PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As this is the first newsletter for this Term I would like to welcome everyone back to Term 3 and the second half of the year. I hope that everyone had a relaxing mid-year break and have made a great start to second semester. As we are aware, second semester is always extremely busy with many sport days, camps and subject selection evenings organised amongst other activities.

There have also been a number of staffing changes for second semester:

- Ms Liz Kelly Assistant Principal of the Senior School (Years 10-12) is on long service leave for the first four weeks of Term 3. Mr Tony Zerafa is Acting Assistant Principal in Liz’s absence and will be able to answer queries/concerns relating to Years 10-12.
- Mrs Carole Fisher continues to be on long term sick leave after her accident last term. Mr Andrew Dowling has been employed to cover Carole’s classes in her absence.

Education Forum

On Monday 20th July, our four School Captains (Hamish Garnham, Jade Feakes, Brodie Tweeddale and Tom Wood-Burgess) together with School Captains from three other state schools in Geelong had the opportunity to make a presentation to State Education Minister James Merlino. Our students presentation was outstanding and provided an insight into not only the strengths and weaknesses of Oberon High School as an educational provider, but also what every student in the state should be entitled to in regards to their education. The key messages that came from students at the forum were that all students no matter their social economic status, should have access to high quality instruction from motivated teachers, all students should have access to extra-curricular opportunities that enhance their learning and all schools facilities/buildings should be of a modern standard to enhance learning opportunities.

State Cross Country

Well done to the students that represented Oberon High School at the School Sport Victoria state championships at Bundooora on Thursday 16th July. To make the State final in any competition is a wonderful achievement.

Thank you to Mr Chris Sly and Mr Andy Hallam who organised the team and supported the students. A full report on the results appears in this Newsletter.

JULY

Sun 26th - Wed 29th VCE Ski Camp
Tues 28th Year 9 & 10 Antipodeans Abroad Presentation - Auditorium 6.30 pm.
Frid 31st Year 12 Tertiary Information Session (TIS) Enviro Team and Year 11 Biology Sand Dune Restoration Excursion - Queenscliff

AUGUST

Sat 1st - Mon 10th Genkai High School visit
Sun 2nd - Sat 29th Indonesian Exchange Students visit
Mon 3rd Genkai High School Welcome Assembly
Wed 5th - Frid 7th VCE Ski Trip - Mount Buller
Thurs 6th VCE Information Session - Year 10 (1 Period)
Year 10 2016 Information Session - (for Year 9 students)
Mon 10th Year 10 - 11 Subject Expo - (1 Period)
Tues 11th Year 9 -11 Subject Information Evening

SEPTEMBER

Sun 6th - Thurs 17th Indonesia Trip

Public Speaking results

Congratulations to all of the students that participated in the Oberon High School Public Speaking Festival in Term 2. Well done to the students who were either winners or placers at each of the year levels. These results were announced at our General Assembly on the last day of Term 2. A full report appears in this Newsletter.

Parent Opinion Surveys

The 2015 Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted during Term 3 from 27 July to 7 August 2015.

The survey is an important part of every school’s parent engagement strategies and assists with future planning and improvement. Parents are randomly selected to participate in the annual survey which is confidential and anonymous. If you receive a survey in the mail, it will be greatly appreciated if you are able to complete this and return to the school.

School for Student Leadership

The six year nine students chosen to attend the DET ‘School for Student Leadership’ at the Dinner Plain Campus for nine weeks, started on Monday 20th July. I will update the school community on the progress of these students Georgina Scouller, Rose Bretherton, Taylah Ibrahim, Tristan Durden, Ben Cook and Alex Brownbridge throughout the Term.

Mock Interviews

A big thank you to Mrs Kaye Barry, Mrs Nicola Maher and the Careers team on the organisation of the ‘Mock Interviews’ for our Year 9 students last Thursday. It is a great opportunity and experience for the students to be interviewed by University students from Deakin with a focus on their future career aspirations.

Japanese School Visit

On Wednesday 23rd July, we welcomed ten students and two staff members from Nagasaki High School who are visiting Oberon High School with a focus on Mathematics/Science. The students and staff will be spending two days in Maths/Science classrooms with staff and students from Oberon High.

Subject Information Evenings

Over the upcoming month the school will be running subject information evenings for students moving from Year 9 into Year 10 and for Year 10 students moving into VCE/VCAL/VE. The subject information evening will be held on Tuesday 11th August and then followed up with the Student/Parent Subject Selection Conferences evening on Friday 14th August. These are important dates for both students and parents to be fully informed when making future subject selections.

