

### MARCH

**Mon 25th** Barwon Heads Primary School Visit  
**Tues 26th** Year 12 Outdoor Ed Sea Kayaking Excursion - P4-6  
**Wed 27th** 9A & 9D Health Classes - Just Think Program  
 Armstrong Creek School Visit  
**Thurs 28th** **Oberon High School Information Evening** - 5.30 pm - 8.00 pm - See Flyer in this Newsletter  
**Frid 29th** NAPLAN National Co-ordinated Test Day  
 White Card Training Day  
 Interim Reports Available on the Parent Portal  
**Sat 30th - Sat 4th April** German Trip  
**Sun 31st** Rostrum Public Speaking at Oberon High School

### APRIL

**Mon 1st** Year 7, 8 & 9 Geography Competition P3  
**Tues 2nd** Bullying No Way Day - **Casual Dress Day**  
**Wed 3rd** Year 7 2020 Enhancement Program - Parent Information Evening - Library 6 pm - 7 pm

**Thurs 4th** Western Metropolitan Swimming Championships  
 Parent /Teacher/Student Conferences 12 Midday - 7.30 pm. - No classes on this day. Appointments can be made via Parent Portal from Thursday 21st March.  
 Last Day of Term 1 - 2.30 pm finish.  
**Frid 5th** School Holidays  
**Mon 8th - Frid 19th** **EASTER MONDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Mon 22nd** SSV Swimming  
**Wed 24th** **ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Thurs 25th** WMR & SSV Diving  
**Frid 26th** Year 7 Immunisation  
**Tues 30th**

### MAY

**Wed 1st** VC33E Excursion to Top Designs  
 AR11C & AR33A Excursion to Top Arts and NGV  
 Intermediate Girls and Boys Football  
**Thurs 2nd** **STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - STUDENT FREE DAY**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### School Council Annual General Meeting

After our recent School Council Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, the School Council formation will be as follows for the 2019 school year:

- **President:** (Parent representative) – Scott Barnes
- **Vice President** (Parent representative) – Rachael Harding
- **Treasurer** (Community representative) – Kellie Dawber
- Parent representative – Kythie Fisher
- Parent representative – Janet McLeod
- Parent representative – Dean Bushell
- Parent representative – Tracee Geddes
- DET representative – Helen Carson
- DET representative – Josh Baker
- DET representative – Sam MacKenzie
- DET representative – Josh Baker
- Student representative – Bonnie Hodge
- Student representative – Kai Bowie
- Community representative – Kellie Dawber
- Community representative – Emily Dunn

If Parents have issues that they wish to have discussed at School Council I encourage you to address these to your parent representatives.

### Annual Report Summary

At the School Council on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, I tabled the 2018 Annual Report which was approved for publication. This is now available to be read by the school community on the School Website, under the policy-documents tab.

The Annual Report is completed by all Schools each year to provide a summary of how each State Government School across Victoria performed against other Schools taking into account their socio-economic demographics. The data set comparison is compiled by the Department of Education. This comparison is against a variety of data sets, reflecting both results from 2018 and also as an average over the previous 4 years. The comparison includes VCE results: NAPLAN results (at Year 7 and Year 9 as well as student learning growth between Years 7-9), teacher judgements of academic progress, student perceptions: staff perceptions: parent perceptions: student attendance: student pathways and student retention. As part of the Annual Report, schools are rated as being rated in the top 20% of schools, middle 60% of schools and bottom 20% of schools as well as being rated against the state median. Our report indicates that we are rated well in front of the state median in most categories and pleasingly rated either in the top 20% of schools or in the higher end of the middle 60% of schools on the indicators.

In summary the school has performed very well not only in 2018 but also over the past four years in comparison to other State Government Secondary Schools. As a school community we should be very proud of the education that is provided to the students that attend Oberon High. If there are school community members who wish to further discuss the report or require further clarification, feel free to contact me at school.

### German Trip

Ms Liz Ray and 11 Students (from Years 10 & 11) from Oberon will be travelling to Germany for five weeks, departing on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March and returning on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. As has been the case in previous years, our students will be joining students from Viewbank College, North Geelong and Geelong Lutheran Colleges. All students will be billeted out with a German family whilst overseas. Have a great trip and we look forward to hearing of your experiences upon your return.

