

## MAY

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| <b>Wed 1st</b>               | VC33E Excursion to Top Designs<br>AR11C & AR33A Excursion to Top Arts and NGV<br>Intermediate Girls and Boys Football |
| <b>Thurs 2nd</b>             | <b>STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - STUDENT FREE DAY</b>  |
| <b>Mon 6th</b>               | Barwon Division Athletics   |
| <b>Tues 7th</b>              | Year 12 Outdoor Education Mountain Bike Riding<br>Excursion   |
| <b>Wed 8th</b>               | School Council Meeting<br>Western Metropolitan Sport and Senior Tennis  |
| <b>Thurs 9th - Frid 10th</b> | Year 11 Outdoor Education Great Ocean Walk<br>Excursion   |
| <b>Mon 13th</b>              | Western Metropolitan Senior Sport and Intermediate<br>Tennis<br>Year 11 Geelong Careers Expo                          |

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| <b>Tues 14th - Frid 24th</b> | NAPLAN Testing Week   |
| <b>Thurs 16th</b>            | Yrs 9, 11 & 12 Drama and Yrs 9, 10 & 11 History Drama<br>Performance Incursion - "Scattered Lives"<br>Year 11 Biology Excursion to Biolab<br>Year 8 Sport<br>Year 7 Sport |
| <b>Tues 21st</b>             | Year 8 Sport  |
| <b>Thurs 23rd</b>            | Year 7 Sport<br>Australia's Biggest Morning Tea   |
| <b>Mon 27th</b>              | Geelong Cross Country   |
| <b>Thurs 30th</b>            | World's Greatest Shave  |

## JUNE

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| <b>Tues 4th</b>             | Junior Sport                                   |
| <b>Thurs 6th - Frid 7th</b> | Year 7 Groups: 7B & 7C Tech School Excursion   |
| <b>Frid 7th</b>             | Year 10s Excursion to the Gordon Campuses P4-6 |

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As this is the first Newsletter of Term two I would like to welcome all of the school community including any new students back to school. During week one of Term, the school was involved in a number of ANZAC day services and activities. On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April the school held its ANZAC day service, which was run by our school captains. Thanks to Mrs Michelle Nash for her presentation and speech at the school ANZAC service last Wednesday which provided a very personal insight into the affect that war has had on her family. Our school captains also represented the school in the Geelong Schools ANZAC school service at Johnston Park on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April and at the Torquay Dawn Service on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

### State Budget

An Election commitment was made the Andrews Labor Government that they would be funding the construction of the new school at Armstrong Creek in the 2019/2020 State Budget. This Budget was to be released on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, however has been postponed until the 27<sup>th</sup> May due to the upcoming Federal Election. We will need to wait a little longer for our committed funding and therefore the beginning of the construction of the school. I will keep you informed as this progresses.

### School Zone

As you may be aware the Find My School website has been launched. The website displays the current zones for Oberon High School, Belmont High School and Grovedale College and not the future zones.

I would like to assure you that enrolment options for 2020 are the same as 2019 and students will be able to either:

- enrol in Year 7 at Oberon High School and remain at the school when it relocates to the new Armstrong Creek site; or
- enrol in Year 7 at either Belmont High School or Grovedale College if that school will become their future zoned school when the new secondary school at Armstrong Creek opens.

Maps for future zones can be located at-

<https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/schools/Pages/ArmstrongCreekSecondaryCollege.aspx>

The find my school website will be updated at the commencement of 2020 to reflect the future zones for 2021

### Staffing

There will be a change to our Teaching staff as Mr Chris Sly will be absent from school for term two. He has been replaced by Mrs Caitlyn Parfett who has joined us from Copperfield College.

### Whole Staff PD Day

Staff undertook a Professional Learning Day on Thursday 2nd May. The focus of this day will be around staff development in implementing 'Numeracy and Literacy across the Curriculum', as well as further team approaches to unit development which will challenge and extend all students in their learning. Both of these areas are key focuses of the school and identified in our 2019 Annual Implementation Plan.

