PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Premiers Award
On Wednesday 3rd June I attended an awards ceremony in Melbourne where year 12 student Alex Kinross-Smith was presented with a 'Premiers Award' for achieving a perfect study score of 50 in VET Information Technology in 2014. Only students who achieve the perfect score in the study are considered for this prestigious award. Alex was one of only 279 students across all educational sectors (Government, Catholic and Independent) to receive this award. This is an amazing achievement considering nearly 50,000 students undertook VCE subjects in 2014. The other point that must be recognised is that Alex was able to achieve this whilst still a Year 11 student.

Report Writing Day
Students will not be at school on Wednesday 10th June, as staff have a designated Report Writing Day. Students who are completing a Unit 3-4 VCE subject are required at school to complete the General Achievement Test (GAT). Families will be able to access their children’s Report after 5 pm on the last day of Term (June 26th) via the Parent Portal (student management tool). Families can access their children's Report Writing Day. Students who are completing a Unit 3-4 VCE subject are required to sit the GAT on Si of the day at their school. Reports will be posted electronically via the school portal (student management tool). Families can access their children's Report on the last day of Term (June 26th) via the Parent Portal (student management tool) after 5pm on Friday 26th June.

It is important that all students with their parents reflect on the judgements of progress made and also comments made by their teachers highlighting areas of improvement. The teachers, in their reporting of students, will be outlining their strengths and weaknesses from one subject to another. However, the goal of all students, teachers and parents is to see regular forward growth in each of the subject areas. This can be achieved by reflecting on the comments made by teachers around how students can continue to improve in their education not only next semester but also in future years.

If you have queries about the reports, feel free to contact the school to discuss these.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund
The Victorian Government have unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families must be an eligible beneficiary of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession (PCC) holder, or be a temporary foster parent or a parent of a student who holds a Youth Allowance Health Care Card. Families must submit an application by the due date (26th June).

$125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible Secondary School students. The allowance will be paid directly to the school and entered on individual student's accounts to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

How to Apply: Contact the School Office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Myki inspectors
We have been alerted to the fact that Myki inspectors will be doing spot checks on students using Myki cards on buses coming in from Geelong, Torquay, Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads. Students must ensure that they are swiping on and off to ensure that they aren’t issued with a fine.

Bus Meeting
On Wednesday 27th May School Council held a meeting to discuss many of the concerns that families are having in regards to the bussing policy that is being enforced by DET. School Council President Craig Wood-Burgess has written a letter and information that he would like all parents to read and respond to as a result of the current policy.

Western Region Cross Country
Good luck to all students that will be representing the school at the upcoming Western Region Cross Country at Keilor on Thursday 11th June.

School Production
The school production ‘Man of Steel’ will be running from Thursday 18th to Saturday 20th June. I encourage all school community members to attend the Production and support the students and staff that have been involved in the creation of what is sure to be an entertaining show. Tickets can be purchased from the General Office.

Last Day of Term Arrangements
On Friday 26th June, the school will finish at 2.30pm. All buses have been alerted to this earlier dismissal time.

Tim McMahon
What a beautiful Autumn day it was at Eastern Gardens on Monday May 25th, when the Geelong Schools Cross Country was conducted. Oberon students competed against tough competition throughout the day in the 3km and 5km events.

Our 13 years girls and boys teams finished 6th and 4th respectively, with the best placed runner being Caleb Morrissy who had a great battle to finish just behind the winner in second place. For his effort, Caleb has qualified for the Western Metropolitan Cross Country at Brimbank in June. Other runners in the 13 years group included:

**Girls:** Maxi Armistead (24th), Alisa Arnup (25th) Caitlin Dickson (26th), Kirsty Perkins (39th), Keely Spokes (40th), Ruby Winter (47th) and Courtney Barker-Johnson (48th)

**Boys:** Mitchell Hand (9th), Jacob Kratochvil (28th), Lochie Bath (29th), Brad Storm (33rd), Harvey Martin (35th), Jeremy Maher (36th) and Chris McMahon (41st). Mitchell also qualified for the next round in June.

In the 14 years events, our girls team finished 6th, with Rose Bretherton running an amazing race to finish third after missing the start of the race and having to chase the pack approximately 30 seconds after the others started. Issy Livesley (30th), Destini Maher (31st), Maddy King (40th) and Stacey Davis (42nd) were part of the team that assisted Rose. The best of the 14 year old boys was Teemu Brasier, whose training has been evident in helping him to finish 9th, while Jacob Loader (20th), Eneko Fischer (21st), Luke Brown (28th), Josh Fisher (29th), Rohan Barnes (30th), James O’Connor (39th) and Josh Slattery (52nd) all completed the 3km course to help the team finish in third position. Rose and Teemu’s efforts ensured they made it through to compete at the next level of competition in June.

