Welcome back to the school community to Term 4. I trust that everybody had a restful third term break and is enjoying being back into the routine of school. Term 4 is a time when the school begins to plan for the following year which means that we will be farewelling some students and staff but also welcoming other students and staff. It is also a time when we appoint student leaders for the following year, this process will be undertaken over the upcoming weeks.

Staff Changes

We have a number of changes to our staffing for Term 4:

- Mrs Candice Cole returns from family leave.
- Mrs Carole Fisher will remain on leave for Term 4 as she still continues to recover from her accident in Term 2. Mr Andrew Dowling will continue to cover Mrs Fisher’s classes.

Year 7 Deakin University Experience

On Friday 9th October our Year 7 students spent the afternoon at Deakin University undertaking activities and listening to students talk about their experiences at University. Thank you to Mrs Nicola Maher who organised this great educational opportunity.

Year 12 Celebration Day

Our Year 12’s have their last day at school on TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER. As in previous years the school will be running a whole school assembly to farewell the students, reflect on their time at Oberon High School and wish them well in their upcoming exam period.

Australian Canoe Polo

Congratulations to James Winter (Year 11), Ben Winter (Year 10) and Lochie Reekie (Year 10) who recently toured New Zealand representing the Australian under 18 team in Canoe Polo.

Australian Inline Hockey Nationals

Congratulations to Zane Lake who has been selected to represent Australia in Inline Hockey at the AAU/Junior Olympics Tournament in Hawaii next July.

Intentions for 2015

If students are not returning to Oberon High School in 2016, can families contact the school and speak with one of the Assistant Principals in regards to this.

School Uniform

Can parents please ensure that their children are wearing the full school uniform. With the recent warm weather a number of students have not been wearing an Oberon High School shirt and when they removed their rugby top they were not in full school uniform. Your support with this is appreciated.

Arts/Technology Award Evening

It was great to see so many parents and students in attendance at the Art/Technology Award Evening on Thursday 15th October. Thank you to Mr. Ben Lombardi, Mrs Sandra Silo and all of the Art teachers and Technology teachers who helped with the organisation of the evening. The showcasing of the students work allows us all to reflect on the talents of the students that we have at Oberon.

Tim McMahon

OBERON ART & TECHNOLOGY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following students:

- Art: Jade Feakes
- Drama: Lachlan MacDonald
- Design Technology - Food: Remi Bolitho-Miline
- Music: Emma Pulford
- Visual Communication: Lachlan Bond

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BOOKS & UNIFORMS FOR 2016

Uniting Care Concern has access to limited funds to provide assistance for families who need extra support with the financial costs of books (including the cost of the digital textbook subscription) and uniforms for 2016. Families need to hold a current Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Card to be eligible for support. As part of the process Concern require a family member to attend an interview to help determine the needs and support the family require.

Unfortunately the funds do not stretch to enable Concern to assist all families with a Centrelink benefit card, thus it is important to get in early. You are able to call Uniting Care Concern on 42 101 100 as of October 19th between 9.30 – 12.00pm to make an interview time. Interviews will be conducted from Friday October 30th until the first week in December 2015.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this process, please feel free to contact myself at Oberon high School on 52 434 444.
OBERON STUDENTS REUNITED GERMANY

Early in the morning of the 6th October seven students representing classes C7A, L7A and T8A caught the train from Geelong Station to Melbourne. They were heading to the Goethe Institut on St Kilda Road to celebrate 25 Years of German Reunification.

Over the last part of Term 3 each class had been awarded a puzzle piece, one of 25, to decorate on the theme of German Reunification. The other 25 pieces went to classes in schools all over Victoria and NSW.

Following much research and class discussions each class came up with a unique idea to celebrate this momentous anniversary. Having been decorated these puzzle pieces were then taken to Melbourne where students from many other schools, together with our seven ambassadors, brought together the pieces to create the bright and colourful shape of Germany as we know it today.

Here is a link to the German Embassy Website showcasing our students’ work:

Here is the link to the time lapse video taken as the puzzle was put together:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/uzdea21kj3q8k/Germany%20Jigsaw%20Project%20V2.mov?dl=0

These students were not alone. In 31 other countries around the world, other students from other classes learning German, brought together their puzzle pieces to represent the united Germany.

Back in Melbourne, having addressed the students at the start of the reunification process, the Honorary Consul General Michael Pearce mingled with the delegates while Pretzel, Gebäck and Apfelschorle were being consumed.

Congratulations to our Oberon German Language students for representing the school so well on such a very important occasion. [One of our students was unable to catch the train due to a sudden illness].

