

Absence Hotline - 03 5215 9733

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SEPTEMBER

Thurs 3rd Road Smart Workshops (online)
Wed 9th School Council Meeting - to be conducted remotely
Thurs 10th RUOK Day Activities
Frid 18th Last day of Term 3 - 2.30 pm finish (no Period 6)

Mon 21st - Frid 2nd October - School Holidays

OCTOBER

Mon 5th Term 4 commences
Wed 7th Year 12 General Achievement Test (GAT)
Mon 19th Year 12 Practice English Exam - 9 am - 12.15

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Remote Learning

I am aware that a number of parents were interested in accessing 'Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families' webinar with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg on Tuesday 25th August, but found that it was oversubscribed.

Following high demand, a second webinar will be held, 7.30 – 8.30pm, Tuesday 15 September, aimed at providing parents and carers with practical skills, knowledge and strategies for managing the lockdown period and remote learning. This webinar is available to all Victorian families. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/managing-the-coronacoaster-tips-for-building-resilient-families-registration-117927100131>

The question that we are regularly being asked by the school community is when will school revert from remote and flexible learning back to face to face teaching. This decision will ultimately be made by the Victorian Government guided by the Chief Health Officer. As I am informed of this decision, I will be letting you know this as a priority.

Armstrong Creek Update

The latest development at the new school site is that Powercor has now connected permanent power to the new school site which allows Kane Construction to finalise testing of all utilities. The power connection also allows for the installation and testing of the ICT infrastructure.

It is still anticipated that practical completion of the school and then handover to the school will occur by the end of September.

The Victorian School Building Authority has produced another short promotional video of the school, this can be accessed through the following link and will provide you with a short tour of the new school and an insight into the facilities that the school community will be accessing upon our relocation for the start of the 2021 school year. This video can be accessed through accessing the Oberon High School site on the Victorian School Building Authority website or by using the following link: <https://youtu.be/s12XPrdJ4m0>

Oberon South Primary School

Work is well underway with the early works for Oberon South Primary School on our school oval. As this is a modular build, the buildings are currently being constructed offsite prior to being installed onsite later in the year.

VCE Revision Lectures

Our Year 12 and Year 11 students undertaking Unit 3-4 VCE studies will have the opportunity to access a range of revision lectures through online portals. These lectures are free for students and the information regarding these has been provided to students. If parents would like to know more you can contact Assistant Principal Bronwyn Knight or Later Years Manager Liz Kelly.

Year 12 Student Scholarships

A range of scholarships are offered on a yearly basis and promoted by the Department of Education for Year 12 student's finishing school at the end of the year and taking up further study for the following year. The scholarships are normally released in August each year but have not currently gone live. However, I encourage interested students and parents to keep an eye out for these scholarships through the following link: <https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/list.aspx?YearID=13>

School for Student Leadership 2021

We have been informed that the school has been allocated six places for Year 9 students 2021 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 at the Alpine School Campus, Dinner Plain. 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 later in the year.

Intentions for 2021

If students are not returning to Oberon High School in 2021, can families 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 2021 school year and movements of students can significantly affect this planning.

End of Term 3

The last day of Term is Friday 18th September. Although it is highly likely that we will still be undertaking remote and flexible learning, we will still be finishing at 2.30pm.

Tim McMahon

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Every step you take and every dollar you raise supports a wide range of initiatives, helping people living with cerebral palsy to live their best lives.

This STEPtember, let's show our support, stay connected and move together in a fun, safe and virtual environment.

Registrations are still open at www.steptember.org.au if you would like to join the fifty members of the Oberon school community that are already taking part in STEPtember. Be sure to join under the organisation Oberon High School so we can continue to reach our goal of raising \$6500 together.

A huge congratulations goes out to Connor Harvey who is not only the inspiration behind this school event but also the legend who has already managed to raise a massive \$2758. Thank you to LGE Electrical Services for your very generous donation.



OBERON HIGH SCHOOL

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

<https://www.steptember.org.au/fundraisers/OberonHighSchool>

\$5,829

\$571 to go



YEAR 12 STUDENTS



A reminder that applications for The Gordon's 2021 courses are now open. Apply by 2nd October and receive notification of acceptance by 29th October.