The 15 years girls’ team, consisting of Jasmine Brown (6th), Abbey Fedley (14th), Sophie Macaonachie (22nd), Mikaela Muller (29th) and Kirra Mitchell (30th) ran well to place fourth. The 15 years’ boys also managed a fourth place finish, with Tylar Egan running an excellent race to finish seventh and Ben Cook (16th), Koban Treweek (31st), Alex Brownbridge (35th) and Matt McGuane (37th) rounding off the team effort. Jasmine, Abbey, Tylar and Ben all qualify as individual runners at the next round.

Our 16 years girls’ team consisting of Alex Fisher (2nd), Emily Kinross-Smith (5th), Tegan Hassett (9th), Chrissy Noble (20th) and Breanna Lugg (23rd) finished in first place and have qualified to run at the next round. In the 16 years boys’ 5km event, Locky Reekie and Nicky McMahon ran fantastic races to finish in second and third place respectively, while Anthony Eyles (13th), Cooper Nelson (25th), Owen Westwell (26th), and Aran Barnes (27th) all finished closely helping the team finish in equal second position. (3rd on countback). Locky, Nicky and Anthony ran well enough to qualify for the next round in June.

Unfortunately both senior teams (girls and boys) did not have sufficient runners to make up a team. Teagan Madden ran an exceptional race to finish 2nd, while Kayla Wastell (9th) and Cara Blackie (13th) also ran very well. Our sole representative in the senior boys was Oscar Park, who ran well to finish in 27th place.

Overall eighteen students have qualified to run at the Western Metropolitan Cross Country Championships at Brimbank, including Teagan and Kayla.

Unfortunately, we were unable to field teams in all events and therefore did not qualify for consideration for the Grand Aggregate competition.

Well done to all competitors and thanks to Mr O’Brien for his efforts with the team on the day. I also wish to thank Mr Baker and Mr Stubbings for taking students to Eastern Gardens during the day to enable them to run without missing too many classes.

**Individual Medal Winners:**

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**Teams Results:**

| 13 years Girls - 6th | 13 years Boys - 4th | 14 years Girls - 6th |
| 14 years Boys - 3rd | 15 years Girls - 4th | 15 years Boys - 4th |
| 16 years Girls - 1st | 16 years Boys - 3rd | |

Chris Sly
A whole variety of schools were chosen to do work experience at Ambulance Victoria, Barwon South West Regional Office in Belmont 2015. I was chosen for the second group from 11th-15th May. There were about 15 students in my group. Only Year 10 students could attend this special work experience program. I’ve wanted to become a paramedic for a while but I didn’t know what they actually did so I signed up. I learned a lot about the different things that they do and I really enjoyed myself. The highlight of the week was when we got to teach the Grade 5 & 6s from Clairvaux primary School the ‘4 Steps of Life’ program. They learnt how to do CPR and how to use a defibrillator.

It was a great experience.

Michael Cornes - Year 10

STUDENT FREE DAYS

Wednesday 10th of June is Report Writing Day and is a student free day except for:
Year 12 students sitting the GAT

Monday 8th June is the Queens Birthday holiday
School will be closed

OBERON HIGH SCHOOL
MYKI SCHOOL BUS CHANGES FROM 22 JUNE 2015

The school bus changes below come into effect on Monday 22 June to coincide with the commencement of new Geelong bus network. You can check this table to see if your school bus is changing (services are displayed in alpha/numerical order by Route Number/Desto Code). If you require further information about the change, visit www.mcharrys.com.au and check the pdf timetable and route map for the school trip code shown.

If your school trip/s is not shown in this table, there is no change.

SCHOOL BUS COSTS
A LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Thanks to all the families who have been writing letters about this issue. We had a good response to this issue at the meeting held last Wednesday. At this meeting we discussed our next steps in our campaign.

At this time we are told that the Department is enforcing the policy that has been in place for years, and all local agreements / variations have been cancelled. Attached to this newsletter is a brief outline of the rules that we are seeking to change.

We are now seeking your help with writing further letters to the Education Department, your local politician and also the Minister for Education, James Merlino. We are asking you to individualise your letter, expressing frustration about the situation, whether it is about:

- Having to pay for travel to attend school
- Freedom of choice for which school you attend
- People who choose to attend Catholic schools, or same sex schools can travel for free
- The anomaly with the bus stopping at Oberon on its way to the school which has been deemed your closest school (and therefore being free to travel to)

Included with the attachment are a couple of sample letters. Feel free to use these as the basis for your own letters. Email addresses for the relevant people have also been included.

Craig Wood-Burgess
0425 722 279
On behalf of the School Council

OBERON HIGH SCHOOL WORK EXPERIENCE AND STRUCTURED WORK PLACEMENT IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Parents/Guardians of students in Years 10, 11 & 12 are asked to refer to the attachment to this Newsletter which contains important information regarding Work Experience and Structured Work Placement.

