Mon 5th TERM 4 COMMENCES

OCTOBER
Sun 6th - Thurs 17th SEPTEMBER
Sun 2nd - Sat 9th AUGUST

Thurs 18th Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 4.30 am - 7.30 pm
Wed 9th Mon 24th
Mon 14th - Frid 18th

Mon 31st LAST DAY OF TERM 3

PLANNING

ATTENTION PARENTS OF YEAR 12 STUDENTS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

Friday September 18th Closing date for payment of 2015 School Magazine
Friday October 16th Closing date for purchase of Valedictory Dinner tickets.
Monday 19th October Last day of Year 12 classes
Tuesday 20th October Year 12 Celebration Day/Final Assembly
Wednesday 28th October - Frid 20th November Year 12 Exams
Monday 23rd November Year 12 Valedictory Dinner 6.30 pm to 11.30 pm - The Pier, Geelong

ATTENDANCE

17 Pickett Crescent, Belmont, 3216 Phone: 5243 4444 Fax: 5244 2005 Web: www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Subject Selections 2016

Over the last two weeks parents and students having been working closely with our Careers & Pathways staff team to choose subjects for 2016 that are going to address the students future pathways. It was great to see so many parents/guardians please these sessions. As parents you should be fully informed about the subjects that your child is choosing for the following year and seek clarification from them and from the school as to why this choice has been made and whether it is suitable. Subjects shouldn’t be chosen simply because the student enjoys it, as it may limit the student’s pathways in future years. If you didn’t attend the recent Subject Information Evenings and/or were unable to attend the subject selection counselling sessions please contact the school to seek clarification on what subjects your son/daughter is undertaking in 2016.

Well done to Mrs Nicola Maher, Mrs Kaye Barry and Mr Wayne Lynch from our Careers/Pathways team who put so much time and effort into the organisation of these course counselling sessions.

Science and Engineering Challenge

A wonderful achievement by the Year 9 and 10 students who represented the school in the State final of the Science and Engineering challenge at Warrnambool on Thursday 13th August. The Oberon team ended up placing sixth in the final, a wonderful achievement. Thank you to Mr Sean Fitzgerald and Mrs Helen Carson who travelled with the team to Warrnambool.

Salvation Army Fundraiser

During the week of Monday 10th to Friday 14th August, our School Captains organised a range of events to raise money for the Salvation Army. As we are well aware the Salvo’s are a wonderful organisation who help many in our society when they are going through difficult times.

As part of the fundraising week, the Captains organised a ‘Terrible Tuesday Dress Up’ for the teachers, ‘Pjyama Day Casual Dress’ on the Wednesday for students, sporting competitions on the Thursday between staff and students and a barbecue lunch on the Friday which was catered for by the Year 11 Food Technology class. Well done to all involved it was a great to see the school community participating in such a worthwhile cause.

NAPLAN Results

Schools were able to access a summary of the NAPLAN results on Monday 17th August. It is anticipated that we will receive the student copy of results in the near future. These will be sent home to students and parents.

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2015 Planning

We are now in the process of beginning to plan for the 2016 school year. If you are aware that your son/daughter will not be returning to Oberon High School in 2016 could you please inform either the General Office or Assistant Principals Mr Josh Baker (Yrs 7-9) or Ms Liz Kelly (Yrs 10-12).

Tim McMahon
**OBERON ‘GOOD SPORTS’**

Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys Hockey Team who competed in the inter-school competition last Friday. The boys played really well and worked together as a team. There was no score in the first game against Northern Bay, they won their second match 2-1 against Bellarine and lost to Surf Coast in the Semi Final 2-1. Well done!

**YEAR 8 BOYS TABLE TENNIS**

The Year 8 Boys Table Tennis Team recently competed in the inter-school competition and showed great sportsmanship. Whilst they didn’t make the finals they made an impression on the day with a teacher from another school commenting on how polite our students were, having heard the respectful way they spoke and behaved. The boys are also to be commended on the way they encouraged each other to be their best.

Well done boys!

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**MONASH UNIVERSITY**

**CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION SUPPORT - INTEGRATION AIDE/TEACHER AIDE**

A popular course at Monash University - Certificate of Education Support - Integration Aide/Teacher Aide will be delivered in Geelong in Term 4, 2015. This program will equip participants with the skills and knowledge to support students with additional learning needs in Primary, Secondary and specialist settings.

**Nelson Park School, Bell Park**

- **Saturdays 9 am - 3.30 pm**
- **October 17th, 24th & 31st**
- **November 7, 14th, 21st & 28th**
- **December 5th**

For more information, please refer to monash.edu/education/shortcourses or contact Karen McDonnell, Project Manager - Short Courses ph: 99052700.

**BIG CAMP 2016**

**APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW**

The Lord and Lady Somers Camp applications are now open and will be closing at the end of Term 3 - Friday 18th September. The Camp takes place for Boys: 9 - 16 January and Girls: 17th - 23rd January.

The Camps are for participants currently in Year 11 or aged between 16.5 and 18 years of age. A key objective of the Camps is to bring together participants from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. We are looking for young people that will gain something out of the program.