### My School Website

The My School website has gone live, meaning that anyone in the community is able to access data sets from schools for the 2018 school year. I have compared our results with schools from State, Catholic and Independent in the Geelong area. Our results especially for NAPLAN student gains in Reading and Numeracy, show that we are achieving much faster learning growth than most schools across Geelong and also Australia. This has been the trend for many years now and is a reflection of the hard work by our students and staff. These results can be accessed by logging onto the My School website. If you wish to discuss these results further to gain more of an understanding, feel free to contact me at school.

### Barwon Athletics

Good luck to all of the students who will be representing the school in the Barwon Athletics Carnival on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

### School Uniform

A reminder to parents that all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times. With the weather starting to be a lot colder in the morning it is important that students have an appropriate Oberon High School top to wear to keep them warm. Many parents and students have taken the opportunity to purchase puffer jackets which aren't supplied by our uniform supplier PSW. If you still wish to purchase a puffer jacket, the order needs to be placed with the general office.

### Student Attitude to School Surveys

The school will be conducting the Annual 'Attitudes to School Survey' with students from Years 7 to 12 students which is overseen by the Department of Education Training (DET). The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the 'Attitudes to School survey' will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### NAPLAN Testing

Our students will be undertaking an online version of this testing in 2019, which was first trialled in 2018. Fifty percent of the Schools in the State will now be completing online NAPLAN with fifty percent still undertaking the paper version. All schools will move to the online NAPLAN testing for the 2020 school year.

As our students are undertaking the online testing, our students must complete their testing between the 14<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May. A reminder that it is only students in Year 7 & 9 who participate in the NAPLAN testing.

As parents it is important to remember that NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern.

**Tim McMahon**



# LEST WE FORGET



Our School Captains represented Oberon High School at the Geelong Schools ANZAC School Service at Johnston Park on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April and at the Torquay Dawn Service on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April.



## NAPLAN ONLINE (YEAR 7 AND 9 STUDENTS): TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY

### What does NAPLAN assess and why is the test moving to an online format?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. If your child is in Year 7 or 9 this year, they will be participating in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development over time.

This year, between 14 and 24 May, our school will be doing NAPLAN Online. All schools are moving to NAPLAN Online by 2020 as the online assessment provides more accurate information about what students know and can do. Feedback from schools that have undertaken the NAPLAN assessment online was that students generally find the online assessment engaging.

### ICT skills are part of the school curriculum

Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computers skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format.

### Key features of a tailored test

One of the main features of NAPLAN Online is that it is a tailored (or adaptive) test.

The NAPLAN Online tests adapt to student responses, presenting questions that may be easier or more difficult, to better assess the student's ability.

Students should not be concerned if they think that the questions are more difficult than expected – this may simply mean that they are taking a more challenging but more appropriate pathway.

This 'tailored testing' approach means that a wider range of student abilities can be tested (compared with the paper approach, where all students answer exactly the same questions).

For more information about the move online, visit [nap.edu.au/online-assessment](http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment)

**TODAY'S LESSON:**

**KEEPING NAPLAN IN PERSPECTIVE**

- 1) NAPLAN is about making sure your child is on track in the important areas of literacy and numeracy.
 

Good literacy and numeracy levels are fundamental to a child's learning and development. If children are not going as well as they should in these areas, then parents and teachers need to be aware of this as soon as possible.
- 2) NAPLAN helps you see your child's growth and achievements
 

Not only does NAPLAN provide data on your child's achievements in literacy and numeracy, but if they continue with NAPLAN at each opportunity, you can see their growth across a seven-year schooling period.
- 3) NAPLAN isn't high stakes testing and it amounts to less than 16 hours over 7 years of schooling.
 

Parents and teachers should place NAPLAN into context and reassure children about its purpose – to identify, as early as possible, a child's strengths and areas for development to make sure they are progressing in literacy and numeracy.



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## LANGUAGES NEWS

### POSTCARD 2 - AUS DEUTSCHLAND – April 25<sup>th</sup> 2019

We have been in Germany for nearly 4 weeks now. The German “Spring holidays” don’t finish until Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. We have spent Easter with our host families and many of us have travelled to exotic places like France, Portugal, Austria and Bavaria. Some students went hiking along the “Jakobsweg”, a pilgrim path from Germany through Luxemburg and France.

