

## Absence Hotline - 0439 326 767

Issue 10 - 22nd July, 2016

JULY

Tues 26th VCE/VCAL Parent Information Evening

Final Deb Ball Rehearsal - Club Italia, Moolap

German Day Out and Immigration Museum Excursion Wed 27th

Thurs 28th Tertiary Information Session (TIS event) Frid 29th Year 11 Debutante Ball - Club Italia, Moolap

**AUGUST** 

Thurs 4th Legacy Public Speaking Competition

Tues 9th Chess Kids - Interschool Chess Tournament - Library

Public Speaking Evening - in memory of Barbara Staff STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY -

Tues 16th

STUDENT FREE DAY

Wed 17th Year 12 Biology Excursion - Biolab Mon 22nd Year 11 Chemistry SAC - Ecolinc Wed 24th VCAL Excursion - Geelong Ports

Frid 26th Casual Dress Day - Intermediate VCAL Fundraiser Mon 29th - Frid 2nd September Bogong Leadership Camp

## **SEPTEMBER**

Wed 7th Year 7 Student Led Conferences

Thurs 8th Year 12 Study Skills - Elevate Education - Period 3

Tues 13th Year 9 Mock Interviews - Library Western Metropolitan Athletics Thurs 15th

END OF TERM 3 Frid 16th

#### **OCTOBER**

Mon 3rd **TERM 4 BEGINS** Thurs 6th **English Practice Exam** 

Frid 7th Year 7 Mission Possible Day at Deakin University

Thurs 13th Year 7 Immunisations

## **STUDENT FREE DAYS 2016**

The following day has been approved by the the Oberon High School School Council as student free for 2016:

Tuesday 16th August - Staff Professional Development Day

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As this is the first newsletter for this Term, I welcome everyone back to Term 3 and the second half of the year. I hope that everyone had a relaxing mid-year break and has made a great start to Second Semester. As we are aware, Second Semester is always extremely busy with many sport days, camps and subject selection evenings organised amongst other activities.

There have been a number of staffing changes for Second Semester:

- Mrs Jessica Jones has returned from family leave and will be teaching German (0.4)
- Mrs Emma Webb has returned from family leave and will be teaching Food Technology (0.4)
- Mrs Helen Thomas will be teaching VCAL Literacy/Humanities (0.6) replacing Ms Alesha Platt who is travelling overseas
- Ms Amy Bandeira will be teaching Voice/Music/Drama (0.6) replacing Ms Rosie Hilder who was appointed to a teaching position at Balwyn High School.
- Mrs Amanda Drake will be overseeing accounts receivable in the Office replacing Gail Barton.

## **State Cross Country**

Well done to the following students who represented Oberon High School at the School Sport Victoria State Championships at Bundoora on Thursday 14th July:

- **Emily Kinross-Smith**
- Kayla Wastell
- Tegan Hassett
- Breanna Lugg -Sturzaker
- Abbey Fedley
- Caleb Morrissey

To make the State Final in any competition is a wonderful achievement.

Thank you to Mr Chris Sly who organised the team and supported the students. A full report of this event appears in this Newsletter.

## **Public Speaking Results**

Congratulations to all of the students that participated in the Oberon High School Public Speaking Festival in Term Two. Well done to the following students who were either winners or placegetters at each of the year levels. These results were announced at our General Assembly in the last week of Term 2:

## **Year 7 Invention Speeches**

1st Eli Novak Rebecca Shomali 2nd Isaac Atwell

Encouragement Award: Ella Tricky

## Year 7 Issue Speeches

1st Will Stiles

2nd Abbey Geddes / Max Brownbridge 3rd Jordan Aitken / Hayden Peoples Encouragement Award: Rory Pickles

