

Absence Hotline - 03 5215 9733

Issue 18 - Friday 13th November, 2020

NOVEMBER

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

NOVEMBER CONT'D

Wed 30th Year 10 Maths/English Exams
Wed 30th - Frid 4th December Year 9 Leadership Camp - Rubicon

DECEMBER

Tues 1st - Thurs 3rd Year 10 into 11 VCE 2021 Commencement Program at Oberon
Frid 11th **YEARS 7-9 FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL**
Mon 14th - Frid 17th
Frid 18th **LAST DAY OF TERM 4**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Armstrong Creek

The latest with the new site is that we are currently working through with Kane Constructions and the Victorian School Building Authority any defects relating to the new school site, so that these can be rectified prior to the students beginning onsite for the start of the 2021 school year.

As we all would be aware, with any new building whether a house or in our case a school there will always be a number of defects, so as these are being identified they are being fixed immediately.

In order for the school equipment to be relocated from our current site to the new site, removalists and heavy machinery removalists have been contracted to undertake this task. We have established a timeline in regards to this. The removalists will begin packing equipment from the 7th December in anticipation of this being relocated and will not conclude this process of equipment until the 15th January.

I am aware from correspondence with parents that the most pressing question relates to the bussing to the new site including bus routes, times etc. Public Transport Victoria, McHarry's and the Student Transport Division have plans in place that we believe will cater for our students and families.

I am hopeful that we will be able to provide parents with more information and clarity regarding this as the State Budget is announced.

Year 12 Exams

The Year 12 students began their end of year exams on Tuesday 10th November undertaking English and will complete all exams by Tuesday 1st December with the last exam being Indonesian.

We wish all of the students all of the best with the exams.

Year 12 Valedictory

We are still planning for a Year 12 Valedictory presentation for our students at the completion of their exams. Whilst we have some plans in place, these are being guided by the regulations that must abide by.

At this point the presentation would only be able to involve the Year 12 students and some staff members.

We will be communicating these plans to our Year 12s and their families in the upcoming weeks.

Year 11 Exams

The Year 11s began their exam period on Thursday 12th November and will conclude on Tuesday 19th November.

We would normally hold a Year 11 Formal where School and House Captains for 2021 would be announced, however due to the COVID19 restrictions this unfortunately is not a possible this year.

The group will then begin their Year 11 into 12 Commencement Program on Friday 20th November.

Awards Day

Given the COVID19 restrictions we will also be unable to run our Awards Day as in previous years. Therefore the Awards Day at Costa Hall at the end of the year is cancelled and will be replaced by presentations to each individual year level.

We hopefully will be able to run something for the whole school in the new year to acknowledge the 2020 Year 12 Dux.

Staffing 2021

Due to the increase in student enrolments for the 2021 school year, we have advertised and employed a number of new staff members. I am pleased to announce the following appointments:

- German Languages - Mirza Skelic
- Technology Wood/Systems Technology - Christopher McConnell

DET Scholarships for 2021

Students have the opportunity to apply for a range of DET Scholarships for the 2021 school year.

More than 140 scholarships, ranging in value from \$600 to \$30,000, are available to Year 12 students undertaking further study in 2021.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED....

To explore the scholarships available and for information on how to apply, see: [Student scholarships](https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/register.aspx) or via the following website link <https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/register.aspx>

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

Congratulations to Year 10 student Callie Barnes who was selected to be part of the Melbourne University Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars program for 2021.

Callie was selected by the Melbourne University panel due to her strong academic achievements and community involvement.

Intentions 2021

If you are aware that your son/daughter isn't returning to Oberon in 2021, can you please contact the school as soon as possible. We are currently planning for 2021 and confirmation of students in all year levels is an important part of this process.

Tim McMahon

FUNDRAISING IN ACTION!

Year 11 student Trae Jager has raised money for Sea Shepherd Australia. As part of his SBAT 'Make and Bake', Trae raised money through an Easter cookie fundraiser which he was keen to donate to a good cause.

Well done Trae. Your efforts to contribute to the actions of saving our oceans is most commendable!



BEYOND SCHOOL

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Webinar Series

This is an exciting time for school leavers and Mas National is keen to take this opportunity to share our knowledge on the career options that are available to finishing students.

Our industry specialists are presenting a series of webinars aimed at both parents and students. Webinar two will focus on Apprenticeships and Traineeships.



Webinar 2

Focus on Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Apprenticeships and Traineeships are a genuine pathway and in this session we will replace myths with facts and open up your mind to the options available.

How to register: Head to

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/beyond-school-focus-on-apprenticeships-traineeships-registration-127667544061>

When: Wednesday 18th of November at 7:30pm

Cost: The webinar is free of charge

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WORK EXPERIENCE - UNDER THE HOOD

Jacob Dunn of Year 9 has enjoyed the opportunity to undertake work experience one day a week with Mark Haby Motors in South Geelong this year.

His keen interest in mechanics will enable him to enter a School Based Apprenticeship or VET Automotive as he moves towards either VCE or VCAL.

We hope to see more students under work experience next year as restrictions are lifted.



All Year 10 students will undertake Occupational Health and Safety training in Term 1 of next year to get them ready for work experience opportunities throughout the year.

GITTC - GEELONG INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE VET TASTER PROGRAM 2021 FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

For the last few years Year 10 students from Oberon High School have had the chance to attend 2 Terms at Northern Bay's GITTC VET Taster program on a Thursday.

