NOVEMBER
Sat 28th - Sun 6th Dec  Great Victorian Bike Ride
Mon 30th  Year 10 English and Maths Exams

DECEMBER
Tues 1st - Thurs 3rd  Year 10 into 11 VCE 2016 Commencement
Frid 4th  Year 10 MIPs/Students at Risk Interviews

Tues 8th  Secondhand Book Sale
Tues 8th - Wed 9th  Year 7 2016 Orientation
Wed 9th  School Council
        Year 8 Challenge Day - Anglesea Scout Camp and Anglesea Beach

THURS 10th - Tues 15th  End of Year Activities - Information to be distributed to students in Years 7 - 9
Wed 16th  Oberon Awards Day - Costa Hall 11 am
Thurs 17th  Parent/Teacher Interviews by appointment
Frid 18th  Last Day of School Term

JANUARY 2016
Frid 22nd - Mon 25th  SCHOOL OPEN FOR NEW ENROLMENT
Tues 26th  ENQUIRIES
Wed 27th  AUSTRALIA DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2016
The following days have been approved the the Oberon High School - School Council as student free for 2016:
• Wednesday 27th January - Designated for all schools
• Thursday 21st April - Professional Development Day (this date may change subject to availability of Guest Speakers)
• Wednesday 8th June - Report Writing Day

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
School Leaders 2016
The Year 11 students had their Formal on Wednesday 18th November at the Captains Room, Kardinia Park. As part of this evening the 2016 Oberon High School Student Leaders were announced. I am pleased to announce that the following students were elected to leadership positions for the 2016 school year:

• School Captains
  Josh Fisher, Georgia Honeywell, Teagan Madden, Ben Scott

• School Vice Captains
  Leila Creswell, Darcy Danaher, Andoni Fischer, Seb Green, Ruby Michell, Issy Soudy, Jarryd Taylor, Zane Threadgold

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
The Year 12 students have all completed their end of year exams with the last exam being Indonesian on Wednesday 19th November. On Monday 23rd November, Oberon High School formally farewelled the students at the Valedictory Dinner at ‘The Pier’, which was a fantastic evening for all that attended. Thank you to Mrs Pike and Mr Sutcliffe for their efforts in organising this event. We look forward to hearing of the VCE results which are released on Monday 14th December.

Leave
I will be taking two weeks of long service leave from the end of week eight. I will be away from school from Monday 30th November and returning on Monday 14th December. Ms Liz Kelly will be Acting Principal whilst I am away.

Christmas Appeal
A wonderful effort by the year 7 Greeves class overseen by Mr Dowling and Sam Mackenzie who raised over $1200 for the Uniting Church Christmas Appeal. Thank you to all of the school community who supported the fundraising effort.

Awards Day
A reminder for parents and students to put the following date into your diary. The Awards Day Ceremony will be held on the 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 have been distributed to students. Contact the school if you haven’t received information around the activities week.

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.

Sam Mackenzie
Student Wellbeing Manager

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. Scholarship applications opened 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 overcensorship and the use of chemical and guerrilla warfare. The Vietnam War was the first to be played out on television.

Students can make written submissions, or enter craft or audio visual projects. 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

Tim McMahon

12 Pickett Crescent, Belmont, 3216    Phone: 5243 4444    Fax: 5244 2005    Web: www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au
A wonderful celebration was held at the Pier for our Year 12 students and their families.

Thank you for the memories Year 12 class of 2015!

YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DINNER

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 was a Bake Sale in the Student Shelter at Recess time and on Friday 20th November there was a Casual Dress Day and BBQ.

To assist us with the Appeal we are asking 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 Staff Room 1. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to call on 52 434 444.

Sam Mackenzie (Student Wellbeing Coordinator)
Andrew Dowling (Acting Enhancement Program Coordinator)

OBERON AWARDS DAY CEREMONY

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.
**YEAR 10 GERMAN STUDENTS WIN AWARDS**

**“Deutsch roX” Competition**

The students had to compose and record an original song in German. Taylor Nearn, Megan Schueler, Tegan Hassett and Abbey Fedley were the successful prize winners in Victoria. Congratulations to the girls on their hard work and well deserved win. The winning entry can be viewed at: [http://vimeo.com/agtvonline](http://vimeo.com/agtvonline) as well on our school webpage.

