

MAY

Mon 29th Geelong Cross Country
Tues 30th - Wed 31st Year 8 & 9 English Presentation and Workshops with Author Sue Lawson
Wed 31st STEM Excursion
 Antipodean Parent Meeting - 6 pm - 7 pm - Auditorium
 Year 12 VCAL - Port of Geelong Excursion
 Music Performance Evening

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
Frid 9th - Frid 16th Year 11 Exams
Mon 12th **QUEENS BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

Wed 14th **REPORT WRITING DAY - STUDENT FREE DAY EXCEPT FOR STUDENTS UNDERTAKING A UNIT 3 & 4 SUBJECT WHO WILL BE SITTING THE GAT**
Thurs 15th - Frid 16th Year 10 Keys Please Driver Education Program
Mon 19th **Semester 2 Begins**
Thurs 22nd Western Metropolitan Cross Country
Tues 23rd Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
 Applications Close
 Year 12 German United Nations Conference
Mon 26th Year 11 VCAL Excursion
Tues 27th Year 10 Careers Activity Day - Deakin University
Frid 30th Theatre Visit - School Production Crew
 Last day of Term 2 - 2.30 finish

JULY

Mon 17th **TERM 3 BEGINS**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

The school policy around mobile phones is that these are **not to** be used in classes unless directed to by the teacher for educational purposes. This policy is in place to ensure that the learning environment in the classroom is one where students are focused on their studies without the distractions that come with access to the phones. It also ensures that there isn't any conflict/disputes between staff and students in regards to phones.

We are aware parents will communicate with their children via their phones through messaging throughout the day. Students will still be able to access these messages at recess, lunchtime and afterschool. If parents have an emergency situation, contact the General Office and we will ensure that this message is passed on.

Your support around this policy is greatly appreciated and will ensure that your children will have the greatest opportunity of reaching their potential at school.

House Cross Country

Well done to all the students who participated in the House Cross Country on Thursday 15th May at Eastern Park. Thank you to Mr Chris Sly who organised this event. Students who have qualified to represent the school in the upcoming Interschool Cross Country will be attending this competition on **Monday 29th May**.

Tasmania Camp

Welcome back to the Year 8 and 9 students and staff that attended the Tasmania camp last week. Offering extra-curricular opportunities such as camps is essential to enhancing students learning through developing a greater understanding of Australia, its geography and history. It takes a lot of time organising and planning these camps, therefore it pleasing to see the uptake in regards to these opportunities by the school community. The students whilst they are on camp are representing the school, so it is very pleasing to hear positive reports in regards to the way that students have conducted themselves from the teachers and community members that they have interacted with.

I would like to acknowledge the staff members who attended the camp, without their willingness to spend time away from their families and friends whilst being on duty 24 hours a day we would not be able to offer the camps that we do. As mentioned to students at our General Assembly during the week, they should have all made the effort to thank the staff members who made their camp possible.

School Captains

Our School Captains have been busy organising a range of activities for our students and staff to be involved with. Alex Flisher initiated Zumba Dance Classes for interested staff and students on Friday's at lunchtime in the Gym, whilst Nicky McMahon initiated and organised a whole school Downball Competition which involved close to 100 students from Years 7-12 on Friday 12th May.

Holly Wood-Burgess has organised Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for today for Year 12 students and staff members.

Well done, it is great to see our leaders being so proactive.

Plain English Speaking Competition

Well done to Year 11 students Amy Kuskunovic and Alex Brownbridge who competed in the Plain English Speaking Competition at Sacred Heart on Tuesday 23rd May. As part of the competition, both Amy and Alex needed to deliver a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. Congratulations to Amy who won the competition and will now progress through to a final in Melbourne. A great effort by both Amy and Alex. Thank you to Ms Buso who accompanied the students to the competition

Oil Tank Removal

The Department of Education have organised to have an old oil tank that serviced our old boiler removed from the school site. This will take place over this weekend, however the worksite that has been established, will remain onsite for the majority of next week, whilst the area is returned to its original state.

NAPLAN

On Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May, students in Year 7 & 9 undertook the 2017 NAPLAN tests.

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.

