Absence Hotline - 0439 326 767

**JUNE**

Thurs 18th - Sat 20th  
School Production - ‘Man of Steel’ - Auditorium - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Tickets available at the door.

Frid 19th  
Year 11 Indonesian Excursion - Laguna Restaurant/Supermarket - Hawthorn.

Tues 23rd  
Hands on Learning - Billy Cart Race - Team Activity  
Eumerella Scout Camp, Anglesea

Frid 26th  
LAST DAY OF TERM 2

**JULY**

Mon 13th  
FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

Tues 21st  
Year 11 History Excursion

Wed 22nd  
Japanese Science School Visit

Thurs 23rd  
Year 9 & 10 German Day Out - Melbourne

Frid 24th  
Chess Kids Tournament - Library

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

All parents and students will be able to access the End of Semester Reports on the School Portal after 5pm on Friday 26th June. I encourage you to read through these reports and reflect on the progress and comments made by the teachers in regards to your child. If you require clarification on the Reports, I encourage you to contact the school at the beginning of Term 3 to discuss your child’s results. The Parent Portal is a convenient way to communicate with your child’s teacher. Parents that may have issues accessing the school portal can contact Assistant Principal Josh Baker.

Western Region Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who represented the school at the recent Western Region Cross Country at Keilor on Thursday 11th June. All students ran very well with 10 students out of the 14 students who competed qualifying for the State Finals in early Term 3. Results included:

**Team Victory for the under 16 girls team**

- Alex Fisher 4th
- Emily Kinross-Smith 6th
- Teagan Hassett 14th
- Chrissy Noble 26th
- Breanna Lugg 27th

**Going thru to the State Finals as individuals**

- Caleb Morrissey 13Yrs 5th
- Mitch Hand 13Yrs 7th
- Rose Bretherton 14Yrs 9th
- Lockie Reekie 16Yrs 4th
- Nicky McMahon 16Yrs 7th

**Other performances on the day**

- Teemu Braisier 14Yrs 51st
- Jasmine Brown 15Yrs 12th
- Ben Cook 15Yrs 41st
- Kayla Wastell 16Yrs 11th

**The Man of Steel**

I had the pleasure of attending the School Production ‘Man of Steel’ on Thursday 18th June. I encourage all members of the school community to make the effort to attend, as you will find the Production highly entertaining. Well done to all of the students that are involved in the Production and to Mr Filipovski, Ms Knight and Mrs Pike who have been instrumental in producing this wonderful event. Tickets for the performances on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June can be purchased at the door.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (cont.)**

**Interschool Sport**

It is always great to see and hear of the many students who have involved themselves in the interschool sporting carnivals over the past month. It is pleasing that the feedback that we get from our staff who coach the students, is always positive about the manner in which the students conduct themselves.

**STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Initiative**

The school will be involved in a program over the next three years with Deakin University focused on increasing the number of students that continue to study subjects in VCE and beyond in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics fields. The recent trend across the state has been that fewer students have been studying these subjects in comparison to historical rates. However, it is envisaged that many future jobs will require a background in these subject areas, therefore there is a need to increase the number of students studying in these fields.

Whilst we are a school that historically has had an above average uptake of students selecting Mathematics and Science subjects at the VCE years and also having many graduates pursuing University courses in these fields, we should always be looking for ways to engage students and making the study in these subjects more meaningful and relevant.

I believe that the STEM initiative will provide the school with this opportunity over the next few years.

I believe that the STEM initiative will build on the great programs that are already run by the Science, Mathematics and Technology learning areas. Recently it has been pleasing to see the Science department, led by Mrs Helen Carson has been offering students a variety of opportunities to extend themselves in their knowledge of areas of science including participation in the Deakin University Science and Engineering Challenge by year 9 and 10 students. Oberon High School under the guidance of Mr Sean Fitzgerald was once again successful defeating the other State, Independent and Catholic schools in attendance and progressing through to the State Final. Over last term many other year levels have had the opportunities to participate in a variety of science based excursions to Science Works, Bio Lab and Earth Ed to ensure that what they are learning at school is made more meaningful.

**SchoolMate - DET App**

The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help parents better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day.

The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

**PUPIL FREE DAYS 2015**

Thursday 13th August - Professional Development Day (this date may change subject to availability of Guest Speakers)

Please mark this date in your diary.

