

DECEMBER

Mon 12th-16th End of Year activities
Tues 17th Oberon Awards Day - Costa Hall 11am-1pm
Wed 18th School Picnic
Frid 20th End of Term 4

COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR EARLY 2020

JANUARY

Frid 24th School Office Open
Mon 27th Australia Day holiday- school closed
Tues 28th Teachers return
Wed 29th Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 commence school

Thurs 30th Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 commence school

FEBRUARY

Wed 5th - Frid 7th Year 7 Camp - Alexandra Adventure Resort
Mon 10th School Swimming Sports - Kardinia Pool
Wed 12th School Photos
Thurs 13th Year 7 Parent BBQ - 6 pm - 7 pm
Mon 24th Year 7 Cyber Safety Presentation
Year 11 Elevate Presentation
Thurs 27th School Athletics Carnival - Landy Field

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition

It was great to have the 194 Grade 6 students who will be joining us in 2020 as Year 7s at the school on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th as part of the transition program. Thank you to Ms Renae Barnett and Ms Anna Shaw 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.

VEX Robotics

Six students from Year 7 accompanied by Mr Seven Vinton, participated in the National finals of the VEX Robotics competition in Adelaide from Friday 6th – Sunday 8th December. A terrific effort by both the boys team comprising of Oliver Van Elst, Riley Jordan, William Bird (who unfortunately has to miss the finals due to a family holiday), and the girls team comprising of Chaise Mayson, Ava Lane and Harper Gray.

Young Leaders to China

Our six Year 9 students in the Victorian Young Leaders to China Program return home to Australia on Saturday 14th December after spending six weeks away. From all the correspondence we have received the students have had a great learning experience as they have immersed themselves into the Chinese culture and reflected on and developed their leadership skills.

School Kilt

We have been in ongoing discussions during the year with our school supplier PSW in regards to the new school kilt, after we identified some beading issues with the fabric. PSW has found some fault in the fabric supplied, as a consequence if your daughter has a kilt where pilling of the fabric has been an issue, return the kilt to PSW and they will be providing a replacement free of cost.

Awards Day

I encourage all members of the school community to make the effort to attend the Awards Day at Costa Hall on Tuesday 17th December, beginning at 11am. This event provides us with the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the students during the 2019 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.

VCE Results

Students received their VCE results on Thursday 12th December. Oberon High School students have once again achieved excellent results, which will result in the majority of our students accessing their first choice for further study at University or TAFE.

Armstrong Creek

I had the last site visit to the new school for 2019 on Thursday 12th December and am amazed at the pace with which the school construction is progressing. Steel frames are now erected on all of the buildings and roofs are to be installed on all buildings prior to the 20th December, when Kane Construction will begin their Christmas Holiday break.

The PAPE (Physical Education Performing Arts) building will be at lock up stage by the 20th December.

The footy oval at the eastern end of the site has been levelled with the plan to now start growing the field, allowing it to have a summer, autumn and spring to consolidate before we move out.

Reports

The end of semester reports will be available on the portal on Tuesday 17th December. I encourage

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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 11th 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

The school will once again be running an activities week program for students from Thursday 12th December till Wednesday 18th December (which is the school picnic) with the exception of Tuesday 17th December which is our awards day. Students will be supervised on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December if they are in attendance at school however no formal activities are offered. Details of this program have been distributed to students. Contact the school if you haven't received information around the activities week.

DET Scholarships for 2020

Students have the opportunity to apply for a range of DET Scholarships for the 2020 school year.

More than 140 scholarships, ranging in value from \$600 to \$30,000, are available to Year 12 students undertaking further study in 2020. 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 year levels are now open.

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

Intentions 2020

If you are aware that your son/daughter isn't returning to Oberon in 2020, can you inform the school. We are currently planning for 2020 and confirmation of students in all year levels is an important part of this process.

Return to School Dates 2020

Just to inform parents/guardians in advance that the 2020 school year will commence with a student staggered start as follows:

Friday 24th January - OFFICE OPEN

Tuesday, 28th January - Teachers return to school (Student Free Day)

Wednesday, 29th 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 30th January - First day for all other students.

As this is the last newsletter for the 2019 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 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 17th December at Costa Hall.**

LANGUAGE NEWS

Nikolaus Activity – Thursday 5th December

This event was held after school at the German Club in Norlane. 11 Oberon students attended and helped to make a large group of 50 students.

