**MARCH**

**Thurs 3rd**  Elevate - Year 11 Session Periods 3 & 4  
Antipodean Presentation - Auditorium  
**Frid 4th**  Defence Force Expo - VCAL Students  
**Wed 9th**  Year 10 Psychology Excursion - Biolab  
**Wed 9th - Frid 11th**  Year 7 Camp - Camp Wilken Anglesea  
**Frid 11th**  Darren Pereira - Year 12 Session Period 3 - 6  
White Card (Construction Industry) Training  
**Sat 12th March - Sat 16th April**  - German Trip  
**Mon 14th**  LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED  
**Tues 15th**  House Athletics - Landy Field - Whole school event, all students are expected to attend.  
**Tues 22nd**  Year 12 School Photos - Periods 1 & 2  
**Wed 23rd**  Open Night - Year 7 2017  
**Thurs 24th**  LAST DAY OF TERM 1  
Reports available on the School Portal  

**APRIL**

**Mon 11th**  TERM 2 COMMENCES  
**Tues 12th**  Year 7 Immunisations  
**Wed 13th**  VCAL - Guest Speaker Period 1  
**Thurs 14th**  Parent /Teacher/Student Conferences 4.30 pm - 7.30 pm  
**Thurs 14th**  Parent Information Session for 2017 Year 7  
**Frid 15th**  Enhancement Program - 6 pm in the Library  
**Sun 17th**  Rostrum Public Speaking Competition Geelong Heat  
**Tues 19th**  Excursion - Earth Ed Ballarat - G8 & T8  
**Thurs 21st**  STUDENT FREE DAY - STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
**Frid 22nd**  Public Speaking Festival Years 11 & 12  
**Mon 25th**  ANZAC DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED  
**Thurs 28th**  Barwon Athletics - Landy Field  
**Frid 29th**  Worlds Greatest Shave Fundraiser  

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**School Council**

The ballot for the parent representatives on School Council closed on Friday 26th February. Congratulations to Scott Barnes, Kythie Fisher and Kathy Spowart-Deller who have been elected as parent representatives for the next two years. It is a great sign for the school that we have had so many parents wishing to put their hand up to be on School Council and make a difference to the school.

**House Swimming**

Congratulations to Lipson House who were announced at the General Assembly on Monday 22nd February as the 2016 House Swimming Champions. Lipson narrowly defeated Greeves, with Cameron 3rd and Thomson House in 4th place.

**Swimming Sports**

Well done to the 60 students who represented the school at the recent Interschool Swimming Sports. Oberon High finished 3rd overall. A number of students have qualified to participate in the next round of the swimming and I wish them well. A big thank you to Mr Neal, Mrs Fisher and Mrs Jimmink-Scott who organised the swimming team; your efforts were most appreciated. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents providing support and encouragement.

**Athletic Sports**

A reminder that the House Athletic Sports will be conducted on Tuesday 15th March at Landy Field. This is a whole school event and all students are expected to attend. I encourage parents to drop in during the day to support your children. The Canteen will be running at Landy Field for anyone who wishes to purchase lunch.

**UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy**

Congratulations to Year 11 student Holly Wood-Burges who has been selected to attend the UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy, which will be held at Sydney University from Monday, 11 April until Friday, 15 April. The objective of the Academy is to:

- introduce year 11 students to a diverse group of contemporary women leaders  
- demonstrate the possibilities and satisfaction of a career in business  
- encourage leadership aspirations in young women  
- provide leadership skills development

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**German Trip**

Fifteen Oberon High School students currently studying German in Years 10 and 11 will be heading to Germany on Saturday 12th March for just over a month. The students will be joined by students from North Geelong, Phoenix College (Ballarat), Viewbank College, Geelong High and Geelong Lutheran College resulting in 44 students and 5 staff members being part of this wonderful opportunity. Thank you to Ms Liz Ray who has been in charge of organising the trip. I look forward to hearing of the wonderful cultural experiences that the students have whilst away.

**Year 7 Camp**

The Year 7 Camp will be running from Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th March at Camp Wilkin, Anglesea. The camp is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 7 students to further develop their relationships with other students in their year level and with staff members.

**Interim Reports**

Parents and students will be able to access Interim Reports through the Parent Portal. These reports will be uploaded onto the Parent Portal on Wednesday 23rd March.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

The school will be running Parent Teacher Interviews during the first week of Term 2. The interviews will be taking place on Thursday 14th April from 4.00 pm – 7.30 pm and Friday 15th April from 9 am until 1.30pm.

**Labour Day Public Holiday**

A reminder that Monday 14th March is a public holiday and consequently the school is not open. I hope that everybody enjoys the long weekend.