### Interschool Sport

It has been a busy time for interschool sport in recent weeks with both Senior and Intermediate Sporting Carnivals being held. It has been great to see so many students representing the school in such a positive manner. As the students are representing the school, it is important that they are wearing their school sports uniform.

### Year 7 Camp

Our Year 7 students have been on camp at Camp Wilkin at Anglesea from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> till Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. From all reports the students have had a great time challenging themselves with a variety of outdoor activities and further building on their positive start to secondary schooling. Thanks to Ms Renae Barnett and Ms Anna Shaw who were responsible for organising the Camp.

### Kokoda Youth Program

Congratulations to Year 10 student Jorja Hilsdon who has been chosen to walk the Kokoda track later in the year, as part of the Kokoda Youth Program.

### Last day of Term Arrangements

A reminder to parents and students that the last day of Term 1 is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. School will finish at 2.30pm, School buses have been notified.

### Interim Reports

Parents will be able to access interim reports on the Parent Portal at 5pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. If parents are having trouble accessing the reports, you should contact the school.

### Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April is scheduled for our Student/Parent/Teacher conferences. Parents will be able to book conference times on the parent portal from Thursday 21st March.

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## Principals Report cont'd.....

The conferences will run from 12pm – 7.30pm and no classes will run on this day. However, due to the change in the school day times, students are expected to attend the Conferences with their parents to discuss their progress with their teachers and strategies for further improvement. The Student/Parent/Teacher conferences offer the opportunity to meet and discuss your child's progress, something that isn't always possible during the hectic pace of normal school days.

I encourage all families to take advantage of this opportunity as these conferences are invaluable in improving the student learning outcomes of your children. If you are unable to attend or unable to see a particular teacher, contact the school to make an alternative time.

### Open Night

The school will be running our Open Night for prospective Students and Parents on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. Tours of the school will run from 5.30pm with an information session being held in the Gym at 7.00pm.

### Student Puffer Jackets

Last year School Council decided to offer puffer jackets as an option for students to provide greater warmth as the weather gets colder. These puffer jackets are not purchased through our normal uniform supplier (PSW). Orders can be taken now at the General Office where students can try on a sample of sizes. The jackets will cost \$75. Please note that full payment must be made when ordering.

Tim McMahon

## INTERIM REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

### Term 1 Interim Reports

Term 1 Reports will be accessible **from 5pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, via the Parent Portal <http://smportal.oberonhs.vic.edu.au>.

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](mailto:baj@oberonhs.vic.edu.au) or contact the School Office.

### Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on:

- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April - 12.00 pm - 7.30 pm**

Parent/Teacher Interviews can be booked from **5 pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** through the "Parent Interviews" tab seen on the left hand side of the Portal. From there select the teacher and choose from one of the available time slots. Please note each time slot only goes for 10 minutes.

Joshua Baker  
Assistant Principal

## AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

→ Parents please note that school will be closed for the following Public Holidays: ←

- **MONDAY 22ND APRIL - EASTER MONDAY**
- **THURSDAY 25TH APRIL - ANZAC DAY**

## STUDENT FREE DAYS 2019

The following days have been approved by the Oberon High School - School Council as student free for 2019:

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** - Staff Professional Development Day (**this date may change subject to availability of Guest Speakers**)
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Report Writing Day
- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August** - Staff Professional Development Day

Please mark these dates in your diary.

## HARMONY DAY

On Harmony Day, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, fourteen of our Yr. 10 students attended a Youth Leadership Forum at the Geelong Library.

They had a great day, listening to comedians, enjoying spoken word poetry and being involved in discussion groups with students from other Geelong schools. Hamish MacDonald hosted a Q&A Panel with 5 young leaders, covering topics such as Extremism, Climate Change, Racism and how young people can become positively involved in change. It was an inspiring day, full of challenge, and great ideas for the future. The event was reported in the Geelong media and on the ABC TV news bulletin, featuring one of our students Malaika Yenkeni.