If you have any queries please see Ms Kelly or contact the LSC&PH Office on 9510 7066 or yasminm@lordsomerscamp.org.au or visit our website www.lscph.org.au for further information.

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**FEATURING OBERON HIGH SCHOOL**

**YEAR 12 2ND YEAR VET STUDENTS**

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**VENUE:** GEELONG HIGH SCHOOL - CA Love Hall, 385 Ryrie St, East Geelong

**ENTRY:** Gold coin donation - proceeds going directly to the Cancer Council

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**Time 2 Transition Forum**

**An Information session for parents, carers, families and educators of young people with special needs requiring transition support from secondary school into further education training and/or employment**

**When:** Tuesday 8th September 2015

**Time:** 5pm-7pm

**Where:** Deakin Cats Community Centre

Skilled Stadium, Geelong

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**NDCO**

**An initiative of the Geelong Transition Action Network**

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**LANGUAGES NEWS**

**L9 VS G9 LANGUAGE PERFECT COMPETITION**

During the past week students in the L9 & G9 German classes have been competing against each other in the Language Perfect Competition! All students have improved their German vocabulary, their spelling in both English and German and have learnt many new words and phrases. Results were: G9 first with 5490 points and L9 second with 4231 points.

Individual results were:

1st – Shaun Walford (G9) 1502 pts
2nd – Griff Wood-Burgess (G9) 1049 pts
3rd – Makayla Nelson (L9) 875 pts
4th – Zoe Healy (L9) 508 pts
5th – Eleni Grinos (L9) 506 pts.

Well done to all students who put in their best effort to improve their German skills.

**GERMAN TRIP INFORMATION EVENING**

– Monday 31st August, 7.00 pm in the School Library.

All families hosting as well as families with travelling students must attend. Bring passport copies, Working with Children Checks and Insurance Forms (if not already sent) to this meeting.

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**IMMUNISATIONS**

Immunisations will be held at School on Thursday 13th October for Year 7 & 8 students as follows:

**Year 7 Students:**
- 3rd injection of Gardasil (Human Papillomavirus)

**Year 8 Students:**
- Boostrix - Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough (Pertussis)
  - One single injection

Completed consent cards have already been collected - Barwon Health nurses will call parents on the day of immunisation if individual consent forms have not been received. Please note that your child **will not be immunised** if you have not given your consent.

If parents have any questions regarding immunisations please call Barwon Health Immunisation on 42156962. or visit immune@barwonhealth.org.au.

**STUDENT DROP OFF ZONE**

The staff car park is not a drop off zone and we continue to experience frequent near misses as parents manoeuvre in the tight central space of the car park. This is a very busy space and the unpredictable behaviour of students makes traffic in this area dangerous. **Please do not** drive into the staff car park unless you are dropping off a student with limited mobility.

Could parents please use the designated drop-off zones which are along Kidman Avenue rather than surrounding streets to avoid congestion of local traffic.

Could parents also please remind your sons and daughters to take care when walking or riding to school, particularly when entering through the staff car park. Please also remind your children of the danger of listening to music on headphones whilst crossing roads.

A staff member has previously experienced a near miss with a student wearing headphones whilst riding a bike. He was completely unaware that he had almost been hit because he could not hear the approaching traffic.

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SURFCOAST SHIRE PRESENTS...

Winchelsea Movie/Games Night

Hey what are you doin'?

Nothing...

Come hang out at Winch House (the place next to the skate park, 28 Hesse St).
Friday 26 August from 6pm—9pm, we are gonna watch a movie, maybe play some games or do some art work.

Awesome, sounds sick, cya there 😊

Search for Winchelsea Movie/Games Night on Facebook, or call Colette on 5261 0831 to RSVP

What can parents and carers do to help their child’s asthma at school?

If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Aironir and Bricanyl) as well as a spacer while at school.

Ensure that you have provided your child’s school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan.

Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly.

Ensure your child will seek help from school staff if they experience asthma symptoms.

Ensure that your child’s asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child’s school).

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au

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.

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 0439326767 and state the date, student’s full name and reason for absence.

LATE PASSES

If your child arrives late to school not accompanied by a parent 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.
**Specials**

Homemade soups
- Large: $3
- Small: $2.50

**Tuesday:**
Homemade Burgers - $5.00

**Thursday:**
- Pasta, homemade Bolognaise sauce
- Mini Hawaiian Pizza and Oak meal deal
  - small $4, large $5

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**Canteen Helpers Roster - Term 3 2015**

**Week 7**

- **Monday 24th August**
  - Help Needed Please
- **Tuesday 25th August**
  - Help Needed Please
- **Wednesday 26th August**
  - Rhiannon Whitford
- **Thursday 27th August**
  - Emily Lewis
- **Friday 28th August**
  - Kim Cameron

**Week 6**

- **Monday 31st August**
  - Help Needed Please
- **Tuesday 1st September**
  - Robyn Phillips
- **Wednesday 2nd September**
  - Rhiannon Whitford
- **Thursday 3rd September**
  - Sara Brennan
- **Friday 4th September**
  - Sharron Colls-McKenzie

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
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!