**“Werbespot” Competition**

The students had to produce an advertisement relating to the topic “Choose German!”

First prize went to Kendra Schmid, Edward Cockram, Max Dexter-Smith and Campbell Rabbitts with their entry “Lernt Deutsch!”

Cru Bakker-Graham and Daniel Garcia-Baldonado were awarded an ‘Honourable Mention’.

Congratulations to all involved on their excellent effort and successes. View the winning entries on the school homepage.

**Assessment of Languages awards – ALC trials**

Oberon HS was invited to participate in the trialling of these tests during 2015. We have received some excellent feedback and results for many of the students who participated. Congratulations to all students mentioned below.

**High Distinction Listening and Reading:**

Megan Palmer, German Certificate 2.

**Distinction Listening and Reading:**

Mason Allcorn, Cru Bakker-Graham, Jasmine Brown, Edward Cockram, Alex Flisher, Tegan Hassett, Chante Hughes, Alex Ivanov, Zachary Jinnette, Bailey Mannix, Taylor Nearn, Kendra Schmid, Megan Schueler, Kaitlyn Smith, German Certificate 2.

**Distinction Listening:**

Leila Creswell, Andoni Fischer, Declan Hitchcock, Astra Knight, Mia Milner, Noah Rawlings, Isabelle Soudy, Thomas Wood-Burgess, German Certificate 3.

**Credit Listening and Reading:**

Sophie Colebrook, Ryan Griffiths, Hayley Neugebauer, German Certificate 2.

**Credit Listening:**

Liam Ber, Labrini Grinos, Nicholas McDonald, Burak Mutlu, Holland Newling, Casey Griffiths, German Certificate 3.

**Credit Beginner’s Certificate:**


**NIKOLAUS CELEBRATIONS**

will be held on **Thursday 3rd December - 4.15 - 6.30 pm**, German Carnival Club, Norlane. This activity is for any student who is interested in this traditional German activity. Contact either Frau Ray or Frau Varley for further information.

**LEBKUCHENHÄUSCHEN – GINGERBREAD HOUSES**

The year 10 German class had lots of fun constructing their very own houses!

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**GERMAN TRIP 2016 - COMPULSORY WORKSHOP ON MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER FOR ALL TRAVELLING STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY AT 7PM.**

Final payment is also due on Friday December 3rd. Please ensure this payment is on time.
**YEAR 10**
- Monday 30th November
- Tuesday 1st December – Thursday 3rd December

**Year 10 English and Maths Exams**
- Year 10 - 11 VCE 2016 Commencement Program at Oberon (Program compulsory for all 2015 Year 10 students). Thursday 3rd December is the last day at school for Year 10 students.

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

**Year 8 Challenge Day - Anglesea Scout Camp and Anglesea Beach**
- Year 7 2016 Orientation Program
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- End of Year Activities for Years 7 - 9 - information has been distributed to students in Years 7 - 9

**ALL YEAR LEVELS**
- Wednesday 16th December
- Thursday 17th December
- Friday 18th 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.

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

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- 4.30 pm to 7.00 pm - Uniform Shop

**Conditions of Sale**
- Correctly priced and labelled and NO Excessive Graffiti

An information sheet will be given to students with a list of books available to be bought and sold and a sheet of year level color coded labels to attach to books to be sold and information will be given to Year 9 students for Year 10 books available to purchase only.

- Please staple/attach to ALL items with the following information:
  - Student Surname, First Name, Home Group
  - Address & Phone Number
  - Title of Book & Recommended Sale Price
  - Please tick box if you wish proceeds to be allocated to your account
  - Parent/Guardian signature
  - Please tick box if you wish proceeds to be allocated to your bank account

**Students can bring their Books to the Uniform Shop every Wednesday and Friday between 1.00 pm - 1.30 pm up to Friday 27th November, 2015.**

**Parents of Years 7 - 9 students please note:** There will now be limited sales of some novels and a German Work Book, and current Year 9 students may also purchase Year 10 books. Please see information below for a Geelong store where you could take your other Year 7 - 9 text books.