Highlights included traditional German craft activities and the arrival of Sankt Nikolaus and his helper Knecht Ruprecht!



German Trip 2020

Students and families will receive the matching list shortly, so that they will definitely know who their partner in Germany is.

Dates to keep free for next year are:

- Student Workshop 2 – Monday 10 February 2020 – 7pm school library
- Pre-departure meeting – Monday 2 March 2020 – 7pm school library

LANGUAGES CORNER

Here are the numbers from 1 to 10. These form the basis for larger numbers in each of the languages. Once you know the basics, learning the rest will be easy!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Indonesian	satu	dua	tiga	empat	lima	enam	tujuh	delapan	sembilan	sepuluh
German	eins	zwei	drei	vier	fünf	sechs	sieben	acht	neun	zehn

ATTENTION PARENTS
IF YOU HAVE BOOKS TO SELL THAT ARE NOT
ON OUR BOOK LISTS, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO
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GEELONG STORE
9 STAR STREET GEELONG
52 29 7766

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 Also open on Saturday 4th & 11th December 9 am -
 12 midday

If this store is unable to sell your books they can also donate them to a charity that assists overseas children in need.

OBERON HIGH SCHOOL SECONDHAND BOOK SALE

MONEY from sales of books and uniforms will be either:

- Credited to your child's school account or
- Credited to your nominated Bank Account

20% commission is charged on all sales.

End of Term 2, 2020 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.

A NOTICE TO PARENTS IN YEAR 12 2020

Parents of students in Year 12 (2020) please note that left over stock of the old Oberon High School uniforms (previously sold through Bellarine Uniforms) is currently available for purchase at discount prices in the Oberon Uniform Shop.

OBERON CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019



As part of their Compass Award program, 7C spent many weeks in Term 4 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 \$1 350. At a whole school assembly Mr Bruce Harwood, Councillor for City of Greater Geelong, very generously donated a further \$150 to make our grand total of \$1 500. This money was used to buy presents for those less fortunate at Christmas time.

We made our way to Kmart at Waurin Ponds shopping centre and carefully selected and purchased a range of gifts for girls and boys 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 7C should be very proud of their efforts in fundraising for such a worthy cause.

We would like to very much to thank:

- Sam Mackenzie who supported each of our fundraising activities over the Term and the Year 10 students who helped us on the casual dress\BBQ day and with wrapping the gifts.

- Ms Sabine Palmer (mother of Jeremy and Joshua) who sourced and donated many toys.
- The office staff for their generous and thoughtful contributions.
- Mr Ber (father of Lincoln) who donated hamburgers from Bers Butcher in Geelong West for the BBQ, sourced by Ms Kate Sargeant (mother of Claudia and Henrietta)

The support from all the 7C teachers was greatly appreciated as organising this event took much time. 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 merrier for many children in our local community.

Merry Christmas and many thanks, Carole Fisher & 7C.

To all the students in 7C there are not the words to say how proud I am of you and how kind and hardworking you were throughout this year. The looks of genuine care when we delivered the gifts and your understanding of others needs was very special.

Love to you all
Ms Fisher



NATIONAL VEX ROBOTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Year 7 students: Oliver Van Elst, Riley Jordan, William Bird (who unfortunately had to miss the finals due to a family holiday), Chaise Mayson, Ava Lane and Harper Gray who accompanied by STEM teacher Mr. Seven Vinton attended the National VEX Robotics Championships in Adelaide from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th December. Seven's report follows:

This year was the first year that Geelong teams have represented our State at the National VEX Robotics Finals. Our team along with Geelong Baptist College performed very well for their first year.

After the first day of competitions the kids were pretty tired, but they all did extremely well.

A lot of the schools who had entered had big teams and lots of equipment, so we were very much the underdogs; and even though many of the teams have had years of practise over us, we were still managing to beat a lot of those more experienced schools.

The competition was absolutely intense, and the events were set up in a way where the two teams on the field worked collaboratively to score the highest collective points.

At the end of the qualifying heats, the Oberon boys team (Heavy Loaders) were ranked 11th and the Oberon Girls team (Girls got Game) ranked 34th out of the 49 teams competing. After a few mishaps and mechanical errors the boys Oberon and Geelong Baptist College teams finished at equal 8th place in the country.

A very big thank you to our parent helpers Beth, Chris who have been a great help with the kids, and very good company. Thank you also to Chaise's parents Taryn and Dylan both helped throughout the day.

