President Craig Wood-Burgess and I about the issues that we currently face.

MP for Geelong Christine Couzens visited Oberon High School. The Staff Professional Development Day

Parent Opinion Survey

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Student Attitude to School Data

Each year, all students in all State Secondary Schools complete a survey that compares student perceptions of schools across Victoria and then this information analysed so that schools can be rated in a percentile bracket. The survey benchmarks student’s perceptions of their school in regards to student wellbeing, teaching and learning in the school and student relationships. The results for the school in 2015 show that from a student perspective we are rated above state average in the majority of indicators, with most well into the third quartile or the top third of the state. A particularly pleasing result was in the teaching and learning component of the survey which included categories such as learning confidence, student motivation, school connectedness, stimulating learning, teacher empathy and teacher effectiveness which has once again been highlighted by students as being a strength of the school.

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to the parents who received and completed the parent opinion surveys. These surveys have now been sent to Melbourne to be collated prior to results being returned to the school. The parent opinion surveys together with student attitude to school surveys and teacher opinion surveys provide valuable information to the school on our performance and areas of concern in comparison to other schools in the State.

Staff Professional Development Day

On Thursday 20th August all staff members will be participating in professional development.

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 - Fri 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 - 12 Subject Expo - (1 Period)
Tues 11th  Year 9 - 11 Subject Information Evening 5 pm - 7 pm
Wed 12th  Pyjama Day for the Salvos - gold coin donation
School Council Meeting
Thurs 13th  Year 10 Parent/Student/Teacher Subject Selection Interviews. NO CLASSES FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS
Science & Engineering Challenge - Deakin Warrnambool
Mon 17th  Year 9 into Year 10 Subject Briefing - Auditorium
Fri 20th  Genkai High School Visit, Belmont
Mon 24th  Year 12 Biology Excursion - Biobid
Sat 29th  Indonesian Exchange Students visit
Mon 31st  Year 10 Keys Please Presentation - Auditorium

SEPTEMBER

Sun 6th - Thurs 17th  Indonesia Trip
Wed 9th  School Council Meeting
Mon 14th  Year 10 Bogong Leadership Camp

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2015

Thursday 20th August - Professional Development Day
Please mark this date in your diary.

The focus of the day will be on further developing student academic challenge across all learning areas. Staff will be working together to reflect on and refine tasks that will challenge all students of different ability levels. This focused on developing not only the structure of the tasks, but also ensuring it incorporates understanding and use of the academic vocabulary that is used in each learning area.

NAMIDOC Assembly

Thank you to Mrs Su Honeywell who organised the NAIDOC Awareness Assembly on Monday 3rd August. It was great to have Uncle Dave Tournier speak to the school community around the history of Indigenous Australia and the development of respectful cultures. Year 11 student and Wannik Scholarship winner Harry Fry also spoke to the Assembly about the significance of NAIDOC week.

Sister School Visit

Our Japanese sister school Genkai High School arrived for their week long exchange from 1st - 10th August. Three staff and fourteen students have made the trip. It has been great to have the students and teachers in the school, immersing ourselves into our school community.

Tim McMahon
**YEAR 12 PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES**

Conferences between parents and students and their Year 12 teachers will take place in the School Library on **Tuesday 18th August**, between 4.30 and 7.00 pm. This will provide an opportunity for parents and students to discuss progress and preparations for the finish of the year with Year 12 teachers. A letter with more detailed information and a booking sheet has been sent home with students this week. If you do not receive this information, or if you have any questions, please contact me on 52434444 or at sutcliffe.stephen.w@edumail.vic.gov.au or via the Parent Portal on the School Website: oberon.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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**YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND VTAC**

Last week all Year 12 students attended the Tertiary Information Session at Water Front Campus, Deakin University to be introduced to the application process involved with University and TAFE places for 2016. As a follow up from this, all Year 12 students registered for a VTAC account to enable them to access their results and ATAR by text. The next stage of the process is applying for courses, making special consideration requests (SEAS) and scholarships. This can all be done on the VTAC website through the student’s new VTAC account. Careers staff are available to assist and counsel students and parents with their preferences.

We would like to devote the last 5 weeks of this Term to our Year 12 students to undergo pathways counselling either for Uni and TAFE places as well as Apprenticeships/Traineeships and employment options. These interviews can be scheduled during student’s spare periods or after school if parents wish to attend. At the upcoming Year 12 Parent Teacher interviews on **Tuesday 18th August** Careers staff will be present to answer any questions or concerns.

Just a reminder that August is Open Day season at all Universities and TAFES. This weekend we have The Gordon, Deakin University (Waurn Ponds and Waterfront Campus), Australian Catholic University (Melbourne) and RMIT Open Days. Students and parents are encouraged to attend these days to get a ‘feel’ for the campus and explore the different courses and programs available with all the relevant staff on hand.