Report Writing Day

Students will not be at school on **Wednesday 14th June**, as staff have a designated Report Writing Day. Students who are completing a Unit 3-4 VCE subject are required at school to complete the General Achievement Test (GAT). Families will receive a copy of their children's Report on the last day of term, this will be available electronically via the School Portal (Student Management Tool) **after 3.30 pm on Thursday 29th June**.

Tim McMahon

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2017

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

- **Wednesday 14th June** - Report Writing Day
- **Tuesday 15th August** - Staff Professional Development Day



Please mark these dates in your diary.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AT OBERON

We have a long and proud history of public speaking at Oberon, founded by Mrs Barbara Staff. Students consistently embrace public speaking opportunities, such as our Public Speaking Festival and external competitions.

Amy Kuskunovic and Alex Brownbridge of Year 11, competed in the prestigious Plain English Speaking Award at Sacred Heart College on May 23rd.

Amy and Alex valiantly rose to the challenge of delivering prepared and impromptu speeches. They were engaging and eloquent and delivered their speeches with conviction and confidence. Both the judges and audience commended them for their skill, confidence and ability to deliver compelling and passionate speeches.

An enormous congratulations to Amy for winning the Regional Final of this competition! Amy will now be competing in the Semi-Final in Melbourne in June. We all wish her the very best and feel very proud that she will be representing our school at such a high level of competition in public speaking.

Alex must also be congratulated for his participation and willingness to move outside his comfort zone. The judges and audience assumed he was a seasoned public speaker, but it was the first time Alex had competed in a public speaking competition.

We have also had seven of our students compete in the Australian Rostrom Voice Of Youth Competition in April, in both the Senior and Junior Division:

- Senior Division: Alex Ivanov, Allegra Daly and Bonnie Hodge
- Junior Division: Ebony Davis, Makaylah Prigg, Maddison Atkinson and Emerson Stead

All of our courageous competitors rose to the challenge of delivering prepared and impromptu speeches, demonstrating the high calibre of speakers we have at Oberon. Thank you all for your participation and representing our school in such an exemplary manner.

Congratulations to Bonnie Hodge and Emerson Stead for winning the Senior and Junior sections of the competition! Maddy Atkinson was the runner up in the Junior Section and must be acknowledged for this achievement. Bonnie and Emerson will be competing in the State Finals in Melbourne in June. We wish them the very best for this achievement and they have our full support as they embark upon the next stage of the competition.

We also have four students competing in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award in July. Students competing are: Abbey Geddes, Hannah Maher, Will Stiles and Rory Pickles. We wish them our very best for this up-coming event.

Our Public Speaking Festival will be taking place in August. This Festival continues to be such a success because so many of our students enthusiastically participate. This event will be promoted during the coming weeks and your English teachers will provide you with further details.

Public Speaking is ranked as one of the greatest fears in the wider community. We do not know, however, what we are truly capable of until we move outside our comfort zone.

Julie Buso

ANTIPODEANS TOUR 2018

A Parent Information session for Antipodean tour to Vietnam and Laos will be held the School Auditorium at 6.p.m. on **Wednesday May 31st** for those interested in hearing more about this fabulous opportunity for our current Year 9 and Year 10 students to participate in.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT SOPHIE MACONACHIE ON THE WORLD STAGE



Sophie Maconachie of Year 11 has been in Hawaii competing in the Global Dance and Cheer Games, representing Cheer Geelong, along with teams from all over the world.

Sophie's team won a third place for one of their routines. She has really enjoyed the whole experience, including spectacular opening and closing ceremonies.

Well done, Sophie!

CAREERS NEWS

Year 11 Students Visit Werribee Careers Expo

To complement their MIPs (Managed Individual Pathways) interviews, all Year 11 students visited the Werribee Careers Expo on Friday 19th May. Representatives from Victorian TAFEs and Universities, private providers, apprenticeship centres as well as Victoria Police and The Defence Force were in attendance. Students actively sought out information about a wide range of pathways for study and employment. Their mature and inquisitive approach made them such a credit to the school and themselves.

