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NOVEMBER

Mon 2nd Year 12 Practice English Exam (voluntary)
Wed 3rd Year 11 Outdoor Ed - Rock Climbing
Tues 10th - Tues 1st December - Year 12 Exams
Tues 10th Year 11 Duke of Ed Sea Kayaking
Wed 11th Last day of Year 11 classes
School Council Meeting
Thurs 12th - Tues 17th Year 11 Exams
Tues 17th - Frid 20th Year 10 Duke of Ed Camp and Hike - Bogong
Thurs 19th - Mon 23rd Year 11 into 12 VCE 2021 Commencement Program at Oberon

Frid 20th Christmas Appeal - Casual Dress Day - gold coin donation
School Magazine 2020 Payment Deadline
Frid 27th Year 12 Outdoor Ed Sea Kayaking
Frid 27th Year 12 Phys Ed Volleyball/Soccer
Wed 30th Year 10 Maths/English Exams

DECEMBER

Tues 1st - Thurs 3rd Year 10 into 11 VCE
2021 Commencement Program at Oberon
Tues 8th Grade 6 Orientation Day - **STUDENT FREE DAY FOR STUDENTS IN YRS 7-9**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Year 12 Celebration Day

On Thursday 29th October we farewelled our 2020 Year 12 students from their formal classes and wished them all the best in their upcoming exams. Unfortunately due to the COVID19 restrictions we were unable to follow our normal practice of farewelling the students via a General Assembly involving all students, staff members, parents and family members. Despite the restrictions, we were still able to have the Year 12s have their dress up, be presented to their peers and recount their favourite memories of their time at Oberon High School.

We have made a video of the Celebration Day including interviews with students, which will be compiled and provided to all Year 12 student's families. Whilst our preference would have been to have all family members present for the Celebration Day assembly, unfortunately this was not feasible given the current guidelines.

I am aware that our whole school has endured a very difficult year during 2020, however our Year 12s have been severely impacted by the remote learning and the pressure of completing their VCE or VCAL courses within the timeframes set by the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority.

I am so proud of the group and the resilience that they have displayed through difficult and uncertain times and I have no doubt that they will progress to be wonderful citizens and great contributors in our society.

The Government has announced that Year 12s will be able to hold a Graduation/Valedictory Ceremony later in the year. It appears from the documentation that I have received that this will be limited to the students and staff members. As I receive more information regarding this, I will be updating our group.

VCE Exams

Students across the State begin their VCE exams on Wednesday 10th November, with the English Exam and will conclude exams on Wednesday 2nd December with Indonesian.

We wish all of our students undertaking VCE subjects all the best in their upcoming exam period.

New School

It was great that we were able to organise Year Level excursions last week to show our students their new School. The excitement from the students as they explored the various buildings and facilities was fantastic to watch. A number of students appeared overwhelmed with the new buildings, however as I reaffirmed to them all kids no matter what their background are entitled to have modern facilities in which to be educated.

I have been contacted by parents to put a presentation together of the new school that can be accessed by parents, given that they are unable to come on the site at this point in time. This presentation can be accessed through the following link: <https://youtu.be/yYD0dQolw-U>

Melbourne Cup

A reminder that the Melbourne Cup Day on Tuesday November 3rd is a normal school day. All classes will be operating as usual and all school buses will operate as normal.

Planning for the 2021 School Year

On Tuesday 13th October we ran an information session for the 2021 Year 7 students and their parents via Webex. At this point in time we have 195 students enrolled in Year 7 for 2021 but this is expected to grow as families move into the new school enrolment zone before the start of the year.

The large increase in Year 7 enrolments has resulted in the school having to advertise for a number of new staff members. I am pleased to announce that the following appointments have been made to recently advertised positions:

- *Food/Fibre* – Mrs Geetika Saggar
- *Health/Physical Education* – Ms Caitlyn Parfett
- *VCAL/Humanities* – Ms Kate Anderson
- *Sport Assistant* – Ms Chloe Scott
- *Wood Assistant* – Mr Jamie Nibloe
- *Science* – Ms Paige Milich
- *Music/Drama* – Mr Sam Nicholson

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED....

