

**Absence Hotline - 03 5215 9733**

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## JULY

- Mon 27th** Year 12 parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (remotely) - after school
- Tues 28th** United Nations Model Assembly - Library
- Thurs 30th** Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Online Course - Selected Year 12 students - P5 & 6 School LTV Room
- Year 12 Outdoor and Enviro Studies - Rockclimbing Excursion - Staughtonvale
- Frid 31st** Year 9 Subject Expo - students only

## AUGUST

- Thurs 6th** Year 10 remote subject selection interviews - No Year 10 classes
- Frid 7th** Year 9 into 10 Subject Selection Session - P1, 2 & Connect
- Wed 12th** School Council Meeting

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to welcome everyone back to Term 3 and the second half of the year. I hope that everyone was able to have a relaxing mid-year holiday break given the Covid19 pandemic that is being experienced in Victoria. It's pleasing that we haven't been required to run Remote and Flexible Learning like the schools in the Melbourne Metropolitan area and also the Mitchell Shire. However, as the Premier Daniel Andrews has said many times everyone has to do the right thing in order to stop the spread of Covid19.

The health advice is that schools in Geelong can continue to operate Face-to-Face teaching whilst observing health measures recommended by the Victorian Chief Health Officer. A reminder that these health measures for schools are:

- correct hand hygiene (washing hands regularly and using the hand sanitiser provided)
- not sharing food or drink (students should be bringing their own water bottles)
- extra cleaning in the school including ongoing cleaning of high touch points
- limiting visitors on the school site to essential workers
- if your child, or a family member develops symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell or taste, you should all get tested at a coronavirus (COVID-19) testing facility **and stay home.**

As was detailed by the Premier on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, the Victorian Chief Health Officer has confirmed that the use of face masks or coverings is mandatory for everyone in Melbourne Metropolitan and Mitchell Shire. This includes students wearing masks at school. The advice for the rest of the State, including Geelong, is that face masks **are recommended but not mandatory.** However, in light of the changes to the use of masks advice in Melbourne Metropolitan

areas and Mitchell Shire, we may have some staff or students who wish to wear face masks in school.

It is clear from commentary last week relating to the large regional centres including Geelong, that the Government is closely monitoring the number of cases. Everyone in our school community has an important role to play in regards to ensuring that no further restrictions are imposed. It is extremely important that Parents/Guardians continue to reinforce the expectations with your children.

As the schools in the regional and rural areas are allowed to run as normal, the advice from DET and the Chief Health Officer is that we are now able to run excursions and camps provided that these don't take place in the Melbourne Metropolitan Area or the Mitchell Shire. We are therefore beginning to plan for some excursions and camps for our students.

### **Staffing**

There are a few changes to our staffing for Term 3:

- Mrs Simone Martin has replaced Mrs Belinda Murphy, teaching Design Technology Food/Fibre
- Mr Daniel Hambrook has replaced Mr Troy Rainbow in Instrumental Music/Rock Band
- Ms Chloe Wong You Cheong has replaced Mrs Elaine Mills as Food Assistant

### **Armstrong Creek Update**

Work on the new school continues as expected with the school to be completed by early August, with the handover to the school to occur in late September.

In our early planning for the relocation of the school we had envisaged running a range of Open Days to show the school community the new school. However, in light of the current restrictions associated with Covid19 these are likely to be cancelled unless restrictions are lifted.

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT cont'd.....

### Oberon South Primary School

As part of the relocation of Oberon South Primary school from its current site to its new site on our school oval from the start of the 2021 school year, the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) have taken possession of our school oval from the start of Term 3. Rendine Constructions have been appointed to the project and will be fencing off the construction zone from the 27<sup>th</sup> July. The fencing will be established to still ensure that our students can access the school driveway from Kidman Avenue, the Bus Interchange and also the school pedestrian crossing.

Both the VSBA and Rendine Constructions have assured me that while this construction is occurring, the safety of Oberon High School students and staff members is a priority. I will keep the school community updated on the progress of this project.

### School Uniform

It has been a very cold start to the Term but it is important that all students are still attending school in full school uniform. It is great to see so many of the students wearing layers to keep themselves warm including the Oberon jackets and we encourage this.

Tim McMahon

## EARLY PICK UP OR SICK BAY PICK UPS

Following the advice of the Chief Health Officer and DET, parents and visitors are not permitted onsite until further notice. The only exception will be if a parent is contacted when their child has presented to sickbay feeling unwell and/or injured. Parents must enter through the foyer and, depending on the circumstances, will either be directed to sick bay or your child will be brought out to you.

If you need to collect your child for a pre-arranged appointment, etc where they need to leave school early please supply them with a note to show their teachers when leaving early from their class. Your child will wait in the foyer and we ask that you phone the school to notify us that you are in the car park and we will send your child out to you.

If you have reason to collect your child early and it hasn't been prearranged with your child please phone the school well before the time you need to collect them and we will ensure that they are waiting in the foyer for when you arrive. Please also phone the school when you arrive in the carpark and your child will be sent out to you.

