

FEBRUARY

Mon 24th	Year 7 Cyber Safety Presentation Year 11 Elevate Presentation
Thurs 27th	School Athletics Carnival - Landy Field
Thurs 27th - Frid 29th	Year 10 Outdoor Education Sailing
Frid 28th	Geelong Swim Meet Year 9 Art - Tech School Excursion

MARCH

Frid 6th	Senior Sport (Tennis, baseball, Cricket Volleyball)
Mon 9th	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 11th	School Council Meeting
Thurs 12th	Year 11 Outdoor Ed Camp

Frid 13th	Year 12 VCAL Formula 1 Grand Prix Excursion Year 12 Study Session - VCE Success Strategies Intermediate Sport (Tennis, Baseball, Volleyball)
Sat 21st - Sat 25th April	German Exchange Trip
Wed 25th	Oberon High School Information/Open Evening - 5.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Thurs 26th	Western Metropolitan Swimming Year 10 VCE Tech School Excursion
Frid 27th	Year 8 VCD Tech School Excursion Last day of Term 1 - 2.30 pm finish
Mon 30th - Friday 10th May	School Holidays
APRIL	
Mon 13th	First day of Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Armstrong Creek

The building of the new school by Kane Construction remains on track. During my most recent site visit on the 13th February, the Project Manager for the build believed that they will have the project finished between July and September. This is obviously well ahead of time, which allows us to plan and begin implementing the relocation of various equipment needs prior to the classes beginning in 2021. Even if the building is completed well before the end of year, this will not change the timeline for our relocation of students.

We held the first Relocation Committee meeting for 2020 last Thursday 13th February. We continue to work through a number of issues associated with our relocation including bussing arrangements, the future of our current site and traffic management around the Armstrong Creek Education Precinct. As these plans are finalised, I will ensure that these are communicated with our school community.

What I can confirm at this point is that the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) will be relocating Oberon South Primary school onto our school oval, with work to begin on this project in the second half of this year. I will be liaising with the VSBA to ensure our students' safety is a priority during this construction and I will communicate more explicit plans closer to the time of construction.

School Council Election Nominations

I am pleased to announce that after seeking nominations for the three parent vacancies on School Council, the following parents/guardians will be representing you on School Council, Scott Barnes, Janet McLeod and Tracee Geddes. As we had three vacancies and only three nominations there will be no need to conduct an election.

Pleasingly we have had four students nominate themselves for the one student vacancy on School Council. To determine the student's choice we will be working through an election process with our students over the coming weeks.

Swimming Sports

It was great to see so many students in attendance and participating in the House Swimming Sports on Monday 10th February at Kardinia Pool. Thank you to the parents who attended the day, it was great to see so many supporting their children.

Well done to all involved and especially Ms Tess Ellard and Mr Rob Neal who organised the sports.

Results of the swimming sports including the Champion House and Age Group Champions were announced at the whole school assembly on Wednesday. Congratulations to **Greeves House** who won the day and to the following students who were Age Group Champions:

- 13 Yr Female Sophie Gilbert
- 13 Yr Male Bruno Parfitt
- 14 Yr Female Miette Thomson
- 14 Yr Male Hayden Gilbert
- 15 Yr Female Amelie Parfitt
- 15 Yr Male Angus Martin
- 16 Yr Female Malaika Yenkeni
- 16 Yr Male Kurt Armistead
- 17 Yr Female Emma Biles
- 17 Yr Male Isaac Atwell
- 20 Yr Female Ruby Winter
- 20 Yr Male Chris McMahon



Oberon HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to our information evening

Wednesday 25th March 2020

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

12 Pickett Crescent, Belmont - Phone: (03) 5243 4444 - oberon.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED...

Year 7 Camp

Talking with staff, students and parents, the overwhelming feedback was positive in regards to the Year 7 Camp that ran from Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th February.

Year 7 Meet the Parents Evening

Great to have so many parents make the effort to attend the Meet the Parent Evening on Thursday 13th February. If you were unable to attend due to other commitments and wish to discuss anything, our key contacts for you will be Year 7 Managers Anna Shaw and Michelle Nash or Assistant Principal Josh Baker.

Annual Privacy Reminder

Oberon High School collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website <https://www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au/site/download/4148/>

For more information about privacy, see: Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents by following the link: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

School Athletics Sports

The school will be holding the House Athletics Carnival at Landy Field on Thursday 27th of February. Students are to come to school as usual and will be transported to and from the venue. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Mobile Phones

Thank you to all of our Parents/Guardians with your support of the changes to the mobile phone policy that was introduced into State Government Schools for the 2020 school year.