**August**

Sat 1st - Mon 10th  
Genkai High School visit

Mon 3rd  
Genkai High School Welcome Assembly

Wed 5th  
VCE Ski Trip - Mount Buller

Thurs 6th  
VCE Information Session - Year 10 (1 Period)

Mon 10th  
Year 10 - 11 Subject Expo - (1 Period)

Tues 11th  
Year 9 - 11 Subject Information Evening

Issue 9 - 19th June, 2015

**12 Pickett Crescent, Belmont, 3216  Phone: 5243 4444  Fax: 5244 2005  Web: www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au**
SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS).
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level. Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other Government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community. SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10.

I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.

**Bussing Issues**

In previous correspondence from School Council, concerns were raised over the current Department of Education & Training (DET) policy, which required families of Oberon High School students to pay for bussing if their children weren’t attending the closest geographical school. The School Council along with affected families, have been in discussion with the Government and the DET School Transport Division to have amendments made to the policy as many buses were coming through the bus interchange. We are very pleased to announce that we have had a verbal agreement from DET, that there will be upcoming changes to the policy for students who are travelling in from the west of the school on designated country buses that pass through the Oberon High School bus interchange. The change will mean that these students no longer incur bus fee charges from the beginning of Term 3 2015. I will provide more details to the affected families in the school community once this variance in the school policy has been signed off by DET. If you require clarification in regards to this change please contact the school.

**John McQuaid**

Congratulations to John McQuaid of Year 10 for being awarded second place at Year 10 level for Victoria for Indonesian Speaking. John had Geelong level, before moving on to the State level.

**Last Day of Term**

School will conclude at 2.30pm on Friday 26th June. All buses have been alerted.

As this is the last Newsletter for the Term prior to completing the last week of Term 2, I would like to thank the student body and the teachers for their efforts during this Term. After the two week holiday period the students will return to school on Monday 13th July. Have a safe and relaxing break.

Tim McMahon

**ANTIPODEANS ABROAD**

‘Antipodeans Abroad’ will be speaking to our Year 9 & 10 students about the opportunity to participate in a three week expedition in December, 2017. This will offer students the opportunity to be involved in a community project based at a school, as well as undertaking sight-seeing, cultural visits and trekking. A follow up forty minute presentation to parents will take place on Tuesday July 28th at 6.30 pm in the School Auditorium. Interested parents of our current Year 9 & 10 students are welcome to attend.

**STUDENT REPORTS**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS**

Student Reports will be available electronically via the Parent Portal (Student Management Tool) after 5 pm on the last day of Term - Friday 26th June.

If you do not have your sign on details or if you need assistance to access the Parent Portal please contact the Office before the end of Term.

**OBERON HIGH SCHOOL BOAT BUILDING PROGRAM**

Over the course of the year, a number of students have participated in our boat building program, whereby they construct a Heron yacht, under the tuition of local yacht builder Mr. Paul Wedding. Paul is ably assisted by Mr. Des Graham (and not so ably assisted by myself!). The yacht is built from start to finish according to specifications and design parameters classifying it as a Heron class vessel.

Throughout the program, which runs every Thursday, students learn a variety of skills, from cutting out the timber, to sanding, filling, shaping, gluing, and painting. As part of the program they have the opportunity to participate in a sailing day, held at St. Leonards Yacht Club.

The Boat Building Program is a wonderful addition to the programs offered at Oberon High School, providing students with numerous benefits and the opportunity to learn a range of new skills. This year students participating in the program will construct their own paddle which they will be able to keep as a memento of their involvement and contribution.

**Pictured left to right: Thomas Keene, Benjamin Denison and Jamie Garcia-Baldonado who have all joined the boat building program this year.**

**Picture of boat building program**

**Russell Stubbings**

**Chaplain**
The ‘Linking with Ambulance Victoria’ Pilot Program was a really great experience. From the 27th April to 1st May, 14 Year 10 students from Year 10 around Geelong attended the program.

I really enjoyed ‘A Day in the Life of a Paramedic’. Anna, a paramedic, showed us the different equipment and how to use them. Blix, another paramedic, shared lots of stories during his time being a paramedic. You really got an insight of what they do on a day-to-day basis and everything that is involved in what they do. Being involved in this program has made me keener to become a paramedic and I would highly recommend that other students do this program if you have an interest in this area. You get to learn life saving techniques and it is an amazing experience.