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School Uniform

It has been a very cold start to the term but it is important that all students are still attending school in full school uniform. It is great to see so many of the students wearing layers to keep themselves warm and we encourage this. However, students are not to wear hoodies or other jackets over the top of their school uniform. It is also not our school uniform policy to allow students to wear the Oberon High School tracksuit pants, these are allowed to be worn in PE classes or when representing the school in sport. Your support with this is most appreciated.

Tim McMahon

OBERON HIGH SCHOOL NAIDOC 2015

Oberon High School would like to invite all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to attend our Whole School NAIDOC assembly on Monday the 3rd of August from 9:00 until 9:45am and then join us for morning tea.

As part of our celebrations, our Assembly will feature Uncle David Tournier and performers from our local community and aims to help our students celebrate their Indigenous culture. If you would like any further information about the assembly or morning tea, please feel free to contact the school on Ph: 52 43 4444.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The World Vision 40 Hour Famine is on again this year! Last year many Oberon High School students took a stand against world hunger and participated in the 40 Hour Famine by giving something up for 40 hours and raising much need funds.

It would be great to see even more students participate this year during the famine weekend of 14 – 16 August. For a period of 40 hours over the weekend students can choose to give something up to raise funds for the fight against world hunger. It doesn’t have to be food, there are many options. Students can give up technology, their mobile phone, the X-Box, furniture, travelling in a car, speaking, basically anything that they feel they can do without for the weekend to raise funds.

This year funds raised will be supporting World Vision projects in Bangladesh, Cambodia, East Timor, Laos, Malawi, Nepal, Swaziland and Uganda. The funds will go towards solutions like nutrition training for parents, child health services and better agricultural practices.

To register for the 40 Hour Famine students need to see the school chaplain Russell who will provide them with a guide book and details about how to sign-up and raise funds.

Students should make sure they have permission from their parents prior to registering.

Let’s see how much money Oberon High School can raise this year to fight world hunger and support the great work of World Vision.

Russell Stubbings
Chaplain

WOOLWORTHS – EARN & LEARN STICKERS

Oberon is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion this year. This program allows us to select free products from a wide range of sporting gear, musical instruments, science equipment and educational material.

Help support us by collecting the stickers whenever you shop at Woolworths. You are entitled to 1 sticker for every $10 spent. A collection box will be placed in the office area. Please start collecting your stickers today!

OBERON HIGH SCHOOL 2015 PUBLIC SPEAKING FESTIVAL

The merry month of May witnessed over 70 Oberon students taking part in our annual Public Speaking Festival. Students from all year levels spoke passionately about issues close to their hearts and entertained their audiences and adjudicators with both heart felt pleas and humour.

We are proud of our Public Speaking history at Oberon and of the opportunities it provides our cohort. It is heart-warming to watch our students as they confidently stand at the podium in front of their peers and promote their own informed and mature perceptions of the world. We congratulate the following students on their success in the competition and commend everyone who spoke.

2015 PUBLIC SPEAKING RESULTS:

YEAR 12
1st - Amanda Yeo
2nd - Cleo Eadie
3rd - Thomas Wood-Burgess
3rd - Tyler Kennedy

YEAR 11
1st - Ben Scott
2nd - Remi Bolitho-Milne
3rd - Andoni Fisher

YEAR 10
1st - Alex Ivanov
2nd - Holly Wood-Burgess
2nd - Charlie Hughes
3rd - Jessica Matczak

YEAR 9
1st - Lucy Tsitas
2nd - Amy Kuskunovic
3rd - Makayla Nelson
3rd - Erin McKnight

YEAR 8
1st - Jacob Loader
2nd - Sophia Warden
3rd - Julia D’Albora

YEAR 7
1st - Will Brennan
2nd - Courtney Barker-Johnson
3rd - Keely Spokes
3rd - Emerson Stead

A special thank you to the staff and students who gave up their time to assist with adjudicating and announcing duties and for being a supportive audience. Some students also competed in external Public Speaking Competitions.

Both Amanda Yeo and Thomas Wood-Burgess were chosen to compete at Regional level and spoke confidently when they represented Oberon at the Plain English Speaking Award at Geelong Grammar School.

Jacob Loader, Connor Nearn and Tariq Ismat participated in the 2015 Junior Legacy Competition on June 22nd. Smartly attired in school blazers, the boys proudly represented our school. Jacob, Connor and Tariq all spoke eloquently and confidently for the prepared and impromptu speeches. Students from the other schools commented on how well our boys spoke.

Jacob Loader received third place in this Regional Competition, providing him the possibility of participating in the State Finals. What a fantastic achievement! Congratulations Jacob!