We have had very few problems with students not following the new rules and it appears to have further improved our already positive learning environment at the school, by taking away another unnecessary distraction.

School Visitors

A reminder that Parents/Guardians must report to the main Office when they come onto the school grounds for a meeting, to pick up your child for an appointment or any other reason. Your adherence to this protocol is appreciated. Entry to the main office is from the Pickett Crescent entrance.

DET Policy on Personal Items

A reminder that the Department Education and Training does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors.

School Camps

The school encourages parents to consider taking out travel insurance for school camps as schools often incur a cancellation fee that we are not able to absorb if your child is forced to withdraw due to unforeseen circumstances.

Student Safety

Student safety is always a concern around drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. Please be careful when dropping students off at school and collecting them at the end of the day and abide by the 40kmh speed limit. It would be appreciated if parents could drop their children in Kidman Avenue and don't drop students off and pick them up in the staff parking area both before and after school as we have had a number of near incidents this year. The streets around Pickett Crescent and Olwen Avenue become very congested and student safety becomes an issue as many of our students exit the school from this entrance on foot or bikes. If your son/daughter is riding a bike to school they need to wear a helmet for their safety as this is the law.

Oberon South Primary School have requested that parents do not use their staff car park as a pick up and drop off point.

Tim McMahon

SWIMMING SPORTS

Greeves House was victorious at the recent House Swimming Sports held at Kardinia Pool. A fun day of competition was enjoyed by all.



LANGUAGE NEWS

German Exchange Trip 2020

The final meeting to prepare for our Exchange Trip to Marburg in Germany is on Monday March 2nd in the school library. Eight Oberon students from Years 9, 10 & 11 along with Frau Ray, Kendra Schmid and 25 students from 4 other schools will depart for Germany on March 21st.

Exchange/Scholarship Opportunities for Students Studying German SAGSE Scholarship

Students learning German in Years 10, 11 & 12 can host a German SAGSE student and automatically receive an interview for a prestigious scholarship. Host families are needed for the German students who will arrive in Victoria from mid June until late August.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please contact Frau Ray.

Additional information and hosting forms are available at: www.sagse.org.au

AGTV/BJR Exchange Program

Students learning German in Years 9 & 10 are able to apply for this 10 week exchange program. If successful, they would travel to Bavaria in Germany from November 2020 – January 2021. Further information is available on the AGTV website <http://www.agtv.vic.edu.au/> or from Frau Ray.

Year 7 German – Schultüten

Students learning German in Year 7 have been soaking up some of the German traditions and culture.

Several classes have produced a “Schultüte” which will be filled with some German goodies. These cones are traditionally presented to students when they start school – in this case starting Year 7!



At Oberon High School we learn Bahasa Indonesia, the national language that allows Indonesia's 260 million people to communicate with one another across their 17 000 islands. In Indonesia there are over 700 different languages spoken! This is a major factor contributing to Indonesia being the top trilingual nation in the world. Fortunately we learn Bahasa Indonesia which gives us a wonderful start to exploring our nearest neighbour!



LANGUAGES CORNER

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

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

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Tuesday 3 March → 7 pm → Ashburton
Tuesday 10 March → 7 pm → Geelong
Tuesday 17 March → 7 pm → Hawthorn
Tuesday 17 March → 7 pm → Mildura

TERM ONE WEBINARS

Thursday 20 Feb → 6 pm
Thursday 20 Feb → 9 pm
Sunday 23 Feb → 4 pm
Monday 2 March → 6 pm
Monday 2 March → 9 pm
Saturday 14 March → 4 pm
Wednesday 18 March → 6 pm
Wednesday 18 March → 9 pm



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YEAR 7 CAMP

Adventure, Team Work, New Skills, Fun, Friendship and Memories



**YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS
30TH APRIL, 2020**

Immunisations will be held at School on **Thursday 30th April, 2020**. Consent forms have been distributed; could parents please return these to the office, if you haven't already done so, 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 4215 6962 or visit immune@barwonhealth.org.au.

YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES

Year 12



GAT (General Achievement Test) - Wednesday 10th June 10 am

Last day of Year 12 Classes - Monday 19th October

Year 12 Celebration Assembly - Tuesday 20th October

Year 12 End of Year Written Exams

Wednesday 28th October - Wednesday 18th November

Valedictory Dinner - Monday 23rd November

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

Wallington Primary School 610 Wallington Road

Wallington Primary School Strawberry FAIR 40 years 1980-2020

Live music & entertainment, hot food, fresh produce, homemade jam, rides, showbags, market stalls and auction.

Sunday 1st March 10am- 4pm

Don't forget to bring your own, reusable bags, water bottles and coffee cups!