- *Legal Studies/English/Humanities* – Ms Mallory McNally
- *Music Instrumental/Rock Band* – Mr Mark Benson

We have also advertised the following four additional positions for the 2021 school year which we hope to make appointments to in the next couple of weeks:

- *Languages German*
- *Technology Wood/Systems Technology*
- *English/Humanities*
- *Mathematics/Science*

Tim McMahon

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS 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 is injured. In an emergency situation eg. where an ambulance has been called, parents will be permitted to wait with the child in Sick Bay until the ambulance arrives; but in all other cases parents are asked to ring the office upon arrival and your child will be either sent out to you or if they are too unwell to walk on their own they will be accompanied by a staff member.

If you need to collect your child for a prearranged 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 or email the school well before the time you need to collect them and we will ensure that they are waiting in the foyer for you when you arrive. Please also phone the school when you arrive in the carpark and your child will be sent out to you.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE PAYMENT DEADLINE

A notice to parents who would like an Oberon High School Magazine for 2020

The deadline for payment (\$22.00) is **Friday 20th November, 2020**

Payments can be made via the Parent Portal or by credit card over the phone

Chess Success - Going one **nine** Better!

In May and October our chess team competed in two online tournaments and qualified to compete in the State Championships. At these events, the participants play nine 'blitz' matches which means they have very limited time to contemplate their next move.

Whilst our school community enjoyed a mid-week break courtesy of the Geelong Cup holiday, Daniel Locke, Sid Shrivastava (Year 9) and Manix Van Steeg (Year 7) demonstrated their commitment by participating in the Middle Years State Finals. Our small team of three meant we placed down the lower end of the team results, however Daniel and Sid did well to finish in the top 50 positions in amongst a field of 124 players.

The Open Secondary Tournament was held on 22nd October, which Daniel and Sid also participated in, along with Ruchir Bhatt (Year 10), Kai Bowie (Year 10), Navneet Jaswal (Year 10) and Braydan Jenkins (Year 11). A strongly contested event with 155 players had our team of six boys very focused and were not daunted by a school team of 22 players. Throughout the day our team position was continually shifting on the 'live ladder' - for one brief moment we were in second place!

Ruchir's last game was the final match to be completed on the day, and his success hinged on whether the team would qualify for the national tournament. Fortunately, Ruchir was successful and it was exciting for the team to claim sixth place (by 0.01 points in the countback tie!) and qualify for the nationals.

At state level competitions in recent years, the Oberon team has placed 25th (2018) and 15th (2019) and in 2020, the team were targeting a top ten placing, which they have achieved.

Ruchir was again our best performer, finishing 16th; an excellent effort. The other five boys all placed in the top 50 positions, with each student improving their individual ranking.



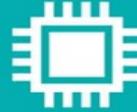
This week, courtesy of Mr Ciociu, the chess team enjoyed a special lunch together and it was a good opportunity to celebrate and reflect on their success with Mr McMahon, Ms Knight and Mr Baker.

Again, I must acknowledge our resident Romanian chess master, Mr Ciociu who continues to guide the Oberon team and offer helpful advice to improve the students' knowledge and skills. His mantra of "practice, practice, practice", is no doubt proving to be wise advice, given the boys continued success.

Congratulations to all the boys and we wish them well at the national tournament. If they remain focused and determined, who knows what they might achieve.

Louise Monotti

STEM



news

On Friday the 16th of October, the final judging panel for the State wide Covid-19 face mask competition, organised by Oberon High School took place.

The judging panels were made up of:

- Hon Richard Marles MP – Federal Member for Corio
- Hon Libby Coker MP – Federal Member for Corangamite
- Hon Christine Couzens – State Member for Geelong
- Hon Darren Cheeseman – State Member for South Barwon
- Ross George – Managing Director of Austeng Engineering
- Graham Mitchell – Founder of Core Electronics
- Mim Glasby – Geelong Tech School Teacher
- Lachlan Patrick – Geelong Tech School Teacher.

Oberon students Sid Shrivastava (Year 9) and Chaise Mason (Year 8) created designs which highly impressed the judges and were successful in winning the major design categories. Congratulations Sid and Chaise!