## Year 8

1st Caleb Morrissey Emerson Stead 2nd

Keely Spokes / Harvey Martin 3rd

Encouragement Award: Thom Stewart / Courtney Barker- Johnson

### Year 9

1st Jacqui Honeywell

Jacob Loader, Bonnie Hodge 2nd

Chelsea Joel 3rd

Encouragement Award: Sophia Warden

## Year 10

1st Georgina Scouller 2nd Amy Kuskunovic 3rd Rose Bretherton

Encouragement Award: Maykayla Nelson,

## Year 11

1ct Issy Black 2nd James Shanhun

Chrissy Noble / Ryleigh Edmunds 3rd

Encouragement Award: Chante Hughes / Liam Colebrook

## Year 12

1st Ben Scott

2nd Georgia Honeywell Remi Bolitho-Milne 3rd

Encouragement Award: Braedyn Dyer /Harrison Fry

It has also been wonderful to see a number of students challenging themselves and representing the school in external public speaking competitions against Independent and Catholic schools. Well done to Holly Wood-Burgess and Brody Wons who competed in the Plain English speaking competition. Julia D'Albora and Bonnie Hodge who not only competed in but won the Geelong heat of the Rostrum Public Speaking competition.

I would like to thank Mr Adrian Stirling who was instrumental in the organisation of the Oberon Public Speaking Festival and for organising the opportunity for students to compete in the external competitions.

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#### Staff Professional Learning

A reminder to Parents/Guardians that on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**, staff will be participating in Staff Professional Learning. **This is a student free day**.

## **Parent Opinion Surveys**

The 2016 Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted during Term 3 from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016. The survey is an important part of every school's parent engagement strategies and assists with future planning and improvement. Parents are randomly selected to participate in the annual survey which is confidential and anonymous. If you receive a survey in the mail, it will be greatly appreciated if you are able to complete this and return to the school.

## Subject Information Evenings

Over the upcoming month the school will be running **Subject information Evenings** for students moving from Year 9 into Year 10 and for Year 10 students moving into VCE/VCAL/VET. The subject information evening will be held on **Tuesday 26th July** and then followed up with the Student/ Parent Subject Selection Conferences evening on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August**. These are important dates for both students and parents to be fully informed when making future subject selections.

## Deb Ball

There are 18 couples from our Year 11 cohort who will be involved in the school Debutante Ball on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July. Good luck to all involved; I am sure that the families and friends that attend the function will have a wonderful evening.

## **School Uniform**

It has been a very cold start to the term but it is important that all students are still attending school in full school uniform. It is great to see so many of the students wearing layers to keep themselves warm and we encourage this. However, students are not to wear hoodies or other jackets over the top of their school uniform. It is also not our school uniform policy to allow students to wear the Oberon High School tracksuit pants, these are allowed to be worn in PE classes or when representing the school in sport.

Your support with this is most appreciated.

## Tim McMahon

## YEAR 10 STUDENTS VISIT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, Year 10 Oberon students participated in a special Experience Deakin program. Students visited both Waurn Ponds and Waterfront campuses, touring the state-of-the-art facilities as well as engaging in workshops. Robot Warfare, Crime Scenes, Riparian Bird Eating Challenge and Beer Goggles were experienced at Waurn Ponds in Engineering, Forensics, Zoology and Health Promotion workshops. Paper towers, court scenes and artistic pursuits were discovered at Waterfront campus in Architecture, Law and Visual Art. As Year 10 students start thinking about their senior years and upcoming subject choices, it is hoped these experiences at Deakin will guide them to make informed choices.







## OBERON CELEBRATES ENGLISH

(Thankyou Barbara Staff)

Student speeches, quizzes, poems, competitions.

Tuesday 9th August 2016 Oberon School Library 6.30pm -8.30pm

Tea/coffee/games to follow All welcome.



#### YEAR 12 VCAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE SALVOS

1895 five cent pieces were collected by the Year 12 VCAL class to raise funds for the Salvation Army's Youth Homelessness appeal. These 'useless', 'unloved' coins showed that every little bit helps. A huge thanks to everyone that gave generously to this appeal. So far \$104.45 has been raised.





The World Vision 40 Hour Famine is on again this year! Last year many Oberon High School students took a stand against world hunger and participated in the 40 Hour Famine by giving something up for 40 hours and raising much need funds.

