PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School Council
Thank you to all parents that voted as part of the recent School Council election where we had six parents nominating themselves for three parent vacancies. Congratulations to the following parents that have been elected to School Council as Parent Representatives:

- Craig Wood-Burgess, Jan Gregor and Neil Fischer
- Two other parents David Noble and Jill Unsworth who nominated themselves as Parent Representatives have agreed to be on School Council as Community Representatives.

After our recent School Council Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 11th March, the School Council formation will be as follows for the 2015 school year:

- President - Craig Wood-Burgess
- Vice President - Kerry Lapuzzo
- Treasurer - Scott Barnes
- Parent Representative - Kathy Spowart-Deller
- Parent Representative - Neil Fischer
- Parent Representative - Jan Gregor

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

Staffing
Mrs Angela Smith a long term Language teacher at Oberon High School will be moving to Warrnambool from the start of Term 2. Angela will be joining her husband who has been appointed to a new position with Parks Victoria. We wish Angela and her family of all the best with the move and hope to see Angela return to Oberon High School in the future. Angela’s Indonesian classes will be covered by Mrs Jocelyn Fincher who will be returning from family leave. The school has advertised for a replacement German teacher to cover Angela’s German classes and an appointment is likely before the end of Term.

Miss Rosie Hilder has joined the school as a Vocal Teacher, Rosie is replacing Mrs Belinda Urbanski who is on Family Leave. Rosie will be working at the school on Wednesdays and Fridays. If your son/daughter would like to undertake vocal lessons or be a member of the School Choir, I encourage you to contact Rosie at school.

Annual Report
At the March meeting of School Council the 2014 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.

My School Website Results
You may have read in the media that the 2015 ‘My School’ website has been released. This site allows parents to access and analyse the results of schools results, mainly based around NAPLAN results for 2014. If you visit this site I encourage you to look at the Student Gain section as this allows you to see the rate of improvement that is occurring for students in a school from Years 7-9 in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. The Student Gain element of the site compares the results of Year 7 students (2012) and the same group as Year 9 students (2014) in comparison to students starting at the same level, state average improvement results and students from similar socio-economic backgrounds. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters the student gain that we achieved for students in reading and writing is above State Average and this is reflected on the website.

House Athletics
The House Athletic Sports were held on Tuesday 17th March at Landy Field. Thank you to Mr Rob Neal who organised these sports. It was great to see so many students participating in the sports over the day. The Champion House and Age Group Champions will be announced at our next Whole School Assembly. It was great to see so many students participating over the day and to see parents in attendance to support their children.

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

Open Night
The school will be holding our Open Night on Tuesday 24th March with tours of the school available from 5pm and an information session at 6.30pm in the Library.

Enhancement Evening
The school held an information evening on Tuesday March 17th for our 2016 Year 7 Enhancement class. If parents were unable to attend this evening and require more information around this program, I encourage you to contact Assistant Principal Mr Josh Baker.

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Congratulations to Jade Feakes of Year 12 who’s sculpture is currently on display at the National Gallery of Victoria as part of the VCE Top Arts Exhibition. This is an amazing achievement as it is limited to approximately 12 students across the State from all school sectors.

The Top Arts Exhibition runs from 19th March to 28th June at the National Gallery of Victoria. Admission is free.

Jade Feakes pictured at the opening of Top Arts with her wonderful sculpture entitled ‘Hellbound”

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We are inviting Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents to join us on campus to be a uni student for a day this Easter holidays. At Experience La Trobe, students will have the opportunity to attend workshops, lectures and seminars of their choice to find out about career options, areas of study, pathways and student life while parents will be able to participate in our special ‘Parents Program’.

Registrations for the first two events are now open and places are limited so get in quick to design a personalised program for the day.

