

SEPTEMBER

Sat 7th	Yr 12 VCD folio workshop
Sun 8th	Yr 12 VCD folio workshop
Sun 8/9 - 20/9	Yr 10 Indonesian trip Vic Young Leaders to Indonesia until 19/10
Mon 9th-13th	Yr 9 River Rafting Leadership Camp
Wed 11th	Yr 9 Just Think Program- Kardinia Park School Council meeting 6.30pm
Thurs 12th	Yr 12 VCD Folios Due
Frid 13th	Yr 12 Chem.- Ecolinc RUOK? Day
Mon 16th	Yr 12 VCAL Jamie Oliver Workshop Yr 12 VCAL PDS - Geelong Botanical Gardens

Tues 17th	Yr 9 Mock Interviews in Library
Thurs 19th	Yr 9 Big Day Out Western Region Athletics
Frid 20th	Yr 12 VCAL Jamie Oliver Workshop
Frid 20th	Last day of Term 3- 2.30pm finish
OCTOBER	
Mon 7th	First day of Term 4
Tues 8th	Yr 10 Media Live Action film workshop
Wed 9th	Yr 12 German oral exam
Thurs 10th	Yr 12 Indonesian oral exam
Thurs 10th	Parent Teacher interviews- STUDENT FREE DAY
Frid 11th	Yr 12 VCAL last day of classes
Mon 14th	Yr 8 Zoo excursion

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Armstrong Creek Update

Work continues to progress as expected at the Armstrong Creek site. Kane Construction is in the process of preparing for the pouring of the concrete slabs on the two largest buildings, these being the PAPE (Performing Arts, Physical Education) and DATS (Design, Arts, Technology and Science). The preliminary ground works for the other buildings continues as well as drainage groundworks for the remainder of the site.

The second of our Oberon High School Relocation committee meetings took place on Tuesday 3rd September. The committee continue to work towards putting in place plans to achieve the various milestones that have been identified.

We have included on the committee representatives from Public Transport Victoria, the Department of Education School Bussing Unit and the City of Greater Geelong to discuss and plan for issues that are being identified.

As previously mentioned in the letter sent home this week to the school community, the Minister of Education has confirmed that Oberon High School will retain its name when we relocate to Armstrong Creek for the beginning of the 2021 school year.

School Dental Health Van

The school has been informed that we will be part of the initial roll out of the State Government initiative that will be providing Dental Health checks for students.

The program will provide free annual check-ups and treatment including teeth cleaning, fluoride applications, fillings and any other non-cosmetic, follow-up treatments to make sure our students have healthy teeth.

I will provide more information to the school community as I receive this.

School Mental Health Support Initiative

I have been informed that the school will be receiving funding to employ a further 0.5 Mental Health Support worker with the intention to work alongside our current Wellbeing Team to provide further support for the Oberon High School students. This funding is part of the Victorian State Government's Mental Health Practitioners (MHP) initiative and will begin in Term 4.

Years 7 & 8 Student Led Conferences

Thank you to all the parents that attended the Digital Portfolio Student Led Conferences. From the reports I received, there was wonderful engagement between all the parents and their children. The students had worked hard to showcase all their work into one presentation. A special thank you to Ms Barnett for her hard work around the organisation of the conferences. These conferences are not designed to replace the Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences that are held in Terms 2 and 4.

Mittagundi Leadership Camp

Last week saw twenty of our Year 10 students attend a leadership camp at Mittagundi Outdoor Education centre. Thanks to Mr Burgess & Miss Cole for giving up their week so the camp could be such a success.

2019 Indonesia Language Tour

This weekend sees us farewell ten students and two staff on the twelve day Indonesian language study tour. Students will travel to Yogyakarta where they will need to apply their language skills to navigate their way around, transport, restaurants, markets and much more. We look forward to hearing about their travels on their return.

DET – Student Leadership

On Sunday 8th September five students will fly out to Yogyakarta in Indonesia as part of the DET and Victorian State Governments 'Victorian Young Leaders to Indonesia Program'. The group will return on the 20th October. This is the first time that this experience has been offered to students to travel to Indonesia. We will have one staff member Mr Barnes accompanying the group.