Future opportunities to explore pathways include the Geelong Future Education Information Evening on **Thursday 27th July** at Deakin Waterfront campus as well as university Open Days in August. Check out the Oberon High School Pathways portal (found on the school webpage under Portals) for more information.



AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS



**MONDAY 12TH OF JUNE IS THE QUEENS BIRTHDAY
SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

**WEDNESDAY 14TH OF JUNE IS
REPORT WRITING DAY
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
EXCEPT FOR STUDENTS UNDERTAKING A UNIT 3 & 4
SUBJECT WHO WILL BE SITTING THE GAT ON THIS DAY**



IMMUNISATIONS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 7, 10, 11 & 12

Year 7 Students

Immunisations for Year 7 students will be held at School on **Thursday 20th July, 2017.**



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)
- Chicken Pox

Years 10, 11 & 12 Students

Immunisations for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be held at School on **Tuesday 22nd of August.**

- Meningococcal W

Consent cards have been distributed and need to be returned to school by **Friday 26th May.** Spare consent cards can be collected from the Office.

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

STATE SWIMMING AND DIVING

We had 4 students qualify to compete in the School Sport Victoria State Finals in diving and swimming. Well done to Year 9 student Harvey Martin who placed 3rd in the diving and finished 5th in the butterfly (swimming was held on Wednesday). Well done also to Year 9 students Max Houliston (first), Natalie Aston (Third) and Year 10 student Rosie Tunn-McGrath (Second) who competed in the diving event at the regional level (result in brackets) and then the State final later in the day.

Thanks also to Rob Neal who took the Diving Team up to a training session early on Thursday morning and drove them all home late in the afternoon.

Overall an awesome effort by all involved.

Craig Feaver
Sports Coordinator



VCE NEWS

Just a few notices for students regarding arrangements for the End of Semester.

Year 12:

The GAT for students completing Unit 3 and 4 scored assessments will be held on **Wednesday June 14th**. Students have received information regarding the format and timing of the GAT and have also received their end of year examination timetables.

Year 11:

Students have been informed that Unit 1 Work Requirements are due on **Thursday June 8th** for satisfactory completion of the semester. This is just prior to their examination week beginning **Friday June 9th**. Students will receive details of their exam timetable next week.

Year 10:

Careers and Pathways are beginning their process with Year 10 students on **Thursday June 15th** and **Friday June 16th** with more details of the special program on those days to come soon.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Well done to Holly Wood-Burgess and all of the Year 12 students who helped to organise the Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser today.

Year 12 students and staff gathered in the Year 12 Common Room at Recess and enjoyed a fabulous homemade morning tea and a hotly contested Trivia quiz.

Thank you to all the students and staff who baked, shopped and helped with this wonderful event.

All money raised will be donated to the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea Appeal.





**Umpires with disabilities
showcase the invaluable service
they provide to
local football competitions.
SEE THEM IN ACTION!!**

9th Encompass Cup Sat 27th May

Jetts Oval Winter Reserve, Glyn St, Belmont

BELMONT LIONS  **v**  **WINCHELSEA**

ENCOMPASS CUP
2.10pm Seniors

Past Geelong Cats players will be in attendance



To volunteer or for further enquiries, please contact Kiane on
5222 3377 or kiane@encompass-cs.org.au
www.encompass-cs.org.au | Like **Encompass Community Services** on Facebook

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.**

We hope this will encourage your sons and daughters to be more responsible for their own wellbeing.



**HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR
THE CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS
FUND (CSEF)?**



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

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

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for Primary School students
- \$225 for Secondary School students

How to apply:

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

Applications close 23rd June, 2017

LANGUAGES NEWS

LEARNING GERMAN, INDONESIAN OR JAPANESE?

Have a go at one of the "Language Assessment of Competence" tests available. The tests cost \$10 and are available at different levels – Certificates 1, 2 or 3 for each of three languages.

Please ask your son or daughter to contact their Language teacher for additional information.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN GIRLS FROM OUR SISTER SCHOOL

Two additional girls would like to travel to Australia with the Marburg Sister School program. The group will arrive on Monday 25th September and leave on Friday 20th October.

If you are able to assist please contact Frau Ray as soon as possible.