Thanks to Jake, Kate, Marie and all the other AV staff and paramedics for the great opportunity to be a part of this program. It was a great week learning about Ambulance Victoria and everything that is involved in it.

Rebecca Lester - Year 10
Oberon happily supports School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship opportunities for our most suitable students

SBAT’s are an exciting way of a student being able to undertake paid part time work that is officially timetabled into a student’s senior school study program (ideally suited for our VCAL stream but in some cases can be individually case managed into Year 10 and VCE study programs).

Please note: Students must be 15 years of age and in Year 10 to be able to undertake SBAT’s. Some programs for example, Children’s Services and Education Support will only take students when they are in Year 11.

Students are required to complete a minimum of 13 hours of paid work and formal training per week averaged over the duration of the SBAT contract. Within this requirement each student usually works 7-8 hours per week within a school negotiated school timetable in addition to completing formal class room training activities that take place with a registered training organisation (RTO) normally on a Wednesday afternoon.

Students undertake a nationally recognised Vocational Education & Training (VET) qualification (usually at Certificate III level), with this qualification directly contributing to a student’s VET/VCAL program which can include subject sequence credits and an ATAR score bonus. A completed Certificate III level qualification generally equates to Year 11 Unit 1 & 2 and Year 12 Unit 3 & 4 VCE subject credit and sequence.

SBAT’s can also contribute towards completion of full time apprenticeship and traineeships in addition to providing a student with a direct pathway into an industry or sector or individual workplace. The undertaking and/or completion of an SBAT can also provide a student with a better chance of gaining a full time apprenticeship /traineeship, as the acquisition of transferrable work ready skills are looked upon very favourably by many prospective employers.

SBAT’s very effectively create opportunities for students to gain valuable hands on skills and training whilst earning a wage, in addition to acquiring a nationally recognised VET qualification whilst still at school. For any student who undertakes an SBAT it really is a case of ‘Learn Why You Earn’.

Currently the list of SBAT’s available to students includes:

- Community Activities Program (Sport/Outdoor Recreation)
- Commercial Cookery
- Hospitality
- Health Service Assistance
- Community Services
- Aged Care
- Children’s Services
- Media (Digital Art & Animation)
- Companion Animal Services
- Education Support
- Conservation & Land Management / Horticulture
- Civil Construction
- Warehousing
- Various Traditional Trades (Building Construction, Bricklaying, Cabinet Making, Landscaping, Hairdressing etc.)

Over 250 new SBAT opportunities will shortly be offered to Geelong Secondary School students at the SBAT Recruitment Expo that will be held at Geelong High School in their Auditorium on Tuesday August 4th starting at 5-30pm. More information regarding the specific types of SBAT on offer will be available very soon.

For more information regarding SBAT’s please speak to Mr Lynch (VET/ SBAT Coordinator), Mrs Barry or Mrs Maher in the Careers Room.

This will be the final week of the breakfast program for the Term. It will begin again in Week 2 of Term 3, every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.10 am in the Student Shelter. Thanks to James and the South Barwon Salvation Army for their support of this program, and for giving so generously of their time.

Russell Stubbings - Chaplain

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS (SBAT’S)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Tickets are available from the office: $6 Child/Concession, $10 Adults, $30 Family

MAN OF STEEL
A Musical Spoof by Simon Denver and Ian Dorriccott
Performed by Oberon High School
18th ,19th & 20th June 2015
OBERON HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM 7p—9p

Deliberate Self Harm and Suicidality
Information session for parents

When Tuesday 21st July, 7-9pm
Where
Barwon Medicare Local
131 Myers St Geelong
Contact
Please RSVP to headspace
mary@barwonml.com.au
or 52226690
Session will be informal and interactive
Facilitated by Sue Eddy (counsellor) and Sue Barker (GP)
What a beautiful winter's day it was at Brimbank Park, Keilor on Thursday June 11th, when the Western Metropolitan Regional Schools Cross Country finals were conducted. Oberon students competed against tough competition throughout the day in the 3km and 5km events. As per usual, Oberon students were extremely well behaved and supportive of their team-mates throughout a long day of racing. There were a number of terrific results on the day:

Our 16 Years Girls' Team consisting of Alex Fisher (4th), Emily Kinross-Smith (6th), Tegan Hassett (14th), Chrissy Noble (26th) and Breanna Lugg (27th) finished in first place and have qualified to run at the State Finals as well.