2019 NAPLAN Results

The 2019 NAPLAN results have been released to school this week. We are currently analysing our results in more detail however, in summary the learning growth that our students have achieved (on average) from their Year 7 to Year 9 results is markedly higher than what is being achieved by other schools across the state. This is pleasing given that a goal we set as part of our Annual Improvement Plan is to improve all students, no matter what their ability level, at a faster rate than the state average.

I, as many of you would have heard in the media, that the results at the Year 9 level in 2019 were lower than previous years in Victoria. The analysis of our results across all of the literacy and numeracy testing domains doesn't reflect that trend. We have sent home the NAPLAN results with students today, if you haven't received these contact the school and we will provide you with a copy.

Year 12 Student Scholarships

A range of scholarships are being offered and promoted by the Department of Education for Year 12 students finishing school at the end of 2019 and taking up further study in 2020. Interested students and parents can access information about these scholarships, including specific criteria, through the link below. Applications are now open and will close on the **31st January, 2020**.

<https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/list.aspx?YearID=13>

School For Student Leadership 2020 – China

We have been informed that the school has been allocated six places for Year 9 students 2020 to attend the DET School for Student Leadership. Our students have been allocated Term 4.

As part of this placement, three boys and three girls will be involved in an international expedition of six weeks in China, based at Utahloy International School as part of the Victorian Young Leaders to China Program. We expect there will be significant interest from our current Year 8 students to be allocated a place, consequently we will hold an information session, outlining the trip and selection process during Term 4.

This will be the second time we are able to offer this opportunity to our students, with six of our year students heading to China in Term 4 this year.

Intentions for 2020

If students are not returning to Oberon High School in 2020, can families please contact the school and speak with one of the Assistant Principals to confirm this.

We are in the process of planning classes and staffing for the 2020 school year and movements of students can significantly affect this planning.

End of Term 3

The last day of term is **Friday 20th September**. We will be finishing at **2.30pm**. All buses have been notified of the early finish.

Tim McMahon

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BOOKS & UNIFORMS FOR 2020

Uniting Barwon has access to limited funds to provide assistance for families who may need extra support with the financial cost of books (including the cost of the *digital books subscription to Education Perfect*) and uniforms for 2020. Families need to have a current Health Care Card to be eligible for support. As part of the process **Uniting Barwon** require a family member to attend an interview to help determine the needs and support that the family require.

Unfortunately the funds do not enable them to assist all families with a Centrelink benefit card, thus it is important to get in early. Please contact **Uniting Barwon** between 9.00am and 12.00pm on **42 101 100**, from October 14th to arrange an interview as soon as possible. Interviews will be conducted **from October 29th** and then on every Tuesday and Thursday until the **end of November 2019**.

If you have further questions or queries regarding this process, please feel free to contact myself at Oberon High School on 52 43 4444.

Sam Mackenzie

VCE IMPORTANT DATES

YEAR 11

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

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



LANGUAGE NEWS

Year 10 Students off to Indonesia!

On Sunday, ten Year 10 Indonesian students will take off to Yogyakarta, Central Java, for the Year 10 Indonesian Trip with Bu Maher and Bu Tyson-Whittaker. Over the next 2 weeks they will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in cultural activities like self defence, batik, dancing, catching local transport and sampling great local food. We look forward to them using their Indonesian language in the market places and streets as they meet up with our Sister School, SMA Muhammadiyah 1 and engage with the locals in Yogya. Look forward to hearing about our adventures when we return!

Selamat jalan!