It would be great to see even more students participate this year during the famine weekend of 19 - 21 August. For a period of 40 hours over the weekend students can choose to give something up to raise funds for the fight against world hunger. It doesn't have to be food, there are many options. Students can give up technology, their mobile phone, the X-Box, furniture, travelling in a car, speaking, basically anything that they feel they can do without for the weekend to raise funds.

This year funds raised will be supporting World Vision projects in Bangladesh, Cambodia, East Timor, Laos, Malawi, Nepal, Swaziland and Uganda. The funds will go towards solutions like nutrition training for parents, child health services and better agricultural practices.

To register for the 40 Hour Famine go to the World Vision 40 Hour famine website: <a href="http://www.40hourfamine.com.au">http://www.40hourfamine.com.au</a>

Simply click the "Sign Up" button and follow the prompts. Once registered you will have your own supporter profile page; then make sure you join the <u>Oberon High School team.</u>

The easiest way to accept donations is through your Famine Profile page. Send your donors a link to your page and they can take it from there. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and receipts are automatically emailed.

Students should make sure they have permission from their parents prior to registering.

Let's see how much money Oberon High School can raise this year to fight world hunger and support the great work of World Vision.

Russell Stubbings Chaplain

#### **HABITS OF MIND**

Year 7 students have been incorporating a Positive Education program into their everyday class setting. The students have a theme per term where teachers support students with a particular "Habit" which, in turn, gives them strategies to support their learning process.

The Habit of Mind themes so far:

- Term 1 Persistence
- Term 2 Working Interdependently (Group work)
- Term 3 Managing Impulsivity

Students have undertaken a variety of activities in class to support this program and during Year 7 Assemblies, students have received awards to recognise their application of the "habit". These habits are incorporated into everyday life and students should also be using these skills in other settings.

Scott McDonald Middle Years Leader

#### **YEAR 7 STUDENT - LED CONFERENCES**

On **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of September**, all Year 7 students will be presenting a digital portfolio to highlight work and learning completed in classes in 2016. The work is to be presented on their iPads and they will lead a conversation with their parent/s about each of the work tasks displayed. The conference will be centred on their learning, how they will act upon feedback received and how this relates to their Semester learning goals. Students have just begun to put their portfolio together and the onus will be upon the student to choose work samples to include.

This is a celebration event and designed for students to showcase their efforts in Year 7, not to discuss behaviours and everyday class matters. Parent/Teacher Interviews will also be available on the designated date, if required. Information on how to book a Conference time will be issued in August via a letter, Parent Portal and the Newsletter. The conferences will run from 1:45 - 6:00pm on this day, with all students still to attend school on this day.

Scott McDonald Middle Years Leader

## **LANGUAGES NEWS**

#### **JAPAN TRIP 2016**

Just a reminder to parents of students attending the Japan trip that a meeting will be held on **Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July**. This meeting will be in the Oberon School Library at 6.00pm

This is the final parent meeting for the trip so please ensure a parent representative attends. If you are unable to attend it is essential to arrange another time to meet to discuss final details of our trip.

Students are also reminded that the Japan Trip Language and cultural class will run each Friday at 1.00 pm in Room 1. Students should bring a pen with them and can bring their lunch along.

Thank you

## Lyndie Filipovski and Sean Fitzgerald

## GERMAN DAY OUT – WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Students learning German in Years 9-12 have the opportunity to travel to Melbourne and participate in activities which will highlight the advantages of continuing with their German studies. Limited places are available for this activity, please hurry with permission slips and payment.

## GERMAN POETRY COMPETITION - THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST 5.45PM

Students in Years 7-9 have been learning a German poem for the Regional Finals. Three students in each year level will be selected to compete. If selected, the competition takes place starting at 5.45pm at the German Club in Arunga Avenue, Norlane. Frau Ray and Frau Jones will be providing the finalists with additional information this week.

#### **JAPANESE STUDENT VISIT**

Next Wednesday we will be welcoming, to Oberon a Japanese study group from the Melbourne Japanese Homestay Company.

This group of 17 Japanese students aged between 13 - 17 years old will arrive on Wednesday 27th July at 3.30 pm and will depart on Wednesday 3rd August at 2.30 pm.

We welcome them to Oberon and thank the Oberon High School community in advance for their assistance in helping the students to enjoy their stay with us in Australia.

## **GERMAN TRIP 2017**

Expressions of interest for the next round of exchange are now available. Our students will travel to Germany in March/April 2017 and the German students will come to Australia in September/October. North Geelong Secondary College will be the organising school and the first Information Evening will be at North Geelong Secondary College on **Monday 8**th **August starting at 7pm**. Contact Frau Ray or Frau Jones for additional information.

YEAR 12 GERMAN STUDENT FORUM – SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: 10.30AM -12.30PM DAREBIN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE, PRESTON.

Year 12 German students are advised to register for this extremely valuable forum. Advice from experienced Exam Assessors will be available. Contact Frau Ray if more information is needed.

## **LANGUAGES CORNER**

## This week we're in the classroom! Some of these are VERY easy!

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Blackboard	Papan Tulis	die Tafel	こくばん	kokuban
Ruler	Penggaris	das Lineal	ものさし	monosashi
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## SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's School Sport Victoria State Cross Country Championships were again conducted at the traditional Bundoora venue. Despite the horribly cold and wet weather over the past few weeks, the course was relatively firm underfoot and even though there was a strong and cold wind, running conditions were quite good. There were even a few bursts of sunshine throughout the day.

In the 14 Years Boys' event, Caleb Morrissy ran with quite a large group at the front of the field for most of the race before the leaders pulled away leaving Caleb in a creditable 31st position. This was a terrific effort from Caleb, given he is renowned as a sprinter.

Oberon's other participants for the day were our five Year 11 girls, who were competing as a team in the 17-20 Years Girls' 3km race. Emily Kinross-Smith performed well to improve her finishing position from 2015, finishing in 43<sup>rd</sup> place. Kayla Wastell ran a consistently paced race finishing 76th and Tegan Hassett wasn't far behind in 77<sup>th</sup> place. Abbey Fedley (78<sup>th</sup>) and Breanna Lugg (79<sup>th</sup>) rounded out the group's effort. Unfortunately the cold wind took its toll on Bree, who struggled with asthma throughout the run. She was ably assisted and encouraged by Abbey and both girls still managed to complete the race. Their efforts on the day enabled the girls to finish as the 7th best team in the State, which is a fantastic effort.

Again, I would like to congratulate all Oberon students who have made an effort to participate in Cross Country events throughout the year and also to the many members of staff who have assisted our students in the various events conducted.

## Chris Sly.



## **CHANGES TO WAURN PONDS SCHOOL BUS SERVICES - 2017**



#### CHANGES TO WAURN PONDS SCHOOL **BUS SERVICES**

## Effective 1<sup>ST</sup> TERM 2017

As a result of a review of the Waurn Ponds school bus services, there will be changes for students who in 2016 caught the following buses 
• Waurn Ponds school bus – operated by McHarry's

Bellbrae School bus – operated by McHarry's. (Please note, students catching the Winchelsea 2 bus from the Waurn (Please note, students catching the vylindroises \_\_ Ponds Drive area are not impacted by this change).

Two new school bus services commencing in Waurn Ponds will replace the above services. Timetable and route information will be available on the McHarry's bus lines website from 1 November 2016. (Indicative maps are attached below). Students must have a myki card to access these services, and they can select the route that services their school.

Students may be eligible for a conveyance payment to assist in the cost of school transport. For information on conveyance payments, please refer to Department of Education & Training website - Conveyance Allowance Program, or the school bus coordinator at your school.

<u>Service one – green route</u> – servicing Geelong College, Sacred Heart, Geelong College Prep, Clonard, St Joseph's Year 9 campus

<u>Service two – blue route</u> – servicing Christian College, Clairvaux, Belmont High, St Joseph's College

For more information visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call 1800 800 007 (6am - midnight daily)

#### **OBERON HIGH SCHOOL VCE/VCAL INFORMATION NIGHT**

## Tuesday 26th July, 2016 5 - 7 pm

All Year 9 and 10 parents and students are invited to attend our VCE/ VCAL Information Night.

Staff will be available from 5-7pm to answer specific questions about their VCE subjects and pathway options.

Information sessions in the Auditorium will introduce parents to the different programs offered at Oberon High School including VCE and VCAL as well as VET and SBAT offerings. The information Session for Year 10 parents is at 5:30 pm and the Year 9 parents session is at 6 pm.

We look forward to seeing you on this night.

## **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION NIGHT**

Parents of students in Years 7, 8 & 9 are invited to a Digital Technology Information Night.

## Monday 25th July at 6:00 pm in the School Auditorium

Supporting parents with the following areas:

- iPad basics (how to be part of your child's learning on the iPad)
- How to keep kids safe (practical technology strategies that work)
- Office 365 package demonstration (communication tool between staff & students)
- Parent Portal demonstration (communication tool between teachers and parents)



Sunday, 31st July 2016 10am - 5pm Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre Cnr Bell Street & St Georges Road Preston, Victoria 3072

## AUTISM HEALTH & WELL BEING EXPO

Education. Empowerment. Everyone.

There's something for all people of all ages whether they have autism, are carers, educators or just want to know more!

We have exhibitors covering the areas of:

Psychology

· Occupational Therapy

· Speech Pathology

· Teacher training

· Anti-bullying organisations

· Fitness and Self care

· Natural therapies

· Calming and education equipment supplies

· Clubs and sports groups

· Community, Government and Adult

support organisations

And many more!

Presentations from leading specialists throughout the day and a Quiet Room to retreat to when needed



The Autism Health & Well Being Expo is being run by the Autism Health & Well Being Association Incorporated, a not-for-profit charity organisation



Is your child struggling with Maths or English, or bursting to race ahead? **NumberWorks'nWords** can help bring out the best in your child with expert after-school Maths and English tuition. Tutoring sessions in our Belmont centre are tailored to your child's needs and follow the school curriculum.

Specialist Maths tuition and English tuition Call Andrew today to book your Free Assessment 5245 8846









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## Parenting your Teenager

A program for parents of adolescents aged 13 to 18 yrs

Are you mystified, anxious, angry or have just given up trying to understand your teenager?

This program will attempt to give you some of the answers!!!

- The four-week program explores topics including:
- "What is normal adolescent behaviour?"
- Knowing when you should be concerned
- Can you still have fun with teenagers?
- The important art of continuing to communicate with your teen, even when they don't say much

For bookings and more information please contact the Regional Parenting Service



Cost Gold Coin Donation

Beginning Monday 8 August

Time 7.00pm – 9.00pm Location

**Phone** 5272 4741

"Ariston" 245-249 Pakington St, Newtown

www.geelongaustralia.com.au

#### YEAR 7 STUDENTS - IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2 & 3

Please mark in your diary

## TERM 3

Week 6

Tuesday 16th August Staff Professional Development Day

- STUDENT FREE DAY

Week 7

Friday 26th August Casual Dress Day - Intermediate VCAL

Fundraiser

Week 8

Year 7 Student Led Conferences Wednesday 7th September

Week 9

Friday 16th September **LAST DAY OF TERM 3** 



The Warralily Community Residents group are already hard at work planning this year's Warralily Christmas Spectacular event.

The planning group are very keen to partner with:

- Organisations, businesses and individuals who have an interest in our new suburb.
- Anyone who would like to contribute to making this year's event the best ever!