**Tim McMahon**

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**STUDENT FREE DAYS 2016**

The following days have been approved by the the Oberon High School - School Council as student free for 2016:

- **Thursday 21st April** - Professional Development Day (this date may change subject to availability of Guest Speakers)  
- **Tuesday 7th June** - Report Writing Day

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**AUTHOR VISIT AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP**

Recently, inspiring Author and Vietnam Veteran, Barry Heard, visited our school and spoke to our Year 10 students. Barry has made the long journey to Oberon from Bairnsdale for a number of years now, and always appreciates our students for the kindness and respect they show him. Many have contacted him since via his website and Facebook page. Barry recently saw the devastation of the villages in Fiji, and was reminded of the devastation of a village in Vietnam that affected him deeply.

He is offering $10.00 of every book sale of the three books he has written, if sold through Oberon, to go to the restoration of those villages destroyed by the recent cyclone. The books are $30.00, and can be ordered by contacting Mrs. Pike through the school. Two of his books focus on his life experiences and his tour of duty ("Well done, those Men" and "The View from Connor's Hill") the third, "Tag" focuses on the Light Horse Brigade in World War One. So buy a book and help out a very worthwhile cause, and if you have a student at the school in Year 10, talk to them about Barry's presentation and their follow up writing task.

**INTERIM REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

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**Term 1 Interim Reports**

In addition to Parent/Teacher Interviews being booked via the Portal, parents will receive Interim Reports via the Parent Portal. These will be accessible from 5.00 pm on Wednesday 23rd March. Please note this will replace the hard copy normally sent home.

If you don’t have access to a computer at home, please make use of the computers in the foyer of the school office.

For support in accessing the Parent Portal please email me at baj@oberonhs.vic.edu.au

Joshua Baker
Assistant Principal

**YEAR 7 TRANSITION PROGRAM**

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1 Morrison Street, Hawthorn

(enter via Language & Culture Centre)
On Thursday 18th February our annual House Swimming Carnival was held at Kardinia Pool. The weather was in the mid twenties which was perfect and the participation, spirit and behaviour shown by our students was excellent. Unlike most schools in the area we also offered sessions on the water slide and free swimming sessions in the diving pool for all levels which added to the appeal and enjoyment of the day.

The final results were:

- Lipson  775
- Greeves  736
- Cameron  476
- Thomson  200

The Age Group Champions will be named and presented with certificates at our next General Assembly during the last week of Term.

Following our House Carnival the successful swimmers then travelled back to Kardinia pool on the 26th February to compete in the Barwon/Bellarine Swimming Carnival. The squad of around 60 of our students had a great day, and it was very pleasing to see a number of parents come along and support their children and the school.

Again this year a number of our swimmers and divers had further success and will move on to the Western Metro Region meeting on the last day of Term, Thursday the 24th of March. These students include Ben Winter, James Winter, Matthew Anthony, Lockie Reekie, Harvey Martin, Rosemary Tunn-McGrath, Beau Lewis, Max Houliston and a number of other students who made up 6 relay teams that made it through. A special mention must be made to Max Houliston of year 8 who set two records on the day in the 200m Freestyle and the 50m Butterfly.

Congratulations to all swimmers who competed in both our House Carnival and the Barwon Carnival, and good luck to those swimming again at the WMR meeting.

Rob Neal (Sport Coordinator)

Pictured below are Issy Black and Ben Winter at the Barwon Region carnival.

Our first Whole School Community Service Activity for 2016 will be fundraising for the Leukaemia Foundation to help raise money to continue research into finding a cure for cancer and to help provide support for those people suffering from cancer. The students in the Year 7 Enhancement Program are planning, organising and hosting the day.

World’s Greatest Shave will be happening on Friday 29th April. This will be a Casual Dress Day (gold coin donation please) with entertainment, BBQ lunch and cold drinks sold at lunchtime (Students will be advised of prices closer to the event.) We will also be running a Hamper Raffle to be drawn on this day. A highlight of the event for students will be the ‘Dunk Tank’ starring Mr McMahon and Mr Baker.

Via the Student Bulletin and at a whole school assembly I have asked that students who are passionate about supporting this fundraising event, and are prepared for their hair to be shaved (number 1 cut) to please see me in Staffroom 1. Of course students will need to have parent permission to participate and if they are not brave enough (or not allowed) to shave then sponsoring other students is the best way to be involved. Last year we raised a staggering $6,600 so we know our goal for raising $2000 this year is very possible. Please note that qualified hairdressers are responsible for the hair cutting.

Any questions or to collect a permission form please see Carole Fisher in Staffroom 1 or contact me on 52434444.

Donations of chocolates, lollies, vouchers or other suitable items would be greatly appreciated for the raffle hampers. These can be left at the Office or given directly to Ms Fisher.

