### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

**Newspaper Article**

There have been some interesting articles in the newspaper recently after students from Xavier College in Melbourne posted inappropriate comments on Facebook about students from State Government Schools. I have attached a link below which discusses the comments and also includes a link to radio interview with Neil Mitchell. The comments from the Xavier students and the interview with the private school parent, both insinuate that State Government schools are for second class citizens.

We should all be taking offence to this mindset from some sections of our community, as such an attitude is neither acceptable nor well informed in terms of their views on the education system in Victoria.

I am very proud of the fact that I am the Principal of a State Government School that provides students in the Geelong region with a high quality education. I am also very proud to say that my children have attended State Government Schools throughout their Primary and Secondary schooling. I, like you, are aspirational for my children to achieve well at school and find a rewarding career beyond school. I don’t believe that attending a private school is necessary for this to be achieved.

As has been mentioned many times before, State Schools are great schools and are achieving great outcomes for the many and varied students that attend them.


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**Year 12 Valedictory & Awards Day**

A reminder for parents and students to put the following dates into your diary: The Year 12 Valedictory Dinner will be held on Monday 23rd November at ‘The Pier’ and the Oberon Awards Day Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 16th December at Costa Hall.

**Activities Week**

The school will once again be running an Activities Week program for students in the last week of term from Thursday 10th to Tuesday 15th December. Details of this program will be distributed to parents and students in the upcoming weeks.

**DEECD Scholarships for 2016**

Students have the opportunity to apply for a range of DET Scholarships for the 2016 school year which range in value from $350 - $2000 per year. There are a range of scholarships available for students but all have specific criteria associated with them. If you are interested in finding out more about these scholarships, look at the following website www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships for further information or contact the school with queries.

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**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 5243 444.

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**Scholarship applications open on Monday 16th November 2015.**

Scholarships are also offered to VCE students who intend to enter a teacher training course after completing their VCE.

**Long Tan Study Tour**

The State Government and the Vietnam Veterans Association are offering students in Year 10 and 11 (2016) the opportunity to apply for a spot on a study tour to Vietnam to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. When entering, students are asked to explore the topic of the ‘controversial’ Vietnam War, and the issues that prompted debate amongst a nation. The 11 year war was set against a backdrop of divided public opinion over Conscription and the use of chemical and guerrilla warfare. The Vietnam War was also the first to be played out on television.

Students can make written submissions, or enter craft or audio visual projects on ‘The Vietnam War History’.

Competition is open to all Victorian Year 10 and 11 students, but entries close on March 27, 2016.

For more information visit www.vvaavic.org.au

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**Tim McMahon**

**Student Wellbeing Manager**
The culmination of the 2015 track and field schools competition occurred on Tuesday October 20 at the State Athletic Centre at Lakeside Stadium. After three qualifying events in the lead up to this level of competition, two students qualified to represent Oberon. Georgia Boal competed in the 17 years girls’ 200m and 400m, whilst Kasey Parish contested the 15 years girls’ javelin.

One complication that occurred this year was that there was a clash between this competition and the Year 12 final assembly at school, and Georgia, being in Year 12, unfortunately missed out on running in her favoured 100m event. It was a pity that she was denied the opportunity to defend the title she won last year. Both Georgia and Kasey attended the first part of the school assembly and then made their way to Albert Park to compete.

Impressively, both girls performed extremely well in their events, despite the rushed trip up the highway. Credit must go to their parents, who have been keen supporters of both girls’ athletic careers throughout their schooling.

Kasey was up against some tough competition, with the winner of her javelin event breaking the previous State record by about 6 metres. Kasey threw well enough to secure the silver medal, which meant that she improved her standing from last year’s bronze medal effort in the same event.

Whilst not quite at her personal best time, Georgia ran an evenly paced race to win the 200m reasonably comfortably. A couple of hours later, she suited up to contest her very first 400m final at these championships. Georgia has not run too many 400m races competitively, so this event was unknown territory for her. She started the race well and created a good rhythm to lead the field through the 300 metre mark. Despite tiring over the next 90 metres, Georgia was still in front with 10 metres to go and was only just passed by another runner on her outside right on the line. Nonetheless, Georgia ran a terrific race to claim the silver medal. Not a bad way to exit an outstanding athletic career in which she managed to win three gold, three silver and two bronze medals over the past six years.

