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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Brodie Calder**

The School Community’s thoughts and prayers are with the Calder family on the recent passing of Year 12 student Brodie in a tragic car accident. As I outlined in the letter that was sent to families dated Monday 7th September, if your child has been affected by this tragic event I encourage you to contact the school to utilise the support mechanisms that are in place.

Our Year 12 students organised and ran a beautiful memorial service on Wednesday 16th September, in which they shared the wonderful memories that they have of Brodie.

I am pleased to advise the school community that Andrew Parish who was also involved in the car accident has been moved from the Alfred Hospital to Geelong Private Hospital and is recovering well from his injuries.

**Interim Reports**

All parents/guardians should have been able to access their child’s Interim Reports on the School Portal from Friday 11th September. Parents and students have the opportunity to discuss their academic progress at Parent/Teacher Interviews which are being held on Thursday 17th September from 4.30pm - 7.30pm and Friday 18th September from 9 am-12.00pm. If parents are unable to make it to the interviews but still would like to speak to the teachers, I encourage you to ring the school to make an appointment for early Term 4.

**School for Student Leadership**

On Friday 11th September, Mr Josh Baker and Mr Sean Fitzgerald visited the six Year 9 students who have been at the DET School for Student Leadership at Dinner Plain. The reason for the visit was that the students were presenting a plan for their community learning project that will be completed upon returning to Oberon in Term 4.

**Bogong Camp**

Twenty Year 10 students have spent the last week at the DET Bogong camp with a focus on the further development of leadership skills and teamwork.

**Staff changes**

Mr Alvin Ang completes his contract at Oberon High School at the end of Term 3. I would like to thank Alvin for the contribution that he has made to the school in the 3 terms that he has been at the school teaching in the Arts area.

Mrs Candece Cole returns from family leave, we welcome Candece back after having her second child.

**Vaccination Changes**

In 2015 three major changes to the vaccine program were introduced that will impact on parents of secondary school students:

1. The City of Greater Geelong Council’s immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by phone on 52434444 if you do not want your contact details given to the City of Greater Geelong Council.

2. In 2015, the vaccine that protects against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough is offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

3. The time-limited Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine Program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

Look out for the vaccine consent form/s that come home from school with your child. You need to read, complete and return the form/s regardless of whether your child is being immunised or not.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

As this is the last newsletter for the Term 3, I wish everyone a safe term break and look forward to seeing all students returning in Term 4.

**Tim McMahon**

**UNIFORM**

A reminder to parents that all students are expected to complete the school year in uniform. If parents have any difficulty sourcing uniform items can they please contact their child’s Year Level Manager so that school can provide support in ensuring that all students are dressed appropriately in uniform.

Please note girls should wear black T-bars or black polishable lace up school shoes - not boots. Kilts and dresses should be of an appropriate length.
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 5.15 pm along with some musical performances. Our hard working students would love to see you to help celebrate their talents in Art and Technology.

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.

YOUNG ARTIST

Dylan Riggs is one of the many keen, young artists who have been working on completing their paintings during lunch times in the Art Room.

It is always wonderful to see so many students pursuing their Art in their free time.

Mrs Honeywell

IMMUNISATIONS

Sexuality and Disability

A talk for parents and carers of young people with ASD or an Intellectual Disability.

Family Relationship Support for Carers and Gateways are pleased to present Kardie Whelan, Disability Educator with Family Planning Victoria.

*Session 1 – 9.30-10.45am : Sexual Hygiene and Puberty
*Session 2 – 11.00-12.30pm : Respectful Relationships

Attend one or both sessions. RSVP 5221 2984

When: Thursday 22nd October, 2015, 9.30am -12.30pm*
Where: Gateways Support Services
10-12 Albert St, Geelong West. Morning tea provided
It has been another busy term in the Library. Chess tournaments have opened and closed the Term. We hosted a regional tournament for Chess Kids in late July, with students from Bellarine Secondary College, Belmont High School, Western Heights and Barwon Heads Primary School. Almost forty students competed across the two divisions - Middle Years (Years 5-9) and Open (Years 10-12). Our younger students placed second and qualified for the State Championships, which were held at Brighton Grammar School last Friday, 11th September. Lack of match practice proved to be their undoing and unfortunately our team finished on the low end of the ladder! Well done to Gerraint Wood (Year 12) and Jack Behan (Year 11) for being our best players at this tough tournament. Despite the results I know the boys had an enjoyable break from the school routine and are grateful to Reverend Russell Stubbings for looking after them too.