The Careers Team

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**40 HOUR FAMINE**

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 needed 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

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**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Congratulations to Zane Lake of Year 9 who has been selected to represent Victoria at the 2015 Inline Hockey National Championships to be held from 26th - 3rd October in Logan Queensland. He will compete with the U15 and U17 Victorian teams. Zane also represented Victoria in the U15 National Ice Hockey Team in Perth in July. In his spare time Zane works to fund his sporting trips.

Well done Zane!

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**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!

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**PYJAMA DAY**

As part of the Oberon FUNraiser week, **Wednesday 12th August is a Pyjama Day**. Students can come dressed in pyjamas with a gold coin donation. All proceeds to the Salvos.

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**SCHOOL MAGAZINE PAYMENT DEADLINE**

A notice to parents who would like an Oberon High School Magazine for 2015 that the deadline for payment ($18.00) is **Friday 18th September, 2015**

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**STUDENT FREE DAY**

Teachers Professional Development Day **Thursday 20th August**

Please mark this date in your diary.

(Please note this date has changed)

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**FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING IN GEELONG**

Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

**Thursday, 20th August - 7.30pm**
Belmont Library
163 High Street, BERMONT
Visit www.studentexchange.org.au or call 1300 135 331 for more information
**INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCE AT OHS**

Alongside the NAIDOC assembly we also welcomed various exchange students and teachers to our school:

- Fourteen Genkai High School students and 3 staff are attending school for 10 days.
- Three Indonesian students will attend our school for 2 weeks.
- French Exchange student Lena Tetaud is at school for the next 12 months. Lena is a Rotary student.
- Benni Buchberger from Bavaria, Germany spoke about his experience over the last 6 weeks at OHS.

Welcome to all of these groups and students. We trust that they are enjoying their time at our school and with the rest of the Oberon community.

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**Welcome to the Indonesian Exchange Students from Salatiga, Central Java**

Oberon is fortunate to have three Indonesian Exchange Students living with some very generous host families and participating in a variety of activities whilst they are here for the next four weeks.

We hope Vera, Vania and Remond enjoy their stay here at Oberon, and that they take home a better understanding of Australian culture and Australian English. Our students studying Indonesian language will all have an opportunity to learn more about Indonesia and to practise their Indonesian language skills in cross cultural activities.

**German Day Out in Melbourne**

On July 23rd 24 students along with Timo and Frau Ray travelled to Melbourne for the careers presentation at the Melbourne Town Hall and lunch at the Hofbrauhaus. Ex-Oberon High School students figured largely on the Town Hall program. Amber Hanson was the MC, Zac Van Grondelle a speaker and Lachlan Douglass presented via a video. Our Language Assistant Timo also presented to the students about free-time in Northern Germany. All students enjoyed the Town Hall segment which was followed by a traditional German meal. It was a very proud day for the Oberon community.

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**Language Perfect Certificate Winners**

The following students received their certificates at a recent Assembly for being the top prize winners in the World Championship Language Perfect Competition.
Environmental Youth Action Group

Passionate about the environment?
Want to meet like minded people?
Keen to volunteer?

Want to be a leader of sustainable change in your community?

Open to young people aged 12 - 25 years old
No experience or knowledge needed - just enthusiasm to get involved!

WE ARE LISTENING TO YOU!
Young people in the 2015 survey said that they wanted more opportunities to be involved in environmental groups and a system by you opportunities!

Never doubt that a group of thoughtful committed citizens could change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has!
- Margaret Mead

If you think you would be interested or sufficient to learn more please contact Emaile: 969594 3121 or email: info@youthactiongeelong.org.au

CANTEEN NEWS

Specials
Homemade soups: Large: $3 Small: $2.50
Tuesday: Homemade Burgers $5.00
Thursday: Pasta, homemade Bolognese sauce - small $4, large $5
Thursday: Mini Hawaiian Pizza and Oak meal deal - small $4, large $5
Friday: Sausage roll and Oak meal deal - small $4, large $5

Remember - Order lunch to avoid disappointment

CANTEEN HELPERS ROSTER - TERM 3 2015

Week 5
Monday 10th August Leisa Perkins
Tuesday 11th August Help Needed Please
Wednesday 12th August Kim Hogue
Thursday 13th August Help Needed Please
Friday 14th August Kylie Chilvers

Week 6
Monday 17th August Help Needed Please
Tuesday 18th August Sandra Schmid
Wednesday 19th August Rhiannon Whitford
Thursday 20th August Student Free Day
Friday 21st August Kim Lim

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