HALF TIME	TENGAH WAKTU	はんじかん	han jikan	eine halbe Stunde
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2.30	Jam setengah tiga	二じはん	ni ji han	halb drei
3.30	Jam setengah empat	三じはん	san ji han	halb vier
4.30	Jam setengah lima	四じはん	yo ji han	halb fünf
5.30	Jam setengah enam	五じはん	go ji han	halb sechs
6.30	Jam setengah tujuh	六じはん	roku ji han	halb sieben
7.30	Jam setengah delapan	七じはん	shichi ji han	halb acht
8.30	Jam setengah sembilan	八じはん	hachi ji han	halb neun
9.30	Jam setengah sepuluh	九じはん	ku ji han	halb zehn
10.30	Jam setengah sebelas	十じはん	juu ji han	halb elf
11.30	Jam setengah dua belas	十一じはん	juuich ji han	halb zwölf
12.30	Jam setengah satu	十二じはん	juuni ji han	halb eins

OBERON WINS GEELONG SECTION OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oberon placed first out of 20 schools in the Geelong Region in the 2019 Education Perfect Languages World Championships.

Students learning German and Indonesian amassed an amazing total of 120,503 points to keep second placed school Kardinia International College at bay on 80,539.



Our top students were:

- 1st - Lily Frampton of Year 8 on a massive 5,464 points
- 2nd - Harry Watson on 4,232 points
- 3rd - Riley Jordan on 3,098 points

Congratulations to all students who competed! It was an awesome effort! Further results will be published in the next newsletter.



ENTERPRISE GERMAN Goethe Institute Project - Year 10 German

The second group of students visited Weiser's bakery in Geelong West last week to interview the owner and come up with a new "Business Idea" for the bakery and café.

The master baker and owner Herr Halle treated us to some pastries and hot chocolate!

CYBER SAFETY REPORT

Snap Maps and Ghost Mode:

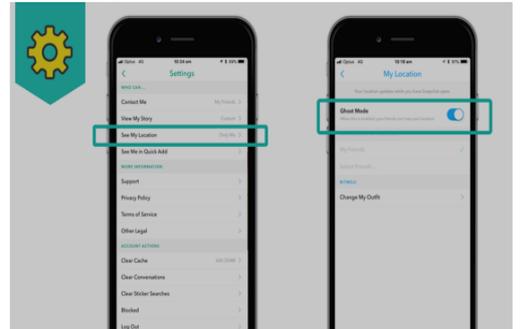
There is a trend amongst young people to openly share their location. Snapchat being one of the most popular platforms features such as Snap Maps publishes your exact location on a map every time you actively use the app. To avoid sharing your location Ghost Mode (found in settings) will need to be turned on hiding your location from your "friends".



SNAPCHAT

How to turn on Ghost Mode:

1. Open the Snapchat camera screen.
2. Use your finger to SWIPE down, this will open Snap Maps.
3. In the top right hand corner select the Settings Wheel (with the ghost on it).
4. Set your preference for 'Who Can See Me' and set this to Only Me (Ghost Mode). This will switch on the Ghost Mode setting.



Whilst in settings, you might want to also review what personal information has been provided, who you allow to contact you and customising the notifications feature.

TEACHERS LEARNING, SHARING & COLLABORATING

On Monday August 12 the staff at Oberon High School had a day to engage in professional learning. The focus of the day was "Fostering a Culture of Feedback".

The day was designed to allow staff to learn from each other by seeing and sharing best practice. Work-shops run by staff members focussed on student to teacher feedback, students giving feedback to each other and staff tracking progress and growth of students with greater accuracy. These sessions were expertly planned and delivered by Oberon teachers with all staff members taking part in the work-shops.



Staff spent a large portion of the day working in teams to plan ways of implementing the strategies that they had engaged with earlier in the day.

Principal Tim McMahon led the final session of the day where staff explored the elements of the "Oberon Way" and considered ways of fostering and maintaining the great culture of the school as we look towards relocating in 2021.

It was a fantastic day with all staff members working extremely hard to ensure the continued growth of Oberon students.

Josh McDonald



TRACK & FIELD ATHLETICS

Athletics Chilwell is currently welcoming new members/athletes to join the club for the upcoming 2019/2020 track and field season.

Competition is held on Saturday afternoons at Landy Field, commencing on Saturday 5th October 2019 until February 2020

Senior athletes aged from under 14 to Veterans are welcome to participate.