#wallingtonstrawberryfair

Gold Sponsors: Elders, Malanda Homes, MY DOG SHOPPER, Bakers Delight MARKETPLACE, Rolling Pin.

Off road parking available Strictly no dogs

FREE PARENTING FORUM THE TEEN BRAIN WITH DAVID GILLESPIE

Why screens are making your teenagers depressed, anxious and prone to lifelong addictive illnesses – and how to stop it now.

David Gillespie is one of Australia's most trusted non-fiction authors.

Many parents are starting to feel a deep sense of unease at the amount of time their kids spend on devices.

David will detail how complicated a teenage brain is and discuss how to set out clear, reasonable and effective rules to help you confidently manage your kids' use of screens at a critical point in their lives.

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2020
7:00pm-9:00pm including light supper from 6:15pm

VENUE
OneHope Centre
4-32 Province Boulevard, Highton

BOOKINGS
murl.com/DavidGillespieGeelong
This is a free event but bookings are essential.

Parenting, VICTORIA, GEELONG

GSODA Junior Players

INVITATION TO AUDITION

The GSODA Junior Players Musical Theatre Workshop invites applications for 2020.

Workshop aims to teach children basic theatre skills and experience the commitment and work involved in musical theatre production.

Workshop starts in Term 2 of the school year and culminates in a performance in November

Applicants must be aged 10-13
Auditions to be held in March

CONTACT - POLLY:
workshop@gsoda.com.au or phone 0417 379 441

• Applications close March 1

BELMONT LIONS SPORTS CLUB

WANT YOU!

**BELMONT LIONS SPORTS CLUB
ALL JUNIOR BOYS, GIRLS AND FAMILIES MOST WELCOME
JUNIOR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL INFORMATION 2020**

AUSKICK:

Commences Friday April 24th 2020 at Belmont Lions Winter Reserve, Kidman Avenue Belmont (Entrance via Glyn Street Belmont) 5 pm till 6 pm and continue every on Friday night for the season. To register go to NAB AUSKICK website, then go to Belmont Lions and register.

Pay on line and \$70 of your fee will be refunded to each parent. Free sausage sizzle, drink and awards at each session.

UNDER 9, 11, 13 FOOTBALL:

Training commences on Tuesday March 31st 2020 and continues every Tuesday and Thursday 4 .30 pm till 5 30pm at Winter Reserve, Oval 2, Kidman Avenue, Belmont.

UNDER 15, 17 FOOTBALL:

Training is on (pre Season) Monday and Wednesdays February and March 5pm till 6 pm Winter Reserve Oval 2, then changing to Tuesday and Thursdays March 31st 2020, 5pm till 6pm.

UNDER 19 FOOTBALL:

Training is Pre Season on Mondays and Wednesdays February and March 6pm till 7 pm at Winter Reserve Oval 2. Kidman Avenue Belmont, before changing to Tuesday and Thursdays from March 31st 2020.

NETBALL UNDER 13, 15, 17, 19:

New players most welcome. Enquiries / Information to below:

Brian Coughlan
Belmont Lions Sports Club
Junior Football Coordinator
Email: brianoy@optusnet.com.au
Mobile: 0421761071
Home: 03 52227593

ANGLESEA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Anglesea Football Netball club invite Junior netball players of all ages, to our club and netball training nights We have positions available in all our junior teams from U11s, 13s, 15s, 17s and U19s.

For further information please phone Maz on 0425804358 or the Junior Co-ordinator Sue Setchell on 0418 517 720

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT
CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
BE QUICK
APPLICATIONS DUE AT SCHOOL
BY 28TH FEBRUARY

CSEF APPLICATIONS

If you are the holder of an eligible Centrelink benefit card and have not applied for the CSEF please contact the school for a form. The cut off date is Friday 28th February.

NB: If you received CSEF at Oberon High School last year you will not need to reapply as these have been rolled over to 2020. New families to the school will need to apply as it does not roll over from your child's previous school.

To be eligible for the funding, a Parent or Legal Guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-Government Victorian Primary or Secondary School must:

On the first day of Term One, or;

On the first day of Term Two:

- A) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- B) Be a temporary foster parent, and
- C) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools by **28th February, 2020** as payments are made from March. A photocopy of your Health Care or Concession Card is required with your application. However schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of Term 2.



**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

**CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS
FUND (CSEF)**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information. Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Bethany, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.ds.gov.au for more information.

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2020

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

- **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**.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS
MONDAY 9TH MARCH IS THE LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL
AN IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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. When visiting the school, parent and other visitors are asked to access the office via the official visitors entrance located at Pickett Crescent.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.