**Principal's Report**

**Interim Reports**
All students will be able to access their Interim Reports on Friday 11th September from 5.00 pm via the Parent Portal. Parents and students will then have the opportunity to discuss their academic progress at Parent/Teacher Interviews which will be held on Thursday 18th September from 4.00pm-7.30pm and Friday 19th September from 9.00am-12.30pm. I encourage all parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity.

**NAPLAN Results**
The 2015 NAPLAN results have been mailed to all students and parents in Years 7 & 9. If by next week you have not received these please contact the school. If you are unsure of how to interpret the results feel free to contact the school for help.

**Literacy & Numeracy Week**
Our students have been participating in a range of activities over the past week to celebrate Literacy & Numeracy Week. Well done to Mrs Barbara Staff and the English learning area who are always so proactive in providing opportunities for the Oberon students to improve their literacy skills. Well done also to Mrs. Sue Evans and the Maths learning area for challenging our students with some special maths brain teasers throughout the week.

**Business Manager Appointment**
The school recently advertised our School Business Manager position which was a vacancy after the retirement of Mrs Tricia Keane at the end of 2014. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Lea Gilliland has been provisionally appointed to this position. Lea has been acting Business Manager for the 2015 school year and would have liaised with many families around school accounts over the year.

**School Planning 2015**
The school is currently planning for the 2016 school year. If you are aware that your son/daughter is not returning to the school for the 2016 school year could you contact the school and leave a message with one of our Assistant Principals

**Indonesian Study Tour**
Annette Sugiyanto together with former Oberon High School teacher Gayle Tyson-Whittaker and twelve Year 10 students who are currently studying Indonesian are to leave shortly on a 12 day study tour to Yogyakarta. The group leave on Sunday 6th September and return on Thursday 17th September. I wish them a great trip and look forward to hearing of the many wonderful experiences that they will enjoy on the tour.

**Bogong Camp**
In the last week of Term, twenty Year 10 students, will be attending the Bogong Leadership Camp. The Bogong Camp located in the Bogong Village just below Falls Creek is a camp run by the Department of Education and Training that specialises in Outdoor Education programs designed to improve the leadership capabilities of State School students.

**Tim McMahon**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on:
- **Thursday 17th September - 4.30 - 7.30 pm**
- **Friday 18th September - 9.00 am - 12.30 pm**

As you’d be aware we have moved to communicating through the Parent Portal http://smportal.oberonhs.vic.edu.au. Our upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews can be booked now through the “Parent Interviews” tab seen on the left hand side of the Portal. From there select the teacher and choose from one of the available time slots. Please note each time slot only goes for 10 minutes. If you have any issues logging on please contact the Office staff for help or email Josh Baker on baj@oberonhs.vic.edu.au

**Term 3 Reports**
In addition to Parent/Teacher Interviews being booked via the Portal, parents will receive Term 3 Reports via the Parent Portal. These will be accessible from 5.00 pm on Friday 11th September. Please note this will replace the hard copy normally sent home. Again if you have any issues logging on please contact the Office staff for assistance or email Josh Baker on baj@oberonhs.vic.edu.au

**Joshua Baker**

**AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS**

**SURFCOAST HIGHWAY/KIDMAN AVENUE INTERSECTION**

Parents please be advised that the traffic lights on the Surfcost Highway/Kidman Avenue intersection are now operational. This upgrade represents a great win for the Oberon High School community and the people of Belmont. Please encourage your children to use the new pedestrian crossing to ensure a safer trip to and from school.

12 Pickett Crescent, Belmont, 3216 Phone: 5243 4444 Fax: 5244 2005 Web: www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au
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Students will be selected based on a formal application and interviews, which will be held by our School Principal. Initial interest will be displayed by attending a student/parent information session to be held at 5.30 pm in the Oberon Library on Wednesday 9th September.

Cost of the Camp will be around $850 for the 8 weeks with all essentials included.

Please feel free to contact me on 52 434444 if you have any questions prior to the information evening.