Three of our Year 10 students: Malaika Yenkeni, Hannah Maher and Abbey Geddes with the five panelists



**Oberon**  
HIGH SCHOOL

**INFORMATION  
EVENING**

Parents and prospective students  
are warmly invited to our information evening

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The evening commences with guided tours at 5.30pm followed  
by an information session at 7.00pm in the school gym.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Oberon High School.**

***Shape your future... Go one better***

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## LANGUAGES NEWS

### READY FOR EXCHANGE IN GERMANY

Eleven Oberon students who are participating in the Sister School trip to Germany in one week have only their cases to pack now! We leave Australia on March 30th.

The group of 32 students from 5 schools and 4 teachers, including Frau Ray, met on Monday evening in the Oberon HS library. Keep your eye out for our "Postcards from Germany" in the next Newsletters.



### YEAR 10 INDONESIA RESTAURANT VISIT

On Wednesday the Year 10 Indonesian class visited Pondok Nasi Bakar in Geelong as part of their Food Unit. Using their Indonesian language, students were able to speak with the staff to order Nasi Goreng, Rendang, Sate Ayam, Gado-Gado and Lumpia. Bagaimana rasanya? Both pedas (spicy hot) and lezat (delicious). Mau tambah lagi?

Thank you to Pondok Nasi Bakar for providing a great opportunity to try a great range of Indonesian foods in Geelong. Terima kasih banyak!



### LANGUAGES CORNER

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Germany	Jerman	Deutschland	ドイツ	doitsu
Japan	Jepang	Japan	にほん	nihon
England	Inggeris	England	イギリス	igirisu
USA	Amerika	Amerika	アメリカ	amerika
France	Perancis	Frankreich	フランス	furansu
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## OBERON PUFFER JACKETS

The school is once again offering the option of an Oberon puffer jacket for students to provide greater warmth as the weather gets colder. These puffer jackets are not purchased through our normal uniform supplier (PSW).

Orders can be taken now at the General Office where students can try on a sample of sizes. The cost of the jacket is \$65 and **must be paid for before an order can be submitted.**

If you would like to receive jackets early Term 2 please note that the deadline for orders is the last day of Term 1 (5th April, 2019). Orders will still be taken during Term 2 but may take longer to arrive as we must have at least 5 jackets per order.

## LOST PROPERTY

A variety of un-named lost property items are on the table in the Sick Bay waiting to be claimed. Items include Oberon uniform - rugby tops, spray jackets and polo tops, (new and second hand items). Other non-uniform items include - beach towels, hoodies, lunch containers, swimming gear, drink containers, headphones, jewellery etc. Named items are kept in the office and the students are called up or their names are put on the Student Bulletin. Some brand new un-named uniform items are being held in the office also.

If your son or daughter have lost any belongings please ask them to check the table in Sick Bay or ask at the Office.

On Parent/Teacher/Student Conference Day, a lost property table will be set up in the corridor outside the General Office. Could parents please take a few moments to check the table for any items that may belong to your child.

Any lost property not claimed by the end of Term will either be donated or disposed of.

# NEW BLOOD DONORS NEEDED IN GEELONG

We're now open on Saturdays

237 Ryrie Street  
13 14 95 | [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)



## CAREERS NEWS

# Geelong Careers and Pathways Expo



**Monday 13 May | 3 - 6pm**  
**Deakin University Waterfront Campus**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- The Gordon
- Deakin University
- Gforce Employment Solutions
- Ambulance Victoria
- Australian Catholic University
- Australian Defence Force
- Australian National University
- Collarts
- Deakin College
- Federation University
- JMC Academy
- La Trobe University
- Monash University
- Navitas
- Photography Studies College
- RMIT
- School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Swinburne University of Technology
- The University of Melbourne
- UTAS
- Victoria Police
- VFA Learning
- Victoria University
- Vocational Education and Training
- William Angliss Institute of TAFE



the Gordon

GCTA

Geelong Career Teachers Association

## WHITE CARD TRAINING- FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

If you are interested in undertaking work experience in the Construction industry this year you will need to have a White Card or Construction Industry Card. This includes placements with electricians, builders, landscape gardeners and painters. Once again we have a White Card training session at Oberon HS on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. It will be run by the CFMEU from 9am- 3:15pm at a cost of \$65. If your child is interested in undertaking this course, please see Mr Lynch in the Careers Room or make a payment at the front office.