Before the holidays we were at school and helped out in English classes. One class tried vegemite! We also made posters about Australia for the “Australian evening” on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The group visited Frankfurt where we had a tour of the “Goethe” House, climbed the Main Tower and did some shopping.

During the holidays, Frau Ray met up with Anna in Marburg. The weather has been amazing since the start of Easter. Each day has been rather hot and sunny - +26C!

We’re all off to Berlin on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April for a 4 day school trip! Stay tuned for our final postcard.



## STUDENT FREE DAYS 2019

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

- **Friday 14th June** - Report Writing Day
- **Monday 12th August** - Staff Professional Development Day

Please mark these dates in your diary.



## 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:



## 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).

Jackets that were ordered and paid for at the end of last Term should arrive at school shortly and will be distributed to students.

Orders will still be taken during Term 2. The cost of the jacket is \$75 and **must be paid for before an order can be submitted.**

## SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

### A message from the Spine Society of Australia.

It is recommended that all girls in Year 7 participate in the National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis by downloading the Self-Detection Fact Sheet. The Fact Sheet can be accessed directly from the Scoliosis Australia home page at [www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org) and provides information on how to self-assess for scoliosis.

# 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

We're visiting  
**MELBOURNE!**

- ✓ 8 MAY
- 🕒 7PM
- 📍 GREYTHORN COMMUNITY CENTRE BALWYN NORTH

**KEEN TO DISCOVER THE WORLD?**  
Find out more about your student exchange options at WEP's free info session!

[info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au) 1300 884 733 [WEP.ORG.AU](http://WEP.ORG.AU)



### 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.

## CITY OF GREATER GEELONG PARENTING PROGRAMS

### Tuning into Teens

A **6-week** program that provides parents with a greater understanding of their teen's emotional experiences while teaching specific skills that can assist in being supportive, empathic and staying connected with the young person.

**Commencing:** Tuesday 14 May  
**Time:** 1.00pm - 3.00pm  
**Location:** BCYF Headspace  
 105 Yarra St  
 Geelong

**Commencing:** Wednesday 15 May  
**Time:** 4.45pm - 6.45pm  
**Location:** Lara Secondary College  
 34 Alkara Ave  
 Lara

**Contact:** Barwon Child Youth and Family - Mandy Caruthers  
**Telephone:** 522 26911  
**Cost:** FREE

For further information ph: 52 724741



# FIND YOUR TRIBE! AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

You're the expert in you, so at genU it's all about giving you the services and supports that's right for, well, you!



## ADVENTURE

If you're up for something fun and active, jump, ride or dive into genU Adventure! Our after-school options include canoeing, bike riding and more!

## ART

Build your skills in our after-school programs where we offer drawing, painting, ceramics, cartooning, paste-ups and more. Exhibit your work! If you're a beginner or want to develop the art you already do - genU has a spot for every artist!

## GAMER

Choose your mode: pick up the sword or spell book and join your fellow adventurers at the role-playing game table or grab a controller and assemble your team in the video game zone!

### THE NITTY GRITTY

- Groups: 12-14 year olds and 15-17 year olds
- Programs start from 4.00pm weekdays during the school term
- Flexible locations, come to us or maybe, we can come to you?!
- Want to try something not listed here?  
Let us know and we will see what genU can do!
- Contact genU for pricing and eligibility

**PHONE US**  
1300 558 368

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Support breast cancer research  
**Make Mother's Day mean more.**

**SUNDAY 12 MAY 2019**

Let's make Mother's Day mean more and help the 50 women diagnosed with breast cancer every day in Australia.  
 Donate, fundraise, walk, run or volunteer in the 2019 Mother's Day Classic.