The results were as follows:

Medical Face Mask Category:

- 1st place – Sid Shrivastava - Year 9 - Oberon High School – 3D Printer sponsored by Core Electronics
- 2nd place - Alejandro Ramos - Year 9/10 - Geelong Baptist College - \$100 Gift Card sponsored by Geelong Tech School

Street Wear Mask Category:

- 1st place – Chaise Mason – Year 8 - Oberon High School – 3D Printer sponsored by Austeng
- 2nd place - Maddie Scott - Year 9/10 - Bacchus Marsh Grammar - \$100 Gift Card sponsored by Oberon High School

Best Team Entry:

- Aitkin College – 3D printer sponsored by Core Electronics

Junior Entries category:

- 1st place - Chakrika Polavarapuu - Year 7/8 - Viewbank College - \$200 Gift Card sponsored by Geelong Tech School
- 2nd place – Manix VanSteege – Year 7 – Oberon High School - \$100 Store Voucher from LittleBird Electronics

Judges Engineering Encouragement Award:

- Ari Plevritis Yr 9/10, Beaumaris Secondary College - \$50 Store Voucher from Wiltronics

Winning entries will be soon displayed via our social media outlets and on the DATTA Vic webpage: <https://www.datta.vic.edu.au/content/covid-19-face-mask-challenge>

Winning entries will also be on display at the Geelong Tech School, and on the newly setup facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/From-the-STEM-100290598481702>

A page from Chaise Mayson's entry

CHAISE, M., OBERON HIGH SCHOOL, 2020

Bride's vale mask

A mask made for weddings, with the traditional vale to lift, and styling to suit the occasion.

Layers:

- 1st layer: This is the frame. Other fabric is sewn to the top. It has a cut out in the middle.
- 2nd layer: The filter. This + the next two layers are attached at the top and sides, forming one piece. This piece is only attached to the frame at the top, for lifting.
- 3rd layer: Decorative piece.
- 4th layer: Vale. See-through so the decorations are visible.

Demonstration:

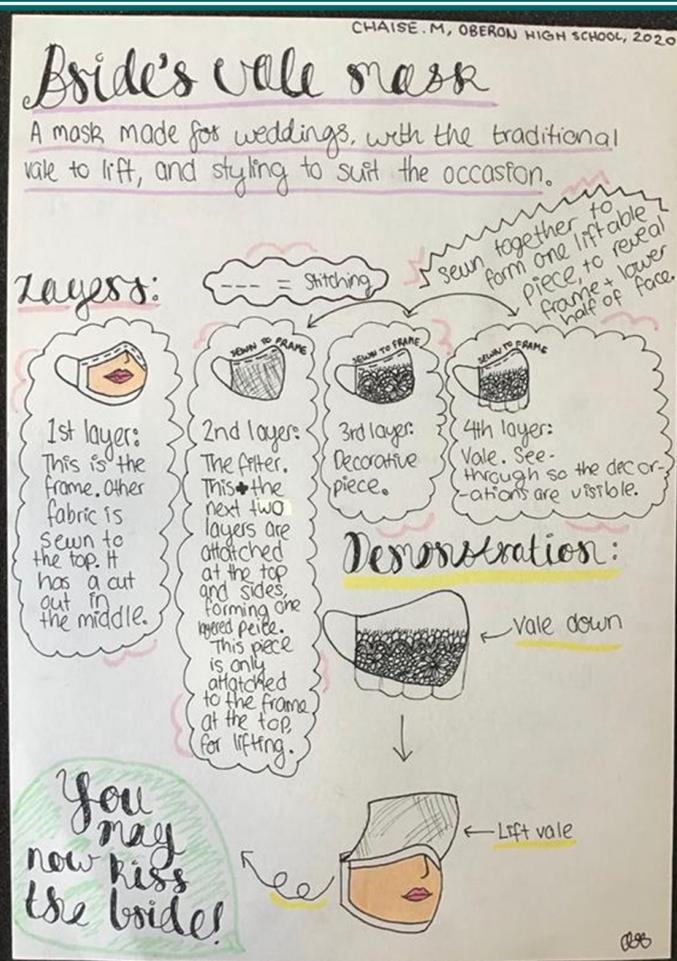
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sewn together to form one liftable piece, to reveal frame + lower half of face.

