Oberon HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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Issue 19 - Friday 14th December, 2018

NOVEMBER

Sat 3rd - Sat 15th December - Victorian Young Leaders to China Program

Tues 27th November - Tues 18th December - Antipodean trip to Laos and Vietnam

Frid 30th Last Day of Year 10 Classes
Skateboarding Program P5 & P6

DECEMBER

Mon 3rd Year 10 English and Maths Exams
Year 8 Science Incursion - run by Melbourne University
Year 9 Science Incursion - run by Melbourne University

Tues 4th - Thurs 6th Year 10 into 11 Commencement Program

Mon 10th Compass Hike - 7A & 7B - You Yangs

Tues 11th 'Smashed' Play Incursion for Year 8 & 9 Students

Tues 11th - Wed 12th Grade 6 Orientation Program (Year 7 2019)

Wed 12th School Council

Thurs 13th - Mon 17th Year 7 - 9 End of Year Activities.

Frid 14th Year 12 Results

Tues 18th Oberon Awards Day - Costa Hall

Wed 19th School Picnic

Thurs 20th Staff Professional Learning Program
Program provided to those students in attendance.
Parent/Teacher Interviews if required by appointment

Frid 21st **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM**
Program provided to those students in attendance.

COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR EARLY 2019

Friday 25th January	School Office Open
Monday 28th January	**Australia Day Public Holiday - School Closed**
Tuesday 29th January	Teachers Return to School School Office Open
Wednesday 30th January	Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 commence school
Thursday 31st January	Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 commence school. All students now in attendance

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Awards Day

I encourage all members of the school community to make the effort to attend the Awards Day at Costa Hall on Tuesday 18th December, beginning at 11 am. This event provides us with the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the students during the 2018 school year. Students have the option of attending school as usual on this day and will be transported to the venue, or may choose to come to the venue with their parents. Students are expected to be in full school uniform.

Warralily Christmas Fair

Thank you to Ms Renae Barnett who organised the student vocal performances at the Warralily Christmas Fair on Saturday 9th December. The students did a great job performing, highlighting the musical talent within the school. Thank you to all of the students who gave up their Saturday afternoon to be part of the school performances and to the parents and staff members who made the effort to attend to support Renae and the students.

Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition

It was great to have the 160 Grade 6 students who will be joining us in 2019 as year 7's at the school attending on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th as part of the transition program. Thank you to Ms Renae Barnett and Mr Josh Baker who organised the program and to our year 9 buddy students who helped out over the two days. The students had a great couple of days as they began to immerse themselves into our school community.

Reports

The End of Semester Reports will be available on the Portal on Wednesday 19th December. I encourage Students and Parents to read these reports and reflect on the comments made by the teachers. We should always be looking for improvement and this can only occur through feedback and self-reflection.

School Council

The final School Council Meeting for the year was held on Wednesday 12th December. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all Council Members for giving up their time during the year to attend Council Meetings and contribute to our school community. Your contribution to the life of the school this year has been very much appreciated.

Activities Week

Students in Years 7-9 have been enjoying the Activities Week Program which started on Thursday 13th December and continues on Monday 17th December. Tuesday 18th December is our Awards Day and Wednesday 19th December is the School Picnic. Students will be supervised on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December if they are in attendance at school. Details of this program have been distributed to students. Please contact the school if you haven't received information around the activities week.

Passing of Past Principal Os Nelson

The Oberon High School Community were saddened to hear of the recent passing of past Principal Os Nelson. Os was Principal of Oberon High School from 1983 to 1989. We extend our sincere condolences to Os's family.

DET Scholarships for 2019

Students have the opportunity to apply for a range of DET Scholarships for the 2019 school year.

More than 140 Scholarships, ranging in value from $600 to $30,000, are available to Year 12 students undertaking further study in 2019. Recipients are able to use their scholarships to pay for iPads/Computers, Tertiary Fees, and accommodation.