Joshua Baker
Assistant Principal

OBERON ART/TECHNOLOGY NIGHT

On Thursday 15th October Oberon High school will be conducting its Annual Art/Technology Evening to display the work of our Year 10 and VCE students. The evening will commence with viewing of the artworks at 4.30 pm in the gallery corridor.

Our Food Technology students will be providing refreshments. Part of the evening will be dedicated to awarding selected students with excellence awards for producing high quality work and approaching their Art/Technology Studies with maturity and enthusiasm. These awards for each study area will be presented at 5.15pm along with some musical performances. Our hard working students would love to see you to help celebrate their talents in Art and Technology.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
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A NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 8 STUDENTS
SCHOOL FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2016

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Year 11 student James Winter and Year 10 students Ben Winter and Locky Reekie who have been chosen for the U/18 Australian Canoe Polo Team to compete and train in New Zealand in September. Canoe Polo is a huge sport in New Zealand and the boys are looking forward to this amazing opportunity.

A fantastic effort, well done!

AN INVITATION TO A CONSULTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM:-
Christine Couzens MP
STATE MEMBER FOR GEELONG

The Andrews Labor Government is seeking views from those who have an interest in the education of children with a disability, as part of the Review of the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD). The Review is examining how schools can better support students with special needs, with particular emphasis on:

- The needs of all children with a disability, in particular, children with autism and dyslexia
- How to improve the way the PSD enables schools to support students with disabilities
- The needs of children with a disability in the transition from Primary to Secondary schooling
- How the PSD can support schools to be more inclusive

I invite you to a public forum
Gateways Support Services
10-12 Albert Street, Geelong West,
Thursday 10th September, 5pm to 6:30pm
RSVP by Wed 9th September to my office Ph.: 52213131
If you are unable to attend, you can submit your views, via email to psd.review@edumail.vic.gov.au by 11th September 2015, or contact my office.


AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

The SMS system at Oberon will send a message out each day to parents/guardians of students who have been absent from any classes for that day. To avoid an unexplained absence it is important that students who arrive late, go straight to the Assistant Principals Office with a note (or state that their parent/guardian have telephoned the school), rather than going straight to class.

Parents/guardians can text or phone the absence number on 0439 326 767 and state the Date, Student’s full name and reason for absence. Thank you for your assistance.
INDONESIAN SISTER SCHOOL VISIT

On Saturday our 3 Indonesian exchange students from Salatiga, Java Indonesia returned home. The Indonesian students were able to experience Australian schools, culture and lifestyle whilst they were here.

Oberon students had the opportunity to not only interact with “real” Indonesians, but also to be able to converse in Indonesian with them, explain our culture to them as well as learning about Indonesian culture. We are also looking forward to the opportunity to catch up with these students when our Indonesian Study Tour visits Java next week.

I would like thank the families who hosted these students, and also to other members of staff who helped make the Indonesian stay a memorable one.

I am sure the whole school community benefited from their visit, as we all learn to appreciate our cultural differences.

Ibu Sugiyanto

INDONESIAN TRIP HEADS OFF ON SATURDAY

Thirteen Year 10 students learning Indonesian are heading off to Indonesia along with Bu Sugiyanto for a trip of a lifetime.

They will be away for 2 weeks and we wish them a safe journey and a wonderful trip. We look forward to hearing all of their stories early next term.

FAREWELL TO GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Benjamin Buchberger of Year 11 has returned to Bavaria, Germany after spending 11 weeks at Oberon on a SAGSE scholarship. We wish him well for the future and thank him for his contribution to school life. The Year 11 German class farewelled Benni last Friday.

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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.

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!
I was lucky enough to spend a week at Barwon Health on Work Experience with a difference.

Places were tight with only 32 Year 10 students from across Geelong being selected for the special program. We got to find out about a whole lot of things and have a really different learning experience.