Melbourne Campus, Thursday 9 April
Bendigo Campus, Friday 10 April

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SAGSE Debriefing at Scotch College

Last Tuesday evening, Noah Rawlings of Year 11 travelled to Scotch College with Frau Ray to attend this prestigious Scholarship Debriefing. Several Year 11 students who study German are interested in applying for a scholarship. Pictures below show Noah at Scotch College together with past Oberon student and scholarship recipient, Amber Hanson.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY- School Holiday Opportunities

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE
STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED FROM SCHOOL AT 2.30 PM ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM

FREE BREAKFAST

A free breakfast is provided for students every Tuesday and Friday from 8.10 am in the Student Shelter. Your sons and daughters are welcome to come along and enjoy some toast and a hot milo to start the day. Our thanks and appreciation goes to the Salvation Army for providing breakfast to our students.
Road safety success on Surf Coast Highway, Belmont

It is exciting to see that major road works have commenced at the Kidman Avenue and Surf Coast highway intersection in Belmont.

After a long fought community campaign to combat this dangerous intersection, it is wonderful to see the community’s voice being heard along with members of the Oberon school community.

I visited the works to see first-hand the improvements underway. I was joined by local residents Brad and Valerie Moore who have spearheaded the campaign, along with students from Oberon High School and their assistant principal Joshua Baker.

This $1.4 million upgrade, to be completed around the middle of this year, will improve safety on the Surf Coast Highway with new traffic signals at Kidman Avenue which will deliver a safer crossing for school children and all pedestrians.

Before the 2013 federal election, I joined with many members of the community to fight for this major road safety upgrade. The result is new traffic lights and innovative measures to better prepare motorists to stop and slow down at the intersection.

I also want to commend Oberon’s principal, Tim McMahon, who was a tireless advocate for road safety action.

VicRoads advises over 20,000 vehicles per day travel the Surf Coast Highway.

According to VicRoads, one of the new safety measures being installed is an innovative treatment called a ‘safety platform’ (looks similar to a speed bump) which is designed to better prepare motorists to lower their speed when approaching the intersection.

The right-turning lanes along the Surf Coast Highway will be extended between Kidman Avenue and Settlement Road to allow drivers more opportunities to turn right and a dedicated left-turning lane into Kidman Avenue will also be created.

This upgrade represents a great win for the people of Belmont and the Oberon High School community.

Photo Below: From left, Val Moore, Zac Morrison, Oberon High School Assistant Principal Joshua Baker, Shainna McNamara, Bonnie Hodge, Sarah Henderson and Brad Moore.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS

The SMS system at Oberon will send a message out each day after 12 pm stating if your child has been absent from any classes for that day. It is important that students who arrive late, see the Assistant Principals for a late pass with a note, rather than going straight to class to avoid an unexplained absence.

WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE - SHAVE 4 A CURE

Our first Whole School Community Service Activity for 2015 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 enrolled in the Year 7 Enhancement Program are planning, organising and hosting the day.

Shave 4 A Cure will be happening on Wednesday 25th 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 Raffle to be drawn on this day and other activities in the preceding week.

Via the Student Bulletin I have asked that students who are passionate about supporting this fundraising event and would like to have their hair shaved 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 $3,919.60 so let’s go one better this year. Please note that qualified hairdressers are responsible for the hair shaving (number 1).

Any questions or to collect a permission form please see Carole Fisher in Staffroom 1 or contact me on 52 434444.

Donations of chocolates, easter eggs or other suitable treats would be greatly appreciated for the raffle hampers. These can be left at the Office or directly to Ms Fisher.

3216 Youth Action Crew!

OUR FIRST WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY FOR 2015

The City of Greater Geelong’s Youth Development Unit is looking to start a 3216 Youth Action Crew. We are seeking a diverse group of young people who represent all walks of life to give young people a voice in their community. No experience required, just the attitude of wanting to get involved!