## RSA Course Responsible Serving of Alcohol Course

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July

Limited to 30 Students ONLY

1.00pm - 3.00pm

Room 2

Cost - \$49



Year 12 students have the opportunity to obtain the RSA certificate to work in Hospitality and develop their skill base in this area.

This is a great course to get you started.

Parent Permission and payment can be made through the XUNO Parent Portal

## SCHOOL FEES NOW ON XUNO

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July all school fees were entered onto the XUNO Parent Portal. This allows another option to Parents/Guardians to pay your child's/children's fees. The process is the same as you have done previously for the excursions and class activities. This option is also available (for fees **only** – does not apply for excursions/activities) to the few Split Bill arrangements that we hold. Both the Primary family member and the Alternative Family member will both be able to access this payment option for fees.

Those Parents/Guardians who have entered into a payment plan with the school do not need to do anything. As your payments come through to the school from the normal sources (ie BPay, Centrepay, etc) it is receipted in our normal system and we will then go into XUNO and enter the payment against the corresponding fees. It is just a way to regularly monitor where your payments are being allocated.

There is also an option for Parents/Guardians to enter into a payment plan through this system. If you wish to use this facility please firstly contact Julie Barnes in the office on 5243 4444 to discuss a plan to suit your circumstances.

As is required by the Department of Education we will continue to send home your family statements twice per Term for your information.

If you have any queries regarding your account, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

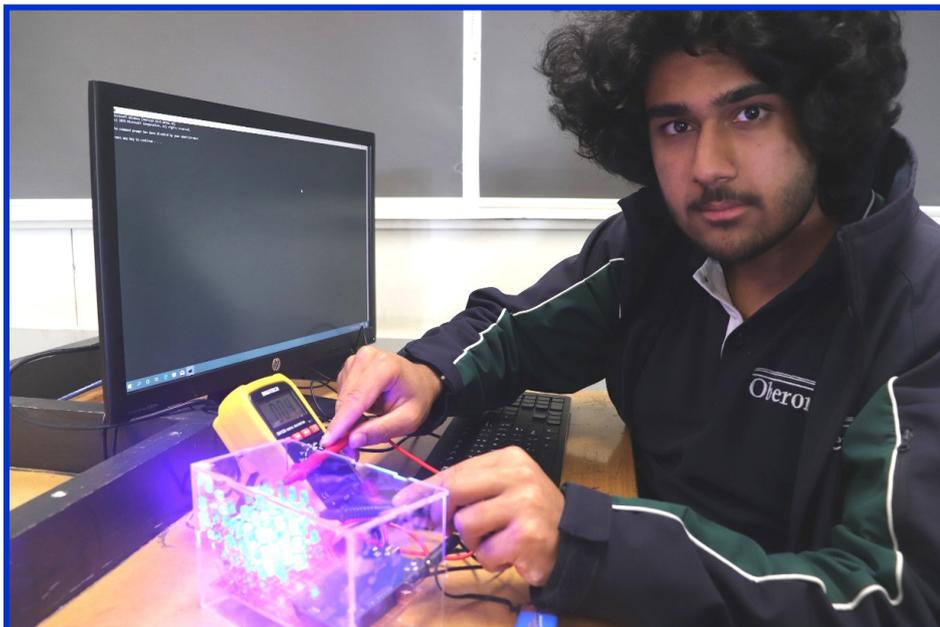
Lea Gilliland  
Business Manager



### High Achievers

Despite the first semester of 2020 being the most challenging period in our school's history, many students coped very well during the Distance Learning period, and some went above and beyond the highest achievements in prior years.

Some STEM subjects reported exceptional achievements from students; producing work which will be used as exemplars for future years.



**Year 10 Student - Navneet working on his LED Cube Matrix in his Digital Systems class Semester 1**

### GEELONG TECH SCHOOL INCURSION WEEK 3 - 27<sup>TH</sup> TO 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY

This year 2020 has been challenging for schools in their ability to provide the rich assortment of experiences that we usually take for granted, such as excursions and camps.

The Geelong Tech School has adapted their programs to bring the experience to schools in an effort to overcome the challenges that this pandemic has caused.

During week 3 of this term all Year 8 students will participate in a 'Fast Cars' activity provided by this Tech School experience. This activity will be conducted during normal Mathematics class times, and will help to further engage students in mathematics by providing a rich and exciting practical application for the concepts being taught in maths classes this year.

Several other classes and year levels will also be participating in this incursion, engaging in learning activities with drones and mechatronic systems.

The Geelong Tech School has very robust Education Department approved protocols in place to ensure that the highest levels of safety and sanitation are maintained during these special programs

### COVID-19 FACE MASK DESIGN CHALLENGE COMPETITION

Our COVID-19 Face Mask Design Challenge Competition has been extended to include all students throughout the State of Victoria. Currently we have approximately 20 students working on designs outside of class time, and a few whole classes working on designs for this competition.

Four prominent local politicians have stepped forward to be competition judges, and a number of industries have expressed an interest to be a partner and have offered donations for prizes.