LANGUAGES CORNER

FAMILY

Mum
Dad
Older sister
Younger sister
Older brother
Younger brother
Grandmother
Grandfather
Aunt
Uncle
Cousin

KELUARGA

ibu
bapak/ayah
kakak perempuan
adik perempuan
kakak laki-laki
adik laki-laki
nenek
kakek
bibi/tante
paman/om
sepupu.

die Familie

die Mutter
der Vater
die ältere Schwester
die jüngere Schwester
der ältere Bruder
der jüngere Bruder
die Großmutter/ Oma
der Großvater/ Opa
die Tante
der Onkel
der Cousin/ die Kusine.

kazoku

okaasan
otousan
oneesan
imouto(san)
oniisan
otouto(san)
obaasan
ojiisan
obasan
ojisan
itoko

かぞく

おかあさん
おとうさん
おねえさん
いもうと(さん)
おにいさん
おとうと(さん)
おばあさん
おじいさん
おばさん
おじさん
いとこ

The Faculty of Arts at the University of Melbourne is pleased to announce its 2017 **VCE Winter School** for Year 10, 11 and 12 VCE students, from Tuesday 11 July to Sunday 16 July.

This year the Winter School will be offering a series of inspiring lectures, seminars and tutorials in five VCE subjects: **History Revolutions, Australian History, Literature** and new this year **Italian and French**. The program is developed in consultation with VCE experts and examiners, and taught by internationally acclaimed scholars and experts, giving an unparalleled opportunity for students to excel in their VCE exams.

With registrations now being accepted and limited places available, we encourage you to undertake this exciting opportunity as soon as possible to secure a place and avoid disappointment. Please download the [flyer](#) for the full schedule and cost details.

11 & 12 July	History Revolutions
12 July	Australian History
13 July	Italian & French
14 July	Professional Development Course: Literature Teachers
15 & 16 July	Literature



Course Content

The YMHA course teaches adults how to assist adolescents who are developing any of the following mental health problems, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or in a mental health crisis:

Youth Mental Health First Aid training teaches adults how to provide Mental Health First Aid to adolescents.

Mental illnesses often start in adolescence and it is important to detect problems early to ensure the young person is properly treated and supported. The YMHA course teaches adults who have frequent contact with adolescents, such as parents, guardians, school staff and youth workers how to assist adolescents who are developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis.

Developing mental health problems

- Depression
- Anxiety problems
- Eating disorders
- Psychosis
- Substance use problems.

Mental health crises

- Suicidal thoughts and behaviours
- Non-suicidal self-injury
- Panic attacks
- Traumatic events
- Severe psychotic states
- Severe effects from alcohol or other drug use
- Aggressive behaviours.



Upcoming Course Dates: July 3rd and July 4th

Location: 444 Princes Hwy, Corio

Duration: 9am to 5pm

Fees: \$258.50 inc GST, lunch is provided

For further information and bookings please contact

Karingal Training
training@karingal.org.au or
1300 KTCOURSE (1300 582 687)

www.karingaltraining.org.au



The Indigenous Community Book Program is a charitable venture that aims to provide more quality books for Indigenous schools, families and children across Australia. Since 2013 we have donated over 100,000 free books into 50+ Aboriginal communities and groups.



INDIGENOUS FUND
AN INITIATIVE OF THE RURAL EDUCATION FOR CHANGE

What is the present situation in Indigenous Communities?

The unfortunate fact is that too many Indigenous communities, schools, families and care groups have little or no access to quality books or educational resources. As such too many Aboriginal students fail to finish School & fail to progress onto higher studies and/or employment.

Result = There is a huge Achievement Gap in school results, completion rates, University entrances, and/or entry into and success at employment. This in turn creates serious long term personal crisis issues.

Why have such a program?

- It is commonly accepted by Academics and Health Specialists that reading books when you are young will lead to richer brain development, and a better and more sustainable start to school.
- Reading Books = Better Spelling = Richer Vocab Skills = Becoming a Stronger Student.
- Stronger Students will on average finish school and enter higher studies and/or employment.
- Reading books at a young age will help build adults who can think, understand, care, work and lead.

