The students from the G7A 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 the last Wednesday in term 1. We elected to run this whole school community service activity as part of our 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 Easter Egg hampers. One of the highlights of the day was the chance to dunk Mr McMahon, Ms Kelly or Mr Baker in the Dunk Tank. It was a popular activity and a number of students scored three out of three. Thank you for being involved and joining in the fun. We also collected donations from the Donut Day, the BBQ lunch and selling cans of drink.

The greatest contribution for our fundraising came from the twelve very brave and generous students who shaved their hair. Not only did they give up their hair but also they gained sponsorship from their family and friends and the community. The people who shaved their heads or cut their hair were:

- Tariq Ismat
- Celeste Schmid
- Courtney Sears
- Brett Allison
- Thomas Dodson
- Torie Forde
- Lachlan Hutchinson
- Matthew Lauria
- Tom Wood-Burgess
- Leila Creswell
- Andoni Fischer
- Brett Allison
- Thomas Dodson
- Torie Forde
- Lachlan Hutchinson
- Matthew Lauria
- Tom Wood-Burgess

There were many teachers, students and parents who helped us organise this event. We would like to thank everybody but especially the following people:

- 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, Cathy Pietzsch and Cassi Fama from Scissorhood Hairdressing Salon.
- Linda and Elaine from the Canteen
- Ms Renae Barnett, Bonnie Hodge, Julia D’Albora and Isabelle Gillham who provided entertainment
- Mr Andrew Ellery – MC for the event
- Mr McMahon, Ms Kelly & Mr Baker

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 to raise an outstanding amount of $6,674.77

A representative from the Leukaemia Foundation will be attending a whole school General Assembly on Friday 15th May at 9.00am where we will present the money raised. We would like to invite all parents and families to this assembly.

Thank you to the Oberon High School family.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As this is the first newsletter of Term 2 I would like to welcome all of the school community including any new students back to school. The school has/ will be involved in a number of ANZAC day services and activities. Today (Friday 24th April) the school held its ANZAC day service at the school, which was run by our school captains and involved some of our year 8 students doing a presentation on famous ANZAC’s. Our school captains also represented the school in the Geelong Schools ANZAC service and will also be representing the school at the Torquay Dawn Service. One of our teachers Craig White will be at the 100th Anniversary service at ANZAC cove in Gallipoli after being selected as a teacher chaperone on a Victorian Government representative trip.

There has once again been a lot of discussion in media outlets over the public versus private school debate and which schooling system provides the best outcomes for its students. I have attached a link to an article published in ‘The Age’ newspaper on Monday 20th April titled “Thirty studies and 15 years later: review shows public schools produce same results”. I encourage you to read the article which once again articulates that students when compared from similar backgrounds results in almost no difference in outcomes whether they are attending a public, catholic or private school.


World’s Greatest Shave

A highlight of the school at the end of term one was ‘World’s Greatest Shave’ day that was organised by Mrs Carole Fisher and the year 7 enhanced math class to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. As part of this fundraising effort, twelve students agreed to have their heads shaved resulting in $6,674.77 being raised. This was an incredible effort by Carole and the students involved. It was also pleasing to see so many other community members in attendance for the day including parents, grandparents and siblings of students.

Parent-Teacher Interviews and Online Portal Feedback

It was great to see so many parents/guardians in attendance at the parent-teacher interviews last Thursday and Friday. If you were unable to attend the interviews or were unable to make an appointment with a specific teacher, contact the school so that this can be arranged. This was the first time that the school has used the online booking system for parent teacher interviews. As is the case with any new system, we are looking for feedback. If parents/guardians have identified areas of this system that they believe could be improved could they be emailed to assistant principal Josh Baker (baker.joshua@edumail.vic.gov.au).

School for Student Leadership

Over the past fortnight I have been part of the panel to decide the six students (three boys and three girls) from year 9 that will be attending the DET School for student leadership at Dinner Plain for nine weeks in term three. Once again I have been very impressed by the qualities that our students demonstrated in their interviews making the decision on which six students should be selected very difficult.

Student Attitude to School Surveys

The school will be conducting the annual ‘Attitudes to School survey’ with students from years 7 to 12 students which is overseen by the Department of Education Training (DET). The survey is designed to assist 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 experience at school. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 20th April to Friday 1st May.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July, at which time I will report these to the school council and provide a summary to parents through the school newsletter.