Thank you on behalf of Year 7 Enhancement class.
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LOST
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COUNTRY MARKET
Wauron Ponds Hall Sat March 5, 8-2 pm
2 km West of Bunnings on Waurn Ponds Drive

30 Stalls

Free Entry

- Come early for a Bacon and Egg Sandwich from the BBQ.
- Enjoy coffee from the Coffee Van.
- Relax inside with a Devonshire Tea and a Head and Shoulder Massage.
- Listen to our Busker Duo and enjoy the ambience of our beautiful Waurn Ponds Valley.

Welcome Everyone
Contact 0425 878925

30 Stalls
- Fresh Vegies, Flowers, Honey, Fudge.
- Cottage Plants, Cards, Australian Leather, Candles, Scarves.
- Face Painting, Videos, Magazines, Cooking Oils, Spices, Vinegars.
- Wooden utensils, Chemical Free Products, Polished Timber Slabs, Bric Bric, Boot Sale.
- Recycled Timber Furniture, Prints, Paintings.
- Wall Hangings, Terrariums, Jewellery, Cosmetics and more.

IT’S FOOD FAIR TIME AT CHILWELL PRIMARY
– Friday 18th March. Lots of food stalls, Silent & Live Auctions, Music, Wine, Rides for the kids and fun! Come for dinner from 4 pm. till 9 pm. and bring all the family.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM BARWON HEALTH IMMUNISATION FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 8-12

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CITY OF GREATER GEELONG IMMUNISATION SERVICE

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- Money from sales of books/uniforms can be collected from the Uniform Shop during the above times. Please note that any money not collected by the end of Term 1, 2016 will be credited to your family account.

BOOKS: 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.

JOIN A COMMUNITY OF GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP AND LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Abraham Lincoln once wrote: "the best way to predict the future is to create it." Volunteer to host an international high school student from France arriving in Australia in May 2016 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and see the world in a new light. You'll have fun learning about cultural differences and language.

Carefully selected students from France will arrive in mid May for one Term. With excellent English language skills, they will attend a local Secondary High School, arrive, with their own spending money and comprehensive health insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a volunteer host family visit us at www.scce.com.au email scceaus@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 for more information.

LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY?

- to develop leadership skills as a project organizer, time manager and team leader?
- to learn how collaboration, teamwork and cooperation can bring exciting changes to your community and the world?
- to make friends and feel the rewards of community service?

Join a LEO Club

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OCEAN GROVE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE YOUTH ART SHOW

Calling all Youth Aged between 11 & 18 years

The Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre’s Bi-Annual Youth Art Show

1st April to 3rd April, 2016 @ 1 John Dory Drive, Ocean Grove

Opening Night - Friday 1st April 6 pm to 10 pm
Exhibition open Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm
Selected artwork for sale

Artworks will include: Sculpture, Photography, Graffiti Art, Graphic Art & Painting/Drawing

Register by 24th March 2016
Drop off artwork 24th or 29th of March from 9 am to 7 pm
For more information, please contact the Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre on 52 554294 or email reception @ognnc.com.au

TRAVEL OVERSEAS in your summer holidays with the Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange Program

Applications close 30 June 2016 or when places are filled. APPLY NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

- Lions Clubs International is one of the largest service organizations worldwide.
- The Lions Youth Exchange Program gives Australian youth aged 16-21 years an opportunity to travel overseas independently and safely, to become a member of one or more host families and experience their lifestyle, culture, interests and values.
- No school attendance is required overseas.
- Overseas destinations include Europe, North and South America, USA, Malaysia, New Zealand, Scandinavia and Japan. Chartered holidays are available in Los Angeles and London.
- Youth to Japan depart late November and return late December. Youth to other destinations depart early December and return mid-January.
- Each Australian youth will pay approximately $3,000-$7,500 depending on their overseas destination. Accommodation is provided at no cost by host families associated with Lions Clubs International. Travel is not sponsored by Lions Australia.
- Email Elise Lorraine Heumworth (heumworth@bigpond.com) of the National Lions Youth Exchange Committee to discuss the application process.
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JOIN A COMMUNITY OF GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP AND LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Abraham Lincoln once wrote: “the best way to predict the future is to create it.” Volunteer to host an international high school student from France arriving in Australia in May 2016 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and see the world in a new light. You’ll have fun learning about cultural differences and language. Carefully selected students from France will arrive in mid May for one Term. With excellent English language skills, they will attend a local Secondary High School, arrive, with their own spending money and comprehensive health insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a volunteer host family visit us at www.scce.com.au email scceaus@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 for more information.

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- to make friends and feel the rewards of community service?

Join a LEO Club

Membership is open to young men and women aged 12-30 years. LEO Clubs can be school-based or community-based. LEO Clubs are mentored by, and work in partnership with, local Lions Clubs. Prizes and awards presented to winners of the annual Leo of the Year Quest. Go to the Lions Clubs Australia website for more information:
www.lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/leos

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