More than 100 Scholarships, ranging in value from $300 to $1,000, are available to students in years 4 to 11. Previous recipients have used their Scholarships to purchase textbooks, school uniforms, and computers. Applications for all scholarships are now open.

To explore the scholarships available and for information on how to apply, see: Student scholarships or via the following website link https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/learning/Pages/student-scholarships.aspx

Victorian Young Leaders to China and Antipodeans Trips

Welcome back to the students who have been on the Victorian Young Leaders to China who arrive home on December 15th and the Antipodeans trip to Vietnam and Laos who arrive home on December 18th. We look forward to hearing of the student's adventures upon their return to school.

Return to School Dates 2019

Just to inform Parents/Guardians in advance that the 2019 school year will commence with a student staggered start as follows:

Thursday 25th January	-	School Office Open
Monday 28th January	-	**Australia Day Public Holiday - School Closed**
Tuesday, 29th January	-	Teachers return to school **(Student Free Day)**
Wednesday, 30th January	-	First day for all new Year 7 students, Year 11 and all Year 12 students (as well as Year 10 students undertaking a Year 11 subject).
Thursday 31st January	-	First day for all other students.

As this is the last Newsletter for the 2018 school year, I would like to thank the school community for the continued support of Oberon. I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas vacation spending time with family and friends.

Tim McMahon

OBERON CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2018

As part of their Compass Award program 7A spent many weeks planning the Oberon Christmas Appeal to raise money for Uniting Care Belmont. Students organised a bake sale, casual dress day, BBQ, selling drinks and spiders, raffles and hampers and were able to raise an amazing amount of $1422.50. This money was used to buy presents for those less fortunate for Christmas. We walked to Waurn Ponds shopping centre and carefully selected and purchased a range of gifts for children aged 0 – 12 years. It was fantastic how many gifts we were able to buy. A few days later we visited Uniting Care Belmont and delivered the presents much to the delight of the staff working there.

The students in 7A should be very proud of their efforts in fundraising for such a worthy cause. We would like to thank Sam MacKenzie who supported each of our fundraising activities over the Term and Bonnie Hodge (2019 School Captain) who helped us on the Casual Dress\BBQ Day. The support from all the 7A teachers was greatly appreciated. Finally we would like to say thank you to all the staff, students and Oberon community who contributed to our fundraising. We know we have made Christmas time much nicer for many children in our local community.

Merry Christmas and many thanks

Carole Fisher & 7A

OBERON AWARDS DAY

All Students and Parents/Guardians 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.**

Students will be transported from Oberon to the Awards Ceremony by bus on the day. Please note this ceremony will take place at **11.00 am on Tuesday 18th December at Costa Hall.**

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2018

The following days have been approved by the Oberon High School - School Council as student free for 2018:

- **Tuesday 29th January** - Designated for all schools
- **Thursday 2nd May** - Staff Professional Development Day (**this date may change subject to availability of Guest Speakers)**
- **Friday 14th June** - Report Writing Day
- **Monday 12th August -** Staff Professional Development Day

Please mark these dates in your diary.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY

YEAR 12 Friday 14th December	Year 12 Results
YEARS 7, 8 & 9 Monday 17th December	End of Year Activities for current Years 7 - 9
ALL YEAR LEVELS Tuesday 18th December Wednesday 19th December Thursday 20th December Friday 21st December	Oberon Awards Day - Costa Hall 11.00 a.m. **All students are expected to attend** School Picnic Staff Professional Learning Program Parent/Teacher Interviews as required by appointment Program provided for those students in attendance **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM**
COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR EARLY 2019 Friday 25th January Monday 28th January Tuesday 29th January Wednesday 30th January Thursday 31st January Monday 11th February Wednesday 20th March - Friday 22nd March	**School Office Open** **2nd Hand Uniform/Book Shop Open** **Australia Day Public Holiday - School Closed** Teachers return to school School Office Open Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 commence school Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 commence school. All students now in attendance. School Swimming Sports Year 7 Camp - Anglesea Year 7 Immunisations