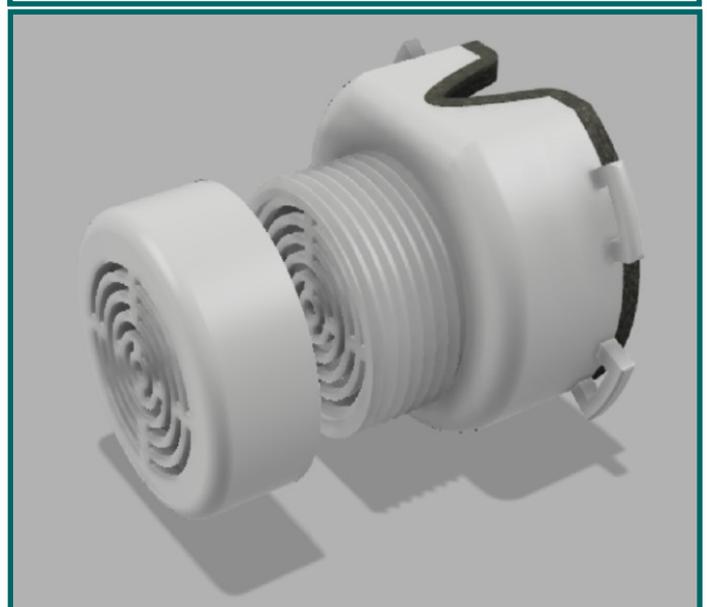
← vale down

← lift vale

You may now kiss the bride!



Sid Shrivastava's mask design



STUDENT VISIT TO THE NEW SCHOOL



Last week our students enjoyed Year Level Excursions to our new School at Armstrong Creek. The students were very excited to explore the grounds and experience the amazing facilities at our new school.

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we are currently unable to offer tours of the new school to parents but a video presentation showcasing the new school can be accessed through the following link: <https://youtu.be/yYD0dQolw-U>



LANGUAGES NEWS

CLEO - IF I COULD TURN BACK TIME



Mon, 26.10.2020 -
Fri, 30.10.2020
ONLINE

Kino for Kids German films

Several German junior classes have this week been able to watch some great German movies in class for free - thanks to the Goethe-Institute, Australia.

- TKKG Detective Agency – for Years 7 & 8
- Cleo - If I could turn back time – for Year 10

Videobotschaft der Hauptdarstellerin



Kundschafter Film/Delta Film Warner Bros

LANGUAGES CORNER - IN THE CLASSROOM

IN THE CLASSROOM	DI KELAS	IM KLASSENZIMMER
Pen	Pensa	der Kuli
Pencil	Pensil	der Bleistift
Folder	Map	die Mappe
Eraser	Penghapus	der Radiergummi
Blackboard	Papan Tulis	die Tafel
Ruler	Penggaris	das Lineal
Pencil case	Tas Pensil	das Federmäppchen
Pencil box	Kotak Pensil	das Etui
Book	Buku	das Buch
Exercise Book	Buku tulis	das Heft
Scissors	Gunting	die Schere
Sharpener	Pengasah	der Spitzer

YEAR 12 STUDENTS SHOW THEIR FASHION STYLE



Our Year 12 students enjoyed some fun dress up days with a "Decades Dress Up" and "Fezzy Friday" in the lead up to their Year 12 Celebration Day. It is highly unlikely that our younger students will be looking to our Year 12s for fashion advice any time soon!



YEAR 12 CELEBRATION DAY

Our Year 12 students celebrated their last day at school on Thursday 29th October after what has been a very difficult year. The students celebrated in fine style and enjoyed lots of laughter and memories on this very special day.

Teachers found themselves the unwitting targets of some very clever practical jokes with the student's weapon of choice being copious amounts of silly string and glitter. It is likely that Assistant Principal Josh Baker will be finding bean bag beans on the floor of his office for many weeks to come.

Farewell Year 12 Class of 2020 - good luck for your forthcoming exams and we wish you all the best for the future.



OBERON CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020

As part of Oberon High School's commitment to community service, each year we organise an **Oberon Christmas Appeal**. Students from the Year 7G and 7H Enhancement classes are coordinating the annual fundraising appeal as part of their volunteering component of the Compass Awards program. A raffle and other activities will contribute to their fundraising efforts.

Our Christmas appeal will support **Uniting Care**, who each year generously assist many of our Oberon families to purchase textbooks and uniforms. Through our fundraising efforts, we will present **Uniting Care** with a selection of children's gifts which will be distributed to local families in need.

To assist with the annual appeal, we encourage students and their families to donate gifts. Suggested items for donation could include:

Uniting



- Toys - e.g.: Lego, cars, dolls and beach toys
- Arts and crafts items
- Colouring items - e.g.: textas, pencils and colouring books
- DVDs - targeted for children - e.g. Rated G, or PG
- Sporting equipment - e.g.: bats and balls
- Gift cards

Due to health regulations we are **unable to accept second-hand items**. Thank you to the families who have already donated gifts. Items/donations will be collected up until the end of November and can be left at the General Office. Families are welcome to make a direct financial contribution.