Congratulations to both Georgia and Kasey for their fine efforts. Three medals from three events again this year - outstanding!

Results:

GOLD MEDALIST
Georgia Boal 17 years 200m

SILVER MEDALIST
Georgia Boal 17 years 400m
Kasey Parish 15 years Javelin

Congratulations to all students on their efforts in this year’s track and field competitions.

Chris Sly

On Friday 6th November, Year 11 student Ally Deller presented a cheque to Jirrahlinga for over $350.

As part of her VCAL program Ally has been baking goodies to sell to the teachers at Oberon High School at a weekly stall. This has been a win win for both Jirrahlinga who have benefited from a wonderful donation and the teachers who have enjoyed Ally’s treats each week.

Ally is pictured right, with Classroom Assistant Tracey Gawne handing over the cheque to the manager of Jirrahlinga.
OBERON CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2015

As part of Oberon High School's commitment to Community Service, each year we organise an Oberon Christmas Appeal to support families in our local area. This year our Christmas Appeal aims to support Uniting Care: Geelong - who every year supports many of our Oberon families by providing assistance with the purchase of text books and uniforms. Through our fundraising efforts, we will be presenting Uniting Care: Geelong with a number of Christmas Hampers and Toys, which they will distribute to local families in need.

The Greeves Year 7 Enhancement class are organising the Christmas Appeal for 2015 as a part of their Compass Awards Program.

On Wednesday 18th November there will be a Bake Sale in the Student Shelter at Recess time.

On Friday 20th November there will be a CASUAL DRESS DAY – (gold coin donation please) and a BBQ lunch with food and drinks will be held in the student shelter at lunchtime.

To assist us with the Appeal we would like to ask students and their families to donate gifts and/or non-perishable Christmas food items.

Suggested items for donation could include:

- Non-Perishable X-Mas Food eg: shortbread, lollies, chips, chocolates, Pudding, Mince Tarts
- Xmas Table Decorations eg: Bonbons, X-mas Napkins
- Toys eg: Lego, Cars, Dolls & Beach Toys
- Kids DVD's
- Arts & Crafts
- Colouring Items eg: Textas, Pencils & Colouring Books
- Gift Cards
- Sporting Equipment – Bats & Balls

Unfortunately due to Health Regulations we are unable to accept second-hand items or food which is past its use by date.

If you prefer to donate gold coins these will be used to purchase items for the hampers.

We will be collecting items/donations up until the end of November. Please bring donations to Sam Mackenzie in the Wellbeing Office or Mr Dowling in the Student shelter.

Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Andrew Dowling (Acting Enhancement Program Coordinator)

Languages News

German Trip 2016: March 12 – April 16

Final payment will be due shortly. Please pay the invoice promptly after receiving it, as there can be no extensions for this final payment.

The first student workshop to prepare the Australian students who are travelling to Marburg will take place on Monday 7th December at 7pm in the School Library.

This is a compulsory workshop for all who intend to travel. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Languages Corner

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2016 YEAR 7-9 IPAD PROGRAM

A reminder that in 2016, Oberon is implementing the Year 7-9 Compulsory iPad program. The information below outlines the purchase options and the features that will be included:

The Apple iPad has been chosen for a range of features including: ease of use, accessibility, ability to function in a managed environment, cost and portability. The implementation of this program will enhance the learning experience of our students. It will provide opportunities for innovation and creativity while supporting the excellent academic culture that has already been developed.

There will be two possible paths in preparation for the program:

OPTION A: BRING YOUR OWN IPAD (IPAD 2 OR ABOVE)

Students can bring iPads that they have used at primary school or elsewhere. Protective covers will need to be provided.