University Applications are now open and timely applications close 5pm Wednesday 30th September.

- Visit VTAC website.
- Create an account with your VCAA number.
- Apply for up to 8 courses.
- Apply for SEAS (Special Equity and Access Program) and Scholarships.

SEAS has 4 categories.

You are strongly urged to complete Category 1 (location) and Category 4 (COVID-Remote learning impact).

Also consider Category 2 (Financial Disadvantage) if your family has been impacted by recent events or receives any Centrelink payment as well as Category 4 (Disability or Medical Condition).

Some categories may require you to write an impact statement or ask you to find a responsible adult to write you a Statement of Support. Make sure this is done by the end of Term so that all documents can be sourced.

Contact the Careers staff for more information or check out Teams/ Year 12 Careers/ Files/ VTAC.



Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre

Speedy Chess - Take 2

Nine Oberon students participated in another 'regional' online round of a 'Kids Unlimited' competition, with 42 participants from seven schools completing seven games.

The 'blitz' matches strictly limits the time each player has to contemplate their next moves, with only five minutes available. In contrast, at a face to face competition, a player has 15 minutes to strategize.

The online host for the tournament, Carl, was excellent; with his gentle tones he kept up a running commentary, complimenting students for their efforts and providing encouragement when needed. A few times he singled out achievements of the Oberon students, particularly when they had shown great success.

It was a terrific team effort, with the school qualifying for the state finals.

Ruchir Bhatt (Year 10) was again Oberon's best player, winning six games and finished in second place. Daniel Locke (Year 9), Kai Bowie (Year 10) and Braydan Jenkins (Year 11) also won six games, and based on the scoring and count back system, respectively finished in third, fourth, and fifth place.

Sid Shrivastava (Year 9) and Navneet Jaswal (Year 10) were also ranked in the top ten, claiming the eighth and ninth positions.

Junior students, Manix Van Steeg (Year 7), Riley Jordon and Kade Perkins (Year 8) also contributed to our school's overall success.

An example of excellent personal achievements highlighted by the tournament host was Manix, who beat an opponent ranked 170 points higher than him.

Well done to you all.

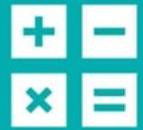
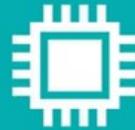
As always, thanks to our resident chess master, Mr Ciociu who guides the Oberon team and provides helpful advice to improve their knowledge and skills.

'Mr C.' is already encouraging the boys to "practice, practice, practice", as they prepare to compete in the State Finals to be held in late October.

Congratulation to the nine boys who represented Oberon in the interschool event and we wish them well for future tournaments.

Louise Monotti

STEM



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Do you have a good idea of a medical face mask or an idea to make everyday facemasks more fashionable?

If so, you could win a 3D printer or sewing machine.

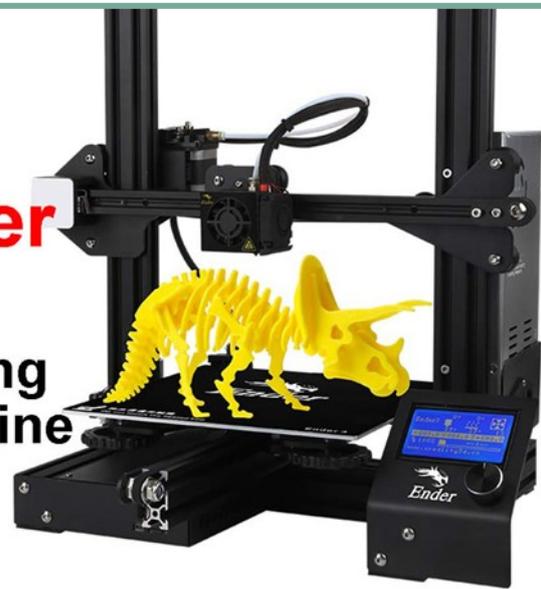
There are now only three weeks left to enter in this Victoria wide competition.