Although it is unfortunate that none of the Geelong teams qualified for the 'World Championships' in Kentucky USA next year, our team did extremely well and were successful in proving their strengths throughout these competitions.



The Oberon Boys team picked up two awards, one for 'Sportsmanship', and one for 'Community'. These two awards are given to the team that shows the highest regard for other teams and the judges, and to the team which shows the best community spirit in these games.

"It was great to see the Geelong teams do so well at their first VEX finals. I am so proud of my teams, and especially proud that my boys team picked up the only two awards given at this event for things that robots can't yet do: all of the 'human' skills – compassion, respect, enthusiasm, team spirit, and inspiration of others."

Seven Vinton

YEAR 7 & 10 2019 IMMUNISATIONS

ANY YEAR 7 OR YEAR 10 STUDENTS WHO HAVE MISSED THEIR IMMUNISATIONS AT SCHOOL CAN FOLLOW UP WITH BARWON HEALTH IMMUNISATION(see timetable below) OR THE GP. YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE OFFERED THEIR MISSED VACCINE AGAIN IN THE SCHOOL SETTING.

Immunisation Centre	Immunisation Hours
Belmont Community Health Centre 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 (Appointment only) 9 am - 12.30pm Open sessions (No appointment required) Wed and Friday afternoons 1.30pm - 4.45pm Saturday morning (Appointment only) 08.30am – 12.15pm
Corio Community Health Centre Barwon Health 2 Gellibrand St, Corio, 3214.	Every Wednesday 9.30am - 11.45am (No appointment required)
Newtown "Ariston" 245 Pakington St, Newtown, 3220.	1 st Friday of each month 9.30am -11.45am (No appointment required)
Ocean Grove -Boorai Centre (behind Aquatic Centre) 4-50 Shell Rd, Ocean Grove, 3226.	2 nd and 4 th Friday of each month 9.30am -11.45am (No appointment required)
Newcomb Library meeting room (upstairs) Corner Wilsons Rd & Bellarine Highway, Newcomb, 3219.	1st and 3 rd Friday of each month 9.30 – 11.45am (No appointment required)

REGISTER TODAY FOR JUNIOR FOOTBALL

SOUTH BARWON FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

2020 Details

Boys
Under 9's, 10's, 11's
13's, 15's, 17's, 19's
Girls
Under 10's, 12's
15's, 18's



Sign up at
www.southbarwonfnc.com
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Location

MCDONALD RESERVE
77-79 REYNOLDS RD
BELMONT
VIC 3216

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2020

The following days have been approved by the Oberon High School - School Council as student free for 2020:



- **Tuesday 28th January** - Designated for all schools
- **Monday 4th May** - Staff Professional Development Day
- **Friday 12th June** - Report Writing Day
- **Thursday 30th July** - Staff Professional Development Day

Please mark these dates in your diary.

HANGOUT WITH US THIS JANUARY

2nd - 24th January, 2020

OPENING HOURS:
7:30am - 6:00pm Monday to Friday



School Holidays @The Y

WATER GAMES • SPORT • GYMNASTICS • DRAWING • CRAFT • MELBOURNE ZOO • CAMP WYUNA • CIRCUS FUN • SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS • KARAOKE AND SO MUCH MORE...

REGISTRATION/BOOKINGS CLOSE: 6TH DECEMBER, 2019
for more info: www.geelong.ymca.org.au



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY

YEAR 12

Friday 13th December

Year 12 Results

YEAR 6, 7, 8 & 9

Friday 13th and Monday 16th December

End of Year Activities for Years 7 - 9

ALL YEAR LEVELS

Tuesday 17th December

Oberon Awards Day - Costa Hall 11.00 a.m. **All students are expected to attend**

Wednesday 18th December

School Picnic - 9.00am-3.25pm

Thursday 19th December

Staff Professional Learning Program

Thursday 19th December

Parent/Teacher Interviews as required by appointment

Friday 20th December

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

COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR EARLY 2020

Friday 24th January

School Office Open

Monday 27th January

Australia Day Holiday

Tuesday 28th January

Teachers return to school

Wednesday 29^h January

Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 commence school

Thursday 30th January

Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 commence school. All students now in attendance.

Monday 10th February

School Swimming Sports

Wednesday 5th- Friday 7th February

Year 7 Camp - Alexandra Adventure Camp

Thursday 27th February

Oberon Athletics Carnival