

MAY

Wed 13th School Council Meeting

JUNE

Mon 8th **QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

Wed 10th School Council Meeting

Frid 12th **REPORT WRITING DAY - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL**

Frid 26th Last day of Term 2

Mon 29th June - Frid 10th July School Holidays

JULY

Mon 13th July **TERM 3 COMMENCES**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Remote & Flexible Learning

Despite the conflicting reports and advice that has been reported recently in the media between the Federal Government and the State Government, there are currently no changes to the Remote and Flexible learning scenario that was enacted from the start of Term 2 by the Premier Daniel Andrews on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer. If, and when, this advice regarding schools does change, I will ensure that the Oberon High School community is informed as soon as possible.

The school has now been providing the remote and flexible learning for four weeks and it has been a huge learning curve for all involved. As a school we have received lots of positive feedback anecdotally from our school community and lots of positives regarding the support that we have offered our students and families.

While the remote learning appears to have worked better, and more seamlessly than was anticipated by most, we are obviously still looking to improve this further. Therefore in order to get more specifics and to provide the best education that is possible under this arrangement, we have sought feedback from our students and from staff members. Both groups participated in surveys to identify what has worked well and also areas for improvement. The results have informed work that our leadership team have undertaken with our staff to ensure that the needs of the students are met as well as providing classwork that is meaningful, relevant whilst still monitoring student health and wellbeing.

As you are aware the school held a professional learning day for staff on Monday 4th May, with the focus on remote learning and more specifically how we as teachers and support staff we can use the 'Teams' platform better to allow our students to get the most from their remote learning. Even though most staff members were still working from home, it was a highly effective day.

Also as a result of the feedback from the staff and student surveys, the school will continue to produce a number of self-help videos which have been uploaded for access by the school community. Assistant Principal Mr Josh Baker has developed a Parent Help Guide with some key points that should be monitored to help support your children in their learning.

If your son/daughter is having trouble with the remote learning, I encourage you to contact the school to help you address these issues, as remember, we are here to help.

Armstrong Creek Update

There are no significant developments to the new school site since the last newsletter. There has been no shutdown to the building works during the coronavirus restrictions, due to the construction industry being identified as an essential service.

We held our Relocation Committee meeting remotely on Wednesday 6th May. A number of things were discussed including the relocation of Oberon South Primary School to our school oval for the start of the 2021 school year. I have attached with this newsletter some correspondence from the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) in regards to this relocation.

A short video of the Oberon High School construction progress can now be viewed on the Victorian School Building Authority Facebook page or through the following link: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/M1Fn7InJav>

VCE/VCAL

We have distributed to VCE/VCAL students and families decisions that have been made by the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA) in regards to Year 12 students undertaking VCE or VCAL certificates. If you wish to discuss any of these changes with the school please contact Later Years Manager, Ms Liz Kelly or Assistant Principal, Bronwyn Knight.

In summary, the major changes are:

- All Unit 4 study designs have been revised to reduce the content and assessment
- VCE exams will still occur, however they will be in December, with a revised timetable released in May (we will provide you with an update as this becomes available). This timetable will also include the date for the General Achievement Test (GAT)
- Exams will be a similar length to previous years however they will only cover material covered in the revised study designs.
- Students will have longer to complete their VCAL certificate if unable to complete their training component due to coronavirus restrictions associated with an employer.

Tim McMahon

YEAR 7 & 8 HEALTH PROJECT

The Year 7 & 8 Health classes have been making flyers for advise on how to stay healthy during isolation. Josh Tonkin from 7F used his artistic skills to create this eye catching poster that offers some great tips that could help our whole school community.

Staying Healthy In Isolation:

Five strategies that everyone should follow to stay healthy during isolation

1. Stay active.

- If you can't go to the gym, there are plenty of YouTube videos for exercise and yoga. YogaWith Adriene is a well known yoga channel with over 6 million subscribers.
- Staying active is important for your physical and mental health

2. Chat with your mates.

- Even though at the moment we can't see our friends face to face, there are plenty of ways to catch up. iMessage, Instagram, FaceTime or a normal phone call are great ways to catch up.

3. Make a music playlist.

- You can make a playlist on Spotify, or any other music app.
- You can make a playlist for different moods such as happy, overwhelmed, etc.

4. Make a homemade meal.

- Daily nutrition is as important as ever. During these times, it can be stressful. Cooking can help you de-stress.
- Pinterest has loads of meals, recipes, and snacks that you can make during isolation.

5. Learn something new.

- Start a new hobby. Learn an instrument. Play a new game. If you want to learn a new language, Duolingo is the program for you.

Three support service options for anyone who feels they need professional advice/counselling



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1300 22 4636



1800 55 1800

By Josh Tonkin 7F

MALAIKA TAKES UP THE CAUSE

Unfortunately Oberon High School's annual World's Greatest Shave event which was to be held on Tuesday 5th May 2020 had to be postponed. This however hasn't stopped Year 11 student Malaika Yenkeni from taking up the cause and getting shaved. But to reach her fundraising goal Malaika needs our help.

The funds Malaika raises will contribute to providing support for people living with blood cancer, along with the Leukaemia Foundation's research quest to improve diagnosis, treatment and ultimately find a cure.