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**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@secondhandbooksupplies.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.
**AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS**

The Australian Army Cadets is a youth leadership development program designed for young people aged 13-19 years of age.

The Geelong Unit is conducting an open day this Sunday the 29th November from 10am – midday at Newland Barracks, 200 Myers Street (behind the Geelong Hospital). A number of demonstrations and presentations will be conducted throughout the morning by cadets to show interested young people and their parents the type of activities they undertake within cadets.

Registrations will also be taken for the 2016 intake commencing 1 Feb next year (applicants can join at 12 years provided they turn 13 in 2016). The maximum joining age is 16 years. For further information please contact Captain (AAC) Mark Lee on 0431 950 032 or email geelongcadets@bigpond.com

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**JAPANESE STUDENTS IN URGENT NEED OF A HOST FAMILY**

There are many Japanese exchange students, boys and girls aged 15, 16 or 17, who are hoping to be placed with a family here in Victoria. They are part of a leadership group especially picked for their social and academic qualities, so are really looking forward to being a member of a family. If you feel that you and your family could be at all interested in hosting one of these students for three months, please contact their coordinator, Klaus Schumann, on 03 97584279 to express your interest, or send me an email. You would need to be able to afford to have the student you choose at meal times and provide them with a bed, share room or own.

There is no payment involved. It is hoped that the relationship you develop with your new family member will be a lasting one. The student will be able to pay for school books, subject levies, transport, entertainment, food when they’re out, and so on. They arrive beginning of February and need placement before Christmas. Hope to hear from you.

Klaus Schumann
Southern Cross Japan Exchange Student Coordinator
klaus.schumann@hotmail.com

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**WELCOME THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME!**

Why not host an overseas exchange student with AFS Intercultural Programs? We have participants due to arrive in February 2016 and they require volunteer host families for their stay in Victoria. Make a friendship that can last a lifetime. Participants come for 5 months to 11 months and attend high schools and become an active member of the school, community and your family. They come from countries including France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Japan, Costa Rica, Argentina and Brazil.

If you are interested in going on an exchange overseas we would also love to hear from you to discuss the opportunity of becoming an exchange student. For more information please call Sharon Toohey on 02 9215 0077, aus.hosting@afs.org or contact the AFS Hosting team on 1300 131 736 or visit www.afs.org.au/host to make an inquiry!

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**SEMIESTER REPORTS**

Parents please note that Student End of Year Reports will be available on the Parent Portal from Monday 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

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**2.5 Hour School Leavers Mini-Summit**

are you the PARENT of a SCHOOL LEAVER?

Just as starting primary and secondary schools were milestones in your teen’s life, the end of their secondary schooling can be a challenging, scary, exciting and confusing time...

Supporting your teen through the milestone of entering the workforce.

What employers are looking for and why?

What is your teen’s personal brand and why is it important?

How LinkedIn can play a vital role in developing your teen’s personal profile.

GUEST SPEAKERS

“Don’t Eat the Marshmallow” Rob Ayres (Giving)

“Soft Skills, The Hard Stuff of (Getting) Facing the Future Fearlessly!” Doni Tizani (Finch)

Presented by two of Australia’s leading authorities in online reputation and etiquette, Fiona Lucas and Marianne Rinn

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Specials**

Fresh Fruit Salad - Large $3.50 Small $3.00

Tuesday: **Homemade Burgers** $5.00

Thursday: Pasta, homemade Bolognaise sauce - small $4, large $5

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

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**CANTEEN HELPERS ROSTER - TERM 4 2015**

**Week 9**

Monday 30th November Help Needed Please

Tuesday 1st December Robyn Phillips

Wednesday 2nd December Rhiannon Whitford

Thursday 3rd December Sara Brennan

Friday 4th December Sharron Colls-McKenzie

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**Week 10**

Monday 7th December Help Needed Please

Tuesday 8th December Help Needed Please

Wednesday 9th December 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 A CRACK AT JACK ATTACK!

- Starts Wednesday 25th November 2015 and continues every Wednesday for 4 weeks at Leopold Sportsman’s Club (135 Kensington Road, Leopold)
- Teams of 3 (Substitutes permitted if you have more than 3)
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- $5 per person, per week (BBQ included)
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- Nightly prizes and trophies for eventual winners

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