### GEELONG MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC

**LOCATION:** Eastern Beach Reserve, Waterfront Geelong **TIME:** 7.3km starts 7:50am; 3.9km starts 9:00am  
**DISTANCE(S):** 7.3km or 3.9km Walk/Run events **CONTACT:** administration@mothersdayclassic.com.au  
 \* On Day Registrations open at 6:30am

Register today - events held nationally: [mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://mothersdayclassic.com.au)

Organised by: **WOMEN IN SUPER** Major sponsor: **me** Gold partners: **AIA Vitality**, **Amcal+**, **HESTA**, **LINK GROUP**

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Venue partners: **CITY OF MELBOURNE**, **City of Perth**, **PARRAMATTA PARK**, **THE DOMAIN**

## STUDENT ABSENCES

A reminder to all Parents/Guardians of the importance of phoning in absences early on the day of your child's absence. For your convenience you can leave a message on our absence number 0439 326 767.

Our SMS system will send a message out each day after 12 pm to those parents whose child is absent from a class without notification. Parents can text or phone the absence number on 0439 326 767 and state the date, student's full name and reason for absence.

### LATE PASSES

If your child arrives late to school they must first report to the Assistant Principal's Office with a note signed by a Parent or Guardian or they can state that a parent has phoned the school.

### EARLY LEAVE PASSES

If your child needs to leave school for an appointment during the day they **must** report to the General Office with a note signed by a Parent or Guardian. If no note is provided the Office Staff will check if a parent has phoned the school. For your convenience you can leave a message on our absence line 0439 326 767. Alternatively if you prefer you can phone the school number 5243 4444 to advise that your child needs to leave school early. To assist Office staff please phone as early as possible on the day, to allow plenty of time to pass the message on to your son or daughter.

Thank you for your assistance

## IMMUNISATIONS - YEAR 10

### YEAR 10

Immunisations will be held at School on **Thursday 25th July, 2019**

#### Year 10 students:

- Meningococcal ACWY

Consent forms have been distributed and should have been returned to school even if your child does not require the immunisation.

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).



## No Interest Loan Scheme



Loan amounts are up to **\$1,500 for essential goods**

- ✓ Household items such as furniture, fridges, washing machines, stoves, dryers, freezers and heaters
- ✓ Medical and dental services
- ✓ Educational essentials such as laptops, tablets and text books
- ✓ Car repairs, tyres and registration

**NO FEES**  
**NO INTEREST**  
**NO CHARGES**

Contact

**Uniting**

Barwon  
03 42101108

[barwon.nils@vt.uniting.org](mailto:barwon.nils@vt.uniting.org)

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## SAVER PLUS

\$500 towards you or your children's education



Join Saver Plus. Free financial education and your savings matched dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

[saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)  
1300 610 355



Saver Plus is a free financial education program that matches your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

#### What can the \$500 be used for?

- laptops & tablets
- lessons & activities
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- vocational education
- camps & excursions

#### Can I join?

- To join Saver Plus, you must meet all of the below criteria:
- Be 18 years or over
  - Have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself
  - Have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner)
  - Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
  - Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*

#### To find out more:

Enquire online at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)  
Email [saverplus@bsl.org.au](mailto:saverplus@bsl.org.au)  
Call or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355

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## 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

## DANGER - OBERON HIGH SCHOOL - CAR PARK

The staff car park is **NOT** a drop off zone and we continue to experience frequent near misses as parents manoeuvre in the tight central space of the car park. This is a very busy space and the unpredictable behaviour of students makes traffic in this area dangerous. Please **do not** drive into the staff car park unless you are dropping off a student with limited mobility.

Could parents please use the designated drop-off zones which are along Kidman Avenue rather than surrounding streets to avoid congestion of local traffic. Also please be aware that Pickett Crescent has No Parking signs during drop off and pick up times.

Could parents also please remind your sons and daughters to take care when walking or riding to school, particularly when entering through the staff car park. Please also remind your children of the danger of listening to music on headphones whilst crossing roads.

## SICK BAY - AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

If your son or daughter becomes unwell at school they need to ask for permission from their teacher to come straight to the Office to be signed into Sick Bay. If the student is too unwell to remain at school a staff member in the office will then telephone a parent. **For safety reasons it is important for students not to telephone their parents themselves.** Please remind your son or daughter that Sick Bay is a place for sick students to rest before being picked up by a parent or to rest for 15 minutes before returning to class. It is not a place for extended stays. It is vitally important for parents to provide up to date contact numbers and emergency numbers in case of illness or emergency.



Please remember that if your child is sick the best place for them to recover is at home.