## VCE AND CAREERS EXPO 2019

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May 10-4 pm

Caulfield Racecourse, Station St, Caulfield

The VCE and Careers Expo is Australia's biggest careers and education event with over 140 exhibitors and seminars, providing VCE, tertiary course, career, study skills and gap year information and resources. General admission is \$10 online.

For more details visit [vceandcareers.com.au](http://vceandcareers.com.au)



**SCFC Academy**  
SURF COAST FOOTBALL CLUB



**Not yet sorted for the school holidays?**  
**Be part of our Academy Program.**

The sessions are for Primary School age only (5-11yo), and will involve fun activities with a focus on developing individual skill and game play. Four days available. Opt in for all four and grab your discount.

ONE DAY \$30 | ALL FOUR \$100

## TO BOOK

ALL FOUR DAYS Cost \$100  
[www.trybooking.com/BBNUQ](http://www.trybooking.com/BBNUQ)

9th APRIL ONLY Cost \$30  
[www.trybooking.com/BBNUF](http://www.trybooking.com/BBNUF)

11th APRIL ONLY Cost \$30  
[www.trybooking.com/BBNUL](http://www.trybooking.com/BBNUL)

16th APRIL ONLY Cost \$30  
[www.trybooking.com/BBNUN](http://www.trybooking.com/BBNUN)

18th APRIL ONLY Cost \$30  
[www.trybooking.com/BBNUP](http://www.trybooking.com/BBNUP)

All Coaching days run 9am - 1pm.

[surfcoastfc.com](http://surfcoastfc.com)



## IMMUNISATIONS - YEAR 7

Immunisations will be held at School on **Tuesday 30th April, 2019**. Consent forms have been distributed and should have been returned to school even if your child does not require the immunisation.

### Year 7 Students:

- HPV (Human Papillomavirus)
- Boostrix - Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough (Pertussis) - One single injection

If parents have any questions regarding immunisations please call Barwon Health Immunisation on 42156962 or visit [immune@barwonhealth.org.au](mailto:immune@barwonhealth.org.au).

If your child misses their immunisation at school, they can still receive a free immunisation at one of the Barwon Health Immunisation Centres listed below.



**City of Greater Geelong  
IMMUNISATION  
SERVICE  
Provided by  
BARWON HEALTH  
2019**

Immunisation Centre	Immunisation Hours
<b>Belmont Community Health Centre</b> Barwon Health 1-17 Reynolds Road, Belmont, 3216.  (Please note that this is the Barwon Health building, not the Maternal Child Health building)	Wednesday morning ( <b>Appointment only</b> ) 9 am - 12.30pm  Open sessions ( <b>No appointment required</b> ) Wed and Friday afternoons 1.30pm - 4.45pm  Saturday morning ( <b>Appointment only</b> ) 08.30am – 12.15 pm
<b>Corio Community Health Centre</b> Barwon Health 2 Gellibrand St, Corio, 3214.	Every Wednesday 9.30 am - 11.45 am ( <b>No appointment required</b> )
<b>Newtown "Ariston"</b> 245 Pakington St, Newtown, 3220.	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of each month 9.30am - 11.45am ( <b>No appointment required</b> )
<b>Ocean Grove -Boorai Centre</b> (behind Aquatic Centre) 4-50 Shell Rd, Ocean Grove, 3226.	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of each month 9.30am -11.45am ( <b>No appointment required</b> )
<b>Newcomb Library Meeting Room</b> (upstairs) Corner Wilsons Rd & Bellarine Highway, Newcomb, 3219.	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month 9.30 – 11.45am ( <b>No appointment required</b> )

## BUS NEWS

### Important Bus Travel Information from PTV (Public Transport Victoria)

Please remind your child to tap off when they exit the bus otherwise you could be charged for 2 zones of travel. The school buses have other runs after the morning school drop offs and you could be charged for extra travel.



### Country Travel (Casual Passes)

From Term 2 there will no Casual Bus Passes issued. These areas include Anglesea, Airey's Inlet, Bambra, Bellbrae, Deans Marsh, Freshwater Creek, Gherang, Lorne, Modewarre, Moriac and Winchelsea. This is a directive from Public Transport Victoria.