Year 8 & 9 Tasmania Camp

Seventy four students from year 8 & 9 and seven staff members will be heading to Tasmania on Monday 27th April and returning on Saturday 2nd May. I am sure that all involved will have a wonderful trip and look forward to hearing of your experiences on your return.

Barwon Athletics

Good luck to all students that will be representing Oberon High School in the Barwon Athletics carnival on Friday 1st May at Landy Field. I encourage any parents to drop in over the day to support their children.

Staff Professional Learning - Student Free Day

Friday 8th May is a student free day as all staff will be involved in professional learning. The staff will be working with Wayne Craig who is a former regional director of the Northern Metropolitan region. Wayne will be working with the staff on how to develop greater curiosity into our classrooms resulting in greater curiosity by our students to further enhance their learning outcomes.

Smoking Regulations

As has been publicised recently in the media there are new regulations in regards to parents smoking around schools. Your adherence to these regulations as outlined below is most appreciated.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Caity Lomas of Year 9 who has received a Geelong Implode Youth - Young Carers Award. Caity recently attended the Award Ceremony at the Geelong Performing Arts Centre and is pictured below at with her fellow recipients.

Well done Caity on this wonderful achievement.

WESTPAC MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2015

Oberon High school is again participating in the Australian Mathematics Competition this year in August. In the past, students from each year level have participated in this competition, with junior, intermediate and senior sections.

This is part of the blurb on their website “ Although it is aimed at the average student, the AMC also identifies gifted students. It is worth noting that Australia’s leading Mathematicians aged under 40 were discovered and developed as a result of taking part in the AMC.” There is a cost of $6 per student.

If you are interested in your child taking part in this competition they can get an entry form from their current Mathematics teacher or Mrs Evans in Staffroom 4.
The 2015 Oberon Public Speaking Festival begins in Term 2 and runs throughout the Term to give each year level an opportunity to compete. The yearly event is held in the Auditorium and gives all students the opportunity to show off their speaking skills and build their confidence as a speaker. The dates are as follows.

- Year 12 – Thursday 23rd April
- Year 7 and 8 – Thursday 7th May
- Year 11 – Tuesday 19th May
- Year 9 and 10 – Friday 22nd May

This festival leads to other outside of school speaking opportunities for students such as The Legacy Speaking Competition, Rostrum, The Plain English Speaking Award and the Lions Youth of the Year. The dates are as follows.

- Year 12 – Thursday 23rd April
- Year 7 and 8 – Thursday 7th May
- Year 11 – Tuesday 19th May
- Year 9 and 10 – Friday 22nd May

English teachers will begin organising this with their classes soon.

FAREWELL TO EXCHANGE STUDENT

Ferdinand Hutschenreuter of Year 11 will fly home to Passau in Germany tomorrow. He has been in Australia for 10 weeks and during this time has been an excellent ambassador of his country. Ferdinand has participated in our swimming team, has helped out at Open Night and has spoken to most German classes. Thank you for your excellent contribution to Oberon HS, Ferdinand and we wish you well for the future.

LANGUAGES NEWS

This week we look at the numbers from 1 to 10. These numbers form the basis for larger numbers in all the languages. Once you know the basics, learning the rest will be easy!

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LANGUAGES CORNER

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INDONESIAN STUDENTS

Three Indonesian girls hope to attend Oberon HS for 4 weeks during August. If you are able to host a student for either 2 weeks or for 4 weeks, please see Bu Sugiyanto or Bu Maher.

VCE SUCCESS STRATEGIES

World renowned motivational speaker Darren Pierra spoke to year 12 students on March 12th. He stressed the power of positive thinking and of strategies for efficient study habits to help our students achieve their very best. Along with his DJ he had our year 12s entertained and captivated by his informative work shop.

Recently arrived feedback analysis indicated an average score of 9.5/10 was given by our students for his presentation. Darren commented on the engagement and great participation of our group. The analysis included some feedback comments such as “I learnt to believe in myself. I learned to set high goals.” and “Inspired me to do better in year 12, and there are no limits”. Look for more comments on our Student Portal under Careers Year 12. Don’t forget to check out the monthly University newsletters and career information also in this space.

SEA LIFE MELBOURNE AQUARIUM’S 4TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND MARINE CAREERS EXPO

Join industry experts, employers and current environmental and marine science students to hear about the many career and volunteer opportunities available within Australia and overseas. The 2015 expo is aimed at secondary school students who are looking at subject selection for VCE and course options for tertiary education. Students will be presented with a huge variety of careers opportunities, in fields such as conservation, research and education, and information on what they can do while still at school. They will also receive the latest information on career diversity, tertiary education, training and volunteer opportunities in the environmental and marine industry.