If you would like to contribute to Malaika's wonderful fundraising effort please follow the link:

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=790373>



HEAD START PROGRAM

Harri Ives of Year 11 has been taking part in the HeadStart program working with Lake & Land Civil Engineers. A report from HeadStart appears below:

The team at Lake & Land are extremely enthusiastic about partnering with HeadStart - a school based apprenticeship and traineeship program.

During the initial 20 week work placement program, students have been involved in various activities, gaining experience and a basic understanding of civil works.

Welcome Harri!



This is Harri working on his skills – in action preparing footpath with the concrete crew at The Dunes Estate.

Great work Harri!

WELLBEING SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Wellbeing support is still available for students this term whilst they are learning from home.

The entire Wellbeing Team is here to help: Student Wellbeing Manager, Chaplain, Mental Health Practitioner & Student Counsellor.

We are able to offer counselling and support to students both remotely and in person.

If you would like some support for your child please contact Sam Mackenzie: Student Wellbeing Manager:

5243 4444 or 0400 044 861 or email mac@oberonhs.vic.edu.au

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2020

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

- **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 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
IS ON MONDAY JUNE 8TH
SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED



PLEASE MARK THIS DATE
IN YOUR CALENDAR





STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to Bruno Parfitt of Year 7 who has this year starred on the Athletics field.

Since February Bruno has competed in the Athletics Victoria State Championships where he came 3rd in the Shot Put and 4th in the Hammer Throw and the Athletics Victoria Regionals where he came 2nd in the Javelin and 2nd in the Shot Put.

Well done Bruno!



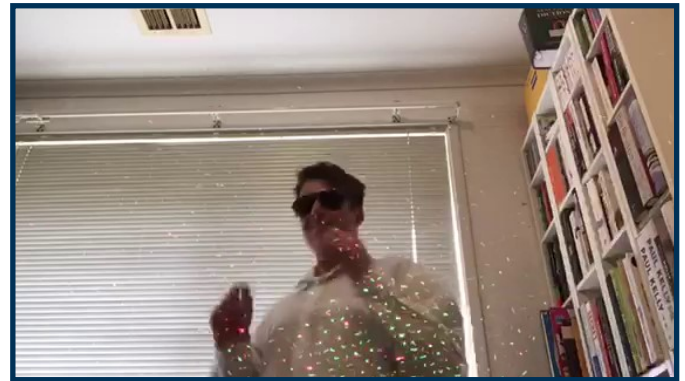
MUSIC NEWS



Year 7 Music students - Gwen Kreltshheim and **The Oberboyband** featuring Gab Hontarigo, Joshua Hirst, James Zerafa, Henry White and Lucas Waldron have been having fun at home creating music videos. Here are the links to view these fun and fabulous videos:

<https://www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au/site/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Year-7-Band-Online.mp4>

https://www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au/site/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/IMG_1375.mp4



The Oberboyband featuring Gab Hontarigo, Joshua Hirst, James Zerafa, Henry White and Lucas Waldron getting in touch with their 'inner 80s'.



Gwen Kreltshheim of Year 7 sings out a musical theatre number from Frozen with accompaniment ably provided by a young 'family helper'

LANGUAGE NEWS

EDUCATION PERFECT LANGUAGES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

This competition begins next week – commencing on May 14 and running until 21 May. Hopefully all students will participate and help Oberon to WIN!

EPLC Warm Ups 3 & 4 – Byte sized Competitions

Oberon has again had lots of success in these quick competitions. Last week we came 1st in the world!
Well done to all students who worked so hard for the 30 minutes allocated.

Amazing results were:

Gold: Riley Jordan in both competitions. Placed 14th then 12th in the world!

Silver: Romik Ayob – both competitions

Bronze in both competitions – James Zerafa, Felix Maher, Darby Doherty, Marisa Carnie.

Congratulations to all students who received Bronze and Credit awards. We are very proud of you. Good luck again for Warm Up 5 this week.

Byte Sized Competitions - EPLC Warm Up 4
Official

3,950
Questions answered

3,151
Points earned

1st
Global ranking

1st
Category ranking
501-1000 students

Credit
x 10

Bronze
x 15

Silver
x 1

Gold
x 1

Emerald
none

Elite
none

Achievements

- 1st overall globally out of 903 schools
- 1st overall in Australia out of 664 schools
- 1st overall in VIC out of 189 schools
- 1st overall in the 501-1000 students category out of 311 schools
- 1st overall in German out of 123 schools

Show All

View Prizes

View full scoreboard



LANGUAGES CORNER



HALF TIME

HALF TIME	TENGAH WAKTU	eine halbe Stunde
1.30	Jam setengah dua	halb zwei
2.30	Jam setengah tiga	halb dri
3.30	Jam setengah empat	half vier
4.30	Jam setengah lima	halb fünf
5.30	Jam setengah enam	halb sechs
6.30	Jam setengah tujuh	halb sieben
7.30	Jam setengah delapan	halb acht
8.30	Jam setengah sembilan	halb neun
9.30	Jam setengah sepuluh	halb zehn
10.30	Jam setengah sebelas	halb elf
11.30	Jam setengah dua belas	halb zwölf
12.30	Jam setengah satu	halb eins