FIXING THE PROBLEM – HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- DONATE MORE BOOKS TO US – We need more new or second hand books - all books must be in great condition.
- HELP US HOLD A BOOK DONATION DAY IN YOUR TOWN - A great way to collect books and be involved.
- CONNECT US WITH YOUR SCHOOL, CHURCH, EMPLOYER & YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY – for mini book drives.
- PUT US IN CONTACT WITH A TRANSPORT COMPANY – in this way you can help us deliver more.
- FUNDRAISE FOR YOUR PROGRAM – by helping us out with a BBQ or Art show or any other little fundraiser – you can help us deliver more!
- SUPPORT OUR WORK VIA SOCIAL MEDIA – Like us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/icbpbooks - this will help us market our program

HOW ABOUT HELPING US AT OUR UPCOMING GEELONG BOOK DONATION DAY

WHEN: TUESDAY 13 June 2017

TIME: 1pm to 4pm

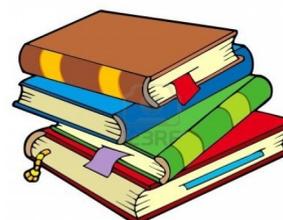
WHERE: Waterfront Kitchen, Deakin University – 1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong

QUERIES: Indigenous Community Book Program

EMAIL: icbp.books@gmail.com

PHONE: 0429 820 278

Books can be donated on the day. If you can't make the day, then books can be dropped off at the venue prior to the date. If you have any queries about the donation day or helping us with our program please do not hesitate in contacting us at icbp.books@gmail.com



VIC BEACH GEELONG PRESENTS

DODGEBALL SCHOOL'S CUP



CAN YOU DODGE, DUCK & DIVE YOUR WAY TO VICTORY?



- THURSDAY NIGHTS FROM 5PM

- 6 PLAYERS PER SIDE

- \$60 PER TEAM PER WEEK

- MIXED SIDES

- ALL SCHOOLS THAT ENTER WILL RECEIVE 1 HR FREE COURT HIRE - DISCOUNTS FOR MULTIPLE BOOKINGS

- WINNING TEAM WILL RECEIVE \$50 REBEL SPORT VOUCHER PER PLAYER AND SCHOOL NAME ON PERPETUAL SHIELD

- TEAM ENTRIES CLOSE BY FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

**JUNIOR DIVISION
YEAR 7-9**

**SENIOR DIVISION
YEAR 10-12**

**STARTS THURS
JUNE 8TH**

**SEMIS & FINAL
SEPT 21ST**

TO ENTER CALL 52224400 OR EMAIL RAY@GEELONGVICBEACH.COM.AU OR JEN@GEELONGVICBEACH.COM.AU
1A CROWN STREET SOUTH GEELONG, WWW.GEELONGVICBEACH.COM.AU



Can Saver Plus assist you with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Amanda Vernon your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5278 8122
or avernon@bethany.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across Greater Geelong by Bethany. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

WEP IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES! HOST A HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM OVERSEAS AND CREATE MEMORIES FOR LIFE!



LAST CHANCE TO HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT THIS JULY



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AUSTRALIA'S #1 NON COMPETITIVE SOCCER PROGRAM



TERM 2 WEEKEND PROGRAMS

Saturday mornings
Oberon High School
12 Pickett Crescent, Belmont

Sunday mornings
Western Heights College
37-61 Vines Road, Hamlyn Heights

Soccer Fun For Girls & Boys Aged 2 to 12! TERM 2 WEEKEND PROGRAMS

STARTING 29th/30th April 2017
BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE NOW!

Mite-E Soccer (2-3yo)

A great introduction to Soccer! Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills! Lots of fun games in a non-competitive environment
35 minute classes
\$130 for 8 weeks



Pint Size Soccer (4-5yo)

Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more. Children get to play lots of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get introduced to the Pint Size Tv1 Big Game!
50 minute classes
\$140 for 8 weeks



Intro to Micro (5-6yo)

The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and more.
Intro - 60 mins \$145 for 8 weeks
Micro - 75 mins \$150 for 8 weeks



Micro Plus (8-12yo)

This program focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favourite soccer based games, fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!
75 minute classes
\$150 for 8 weeks



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