Parents, teachers, careers advisors and VCE coordinators are welcome to attend. We encourage school group bookings as the usual teacher/student free of charge ratio will apply.

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VCE AND CAREERS EXPO 2015
Parents please find below instructions on logging on to the Parent Portal and some of the features of the program. The Instructional Guide is also available from the Oberon High School website in Quick Links on the right hand side.

Access the Parent Portal
Direct link: http://mpportal.oberonhs.vic.edu.au
A link can also be found on the school website under School Community.
A login dialog box will appear to allow you into our internal network (this may vary in appearance to what is shown from device to device), please enter the credentials that have been previously provided to you.

Your username is formatted with 3 alphabet characters, 4 numbers and then suffixed with an F.

After the Xuno Parent Portal is displayed, enter the same credentials again to login.

Messages
Xuno Messaging system is an approved channel for official communications with your student’s teachers. You will be notified by email when a message is received.

To begin a conversation, click the ‘Start a Conversation’ link and then select a staff member. You may then compose your message and attach any necessary documents.

This feature can also be accessed by click the messaging icon in the tap navigation bar, and also from the ‘Messages’ button on the Home page.

News
Current and past newsletter can be accessed here by clicking ‘2015 Newsletters’ to expand the content and then clicking on the individual newsletter. These documents are in pdf format.

This section can also be quickly accessed in the Alerts panel. This can be displayed by clicking the slide out icon on the far right hand side of the screen.

Frequently Asked Questions
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OBERON HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

APRIL
Mon 27th April - Friday May 1st Year 8 & 9 Tasmania Tour
Mon 27th VCE Art and Studio Art Top Arts Excursion
Tues 29th White Card Training - Year 11 VCAL
Thurs 30th Year 12 Public Speaking
Year 7 Bullying Education Session Period 5 & 6

MAY
Frid 1st Barwon Division Athletics - Landy Field
Tues 5th Year 7 & 8 Public Speaking

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2015
The following days have been approved by the Oberon High School - School Council as pupil free for 2015.

- Friday 8th May - Professional Development Day PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE HAS CHANGED
- Wednesday 10th June - Report Writing Day
- Thursday 13th August - Professional Development Day (this date may change subject to availability of Guest Speakers)

Please mark these dates in your diary.

YEAR 8 & 9 TASMANIA CAMP 2015
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

Our departure time has been changed due to road works in Melbourne. We are now leaving at 2.30 pm from the Bus Bay in Kidman Avenue on Monday 27th of April.

Mrs Bennett

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

I am pleased to announce the following students have been named Junior School Captains:

Captains

Makayla Nelson and Alex Brownbridge

Vice-Captains

Rose Bretherton and Matthew McGuane

Thanks to all who voted. These students will now report at each School Council Meeting, assist with all School Assemblies and run the Junior School Forums.

Josh Baker

GEELONG ANZAC CENTENARY LIGHT PROJECTIONS

The City of Greater Geelong are running spectacular light projections at City Hall to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. The projections will run nightly 6pm – midnight until Sunday 3 May.

A MESSAGE FROM MCHARRYS BUS COMPANY

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GEELONG’S BEST BOOTCAMP

INTRODUCTORY PRICE ONLY $89
15 sessions every week!
PERFECT FOR AFTER SCHOOL DROP OFF

CANTEEN NEWS

Hi, - We have specials below:

NEW JUICIES Frozen Tube $1.20
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 2 2015

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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
The Uniform Shop is open on Fridays at Lunchtime (1 pm-1.30 pm)

- Second hand books and uniforms can be purchased during the above times.
- Money from sales of books/uniforms can be collected from the Uniform Shop during the above times. Please note that any money not collected by the end of Term 1, 2014 has been credited to your family account.

BOOKS: End of Term 2, 2014 will be the LAST opportunity to collect ANY unsold books. Books not collected will be considered a donation, to the Chaplaincy Committee and boxed for disposal or sale at a later date.

SICK BAY

If your son or daughter becomes unwell at school they need to ask their teacher to sign their school planner 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 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.

When collecting your son or daughter from Sick Bay parents are asked to first come to the General Office. An office staff member will then ask you to sign the Sick Bay Register. This will ensure the safety of your child.

Please remember that if your child is sick the best place for them to recover is at home.