WELCOME TO THE GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM OUR SISTER SCHOOLS IN MARBURG

Seventeen German students and one teacher have arrived at Oberon this term. The group arrived in Geelong during the holidays and will be here until October 26th. Overall 46 students and 4 teachers have travelled to Victoria on this trip. The group has just arrived back from a Great Ocean Road tour, they have had a day in Melbourne and will have a day in Geelong next week. We welcome all students and teachers to our school and trust that they will continue to enjoy spending time at our school and in our region. Many thanks to the wonderful host families for helping to make the students so comfortable and assisting them to settle in quickly.

The German teacher is Ulf Köster and the students are Hanna, Yara, Vivien, Jonas, Jerome, Malin, Vanessa, Pauline, Julia, Lena, Noah, Niccolo, Fabian, Andreas, Jana, Deborah and Johannes.

LANGUAGES NEWS

LANGUAGES CORNER

Below are the solutions to the crossword which was published in the last newsletter - how did you do?

Across:
2 karaoke, 3 delicatessen, 4 bamboo, 5 silat, 6 poltergeist, 7 alzheimers, 8 sushi, 10 hamburger, 12 sumo, 13 fahrenheit, 15 frankfurt, 17 sarong, 19 panda, 21 bonsai

Down:
1 walze, 2 kindergarten, 3 doppelganger, 5 strudel, 9 karate, 11 dachshund, 12 satay, 14 orangutan, 16 futon, 18 paddy, 20 gong

LANGUAGE PERFECT VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held last term and many students learning German competed. Oberon was placed 8th in the Victoria for German with 9,730 points and won the category of 101-250 students. Top students were Jasmine Brown who placed 12th in Victoria with 1558 points, Zac Jinnette 22nd with 1319 points and Kaitlyn Smith 63rd with 546 points. Well done to all who participated.

The Year 10 German class also had a mini competition between the Year 10 class at Viewbank in Melbourne. Prize winners were Ryan Griffiths 3rd on 703 points and Eddie Cockram 4th on 626 points. Congratulations!
CANOE POLO
Congratulations to Locky Reekie and Ben Winter of Year 10 and James Winter of Year 11 who represented Australia at the recent New Zealand Canoe Polo Inter-Regional Competition which is the equivalent to Australia’s Nationals. The boys also trained with a few different clubs around the North Island. Canoe Polo is popular in New Zealand and split into Regions; one age group is then chosen to represent that area so places are very limited. The Aussie team made up of 4 Victorians and 2 Queenslanders had new boats and also had to get used to each other as a team.
By the end of the competition, out of 6 U18 teams, they finished 3rd, an amazing result.
Any students who are interested in playing Canoe Polo and maybe one day representing Australia like James, Ben and Lockie can contact John on 0400 606 880. Well done boys!

IN LINE SKATING
Congratulations to Zane Lake of Year 9 who competed in the Inline Hockey Nationals over the school holidays. Zane was selected to represent Australia next year in Hawaii! A fantastic effort!
Well done Zane

NETBALL
Congratulations to Sophia Bilbao of Year 7 who was recently awarded Runner-up in the Best and Fairest of the GDFL Netball competition. This was her 2nd award in 3 years. A wonderful effort!
Well done Sophia!

WESTERN METROPOLITAN TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
On Thursday September 17th, 13 students travelled to Moonee Valley Athletics Track in Aberfeldie to represent Oberon at the Western Metropolitan Athletics Championships. A few more students qualified, however decided not to compete for one reason or another. Those who did compete, performed well in a new environment for all participants. It has been decades since this level of competition has been conducted at this venue and thankfully the rain which was forecast did not interfere with the event too much.
Two students won events on the day, however 8 of the 13 students competing came home with at least one gold, silver or bronze medal. Congratulations to Georgia Boal who won gold medals in all three of her individual events (100m, 200m and 400m) and bronze in the relay; also to Kasey Parish and Teagan Madden who won one and two medals respectively. Kasey’s effort to win the Javelin was particularly noteworthy, given that she arrived back in Australia from an Indonesian cultural visit earlier that morning and came straight to the track from the airport. Kasey’s commitment to her athletics is to be commended.
A special mention also must go to two Year 8 girls; Tia Aylmer and Shainna McNamara, who filled in for other girls in the 17 Years Girls Relay who were unable to run due to camp commitments. These girls waited patiently all day for their event and ran extremely well along with Teagan and Georgia to win well deserved bronze medals.
Congratulations also to Zane Threadgold (1500m), Kasey Parish (LJ & Relay), Andy Wylie (Shot Put & Discus), Caleb Morrissey (100 & 200m), Kade McKenzie (Javelin & LJ) and Amy Kuskoniciv, Anna Yankos and Abbey Fedley (Relay) for fantastic efforts in their respective events.
We have only two athletes who have qualified for the State Championships to be conducted at The State Athletics Centre at Albert Park on Tuesday October 20th. Good luck to Kasey Parish (Javelin) and Georgia Boal (100m, 200m & 400m). Both girls managed to win medals last year, so we are hoping they can repeat the dose this year.
Thank-you to Mr Neal for his organisational assistance and fabulous photography throughout the day.