LANGUAGES NEWS

Nikolaus with his helper Knecht Ruprecht

Nikolaus Activity - December 6th at the German Club in Geelong

Year 7 German
Learning about Christmas traditions in German speaking countries - wooden decoration

OBERON WINS ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN VIDEO COMPETITION

The winning video by Max Brownbridge, Will Stiles, Kobey Furze and Isaac Burns of Year 9 can be viewed at https://youtu.be/JKrQ9FYIE7Q

The boys' video was to encourage people to play handball. They have won a trophy, chocolates and iTune vouchers for their fabulous entry.

Association of German Teachers of Victoria Inc.

Werbespot 2018

Brief: Promote membership of a sporting club in a DACHL county

First Prize Secondary

Sport: Handball
Students: Max, Will, Isaac, Kobey Year Level: 9
School: Oberon High School

Herzlichen Glückwunsch!

President
Association of German Teachers of Victoria Inc.

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LANGUAGES CORNER

We don't often realise how big Australia is in comparison to other countries

POST CARD FROM VIETNAM/LAOS

The Oberon Antipodeans team is travelling well. The photo below reveals some tired, but happy travellers! The Antipodeans Leader, Braeden reported that the Oberon team has completed their Trek in Luang Prabang and all went well.

The team found the trek challenging, but they did incredibly well, really bonding together and helping each other. Oberon teacher Sarah Cole has revealed that she is incredibly proud of all the team and how much they helped each other out and pushed through some of the more challenging parts of the trek.

We look forward to hearing more of the student's amazing adventures upon their return on December 18th.

WARRALILY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH

Congratulations to the Oberon vocal students who performed on December 8th at the Warralily Christmas Spectacular. Well done!

LOST PROPERTY

A large amount of lost property is on the table in the Sick Bay awaiting collection. Items include un-named uniforms, drink bottles, jewellery, shoes, glasses etc.

Could parents please ask your student to check the table in sick bay asap. Any items that are still unclaimed by the end of this year will be either donated or disposed of.

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Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.

It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

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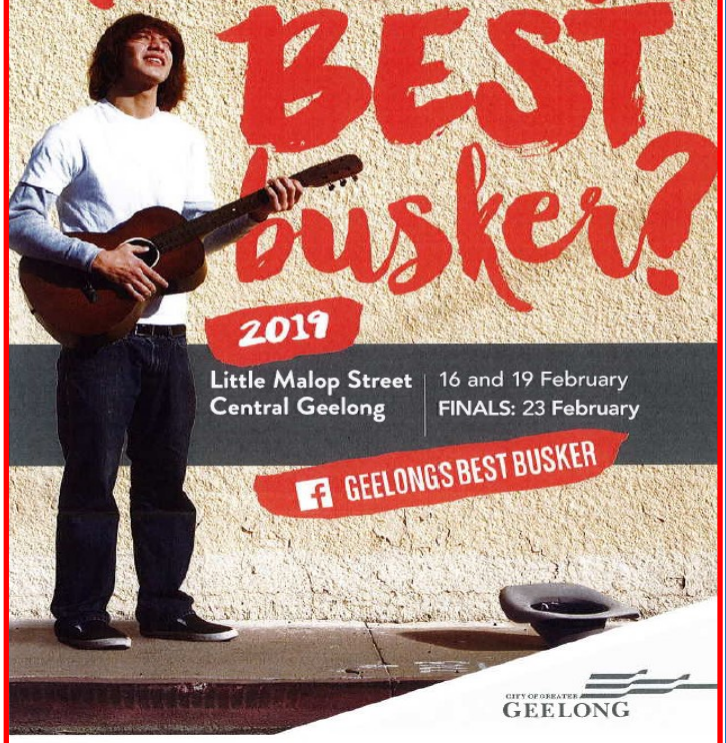

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