A large number of myki school bus services will change on Monday 22 June. The changes coincide with the launch of the new and improved bus network for Geelong, the Surf Coast and Bellarine Peninsula. Some school trips will have route, timetable or name changes. There is also a small number of school services which will no longer operate, but in most cases there will be alternatives available including more frequent and improved route services.

A full list of the school changes is available on our website mcharrys.com.au

Please check the website carefully to see how the changes affect you. For further information, please visit mcharrys.com.au or call 5223 2111

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After three years of having dreadlocks, I have decided I would shave my head and raise money for a cure for cancer. I have joined the campaign ‘I Will For Cancer’ to raise funds for the Cancer Council who do so much great work for those in need; raising awareness and preventing cancer.

To show your support please donate to: https://shave-for-cancer.everydayhero.com/au/jade or the Office at Oberon High School.

Thank you all in advance; any amount can make a difference.

Jade Feakes
Year 12

My name is Simone and I’m in Year 11 VCAL and I am learning about the experiences of Australians at war. I’ve decided to make a book of letters sent from war zones but I won’t be able to do this without everyone’s help. If you have any old letters that were sent during war time I would appreciate having photocopies of these so I can create a book. The book will be titled ‘War Letters of Oberon High School Families’. This will help me to complete my VCAL English.

If you are able to assist please leave your letters at the office for me to collect.

Thank you for your assistance.

Simone Johnstone
Year 11

Student Reports will be posted electronically via the Parent Portal (Student Management Tool) after 5 pm on the last day of Term - Friday 26th June.

If you do not have your sign on details or if you need assistance to access the Parent Portal please contact the Office before the end of Term.
Four Oberon Year 12 German students participated in this conference on Tuesday and represented the Federal Republic of Germany. There were 22 schools participating and representing different countries. The topic up for discussion in German was "The Heat is On: Climate Change and the Environment". Each team had to present a position statement for their country and debate a resolution. Both moderated and un-moderated discussions were held prior to each country voting on an amendment.

The Oberon students were Thomas Wood-Burgess, William Dean, Emma Mifsud and Jack Symmons. They met the First Secretary from the German Embassy in Canberra and spoke entirely in German for the whole day. Congratulations to four of our school leaders who represented our school and Germany so well!

This event was sponsored by DET, the AGTV and the German Embassy.

German students at Oberon performed extremely well in this competition. We placed 53rd overall in German (out of 836 schools) and were 13th in German in Victoria (out of 173 schools). Amazing efforts came from the following students who have won awards:

- **Gold Award** - Shaun Walford 3,052 points
- **Silver Awards** - Isabelle Soudy 2,156, Kaitlyn Smith 2080, Loreen Elgas 2,038
- **Bronze Awards**: Astra Knight 1,573, Ryan Griffiths 1,405, Burak Mutlu 1,231, Lachlan Parkinson 1,148, Mason Allcorn 1,025

Well done to all students who participated.

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Australian Catholic University
Australian College of Applied Psychology
Deakin University
Deakin College
Federation University
JMC Academy
La Trobe University
Monash University
Navitas College of Public Safety
RMIT University
Swinburne University of Technology
The Gordon
The University of Melbourne
Victoria University
William Angliss Institute of TAFE

Deakin Waterfront Campus
1 Gheringhap Street
Geelong
Monday 20th July 2015
4:00pm - 8:00pm

Are you planning to study beyond Year 12?

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CANTEEN NEWS

Hi, - We have specials below:

NEW JUICIES Frozen Tube $1.20

Tuesday:
Homemade Burgers $4.90
Pasta, homemade Bolognaise sauce - $4.90, $5

Thursday:
Mini Hawaiian Pizza and Oatmeal $4.50

Friday:
Sausage roll and Oatmeal $4.50

Remember - Order lunch to avoid disappointment

CANTEEN HELPERS ROSTER - TERM 2 2015

Week 9

Monday 8th June
Public Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 9th June
Help Needed Please

Wednesday 10th June
Student Free Day

Thursday 11th June
Help Needed Please

Friday 12th June
Kylie Chilvers

Week 10

Monday 15th June
Leisa Perkins

Tuesday 16th June
Sandra Schmid & Sandra Dixon

Wednesday 17th June
Rhiannon Whittington

Thursday 18th June
Emily Lewis

Friday 19th June
Kim Lim

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Linda and Elaine

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Massive Fam Hip Hop Choir @ Universal Grooves Concert
supported by local rock act The Larson Effect
Sunday 7th June
3.00pm community singing and grooves workshop with Massive 7.30pm Concert
with Larson Effect and Massive Hip Hop Choir
Aireys Inlet Community Hall, Great Ocean Road
Tickets at www.trybooking.com
Workshop and Performance $20
Adults $25/$20 concession
Family $40 Kids $5
Info: Jacqui 0409 025 062

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