If families have any concerns about the school bus program please email: [student.transport@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:student.transport@edumail.vic.gov.au) families can also look at the eligibility guide at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/principals/management/sbpeligibilityforfamilies.docx> or <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/travel-school.aspx> on the Education Department Website.

## VCE IMPORTANT DATES

### YEAR 11

#### June Exam Period

Friday 7th June - Wednesday 13th June

#### November Exam Period

Thursday 14th November - Tuesday



19th November

**Year 11 Formal** - Wednesday 20th

November

#### Year 12 Commencement Program -

Friday 22nd November - Tuesday 26th November

**Oberon Awards Day** - Tuesday 17th December

### Year 12

**GAT (General Achievement Test)** - Wednesday 12th June

**Last day of Year 12 Classes** - Monday 21st October

**Year 12 Celebration Assembly** - Tuesday 22nd October

#### Year 12 End of Year Written Exams

Wednesday 30th October - Wednesday 20th November

**Valedictory Dinner** - Monday 25th November

Could parents of students in Year 11 & 12 please mark these dates in your calendar:

**A NEW WAY TO PLAY!**

Escape the ordinary these **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!**

Ages 8+

**9am - 12:30pm**  
**1pm - 4:30pm**

**\$45**

**WHEN: 11TH & 12TH APRIL**

**WHERE: HANDBURY CENTRE @ GEELONG GRAMMAR**

**BOOKINGS: 0655 173 178**

[help@fowlplaygameevents.com.au](mailto:help@fowlplaygameevents.com.au)





## BELMONT LIONS SPORTS CLUB - JUNIOR FOOTBALL INFORMATION 2019

### All New Boys and Girls most Welcome!

#### AUSKICK

Commences Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Winter Reserve Kidman Avenue Belmont 5 pm.  
To Register Go To NAB Auskick website Go to Belmont Lions and Register and pay on line.  
\$70 of your fee will be refunded to each parent by the Club. Boys and Girls Welcome.

#### UNDER 9, 11, 13 FOOTBALL

Training commences on Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> and continues every Tuesday and Thursday 4.30pm till 5.30pm. At Winter Reserve Oval 2 Belmont Kidman Avenue Belmont. Boys and Girls Welcome.

#### UNDER 15, 17, 19 FOOTBALL

Training is on Tuesdays and Thursday 5pm at Winter Reserve Belmont Kidman Avenue Belmont

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

All Junior Membership fees are \$100 which includes a pair of playing Sox.

**Brian Coughlan - Junior Coordinator**  
Belmont Lions Sports Club



### GROVDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

#### YOUTH SPACE

Regular drop in activities of X-Box, Table Tennis, Art Activities, Sports, Wii, Free Food

All Welcome!

Thursdays 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm (during School Terms)

Ages 12 - 25

Contact Jarrod: 0419 504 329

Commencing 7th February

### VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

A reminder that Parents/Guardians and other visitors must report to the General Office when they enter the school grounds for a meeting, to pick up your child from Sick Bay, for an appointment or for any other reason.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

## ONLINE SAFETY FOR PARENTS

from facebook

Join a discussion about how to support young people to have a positive and safe experience online. Hosted by Facebook Australia in partnership with the Geelong Cats, this event will equip parents with the knowledge, tools and resources to understand and navigate cybersafety. The event will feature a series of leading and local experts in online safety:

Mia Garlick - Director of Policy, Facebook Australia  
Sheldan Alexander - headspace Geelong  
Keith Gregory - Cyber Cats Geelong Cats

Fiona Taylor - Principal  
Western Heights Secondary College  
Dr. Bianca Klettke - Deakin University

Tuesday 26 March 2019  
6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Facebook hub at Geelong Performing Arts Centre  
50 Little Malop Street, Geelong  
Light meal and refreshments provided.

RSVP

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT  
[FBCOMMUNITYBOOST.COM.AU](http://FBCOMMUNITYBOOST.COM.AU)

**facebook COMMUNITY BOOST**  
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SOUTH WEST VICTORIA  
25-28 MARCH

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- specialist subjects
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**Contact**  
Amanda Vernon  
your local Saver Plus Coordinator

**Phone**  
03 5278 8122

**Email**  
[avemon@bethany.org.au](mailto:avemon@bethany.org.au)

**Web**  
[www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au)

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