sites such as LyondellBasell, Boundary Olives, Thornton Engineering, Sykes Racing, Ford Proving Ground, Air Radiators and Deakin University's CADET facility.

We look forward to hearing about these students' experiences and sharing them with you in future newsletters.

Another great opportunity for our Year 10 students is the GRLEN's Barwon Health Work Experience program that will be run from 24-28 July and 31 July -4 August. Over the course of the week students will be exposed to a myriad of occupations in the Health industry through the many facilities and venues of Barwon Health. Applications will be open soon. Please see the Careers staff for application forms and more information on these amazing opportunities for our students



AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS



TUESDAY 2ND MAY

IS A STUDENT FREE DAY

FOR STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Live and Study Overseas!

Come and discover the exciting possibilities of high school student exchange in 2017.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is inviting you to attend a free public information session. Discover Student Exchange program options, scholarship opportunities, GAP year programs, and the possibilities of living and studying abroad. We would love to see you there.

DATE TUESDAY 2nd MAY

TIME 7:00PM

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On Monday 27th of February, Abbie Bryson, Brea Lugg and I, Toby Foster, along with Mr Lombardi, climbed into a car and drove to Werribee to compete in a Lawn Bowls tournament. We arrived at the Werribee R.S.L at roughly 9am and, after talking to a committee member, got the chance to practice before the tournament.

We started at 10am versing Williamstown. We had practiced enough and, after a slightly scary start, we managed to rack up enough shots to win the first of 3 games. The score was 6 to 1. We had a quick break before our next match and Mr Lombardi and I ran through team tactics.

Our next match started at 11am this time versing Maribyrnong. I realised from the start that we might struggle a bit and, sure enough, we did. The got great shots in while Brea, Abbie and I slightly struggled. (The heat didn't help) We finished the match with a loss for Oberon. The score was 8 to 4, and we were a bit defeated. Abbie handed the score card over to the tournament organiser and we sat down and had a bit of lunch before our final game.

Our final game started at 12pm where we versed Harvest. The game started off strong, and it looked like we would win. But as usual, I was being too optimistic. The last end had them bring the score from 5 to 7 up to 10 to 7. This was another loss for Oberon, meaning we were out of the finals.

Oberon v Williamstown	Won	6 to 1
Oberon v Maribyrnong	Lost	4 to 8
Oberon v Harvest	Lost	7 to 10

Report by Abbie Bryson, Brea Lugg and Toby Foster



**IMMUNISATIONS - YEAR 7 STUDENTS
THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**

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.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - OBERON STUDENTS EXCEL



Congratulations to Phoebe Connolly of Year 7 who recently competed in the Barwon Series Interschool Equestrian Show Jumping Day at Geelong Grammar.

Phoebe competed in the Freshman's Secondary Class and came in 1st in both rounds to take out the Champion of the Group:

- 2 Phase - jumping total of 12 jumps and achieved a clear round resulting in a 1st.
- Grand Prix - jumping a total of 10 jumps - another clear round but needed a jump off, resulting in a 1st.

Phoebe achieved a 1st overall - a fantastic effort.

Well done Phoebe!



CANOE POLO SUCCESS CONTINUES



Congratulations once again to Oberon's canoe polo students for their continuing success. Locky Reekie of Year 12 competed in the Open Mens A Vic team winning gold. The Open teams consisted of 8 State teams and Victoria hasn't won it in quite a few years. Locky and his brother Kane of Year 10 also competed in the U/21 team and won a gold medal. Ruby Winter of Year 9 and Kane Reekie competed in the Vic Junior U/18 team winning the silver medal. The competition was held in Nagambie and the States involved were QLD, NSW, ACT, SA and Victoria. Overall Victoria was the State winner - an amazing effort by all the Victorian athletes.

Well done Locky, Kane and Ruby!



The achievements of two our students was recognised by the Geelong Advertiser in a recent Junior Sport Article. Featured in the article (pictured right) were: Chloe Paton of Year 8 (Beach Volleyball) & Megan Dickson of Year 7 (Athletics 1500m) who both represented Victoria at National titles over the holidays.

Well done Chloe and Megan!



STATE SWIMMERS

Congratulations to Natalie Aston, Harvey Martin, and Max Houlston of Year 9, and Rosie Tunn-McGrath of Year 10 who this week competed in the Schools State Swimming and Diving titles at MSAC.

Harvey achieved a 3rd in the Diving and a 5th in the 50 m Butterfly.

Well done Harvey!

ANZAC DAY SERVICE



A very moving schools Anzac service was held at Johnstone Park on Friday 21st April. Our Captains were proud to be a part of the ceremony laying our wreath, as was Liam Colebrook of Year 12 who was part of the catafalque party.



Laurence Binyon



WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

'BEFORE AND AFTER'



STUDENT ABSENCES

A reminder to all parents of the importance of phoning in absences early on the day of your child's absence. For your convenience you can leave a message on our absence number 0439 326 767.

Our SMS system will send a message out each day after 12 pm to those parents whose child is absent from class without notification.

Parents can text or phone the absence number on 0439 326 767 and state the date, student's full name and reason for absence.

LATE PASSES

If your child arrives late to school they must first report to the Assistant Principal's Office with a note signed by a Parent or Guardian or they can state that a parent has phoned the school.

EARLY LEAVE PASSES

If your child needs to leave school for an appointment during the day they **must** report to the General Office with a note signed by a Parent or Guardian. If no note is provided the office staff will check if a parent has phoned the school. For your convenience you can leave a message on our absence line 0439 326 767. Alternatively if you prefer you can phone the school number 5243 4444 to advise that your child needs to leave school early. To assist Office staff please phone as early as possible to allow plenty of time to pass the message to your son or daughter.

Thank you for your assistance.

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.



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, for an appointment or for any other reason.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.



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Contact Amanda Vernon your local Saver Plus Worker:

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