Results:
First:
Georgia Boal 17 years 100m
Georgia Boal 17 years 200m
Georgia Boal 17 years 400m
Kasey Parish 15 years Javelin

Second:
Caleb Morrissey 13 years 400m
Locky Reekie 16 years 1500m
Teagan Madden 17 years Triple Jump

Third:
Kade McKenzie 13 years Triple Jump
(Tia Aylmer, Teagan Madden, Shainna McNamara, Georgia Boal)
17 years Girls 4 x 100m Relay

Chris Sly
On Friday 9th October, all of our Year 7 students were involved in a special program at Deakin Waurn Ponds campus. Oberon High School is a member of Deakin’s Engagement and Access Program which gives students the opportunity to visit and participate in a range of activities at Deakin.

Students undertook a campus tour, a speedy mission possible task in small teams as well as participating in a workshop. Students donned safety classes and lab coats to undertake Forensic Science to analyse fingerprints, handwriting and maggots in Zoology discovered classification. The Robotics workshop allowed students to see the progression of their Year 7 work and the Architecture students marvelled in the amazing facilities of the Reach building.

The Year 7s were very enthusiastic and applied in all aspects of this program. It is hoped that over the next few years students will use this opportunity to explore the many different pathways available to them in their local area and beyond.

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR DIARY**

**YEAR 12**
- Monday 19th October
- Tuesday 20th October
- Wednesday 28th October – Friday 20th November
- Monday 23rd November

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**YEAR 11**
- Wednesday 11th November
- Thursday 12th November – Tuesday 17th November
- Wednesday 18th November
- Thursday 19th November
- Friday 20th – Tuesday 24th November

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**YEAR 10**
- Friday 27th November
- Monday 30th November
- Tuesday 1st December – Wednesday 3rd December

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**YEAR 6, 7, 8 & 9**
- Tuesday 8th December
- Wednesday 9th December
- Thursday 10th, Friday 11th, Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th

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**ALL YEAR LEVELS**
- Friday 18th September
- Wednesday 21st October
- Wednesday 16th December (TO BE CONFIRMED)
- Thursday 17th December

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END OF TERM

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**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 polished lace up school shoes - not boots. Kilts and dresses should be of an appropriate length.

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**LUNCH**

Students need to be responsible for bringing their lunch each day. They need regular fuel for energy. This means a healthy lunch and snack every day at school. This may be lunch from home or purchased from the Canteen which provides a healthy selection.

If your son or daughter forgets their lunch they can come to the office before school, at Recess or at Lunchtime to call their parent. If parents are unable to bring lunch or money to school they can pay for a canteen lunch by credit card over the phone.
**Specials**

- **Fresh Fruit Salad** - Large $3.50  Small $3.00

**Tuesday:**
- **Homemade Burgers**  $5.00

**Thursday:**
- **Pasta, homemade Bolognaise sauce**
- **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

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**CANTENE NEWS**

**Week 3**

- **Monday 19th October**  Help Needed Please
- **Tuesday 20th October**  Robyn Phillips
- **Wednesday 21st October**  PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- **Thursday 22nd October**  Help Needed Please
- **Friday 23rd October**  Kim Cameron

**Week 10**

- **Monday 26th October**  Help Needed Please
- **Tuesday 27th October**  Help Needed Please
- **Wednesday 28th October**  Jackie Lamb
- **Thursday 29th October**  Help Needed Please
- **Friday 30th October**  Help Needed Please

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! Our end of year dinner will be on Wednesday 2nd December at the Geelong RSL, please call Linda at the Canteen for details.

Cheers

Linda and Elaine
HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO TRY
BASEBALL? NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!

Geelong Baycats Baseball Club are seeking interested boys and girls aged 8 – 14 to participate in Summer baseball (October – March) in both our Little League and Junior League divisions.

Little League players must be 12 or under as at May 1 2016
Junior League players must be 14 or under as at May 1 2016

Baseball is an exciting participation sport which builds friendships, skills and fitness.

Geelong Baycats Baseball Club is renowned for its Junior Player development and has several players currently playing professional and college baseball in the USA.

Games will be played at the world class Waurn Ponds Baseball Stadium (Pioneer Rd Waurn Ponds) every Wednesday night and alternate Sunday mornings.

To find out more, call Bruce on 0419 296 113.