Coaching is available in all disciplines, eg. Sprints, middle/long distance running, throws and jumps.

For further information, please contact **Mary McDonald** on 5229 3920 or email: athletics.chilwell@gmail.com

ABSENCE LINE PHONE NUMBER

Call **5215 9733** to report an absence for your child.

Please state your student's name and reason for their absence and the date or dates that they will be absent.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

An important reminder that Parents/Guardians and other visitors to Oberon High School 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. Please enter via the Reception sign. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY

YEAR 12

Wednesday 9th October
 Thursday 10th October
 Thursday 10th October
 Friday 18th October
 Monday 21st October
 Tuesday 22nd October
 Friday 25th October
 Wednesday 30th October – Wednesday 20th November

Monday 25th November
 Friday 13th December

Year 12 German Oral Exam 9.00am-1.00pm
 Year 12 Indonesian Oral Exam 9.00am-10.00am
 Year 12 Practice English Exam - Library **COMPULSORY** - 9.00am-12.15am
 Japanese Oral Exam 1.00pm– 4.00pm
 Last day of Year 12 Classes
 Year 12 Celebration Day and Final Assembly
 Final day for Year 12 work requirement submissions
 Year 12 Exams - Students will be given their individual timetables

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner – 6.30 pm - 11.00 pm - The Pier
 Year 12 Results

YEAR 11

Wednesday 13th November
 Thursday 14th November - Tuesday 19th November
 Wednesday 20th November
 Friday 22nd November – Tuesday 26th November

Last day of Year 11 classes
 Year 11 Exams
 Year 11 Formal – Geelong Football Club
 Year 11 into 12 VCE 2020 Commencement Program at Oberon (**Program compulsory for all 2019 Year 11 students**) **Tuesday 26th November is the last day at school for Year 11 students.**

YEAR 10

Friday 29th November
 Monday 2nd December
 Tuesday 3rd – Thursday 5th December

Last day of Year 10 classes
 Year 10 Exams
 Year 10 into 11 VCE 2020 Commencement Program at Oberon (**Program compulsory for all 2019 Year 10 students**). **Thursday 5th December is the last day at school for Year 10 students.**

YEAR 6, 7, 8 & 9

Wednesday 16th October
 Tuesday 26th November
 Tuesday 10th– Wednesday 11th December
 Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Monday 16th December

Year 7, 2020 - Parent Information Night-6.00pm-7.30pm School Auditorium
 Year 7 Immunisations (**current Year 7 students**)
Year 7 2020 Orientation Program 9.00am in the Library
 End of Year Activities for Years 7 - 9 - details will be distributed to students

ALL YEAR LEVELS

Thursday 10th October
Wednesday 23rd October
 Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December
 Thursday 19th December
 Thursday 19th December

Friday 20th December

STUDENT FREE DAY– Parent Teacher Interviews 12.00pm– 7.30pm
GEELONG CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
 Oberon Awards Day - Costa Hall 11.00 a.m. **All students are expected to attend**
 School Picnic - 9.00am-3.25pm
 Staff Professional Learning Program
 Parent/Teacher Interviews as required by appointment

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM- Program provided for those students in attendance

COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR EARLY 2020

Friday 24th January
 Monday 27th January
 Tuesday 28th January
 Wednesday 29th January
 Thursday 30th January

 Monday 10th February
 Wednesday 5th– Friday 7th February
 Friday 6 March

School Office Open
 School Office Open
 Teachers return to school
 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 - Alexandra Adventure Camp
 Oberon Athletics Carnival

2019 VCE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

The 2019 VCE Examination Timetable is available on the VCAA website at
<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/Key-dates/Pages/VCE-exam-timetable.aspx>



Ford Driving Skills for Life Hands-on Courses

Ford Driving Skills for Life (DSFL) free hands-on driving clinics help newly licensed drivers (those with a learner, provisional, or full license) improve their skills in four key areas that are critical factors in more than 60 per cent of vehicle crashes, including:

Hazard Recognition, Vehicle Handling, Speed and Space

Management. There also is a comprehensive section on Distracted and Impaired Driving.