We were introduced to a range of employees who have different jobs at Barwon Health including physios, occupational therapists, midwives, nurses, dieticians, paramedics, speech pathologists and psychologists. I really enjoyed meeting Ed, an ex-patient who shared his story and explained how many specialists were involved in the healing process. I really enjoyed learning about mindfulness during the Psychologist’s lesson, I have become a lot more appreciative already from it. I was surprised to learn that speech pathologists actually have a larger focus on swallowing and I also got to birth a fake baby through a mannequin which was surreal. It gave me an idea of how rewarding that job would be.

We spent time as a group together throughout the week and I met 15 new people none from Oberon. Each day we took on different job roles all involved in health and learned what they do. The most challenging thing about the week was probably absorbing all the information because we learned so much.

I recommend this program to next years Year 10 students. Put up your hand, give it a go. It’s good to put yourself forward and good for your future!

Acknowledgement: The program was brought to schools in the Geelong Region by Barwon Health and the Geelong Region Local Learning & Employment Network (LLEN). The ‘Careers in Community Services & Health Program’ is funded by Skilling the Bay.

Alex Flisher - Year 10
SOUTH BARWON LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

Come down and meet us, try on and purchase your uniform and register online at our Information Day: Saturday September 26. 10am-12pm Landy Field, Sth Geelong. Come along and find out more, we would love to see you there! Competition commences Saturday 3 October 2015

Visit our web site: www.southbarwonathletics.com
Call Nyree Mathe: on 0414 935 000
Register Online Only – from 22 August 2015

ATHLETICS CHILWELL

Athletics Chilwell is currently welcoming new members to join the club for the upcoming 2015-2016 track and field season. Competition is held on Saturday afternoons at Landy Field, commencing on Saturday 10th October, 2015. Athletes aged from Under 14 to Veterans are welcome to participate. Athletes of all standards are welcome.

Coaching is available in all disciplines eg sprints, middle/long distance running, hurdles, jumps and throws.

For further information, please contact Mary McDonald on 52 29 3920 or email athletics.chilwell@gmail.com

SOUTH GEELONG SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2015

All activities for ages 8-15 years olds only

SKATE DAY & DREAMCATCHER WORKSHOP
MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER
8am start at Monday, 12pm-3pm. 3pm-5pm learn to skate.

ABRODROME TRAMPOLINE PARK
TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
11am-1pm, 2pm-4pm, 5pm-7pm, 8pm-10pm.

MOVIE NIGHT!
WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
6pm - 8pm

DON'T MISS OUT - REGISTER NOW! Permission forms are required to be filled out please contact Karina Drinkers on 0414 935 000 for further information. You can also register and for forms or if you have any further questions.

For more information please go to www.goonoo.com.au.

All activities are FREE & registrations are required

ATHLETICS CHILWELL

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There’s so much to gain from a WEP Student Exchange.

WEP student exchange is the opportunity for students to exchange their school, culture, family and possibly language for a selected time period in another country. It is far more rewarding than simply being a tourist, as students live like locals and acquire knowledge not available to the general traveller. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel and study at an overseas school with the support of a volunteer host family.

To find out more visit our website: wep.org.au

When you go overseas on a WEP student exchange program, your family, back at home, has no obligation to host an exchange student in return. However, hosting an exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting an international exchange student often endure for generations.

For more information and to request a free information pack, head to our website, www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.

YOUTH VOICES 2015
A collaboration between gpac:ed, Barwon Adolescent Task Force & headspace Geelong

Attention Adults, Parents, Educators
Come and hear the Youth Voices from:
Lara Secondary College, Northern Bay College
Peacock campus, St Ignatius College, Clonard College,
Belmont High School, Grovedale College
& Diversitat youth.

When: Thursday 10th September
Where: Geelong Performing Arts Centre
Evening: 7.00pm – 9.30pm
Cost: All tickets for the evening performance $5.00
5.00 + $5.00 booking fee for phone & online bookings.
Bookings: GPAC Box Office 03 5225 1200 www.gpac.org.au
Tickets can be purchased before or on the day.

WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE!