

AUGUST

Tues 9th	Chess Kids - Interschool Chess Tournament - Library Public Speaking Evening - in memory of Barbara Staff
Thurs 11th	Subject Selection Interviews for Year 10 students and parents.
Frid 12th	Years 9, 10 & 11 Subject Selections due.
Tues 16th	STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - STUDENT FREE DAY
Wed 17th	Year 12 Biology Excursion - Biolab
Thurs 18th	Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews
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

Thurs 1st	Year 8/9 Masquerade Social - School Gymnasium
Tues 6th	Empowerme - Year 10 Engagement/Leadership Workshop
Wed 7th	Year 7 Student Led Conferences

Thurs 8th	Year 12 Study Skills - Elevate Education - Period 3
Tues 13th	Year 9 Mock Interviews - Library
Thurs 15th	Western Metropolitan Athletics
Frid 16th	END OF TERM 3

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
Mon 17th	LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR YEAR 12
Tues 18th	Year 12 Celebration Day State Athletics
Wed 19th	GEELONG CUP DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

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

Debutante Ball

The school Debutante Ball was held on Friday night at Club Italia. There were more than 350 people in attendance and it was a memorable night for all the family and friends that were there. Thank you to Mrs Bronwyn Knight and Mrs Carole Fisher who organised the event and to the staff members and school captains that supported Mrs Knight and Mrs Fisher by attending on the night and undertaking jobs.

Student Attitude to School Data

Each year all students in all State Secondary Schools complete a survey that compares student perceptions of schools across Victoria and then is able to rate schools in a percentile bracket. The survey benchmarks student's perceptions of their school in regards to student wellbeing, teaching and learning in the school and student relationships. The results for the school in 2016 show that from a student perspective we are rated well above state average in the majority of indicators in teaching and learning, with most well into the third quartile of the state. The teaching and learning component of the survey included categories such as learning confidence, student motivation, school connectedness, stimulating learning, teacher empathy and teacher effectiveness has been a particular focus of the school and the teaching staff and it pleasing to see it has been recognised by the students. I have shown the results of this survey to the school council and would be happy to discuss these results with any interested community members.

As is always the case, the school will be organising forums with the various year levels to further discuss the results to identify ways in which we can further meet the needs of our students.

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to the parents who received and completed the parent opinion surveys. The surveys will now be sent to Melbourne to be collated prior to results being returned to the school. The parent opinion surveys together with student attitude to school surveys and teacher opinion surveys provide valuable information to the school on our performance and areas of concern in comparison to other schools in the State.

Staff Professional Development Day

On Tuesday 16th August all staff members will participate in professional development, this will be a student free day. The focus of the day will be on further developing student assessment tasks to cater for all students no matter what their ability level, to ensure that all students are challenged in their learning and have the opportunity to show sustained improvement. As I have mentioned previously academic improvement rather than academic ability is the key component that should be addressed for all students at Oberon.

Year 11 Downhill Ski Trip

As part of the Year 11 VCE Outdoor Education eighteen students and three staff spent three days participating in downhill skiing and snowboarding at Mt Buller from Monday 1st August to Wednesday 3rd August. After our recent cold weather I am sure that the group experienced wonderful skiing conditions.

Planning for 2017

The school has begun its planning for the 2017 school year. Over the upcoming weeks we will be asking students about their intentions for next year in terms of returning to school. If you are aware that your son/daughter is not going to be returning to Oberon High in 2017 can you contact the school to let us know.

Subject Information

The Subject Information Evening for students moving from Year 9 into Year 10 and for Year 10 students moving into VCE/VCAL/VET was held on Tuesday 26th July and will then be followed up with the Student/Parent Subject Selection Conferences for current Year 10s and parents on **Thursday 11th August**.

These are important dates for both students and parents to be fully informed when making future subject selections. As parents you should be fully informed about the subjects that your child is choosing for the following year and seek clarification from them and from the school as to why this choice has been made and whether it is suitable. Subjects shouldn't be chosen simply because they enjoy it if it is going to limit the student pathways in future years. If you still have concerns or need further clarification contact any of the staff members from the Careers/Pathways office, these being Mrs Kaye Barry, Mrs Nicola Maher or Mr Wayne Lynch, to discuss these.

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 no longer acceptable to wear school tracksuit pants all day even when students have a Physical Education class during the day. Your support with this is most appreciated.

Tim McMahon



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 7 STUDENTS - IMPORTANT DATES TERM 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

Wednesday 7th September Year 7 Student Led Conferences

Week 9

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



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: <http://www.40hourfamine.com.au>

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 **Oberon High School team**.

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

SCHOOL MAGAZINE PAYMENT DEADLINE

A notice to parents who would like an Oberon High School Magazine for 2016 that the deadline for payment (\$18.00) is

Friday 16th September, 2015 (End of Term 3)

LANGUAGES NEWS

“German Day Out” Report

Eighteen Oberon students attended this careers activity in Melbourne along with Frau Ray and Mrs Sly. Firstly we attended an event at the Melbourne Town Hall where several of our ex-students were presenting. Amber Hansen (Year 12 2013) was the MC and Stevie Nuss-Soeharto (Year 12 2012) spoke about her aero-space engineering studies and the value of her German language skills in her future career.

After a quick lunch we visited the Immigration Museum where students learnt about some of the German immigrants in Victoria.



German Trip 2017 - Information Night – Monday 8th August

This will be held at North Geelong Secondary College starting at 7pm. Please collect further details from either Frau Ray or Frau Jones.

Farewell to Danish Exchange Student

Petra Brojtenborg from Denmark has been attending Oberon for the past 2 weeks. She is on a scouting exchange program and her host sister, Chrissy Noble of Year 11, will reciprocate with a visit to Denmark in November this year. Petra is returning to Denmark after her summer



Japanese students visit Oberon High School 2016

Konnichiwa

Oberon High School welcomed 17 Japanese exchange students from many different schools in Western Japan. This was a great opportunity for Oberon students to make new friends, learn about the Japanese culture and teach the Japanese visitors about Australian way of life and school life here at Oberon High School.

During their 7 day visit, the students participated in a range of activities including: visiting Oberon High school classes, a tour of Eastern beach and the famous Bollards (although it was a little wet so we headed to the new Geelong Library), Narana Creations to experience Aboriginal craft-boomerang painting, boomerang throwing, view the native garden and animals and take a tour of the beautiful art in the Narana Gallery.

Oberon High School classes gave our Japanese visiting students the chance to play Aussie rules football, learn some woodwork skills, create an art piece, discover science, learn Aussie Slang and practise speaking English.

This experience was possible because of the wonderful Host families, students and teachers. Local families gave up their time to show students all that Geelong and the Australian way of life has to offer. Thank you so much to all who made this exchange possible.



Finally, a big thank you to all the teachers who ran special programs- Mr O'Brien for footy, Ms Cole for art, Mr Walsh and Mr Gleeson for woodwork, Ms Ferry for science and Ms Barnett for encouraging her talented music students to perform at the welcome ceremony. Special thanks must go to Ms Fincher for her exchange student coordination and Mr Lombardi and Mr Filipovski for driving the students whenever bus transportation was required.

This program was a huge success and could not have been possible without the “Buddies” who showed what regular classes were like and helped to make a personal connection between Oberon High School and the students of Japan.

Finally, 11 Oberon students are excited to visiting their sister school in Japan in just 1 months time. We will be visiting our sister school Genkai High School in Fukuoka Kyushu for 9 days and touring other parts of Japan for 9 days.



LANGUAGES CORNER

DIRECTIONS

Right
Left
Turn
Straight ahead
Where is
North
South
East
West
Roundabout
Street

DIREKSI

Kanan
Kiri
Belok
Terus
Di mana
Utera
Selatan
Timur
Barat
Bundaran
Jalan

die Richtungen

rechts
links
biegen
geradeaus
Wo ist ...?
Nord
Süd
Ost
West
der Kreisverkehr
die Straße

ほうこう

みぎ
ひだり
まがる
まっすぐ
どこ
きた
みなみ
ひがし
にし
ロータリー
とおり

hookoo

migi
hidari
magaru
massugu
doko
kita
minami
higashi
nishi
rootarii
toori

Youth @ Grovedale

On a Friday afternoon we have a 'Youth Drop In' at the Grovedale Hub. Karina Donkers from the City of Greater Geelong, facilitates this great program with a co-worker. The Youth Services team also run a range of programs and activities across Geelong and Grovedale. Check out all the fab events for term 3!

Free Wifi

Grovedale Neighbourhood House has free wifi, so come on out of the cold, have a cup of tea and catch up on your emails, Skype your friends and family or finish that last essay. Just ask us for the password.

YOUTH DROP-IN

AT THE SHACK

FREE 3.30PM - 5.30PM
EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON OF SCHOOL TERM

TABLE TENNIS X-BOX FOOSBALL WII FREE FOOD ART SPORTS AND MORE!	<p>Want to hear more about youth activities and opportunities for 12-25 year olds in your area?</p> <p>Get involved in school holiday programs, youth events, youth environment opportunities, programs, community volunteering and more!</p> <p>Whether you are a young person, parent or carer, we'd love to hear from you!</p>
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Contact Karina on kdonkers@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or 0419 504 329

Like or follow us on Facebook TAG (Teen Activities Geelong) Geelong South Youth Activities

CITY OF GREATER GEELONG

www.grovedalenh.org.au

2016 MOVIE NIGHTS

@ Grovedale Neighbourhood Hub- 45 Heyers Road Grovedale 3216

THE MAZE RUNNER

Thursday 18th August 5.15pm

Come along to help support the Make A Wish Foundation



Gold coin donation, come chill out and watch a movie for a good cause. 12-25 year olds only. Also enjoy some pizza and snacks

LEGALLY BLONDE

Thursday 13th October 5.15pm

Come along to help support Breast Cancer Awareness

For questions or enquiries contact Karina on kdonkers@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or call/text 0419 504 329



CURRICULUM DAY PROGRAM

Is your school having a curriculum day? Are your kids looking for something fun to do on their day off?

These are some of the fun activities at YMCA Geelong:

Origami Cooking Play Dough Minute to Win It Lego Charades	Iron Me Beads Magic Tape Art Balloon Games Paper Plane Competition Egg & Spoon Races
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Incursons (Eg. Dance, Judo, Circus Skills, Sports Clinics, etc.)

LUNCH (Picnic at oval - weather permitting)

Parachute Games Gymnastics Jewellery Making T-Ball Tug of War Card Games Popcorn/Movie & Chill Out Time	Mobile Basketball Board games Challenge Dodge Ball Bookmark Making Court Games Placemat making
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Please note activities may vary or some activities listed may be unavailable depending on weather, stock availability, program numbers, and when your school's curriculum day occurs

To register your interest please email kimberley.maher@ymca.org.au or phone 5223 2714 to speak to the Community Programs Co-ordinator, Kimberley Maher

DANCEFACTORY SUMMER SCHOOL 2017

16th - 20th January

Juniors: 7 - 12 Years Adults: 13 years and over

Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, Lyrical, Singing, Acrobatics and our ever popular 'SHOWCASE' performance

Dance Factory 4-10 Yorkshire St Richmond Vic 3121
Ph. 03 9429 9492 Fax. 03 9429 8806
dancefac@netspace.net.au www.dancefactory.com.au



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg presents

When to Really Worry....

For Teachers, Teacher Aides, Parents, Sports Coaches, Youth Workers, Scout Leaders, Nurses, Health Workers (and anyone else interested)

This is a Community Event - Everyone welcome!

\$20 entry

7pm to 9pm

Thursday September 1st, 2016

Shoppingtown Hotel

19 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster

Wednesday September 7th, 2016

Berkeley's Events & Catering

(Pioneer Room)

150 Yarra St, Geelong

BOOK your place!

Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au

Include your name, venue and

number of tickets required.

Collect and pay for tickets on the night.

No EFTPOS

Enquiries: 0433 616 771

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg works as a nationally registered child and adolescent psychologist. He is passionate about delivering evidence based psychology workshops and seminars that make a difference to the health and wellbeing of young people. His training and approach incorporates cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), mindfulness skills and interventions drawn from positive psychology research. He is a founding member of the National Centre Against Bullying and Chairs their Cybersafety Committee. In October 2010 - he was appointed the official advisor to the Queensland government on cybersafety. He is a Director of the The Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre, an Australian Government Initiative administered by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research. Michael Carr-Gregg has extensive experience in the media and is currently a regular on the top rating 'Sunrise' program on Channel 7 and on Melbourne radio 3AW and is a frequent contributor to the Australian Print media.

When does normal teenage behaviour become something you really need to worry about? In this seminar **When to Really Worry** by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, he will help you find out. In this insightful evening, one of Australia's leading authorities on child and adolescent mental health, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, offers practical, easy to understand information on how to figure out if your son or daughter is travelling okay. He discusses the signs and symptoms of the high prevalence disorders of anxiety and depression. Michael also includes tips on detecting early warning signs encouraging your child to visit a doctor, finding a youth-friendly GP, counsellor or therapist, navigating the public mental health system. **When to Really Worry** is an essential night for all parents, teachers, coaches who want to build happy and resilient young people.

Not to be missed!



GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Geelong Blood Donor Centre
237 Ryrie St

Now open extended hours:

Monday	7.30 am - 7.30 pm	Thursday	7.30 am - 7.30 pm
Tuesday	1.00 pm - 7.30 pm	Friday	7.30 am - 3.30 pm
Wednesday	7.30 am - 7.30 pm	Saturday	8.00 am - 3.30 pm

Call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au

Australian Red Cross BLOOD SERVICE



Presents:

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?"
- Can you still have fun with teenagers?
- Knowing when you should be concerned
- The important art of continuing to communicate with your teen, even when they don't say much



Cost

Gold Coin Donation

Beginning

Monday 8 August

Time

7.00pm - 9.00pm

Location

"Ariston"
245-249 Pakington St, Newtown

For bookings and more information please contact the Regional Parenting Service

Phone
5272 4741

www.geelongaustralia.com.au

CYBER SAFETY SESSIONS FREE

CORIO LIBRARY - 6 JUNE

WAURN PONDS LIBRARY - 14 JUNE

OCEAN GROVE LIBRARY - 19 JULY

NEWCOMB LIBRARY - 10 AUGUST

GEELONG LIBRARY AND HERITAGE CENTRE - 22 SEPTEMBER

The City of Greater Geelong presents free 'Cyber Safety Sessions' each school term at libraries around Geelong.

Sessions are aimed at parents who want to understand young peoples use of the internet, social media and gaming. Sessions draw experience from social media experts, law enforcement and youth workers.

All sessions are 6:30- 8:00pm and include a one hour presentation followed by a 30min question and answer session. Sessions are also suitable for young people 12-25 years old.

LIMITED NUMBERS

REGISTER AT WWW.GRLC.VIC.GOV.AU OR VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY.



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

YEAR 12 PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

Conferences between parents and students and their Year 12 teachers will take place in the School Library on **Thursday 18th August**, between 4.30 and 6.30pm. This will provide an opportunity for parents and students to discuss progress and preparations for the finish of the year with Year 12 teachers. Reports for Year 12 students will be available on the Parent Portal at 5.00 pm on Friday 12th August and an electronic booking sheet for the Conferences will also be available at that time.

Year 11 students doing a Year 12 subject will only have their Year 12 subject Report available at this time.

If you have any queries, please contact me on 52434444, or at sutcliffe.stephen.w@edumail.vic.gov.au or via the Parent Portal at www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au Stephen Sutcliffe.

CASUAL DRESS DAY: FRIDAY August 26th

Theme: 'Footy Colours Friday'



Wear: Favourite team jumper, socks, scarf, beanie, hat, face paint / hairspray

Prizes for the best dressed on the day.

Gold Coin donation.

This is a **fundraising activity** being organised by the Year 11 VCAL Personal Development class.

Money raised is going to an organisation called: **MERCY SHIPS**.

You may ask.....**What is MERCY SHIPS?**

Mercy Ships provide life-changing surgery to people who can't afford it, but need it the most. All for free.

They have a ship ('floating hospital') called 'Africa Mercy' that travels to places around the world that are in desperate need of medical care and treatment.

They rely heavily on the generosity of donors to continue their work that is always positive and often life-changing.



YEAR 8 & 9 SOCIAL

This year the Year 9 Leadership Group have decided to hold a Year 8 & 9 Social. This event is not only so all year 8s and 9s can come together and have a fun night but also raise funds for the Oberon High Breakfast Program.

The event will be held in the School Gym on **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST**, from **6.30pm – 10.30pm**. There will be a DJ, games, prizes, canteen and LOTS of FUN!!!

Dress Code is **SEMI FORMAL** and the Theme for the night is **MASQUERADE** – so don't forget your mask!!

Tickets are **\$15** and will be on Sale from Monday 8th August.



AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

When a student needs to leave school early for an appointment or because of illness parents are asked to report to the General Office/Sick Bay to collect them. If you know in advance that your child needs to leave school early, parents are also asked to provide a note which can then be shown to the classroom teacher to enable your child to leave class.

The above procedures will ensure the safety of your child.

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open on Fridays at Lunchtime (1 pm - 1.30 pm)

- Second hand books and uniforms can be purchased during the above times.
- 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.