Congratulations and thank you to Jacob, Connor and Tariq for representing Oberon so brilliantly.

STUDENT FREE DAY
Teachers Professional Development Day
Thursday 20th August

Please mark this date in your diary.

(Please note this date has changed)
Athletes from all over the State gathered at Bundooora Park to contest the School Sports Victoria State Cross Country Championships on Thursday July 16. The sunny day disguised the cold temperature and made it quite pleasant, however the course was very slippery and muddy underfoot. Mr Hallam drove the Oberon competitors in the trusty school bus and provided helpful hints for each runner prior to their race, Caleb Morrissy and Mitchell Hand competed very well in a large field to finish 26th and 40th respectively. Rose Bretherton ran in the next race finishing in 71st place. The 16 Years Girls team ran extremely well to improve from last year’s result to finish as the 4th best team in the State within this age group. Congratulations to Alex Flisher (39th), Emily Kinross-Smith (44th), Tegan Hassett (71st), Abbey Fedley (73rd) and Breanna Lugg (78th) for their excellent effort.

Oberon had two representatives in the 16 Years Boys 5km event – Locky Reekie and Nicky McMahon. Both of these boys found the going tough after having played hockey for the school on the previous day. They started off well keeping pace with the top third of the field; however fatigue caused them to slip back a bit to finish in 56th and 60th positions respectively. Thanks to Chrissy Noble, who gave up her position in the 16 Years Girls race to allow Abbey Fedley to run. Chrissy provided great moral support to all of the Oberon competitors – well done.

Thanks also to Mr Hallam, for his excellent team management and organisational skills

Oberon has had a strong history of excellent performances in Cross Country throughout the years. Despite running individually, Cross Country running is very much a team orientated sport. Oberon students continue to work well in this team environment and I strongly encourage students to participate in the future.

Chris Sly

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. A reminder that your child’s Student Planner is a convenient way to send notes to school. 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 52 434444 to advise that your child needs to leave school early. Advance notice of your child leaving school early will be of great assistance to office staff.

Thank you for your assistance.

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

YEAR 12 MATHS METHODS REVISION LECTURE

Sunday 2nd August
1:30 - 4:00pm
This lecture is part of a series of revision lectures being held at Deakin University throughout Terms 2 and 3 to help Year 12 students prepare for their VCE Methods exams.
Cost $50.
For more details see www.kristinesfitzgerald.com or email vcemathsrevision@gmail.com

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 21st July and/or
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
Oberon happily supports School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship opportunities for our most suitable students.

SBATs 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 SBATs. 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 Units 1 & 2 and Year 12 Units 3 & 4 VCE subject credit and sequence.

SBATs 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 transferable 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

Attention Geelong Secondary School Students & Parents
The 2015 School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship Information Expo
5.30 pm Tuesday 4th August 2015
C.A. Love Hall
Geelong High School
385 Ryrie St, Geelong

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sue Wall on 52434444 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419
LANGUAGES NEWS

GERMAN REGIONAL POETRY FINAL
Three Oberon students participated in this event last Thursday night at the German Club in Norlane. All students performed extremely well and must be commended on their effort. Congratulations to Tariq Ismat of Year 8 and to Tristan Durden and Zoe Healy of Year 9. Zoe was placed third in her section and received a Bronze Medal.

LANGUAGES CORNER

What's the time?
1 o'clock jam satu  ein Uhr   ichi ji desu.  一じです。
2 o'clock jam dua  zwei Uhr  ni ji desu.   二じです。
3 o'clock jam tiga  drei Uhr  san ji desu.  三じです。
4 o'clock jam empat  vier Uhr  yo ji desu.  四じです。
5 o'clock jam lima  fünf Uhr  go ji desu.  五じです。
6 o'clock jam enam  sechs Uhr  roku ji desu. 六じです。
7 o'clock jam tujuh  sieben Uhr  shichi ji desu. 七じです。
8 o'clock jam delapan  acht Uhr  hachi ji desu. 八じです。
9 o'clock jam sembilan  neun Uhr  ku ji desu. 九じです。
10 o'clock jam sepuluh  zehn Uhr  juu ji desu. 十じです。
11 o'clock jam sebelas  elf Uhr  juu ichi ji desu. 十一じです。
12 o'clock jam dua belas  zwölf Uhr  juu ni ji desu. 十二じです。

CANTEEN NEWS

Specials
NEW JUICIES Frozen Tube $1.20
Tuesday: Homemade Burgers $4.90
Pasta, homemade Bolognaise 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