OPTION B: PURCHASE THROUGH JB EDUCATION

Oberon has partnered with JB Education, who work with many schools across Victoria, to provide packages including:

- An iPad Air 16GB (cost $522.50), iPad Air 2 16GB (cost $643.50), iPad Air 2 64GB (cost $743.60), iPad Air 2 128GB (cost $860.20)
- Choice of 2 protective cover (Optional cost $44-$66. Covers are mandatory, however you are welcome to source your own.)
- Accidental Damage and theft protection for 2 years / 3 years ($90/$135)
- JB Education also offer a credit purchase or a rental option if required.

A link to the JB Education portal is available on our website http://www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au

The iPads will be used in conjunction with a digital textbook subscription. The digital textbook subscription will allow students to access a broader range of texts at a lower cost than the purchase paper texts that are currently used. This subscription will be reflected on the booklist later in the year. A levy will also be included to allow for the purchase of apps and Office 365 subscription. Protocols for use have been developed and will be detailed at the commencement of the program.

If you have any queries, please contact me via the office or baj@oberonhs.vic.edu.au

Josh Baker
Assistant Principal

Semester Reports

Parents please note that Student End of Year Reports will be available on the Parent Portal from Midday on Monday 14th December.

If you have any issues or problems with logging on please email Josh Baker for assistance at baj@oberonhs.vic.edu.au

Oberon High School - Health Alert

Parents please note that an Oberon parent has this week reported a confirmed case of Chicken Pox.

A fact sheet on “Chicken Pox” from the Department of Human Services is available online at: www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/bluebook/chicken_pox
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

YEAR 12
Wednesday 28th October – Friday 20th November
Monday 23rd November
Year 12 Exams
Year 12 Valedictory Dinner – The Pier 6.30 pm - 11.30 pm

YEAR 11
Thursday 12th November – Tuesday 17th November
Wednesday 18th November
Thursday 19th November
Friday 20th – Tuesday 24th November
Year 11 Exams
Year 11 Formal
Year 11 Rest Day
Year 11 - 12 VCE 2016 Commencement Program at Oberon (Program compulsory for all 2015 Year 11 students) Tuesday 24th November is the last day for Year 11 students.

YEAR 10
Friday 27th November
Monday 30th November
Tuesday 1st December – Wednesday 3rd December
Last day of Year 10 classes
Year 10 English and Maths Exams
Year 10 - 11 VCE 2016 Commencement Program at Oberon (Program compulsory for all 2015 Year 10 students). Friday 27th November is the last day for Year 10 students.

YEAR 6, 7, 8 & 9
Tuesday 8th December
Wednesday 9th December
Thursday 10th, Friday 11th, Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th
Year 7 2016 Orientation Program
Year 7 2016 Orientation Program
End of Year Activities for Years 7 - 9 - information will be distributed to students in Years 7 - 9

ALL YEAR LEVELS
Wednesday 16th December
Thursday 17th December
Oberon Awards Day - Costa Hall 11.00 a.m. All students are expected to attend
Staff Professional Learning Program
Program provided for those students in attendance.
Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences by Appointment.

END OF TERM

COMMENCEMENT DATES/EVENTS FOR EARLY 2016
Tuesday 26th January
Wednesday 27th January
AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
TERM 1 COMMENCES
ALL STAFF RETURN
SCHOOL OFFICE OPENS
Year 7, 11 & 12 students commence school
Year 8, 9 & 10 students commence school. All students now in attendance
Year 7 Sleepover
Year 7 Beach Day
School Photos
School Photos - Catch Up
House Swimming Sports
Year 7 Camp

OBERON HIGH SCHOOL - SECONDHAND BOOK SALE

- Tuesday 8th December Years 10, 11 & 12 - 4.30 pm to 7.00 pm - Uniform Shop
Conditions of Sale : Correctly priced and labelled and NO Excessive Graffiti