If you think you would be interested or just want to learn more please feel free to contact Karina Donkers on 0419 504 329 or email me on kdonkers@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

3216 Youth Action Crew!
Hi, - We have specials below:

NEW TO CANTEEN: Hot & Spicy Mi Goreng Noodle Cup

We have specials below:

Tuesday:
Homemade Burgers
$4.90
Pasta, homemade Bolognaise sauce

Thursday:
Mini Hawaiian Pizza and Oak meal deal
- Thursday - sml $4, lge $5
Sausage roll and Oak meal deal Friday - sml $4, lge $5

Remember - Order lunch to avoid disappointment

CANTEEN HELPERS ROSTER—TERM 1 & TERM 2 2015

Thank you to all helpers who have volunteered their time in the Canteen this year so far. It is greatly appreciated by the both of us! If anyone else would like to volunteer to help in the Canteen please call in to the Canteen and see us or give us a ring we would love to have a chat.

Cheers
Linda and Elaine
Northern Bobcats Basketball Club is looking for players for the u12 and 14 and under Girls competition at GNBC. South Geelong on a Monday night. Games are usually played between 4.30 and 6.30pm. Please contact Brett Williams, on 0400 561 561

WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM

Enrichment, Education, Excitement - Become a Volunteer Host Family!
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Belgium, the USA, and France are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au

TATE ST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Car Boot Sale & Market Day
TATE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL
SATURDAY 21ST MARCH
10.00AM - 4.00PM
Sausage Sizzle, cake stall, Party Plan Company’s.
Come and grab a bargain from the car boot stalls.
Contact the school office 52212780 for a stall.

FREE EVENT

2015 Waurun Ponds Skate Scoot & BMX Comp
SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2015 / 11.00AM-4.00PM
WAURUN PONDS SKATE PARK - PIONEER ROAD, WAURUN PONDS GEELOONG
THREE AGE DIVISIONS IN EACH SPORT // GREAT PRIZES // TEMPORARY TATTOOS // PHOTOBOOTH // FREE BBQ // SKATEBOARD ART WORKSHOP

YOUTH

Starting
Friday 17th April
Every Friday
3.30pm-5.30pm
DROP IN
12-19 yr olds
THIS YOUR SPACE - MAKE IT YOUR OWN!
Table Tennis, X-box, Football Table, Art, Sport, Wii and other activities
Youth Space @ Grovedale Neighbourhood Hub
45 Heven Rd, Grovedale

Let’s play ball and have fun at

Baseball Club
Pioneer Rd, Grovedale. (Enter opposite Meadowvale Drive)
2015 Season played on Saturday mornings from late April to August
U13 to U17 competitions caters for 8 - 16 year olds
Also Teeball Smash & Rally Cap programs for 5 - 9 year olds
Rally Cap is skills based grading program that evolves into games of the Teeball Smash. Start & Finish dates to be confirmed.
Training every Wednesday from 18th March, 4:30pm to 6.30pm
Registrations can be taken each training night
For more information contact Chris Rickard at crickard@lizzy.com.au Mob 0411 165 205
See our web site: www.saints.baseball.com.au

“Our aim is to attract new players to grow the sport of baseball through development of skills & knowledge at all levels in a fun, family friendly environment.”

Teen Makeover, Braiding with Flair & Smokey Eye
Be trained by the best.

Teen Makeover
This is the ultimate two day workshop for teens. • full day hairdressing, • full day nails (includes basic nail art) • full day makeup • full day beauty
A great insight into the career offered by the Gordon, train presentation. skin care and make-up application, hairdressing and nails. Includes a show and a challenge.
Time: 9am - 4pm each day
Fee: $100

Braiding with Flair Workshop
Create that perfect fashionable braid everyone. This hands-on workshop provides give you great results every time. All materials are provided including a fake hair headband kit to practice our braiding skills.
Date: Wednesday 4th April
Time: 9am - 5pm
Fee: $60

Smokey Eye Master Class
Wondering how professional artists achieve the perfect smokey eye look? This three hour master class will give you the industry techniques and tips to make a smokey eye look with great results every time.
Date: Wednesday 1st April
Time: 9am - 4pm
Fee: $90

For further information phone 5213 7959 or visit thegordon.edu.au/shortcourses