Week 3
Monday 27th July Help Needed Please
Tuesday 28th July Help Needed Please
Wednesday 29th July Help Needed Please
Thursday 30th July Help Needed Please
Friday 31st July Help Needed Please

Week 4
Monday 3rd August Help Needed Please
Tuesday 4th August Robyn Phillips
Wednesday 5th August Rhiannon Whitford
Thursday 6th August Sara Brennan
Friday 7th August Sharon Colls-McKenzie

CANTEEN HELPERS ROSTER - TERM 3 2015
Thank you to all helpers who have volunteered their time in the Canteen this year so far. It is greatly appreciated by 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

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations once again to Year 12 student Alex Kinross-Smith who was recently awarded a ‘Premiers Award’ for achieving a perfect study score of 50 in VET Information Technology in 2014. Alex is pictured below receiving his award.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST AND CREW OF THE OBERON HIGH SCHOOL PRODUCTION ‘MAN OF STEEL’
WELCOME TO SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Expand your family and add some Japanese flavour to your home.

"Host a Japanese Leadership exchange student"

When does the student arrive? Late January 2020.

How long are they here for? 10 months.

Who are these Japanese leadership exchange students? These students are managed by the Japanese government as part of a national leadership campaign. They have exceptional qualities, positive attitude and they are high achieving in their studies.

What is a volunteer host family and what does a volunteer host family offer? Host families are the most important participants in a cultural exchange program. They open their hearts and homes to international exchange students.

These Japanese leadership students wish to share family life to:
- obtain first-hand knowledge about Australian cultural values;
- widen an international circle of friendships;
- obtain and practice language skills;
- share knowledge of their culture;
- become truly assimilated to a culture by living and participating rather than merely observing from a distance;
- develop their personal tolerance of different values;
- understand other people and cultures, thereby understanding themselves and their own cultures better.

Volunteer to host a Japanese leadership exchange student arriving in late January 2020 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Our Japanese students will attend a local secondary school and pay their own fees and uniform expenses. They will arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance coverage, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To become part of a global friendship campaign, visit our website www.sose.com.au email info@sose.com.au or contact Inga Poulter (Program Coordinator at S.C.C.E.) toll free on 1800 500 500.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE PAYMENT DEADLINE

EVENING PROGRAMS
- Private & Semi-Private Lessons

TERM 4 COACHING PROGRAMS
COMMENCE MONDAY, OCTOBER 6
- HOTSHOTS (4-7 year olds – official Tennis Australia starter programs)
- JUNIOR GROUPS (7+ yr olds)
- JUNIOR TRAINING SQUADS
- LADIES MORNING GROUP COACHING
- ADULT EVENING GROUP COACHING
- CARDIO TENNIS
- HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

For all Enquiries & Bookings Contact SIMON KEEBLE
Phone: 0419 897 801 • Email: agametennis@hotmail.com
www.agametennis.com.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS
SEPTEMBER 23 – 25 (TUES/WED/THURS)
OCTOBER 1 – 3 (TUES/WED/THURS)

9.30 - 11.30am each day
Ages 4 - 17 Years

$84 Full Program/$35 per Day
- Emphasis on skill development & fun
- Prices during clinic
- Family discounts - 10% off for each extra family member

A-GAME TENNIS ACADEMY
TERM 4 COACHING PROGRAMS
GEELONG LAWN TENNIS CLUB

DONATIONS OF FOOD CAN BE PUT IN THE LARGE TOUCAN BOX OUTSIDE THE GENERAL OFFICE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

A-GAME

SCHOOL MAGAZINE PAYMENT DEADLINE

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?
Experience another culture, make new friends and improve your language studies at home.

Hosting – An Experience for Life

Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home.

www.studentexchange.org.au

THINK OUTSIDE THE CAN!

The Geelong Food Relief Centre has been providing free food to those in need for 23 years. Working together with welfare agencies, last year we saw 9,078 families referred to the Centre for support.

Your school is one of the 80 or so schools in Geelong and the surrounding region, who every year help to make this possible. Each individual donation makes its way on to a family’s table. This could be a family to your own.

This year we are asking you to donate items we are always in need of. These items form some of the basic food items most families choose.

We thank you, and your child’s school for your support and assure you it will really make a difference to someone in our community.

So, yes it’s called the Toucan Appeal, but this year we want you to think outside the can!

We love to get...
- Rice
- Cereal
- Canned fish
- Powdered Milk
- UHT milk
- Cheese
- Vegetables
- Peanut butter
- Pasta Sauce
- Sugar

Thank you.