MONEY can be collected: At the Uniform Shop Thursday December 10th, 2015 - 8.30 am to 5:30 pm
• All other money can be collected from the Uniform Shop during Term 1, only when it is open. Times will be advertised in the School Newsletter and Student Bulletin during Term 1 2016.
• 20% commission is charged on all sales. Any money not collected by the end of Term 1, 2016 will be credited to your family account.
• End of Term 2 2016 will be the LAST opportunity to collect ANY unsold books. Books not collected will be considered a donation to the Chaplaincy Committee and boxed for disposal or sale at a later date.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF YEARS 7 - 9 STUDENTS
SECONDHAND SCHOOL SUPPLIES
GEELONG STORE
31 Little Ryrie Street, Geelong
52 29 7766 www.secondhandschoolsupplies.com.au
info@secondhandschoolsupplies.com.au
Textbooks, Uniforms, Calculators
Trading Hours
November to March 9 am - 5 pm Monday to Friday
April to October 3 pm - 5 pm School Days Only
If this store is unable to sell your books they can also donate them to a charity that assists overseas children in need.
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

CANTEEN NEWS

All students and parents are invited to attend this special occasion which we regard as one of the most important events on the school’s calendar. This ceremony celebrates the achievements of students with awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement and Outstanding Effort or for Citizenship/School Service throughout the year. Top students in Year 12 subjects, all students who achieve over 90% in the VCE score (ATAR) and our Year 12 Dux are also presented.

Students will be notified if they are to receive an award at the ceremony and, clearly, there is an expectation they will attend. All students attending and those receiving awards must be wearing correct school uniform. Awardees will not be presented on stage with their award if they are not in correct school uniform.

Please note this ceremony will take place at 11.00 am on Wednesday 16th December at Costa Hall.

OBERON AWARDS DAY CEREMONY

The Geelong Buccaneers is the only American Football club in Geelong and we are now recruiting for our Junior (14yo -18yo) and Women (open age) season in 2016.

The official pre-season starts on the 9th of January at 11am and we are encouraging anyone interested in playing to come along on that day to meet the coaches and get a feel for the game. We provide nearly all equipment required to play except for football boots and a mouthguard. Our coaches a qualified and trained appropriately to teach everyone how to play safely.

Past players have had had great success going on to represent their state and country. We are now looking for the next starts.

Contact Chris Beynon – President
Geelong Buccaneers American Football Club MOB: 0487 172 424
Follow on Facebook

CANTINE NEWS

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Mini Hawaiian Pizza and Oak meal deal - small $4, large $5
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CANTEEN HELPERS ROSTER - TERM 4 2015

Week 5

Monday 16th November  Help Needed Please
Tuesday 17th November  Sandra Schmid & Sandra Dixon
Wednesday 18th November  Help Needed Please
Thursday 19th November  Emily Lewis
Friday 20th November  Help Needed Please

Week 6

Monday 23rd November  Help Needed Please
Tuesday 24th November  Help Needed Please
Wednesday 25th November  Jackie Lamb
Thursday 26th November  Help Needed Please
Friday 27th November  Kim Cameron

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
YMCA Geelong School Holiday Program 2016

All School-aged Children

• Camp Wyuna Summer Fun Day Camps
• Silent Disco
• LeisureLink
• Billy Cart Making
• Inflatable World
• “The Park” Skate Park
• Water Activities
• Gymnastics
• Cooking
• Family Morning Tea
• Jewellery Making
• Adventure Park
• Funfields
• Arts, Crafts, Games, and more!

Full Program Details Available On Our Website

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! REGISTRATIONS CLOSE DECEMBER 4th 2015

YMCA GEELONG

YMCA Newtown Street
26 Riverdale Rd, Newtown 3220
(03) 5223 0714
geelong@ymca.org.au
www.geelong.ymca.org.au
www.facebook.com/YmcaGeelong

WOULD YOU LIKE A CHANCE TO PERFORM

Anglesea Music Festival
The Journey Continues!

23rd January 2016
Best Foot Forward Auditions

Are you a musician in a band, duo or solo?
Are you aged 15-24 years old?

Auditions will be held at Oxygen College Studio
October 24th & November 14th
Register online at
Angleseamusicfestival.com.au

EJ Football Management
International

World Junior Cup & Youth Cup
Gothia Cup Sweden

TDL 13-12-2015

Times and dates for trials are available at ejfootball.com Please book your preferred trial. Date and time as early as possible to ensure you do not miss out as numbers are limited.

If you require further information please contact us on info@ejfootball.com

BOOK YOUR TRIAL NOW!