You are invited to come along to:

- Learn how sponsorship or volunteering opportunities at our event could promote your organization, program, services, or product
- Create goodwill and grow your customer base and brand
- Learn about the many different volunteering opportunities at the event

Date: Thursday July 28th Time: 6.30-7.30pm

Location: The Coast Community Lounge, 5 Coastside Drive Warralily **RSVP:** Please be sure to RSVP for catering purposes

to kyliepollock@warralily.com.au

## WELCOME TO THE 60'S!" LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL . . .



TRAVEL BACK IN TIME FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

MATTHEW FLINDERS GIRLS SECONDARY COLLEGE ARTS PRODUCTION: BYO PICNIC DINNER, TO ENJOY AS THE CABARET UNFOLDS AROUND YOU.

## Make a night of it!

RATH GRANNTES WARDRORF AND DUST OFF THOSE DANCING SHOES I BEEHIVES! MINI SKIRTS! GO GO BOOTS! BEATLEMANIA! LULU!

PLUS LOTS MORE: DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLES, EVEN SOME AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION!

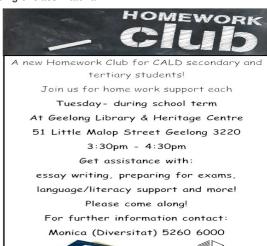
VENUE: MFG SCHOOL HALL DATE: THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST TIME: 6.30PM FOR A 7PM START. FINISHES 10PM TICKET COST: \$20 PER PERSON

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARIES NOW. GET A TABLE TOGETHER OF UP TO 12 PEOPLE. TICKETS ON SALE FROM WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM

#### **HOMEWORK CLUB** FOR STUDENTS FROM A REFUGEE BACKGROUND

Diversitat are starting up a NEW Homework Club for Secondary and Tertiary students of a Refugee background. The club will commence Tuesday 12th July, from 3:30-4:30pm, Geelong Library, Level 1 'The Cave'. Also, we are running a Homework Club at Corio Library for Primary and Secondary school students of a refugee background, each Monday from 4pm-5:30pm. Both run during school terms with highly skilled Tutors supporting the project.

These clubs will aim at supporting students with all homework requirements including essay preparation and assistance, exam study techniques, language and literacy support, reading and writing and further understanding of class material.



# Understanding and Supporting Children with

Teachers, Teacher Aides, Parents, Sports Coaches, Youth Workers, Scout Lead Workers (and anyone else interested) are invited to an evening with Jules Haddock

This is a Community Event - Everyone welcome!

Thursday August 11th, 2016 The Bentleigh Club

33 Yawla St, Bentleigh te car park / Bistro open before

day August 30th, 2016 The Shell Club

nell Rd, Corio (Ge

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Secure your place!

Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au nclude your name, venue and er of tickets required at \$20 each Collect and pay for tickets on the night.

No EFTPOS Enquiries: 0433 616 771

Entry \$20

**Covering Primary and Secondary** School-Aged Children

Anxiety is something we all experience and is in fact a natural survival response. But anxiety can start to impact our children in an unhealthy way, negatively affecting their journey into life. School pressure, family pressure, social pressure and toxic thoughts, can all see anxiety spiral out of control.

By recognising the signs and symptoms of anxiety, we can provide sound support in assisting our children to build on their resilience and internal coping mechanisms.

In two hours, Jules Haddock, Mental Health First Aid Instructor and, REACH facilitator, will share her support strategies with you when dealing with anxious children. Session outline:

- Understand anxiety as a natural response to life events
- When to worry about anxiety
  Learning how to recognise anxiety signs and symptoms, as it takes hold upon a child's thoughts, emotions and in turn behaviour.
- Learning how to support a child to manage their anxiety

Jules Haddock has worked in the non-profit community sector for approximately 15 years, prior to accredited training in the last 12

Jules enjoys sharing a creative delivery with her participants, and has a sound reputation as a vibrant and humorous presenter.

She is passionate for the acknowledgement of mental health awareness and de-stigmatising mental illness. She sees the answers lying in education of all.

As a REACH facilitator and Mental Health First Aid instructor, Jules also holds education talks for community groups, corporate businesses, children, and primary and secondary teachers. Jules has and continues to present at a number of national conferences on

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