Enter now by completing the entry form on this link:

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

For further Info see Mr Vinton

Hurry!
3 weeks left
Win a 3D Printer
or
sewing machine



MUSIC NEWS



Shia Tarac of 7A used his creativity during a home improv session recently.

He is playing 'We Will Rock You' using a skittles container and two metal straws.

Looks like he is enjoying himself!

LANGUAGES NEWS

Year 10 German students – Film and Business Idea shortlisted

During Terms 3 and 4 the Year 10 German class worked on the Goethe-Institute Project Enterprise German.

They had to work with a German speaking company in Australia and come up with an innovative business idea for this company.

The class worked with ALDI, NUTIE and STRABAG.

The team working with STRABAG – an Austrian construction company – managed to have their idea and film clip shortlisted for the judging.

Thirteen ideas were shortlisted from schools around Australia and 5 will win!

Good luck to the team of Ruchir Bhatt, Kai Bowie, Joshua Palmer, Navneet Jaswel and Divin Kahindo on being shortlisted. Now the wait is on for the final judging!

If you would like to view the entries, please go to this webpage: goethe.de/enterprisegerman



LANGUAGES CORNER



Season	Indonesian	German
Winter	Musim dingin	der Winter
Spring	Musim bunga/musim semi	der Frühling
Summer	Musim panas	der Sommer
Autumn	Musim gugur	der Herbst
Rainy season	Musim hujan	
Dry season	Musim kemarau	



Year 12 student Bailey Trevorrow has begun his School Based Apprenticeship in Plumbing with the team at East Coast Plumbing.

Bailey has been honing his skills by beginning his day setting up tools and equipment on site then getting to work with Mick digging trenches, installing downpipes and installing plumbing fittings to new houses.

This month Bailey has been up on the ladder installing corrugated roofing at 4 new units at Point Lonsdale.

Bailey's Fun Facts:

- Favourite project so far – Renovating a bathroom
- Best part of the Job – The experience of working with Mick and learning new things
- Least favourite part of the job - I don't really have a least favourite yet!

Work experience plays a valuable part in a student's career development and we are truly thankful for Geelong employers like Mick from East Coast Plumbing that take the time to help a student gain the skills necessary to progress on into an Apprenticeship.

If you're a student looking for a pathway into employment such as a School Based Apprenticeship, a parent looking for a secure future for your child, or an employer looking for your next apprentice, contact the Careers & Pathways Team about the Head Start Program at Oberon High School.

Katrina Coburn
Head Start Co-ordinator



STAYING CONNECTED WITH YOUR ANXIOUS TEEN DURING COVID



Is worry about their future, Covid-19 and the uncertainty of our times affecting your young person's life?

Schooling, home life, relationships with family and friends and a sense of self and emotional wellbeing can all be challenged by the current crisis.

In this webinar and the optional following 4 week group, we explore how to recognise anxiety and emotional or social health issues that might be affecting all family members.

We discuss ways to provide a healthy foundation for our teenagers. We will explore ways to improve communication and understand and manage these challenges together.

The webinar will provide broad and useful strategies and the group will provide the opportunity for more interactive small group discussions.

Webinar:
**Wednesday
September 9**

7:00pm

Online via Zoom
Group is 4 weeks starting
September 16
@ 7:00pm

Book your place on our website at www.ds.org.au and we will send you the Zoom link. Call Nicole on **9663 6733** for more information.



FREE event



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we work and pay respects to elders past, present and future.

YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES

The dates for the General Achievement Test (GAT) and the Year 12 End of Year Written Exams have now been confirmed.

Please note the change of date of the GAT which has now been re-scheduled following the announcement of the return to remote learning from Wednesday 5th August

Other dates are still to be confirmed.

Please watch this space for updates when they are advised.



**Mark
Your
Calendar**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **GAT (General Achievement Test)** - Wednesday October 7th - (change of date following the return to remote learning on August 5th)
- **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 Tuesday 10th November - To be completed by Tuesday 1st December
- **Valedictory Dinner** - To be advised



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