We currently have some of our designs being evaluated by local medical centres which will feedback further ideas for innovation.

Details of this competition can be found on the official Webpage here:

<https://www.datta.vic.edu.au/content/covid-19-face-mask-challenge>

Please encourage your child to enter this competition.

If you are interested in supporting this event and/or know of a potential sponsor, please contact Seven Vinton at the school on 0352434444

# Welcome Back!

**ALL PSW STORES ARE REOPENING FROM  
WEDNESDAY MAY 20th**

**Wed, Thurs & Fridays / 9am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm  
(Closed Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays)**

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**AFTER SCHOOL AND DAY  
PROGRAMS ARE STARTING  
BACK AS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF JUNE**

Including activities such as

- Craft
- Gardening
- Day Programs
- STEM Programs
- Home Schoolers Days
- Girls Group
- Social Saturday
- And MORE!



Please Contact

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Highton Vic 3216  
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what you're  
missing out on!

WIDE GAMES \* SUMMER CAMP \* MYSTERY TRIPS \* CHALK CHASES \* SCAVENGER HUNTS  
SLEEP-INS \* ROCK CLIMBING \* JET SKIING \* WATERSKIING \* SPORTS \* HALL GAMES  
MUMS \* DADS NIGHT \* LASER TAG \* GO KARTS \* SNOW TRIP \* BILLY CART DERBY  
SPECIAL GUESTS \* MOUNTAIN BIKING \* SWIMMING \* FUNDRAISING EVENTS



**PLUS MUCH MUCH MORE**

**JOIN NOW**

**ADVENTURE KIDS AUSTRALIA**

**BOYS CLUB - SOAR**

**Wed Nights - 7.00pm to 8.30pm & Sun Arvo's - Various Times**

Manifold Heights Hall

Cnr Shannon Ave & Volum Street - Geelong West

**Bring a mate & come to the Hall**

**For more information - call Andrew - 0414 538 131**

Website - [adventurekidsaustralia.com.au](http://adventurekidsaustralia.com.au) Email - [adventurekidsaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:adventurekidsaustralia@gmail.com)

## WELLBEING SUPPORT AVAILABLE

**Wellbeing Support Is Still Available For Students This Term.**

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](mailto:mac@oberonhs.vic.edu.au)

## LANGUAGE NEWS

### German Careers Day Online – CHANGE OF DATE NOW: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Students learning German in Years 9 and 10 have a wonderful opportunity to attend this online event at school. It will take place during periods 2 – 4.

**There are only a limited number of places, so please register via XUNO quickly!**

If you registered for the original July date, then your registration will be carried over.

The event is run by the Goethe Institute, Australia and supported by DET.

Students will learn more about career pathways involving the German language and the value of maintaining a second language whilst at school.

There will be presentations from experts within a variety of careers.

For further information please contact Frau Ray or Frau Nash.

### Education Perfect Regional Languages Championships – for all German and Indonesian students

These championships will take place from the Tuesday 28th July – Tuesday 4th August.

They will begin and end at 12pm.

**Last year we won the Geelong Regional Championships – make sure that we keep the trophy at Oberon for 2020!**

**Go! Go! Go!**

## LANGUAGES CORNER

Welcome / Selamat Datang / Willkommen

### Parts of the Body!

BODY	BADAN	der Körper
head	kepala	der Kopf
neck	leher	der Hals/der Nacken
arms	lengan	die Arme
leg	kaki	das Bein
feet	kaki	die Füße
hand	tangan	die Hand
nose	hidung	die Nase
mouth	mulut	der Mund
ears	telinga	die Ohren
hair	rambut	das Haar
eyes	mata	die Augen
shoulders	bahu/pundak	die Schultern
knees	lutut	die Knie
toes	jari kaki	die Zehen
finger	jari tangan	die Finger

## ROAD SAFETY

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 and you risk being fined by the City of Greater Geelong

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.



## Could \$500 help you with school costs?

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-  lessons & activities
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To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*

**Contact**  
your local Saver Plus  
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\*many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.  
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## YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES

**The dates for the General Achievement Test and the Year 12 end of Year Written Exams have now been confirmed**

**Other dates are still to be confirmed. Please watch this space for updates when they are advised.**

**GAT (General Achievement Test) - Wednesday 9th September**

**Last day of Year 12 Classes - To be advised**

**Year 12 Celebration Assembly - To be advised**

**Year 12 End of Year Written Exams - Week commencing Monday 9th November - To be completed by Wednesday 2nd December**

**Valedictory Dinner - To be advised**



## STUDENT ABSENCES AND ABSENCE LINE PHONE NUMBER

A reminder to all parents of the importance of phoning in absences early on the day of your child's absence.



For your convenience you can call our **ABSENCE HOTLINE** number: **5215 9733** to report an absence by leaving a message or to speak directly to the Student Attendance Officer - **state the date, student's full name and reason for absence.**

**OR**

You can also send a message via the parent portal.

### 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 or left a message on the Absence Hotline or Parent Portal.

Our SMS system will send a message out each day after 11.30 am to those parents whose child is absent from class without notification.