Other results were:

**Boys 13 Years:**

Caleb Morrissey 5th Mitchell Hand (7th) Caleb and Mitchell both qualify for the SSV State Championships to be held on Thursday July 16.

**Boys 14 Years:**

Teemu Brasier ran a good race finishing well.

**Girls 14 Years:**

Rose Bretherton finished 9th in her race and also qualified for the State Championships.

**Boys 15 Years:**

Ben Cook – finished well.

**Girls 15 Years:**

Jasmine Brown 12th in a strong field

**Girls 16 Years:**

Alex Fisher 4th, Emily Kinross-Smith (6th), Tegan Hassett (14th), Chrissy Noble (26th) and Breanna Lugg (27th)

Well done to all competitors and thanks to Mr Baker for his efforts with the team on the day and Mr Neal for his work behind the scenes. I also wish to thank Mr Sly for his outstanding leadership and hard work with Cross Country over the years at OHS.

Andy Hallam

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**CROSS COUNTRY**

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**LANGUAGES CORNER**

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**LANGUAGES NEWS**

**INDONESIAN SPEAKING COMPETITION - SUCCESS**

Congratulations to John McQuaid for being awarded second place at Year 10 level for Victoria for Indonesian speaking. John had to compete firstly at the Geelong level, before moving on to the State level.

A fantastic achievement. Well done!

**WELCOME TO GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENT**

Benjamin Buchberger from Bavaria, Germany arrived at Oberon this week. He is a SAGSE scholarship student and will be here for 10 weeks. Benni will study Year 11 subjects and his host brother is Noah Rawlings.

**GERMAN POETRY COMPETITION – Geelong Regional Final**

Students learning German in Years 7, 8 & 9 are preparing for the Regional Final on Thursday 16th July at German Club. This activity takes place after school and both students and parents are welcome to attend. If you are selected to participate, please practise your poem over the holidays!

**GERMAN DAY OUT – Thursday 23rd July**

Students learning German in Years 9, 10 & 11 have been invited to attend. Places are restricted for this event which is held at the Melbourne Town Hall and the Hofbrauhaus Restaurant. Please hurry if you want to join in!

**LANGUAGES CORNER**

**YEAR 11 AND 12 VCE ENGLISH STUDY SUPPORT**

Do you need help writing essays, understanding your VCE texts, and preparing for SACs and Exams? Then drop in with your homework or classwork to the OGNC for support from 2 qualified English teachers. We can give you individual tuition or small group tuition if you prefer. Work with a friend or meet other VCE students to share your skills and ideas in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

**Tuesdays 4pm from 18th August**

**Course Fee:** $80 4 x 2 hour sessions

**Tutors:** Anne Harvey + Karyn Howie

**Phone:** 5255 4294

**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/#!/oceangrove.neighbourhoodcentre

**Website:** www.ognc.com.au

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**Bellarine Kids Family Fun & Market**

**Sunday June 28, 10-2pm**

@ Bellarine Indoor Aquatic & Sports Centre, Shell Rd. Ocean Grove

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**Entry:** $4 per child (adults and babies are free).

**Entry Includes:** Face painting, jumpine castles, giant games, coloured hair, art & craft, family fitness, sport, bike demo's, dance, drama & music mini sessions.

**Plus:** local market stalls & information from local health professionals.

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**Website:** www.bellarinekids.com.au
CANTEEN NEWS

Specials
NEW JUICIES Frozen Tube $1.20
Tuesday: Homemade Burgers $4.90
- Pasta, homemade Bolognese sauce -
Thursday: Mini Hawaiian Pizza and Oak meal deal
- sml $4, lge $5
Friday: Sausage roll and Oak meal deal
- sml $4, lge $5

Remember - Order lunch to avoid disappointment

CANTEEN HELPERS ROSTER - TERM 2 & 3 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!

Write in your diaries: our half yearly dinner 7pm 24th June, Geelong RSL. RSVP to Linda by 22nd June.

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