This half-day course is intended for newly licensed drivers to practice these skills in a controlled environment, with guidance by professional instructors from Driving Solutions. This clinic is the next step beyond standard driver education and a valuable next step in the learning process.

In order to attend a Ford DSFL hands-on clinic, participants must provide full name, age, email address, phone number and details of their Learner License (with at least 40 hours in logbook), Provisional Driver License or Driver License. The program is free and Ford vehicles will be provided to use during the event. Participants will be selected on a first in first served basis. Selection of attendees is final and negotiation will not be entered into. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to attend the clinic and learn alongside participants. There will also be an informative safety session for parents and guardians.

Young drivers can now sign up to the Geelong and Melbourne events at the Ford website here: <https://www.forddsfl.com.au/>



HIGHTON CRICKET CLUB

Based at McDonald Reserve (Reynolds Rd)

Junior cricket starts October

Seeking players for under-11, 13, 15 and 17 teams.

Also offering the Master Blasters program (7-10 year olds)

Registration info night: McDonald Reserve clubrooms

Friday, September 6, 4.30-6pm.

For more information, visit highton.cricket or email

greg.dundas@news.com.au

#GOALS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

- 3 x \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JULY, AUGUST, SEPT SEMESTER AND YEAR EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE USA, FRANCE, ITALY AND HAWAII
- APPLICANTS MUST CURRENTLY BE IN YEARS 9-11
- CREATE A VIDEO ANSWERING THE SCHOLARSHIP QUESTION AVAILABLE AT WEP.ORG.AU
- DEADLINE OCTOBER 15, 2019

WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS!

WEP.ORG.AU

SMS 'EXCHANGE' TO 0428 246 633

WEP AUSTRALIA

GRAND LAUNCH

Thursday October 17th
Special Guest MC Nicky Buckley

Be inspired by two amazing stories from two very strong women.



Jules Allen (Guest Speaker) Lynda Mori (Guest Speaker) Nicky Buckley (Event MC)

Date: Thursday October 17th | Time: 6pm to 9pm
Cost: \$65 "Early Bird Price" available until 30th Sept.
Where: The Pier Geelong - Cunningham Pier
Includes: Arrival drink and canapés served throughout the night.
Tickets \$75 from 1st October



Please visit our website: www.empowermentchallenge.org.au to purchase your ticket.

Baycats Charter Baseball PRE-SEASON CLINIC & COME AND TRY NIGHT

★ For all new and returning players ★

Wednesday 11 Sept
5:00 to 6:30 pm

Under the lights at
Geelong Baseball Centre, Diamond 1
Pioneer Road, Grovedale

- Fun skills games for kids new and experienced
- Boys and girls age 5 to 14
- \$1 hot dogs / \$1 drinks



MORE INFORMATION

Season starts Wed 9 Oct 2019

Games every Wednesday @ Geelong Baseball Centre

CONTACT: Donna Northfield
E: dmnorthfield@aanel.com.au
P: 0419 342 447

Junior registered Baycats players receive FREE membership for all 20 Geelong-Korea home games.



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AUTHOR ENCOUNTER



REBEKAH ROBERTSON - ABOUT A GIRL

In 2000, Rebekah Robertson gave birth to twin boys, George and Harry. By age three it was clear George was drawn to anything that was pretty or had a skirt that could swirl.

Rebekah and her husband united in their determination to help her live freely and fearlessly. This is Rebekah's extraordinary personal story of raising her transgender child, Georgie Stone, who has become a voice not just for other transgender kids, but for an emerging generation.

This event is part of our Word for Word Festival Preview Week. Find out more at www.wordforwordfestival.com.au



Geelong Library & Heritage Centre
Thursday 12 September
8:30 - 7:30pm

GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARIES
www.grlc.vic.gov.au



All events are FREE unless otherwise specified. Bookings essential. Online www.grlc.vic.gov.au or in person at any branch, or phone 4201 0000.