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PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to the students and their families from 7G and 7H, along with the staff of Oberon, for their generous contributions to the raffle prizes. The raffle is now underway with plenty of opportunities to win a hamper filled with treats. Unfortunately, the frequent callout in the yard, "do you take card?" from some students, means they are unable to buy the winning ticket. The two year 7 classes are selling tickets each lunchtime and would appreciate some of your loose change making its way to school. We look forward to your support.

CAMPS, SPORTS, EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Families who have a Centrelink Benefit card can still apply for the CSEF. The closing date for 2020 is now **Friday 27th November**. (the date has been extended due to the pandemic).

If you had forgotten to apply at the beginning of the year or if you have recently been placed on a Centrelink benefit (eligibility date - 5/10/20) please contact the school for an application form.

YEAR 7 & 10 STUDENTS IMMUNISATION INFORMATION

The 2nd dose of the Human Papillomavirus HPV (Gardasil) immunisation session for current Year 7 students that was originally scheduled for November 26th has been postponed. This immunisation will now take place on Thursday 11th February 2021 (date to be confirmed) when the current Year 7 students will be in Year 8.

YEAR 10 2021

- Meningococcal ACWY

Consent forms will shortly be distributed to current Year 9 students for the Year 10 2021 Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation. Could parents please give completed consent forms to your son or daughter to return to the office by Friday 4th December, even if your child does not require the immunisation.

If parents have any questions regarding immunisations please visit immune@barwonhealth.org.au for further information.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BOOKS & UNIFORMS FOR 2021

Uniting VT Barwon has access to limited funds to provide assistance for families who may need extra support with the financial cost of **text books** (including the cost of the **digital books subscription to Education Perfect**) and **uniforms** for **2021**. Families need to have a **current Health Care Card** to be eligible for support. As part of the process **Uniting VT** require an adult family member to attend an interview to help determine the needs and support that the family require.

Unfortunately the funds do not enable **Uniting VT Barwon** to assist all families with a Centrelink benefit card, thus it is important to *get in early*. Due to the government restrictions and regulations regarding Covid 19, the interview process will be done differently for this year and will be as follows.

All interviews will be conducted **via phone** with **Sam Mackenzie: Student Wellbeing Manager – Oberon High School** between 9.00am and 4.00pm. Interviews will be conducted **from October 26th until December 4th, 2020**. Please contact the school on **52 434 444** to arrange an interview time.

If you have further questions or queries regarding this process, please feel free to contact myself at Oberon High School on 52 43 4444.

Sam Mackenzie
Student Wellbeing Manager

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY



<p><u>YEAR 12</u></p> <p>Tuesday 10th November – Tuesday 1st December Wednesday 30th December</p>	<p>Year 12 Exams - Students have been given their individual timetables Year 12 results released</p>
<p><u>YEAR 11</u></p> <p>Wednesday 13th November Thursday 12th - Tuesday 17th November Thursday 19th November – Monday 23rd November</p>	<p>Last day of Year 11 classes Year 11 Exams Year 11 into 12 VCE 2021 Commencement Program at Oberon (Program compulsory for all 2020 Year 11 students) Monday 23rd November is the last day at school for Year 11 students.</p>
<p><u>YEAR 10</u></p> <p>Monday 30th November Tuesday 1st – Thursday 3rd December</p>	<p>Last day of Year 10 classes Year 10 Maths and English Exams Year 10 into 11 VCE 2021 Commencement Program at Oberon (Program compulsory for all 2020 Year 10 students). Thursday 3rd December is the last day at school for Year 10 students.</p>
<p><u>ALL YEAR LEVELS</u></p> <p>Friday 11th December Monday 14th - Friday 17th December Friday 18th December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YEARS 7- 9 FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL • SCHOOL RELOCATION PREPARATION - NO CLASSES HELD FOR STUDENTS - • Students can be supervised if required. <p>LAST DAY OF THE 2020 SCHOOL TERM</p>
<p><u>COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR EARLY 2021</u></p> <p>Monday 25th January Tuesday 26th January Wednesday 27th January Thursday 28th January Friday 29th January Wednesday 10th February Friday 19th February Tuesday 9th March Friday 26th March</p>	<p>School Office Open Australia Day Public Holiday First day of Term 1, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Free Day • School Office Open • Teachers return to school <p>Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 commence school Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 commence school. All students now in attendance. School Photo Day Oberon Swimming Carnival School Photo Catch Up Day Oberon Athletics Carnival</p>

2020 VCE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

The 2020 VCE Examination Timetable is available on the VCAA website at

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/Key-dates/Pages/VCE-exam-timetable.aspx>