In early August a select number of students from Years 7 to 10 were fortunate to attend the biennial Literature Festival at Scotch College. Each day the students heard entertaining keynote speakers and participated in writing workshops with a range of authors. Jennifer Graham (Year 9) had a remarkably memorable day when she met her favourite author, Melissa Keil. Jennifer was even more delighted, and exceptionally grateful, when the Scotch College Library staff gifted her a copy of Life in Outer Space for Melissa to personally sign. It is a privilege to get up close and personal with the authors and a number of students have since communicated with the writers to personally receive feedback on their own literary pieces.

Children’s Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week flew past in the last few weeks of the term. Our Year 7 and 8 classes participated in a scavenger hunt in the Library, whilst a number of students took on the lunchtime challenge of a game of ‘Banagrams’ (a fast-paced word game similar to Scrabble). Mrs Knight demonstrated her excellent word knowledge, however Tom Wood-Burgess (Year 12) proved to be the true champion! Daily anagram quizzes on the Student Bulletin also kept the brain ticking over throughout the week.

Louise Monotti
Teacher Librarian
YEAR 10 INDONESIAN TRIP
The Oberon High School Indonesian trip arrives back today after 12 days in Yogyakarta.
Pictured below is the group in front of Borobudur Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site, the largest Buddhist temple built in the 800s.
Read the next Newsletter to hear more about this amazing cultural experience.

GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS ARRIVE
During the September holidays, Oberon’s eighteen German exchange students from Marburg will arrive in Geelong. They land on Monday evening the 28th September and will be with their host families until Monday 26th October. Many thanks to the host families for looking after these students.

We look forward to meeting the group on day one of Term 4.

HOLIDAY CROSSWORD TO TEST YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS
Answers in the next Newsletter.

CANTEEN NEWS
Specials
Homemade soups Large: $3 Small: $2.50
Tuesday: Homemade Burgers $5.00
Thursday: Pasta, homemade Bolognaise sauce -
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 4 2015

Week 1
Monday 5th October Help Needed Please
Tuesday 6th October Robyn Phillips
Wednesday 7th October Rhiannon Whitford
Thursday 8th October Help Needed Please
Friday 9th October Kylie Chilvers

Week 10
Monday 12th October Leisa Perkins
Tuesday 13th October Help Needed Please
Wednesday 14th October Kim Hogue
Thursday 15th October Emily Lewis
Friday 16th October 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
Do you enjoy, dancing, gymnastics, yoga, or are just looking for a new fun way to stay fit. Do you like horses? Come try vaulting!!!

Equestrian vaulting is gymnastics/dance on a horse. This is done individually, in pairs and in a team. This fun activity for all ages promotes co-ordination, balance, physical health, self-esteem, the ability to work in a team and lifelong friendships all linked by the overwhelming love and trust of a horse. Vaulting is an FEI discipline that allows opportunities to travel and compete overseas and aim for the World Equestrian Games.

Come and Try Days Cost $30 per person (No previous horse riding or gymnastic experience needed). All ages and abilities welcome.

To Book a place Ph: 0410512861

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Have you always wanted to try Baseball but haven’t known how to get started. We have got the solution. Come along to a free Baseball clinic being run by Baseball Victoria at the Geelong Baseball Complex, Waurum Ponds on the 1st October from 10am-12pm. Anyone wishing to try Baseball is more than welcome to attend. The clinic is being held for new players. The new Baycats Little League Baseball Competition commences on the 25th October and this clinic is a great way for new players to experience the game and register to one of the five local clubs that are playing in the new competition. Games will be played on Wednesday nights and every second Sunday morning.

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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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Woolworths Earsn Learn

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!
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