Over the 2 Terms students select 2 different VET courses including Automotive, Engineering, Building, Joinery and Hospitality.

Many of the students who complete this taster program go on to enrol in a VET course as part of their VCE or VCAL program in Year 11 and 12.

If your current Year 9 student may be interested in this VET Taster program in 2021 please don't hesitate contacting the Careers staff, Mrs Kaye Barry or Ms Nicola Maher. We are currently taking names of interested students. A note will go home to parents through XUNO.

Nicola Maher

IMPORTANT NOTICE UNSOLD BOOKS IN UNIFORM SHOP TO BE COLLECTED BY STUDENTS

An important notice to any parents who have books in the Oberon Second-Hand Book Shop.

This year there will be **no** second-hand book sale at Oberon due to the restrictions around COVID19, so could you please ask your son or daughter to collect any unsold books from the shop.

The shop will be open at lunchtime every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until Monday 30th November.

Please note that due to the need to clear stock from the shop to prepare for the move to Armstrong Creek, any books not collected by **Friday 4th December** will be donated to students in need or to an overseas charitable organisation.

WORM FARMS PLEASE

As we prepare to move to the new school site next year, we are looking at starting a composting system.

As To do this efficiently we will need a number of worm farms.

Do you have one that you can donate?

Here is a picture of the sort of things we are looking for.

Please contact Greg Burgess at the school via Xuno, if you can help out.

He will coordinate the details of how to take your clean (hosed out) old worm farm and find a new home for it at Oberon in Armstrong Creek.

Thank you.

Greg Burgess



LANGUAGES CORNER - PLACES

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Bank	bank	die Bank
Museum	museum	das Museum
Restaurant	rumah makan	das Restaurant
Chemist	apotek	die Apotheke
Hospital	rumah sakit	das Krankenhaus
Police station	kantor polisi	die Polizei
Post office	kantor pos	die Post
School	sekolah	die Schule
University	universitas	die Universität
Petrol station	pompa bensin	die Tankstelle
Train station	stasiun kereta api	der Bahnhof
Airport	bandar udara	der Flughafen
Church	gereja	die Kirche
Mosque	mesjid	die Moschee
Temple	candi/pura	der Tempel
Library	perpustakaan	die Bibliothek
Supermarket	toko swalayan	der Supermarkt
Cinema	bioskop	das Kino
Public toilets	w.c. umum	die Toiletten/das WC



OBERON CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020

Week 7 Friday 20th of November will be a **Casual Clothes** day where you'll need to bring in a gold coin donation that goes towards the purchase of children's toys.

As part of Oberon High School's commitment to Community Service, each year we organise an **Oberon Christmas Appeal** to support families in our local area. Through our fundraising efforts, we will be presenting Uniting Barwon with Children's Toys, which they will distribute to local families in need.

Students from the Year 7H Enhancement Class are organising the Oberon Christmas Appeal for 2020 as a part of their Compass Awards Program.

Uniting



Don't forget to donate toys!

Suggested items for donation could include:

Toys eg: Lego, Cars, Dolls & Beach Toys
Kids DVD's
Arts & Crafts
Colouring Items eg: Textas, Pencils & Colouring Books
Gift Cards
Sporting Equipment – Bats & Balls

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 Regulations we are **unable to accept second-hand items.**

We will be collecting items/donations up until the end of November.
Please bring your donations to Staff Room 1 or the Library.

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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 still to be confirmed) when the current Year 7 students will be in Year 8.

YEAR 10 2021 - Meningococcal ACWY

Consent forms have been 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.

The Year 10 immunisation session is scheduled for Wednesday 24th March, 2020.

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



AN IMPORTANT REMINDER AS THE WARM WEATHER STARTS



Now that the warmer weather is here could parents please remind your sons and daughters to bring a water bottle to school every day to stay hydrated and also to dress appropriately for the warmer days.

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 (access via Pickett Crescent) 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

SICK BAY - AN IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

If your son or daughter becomes unwell at school they must follow the following procedure:

- Report to the office to be signed into Sick Bay. If during class time ask for permission from their teacher to come to the Office to be signed into Sick Bay.
- If the student is too unwell to remain at school a staff member in the office will then telephone a parent.
- **Please remind your child not to contact parents themselves if unwell. This is very important for safety reasons.**
- Please remind your son or daughter that Sick Bay is a place for sick students to rest before being picked up by a parent or to rest for 15 minutes before returning to class. It is not a place for extended stays especially during the Covid 19 pandemic and particularly if the student is showing cold or flu symptoms. It is vitally important for parents to provide up to date contact numbers and emergency numbers in case of illness or emergency.
- When collecting your child from Sick Bay we ask that parents phone the office upon arrival and your child will be sent out to you and will be accompanied by a staff member if necessary.



Please remember that if your child is sick the best place for them to recover is at home.

OBERON AWARD ASSEMBLIES 2020

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions our Awards Day format will be different this year. Instead of the traditional Awards Day at which we would normally welcome parents, we will be holding Award Assemblies during school hours for students and staff only. The times and dates of these assemblies follow:

- Year 7 9th December with the Public Speaking/ Debate Celebration - Period 5 & 6
- Year 8 9th December with the Public Speaking/ Debate Celebration - Period 3 & 4
- Year 9 10th December with the Public Speaking/Debate/Celebration P5 & 6
- Year 10 1st December at the beginning of the Year 10 into Year 11 Commencement Program.
- Year 11 20th November at the beginning of the Year 11 into Year 12 Commencement Program.
- Year 12 7th December

The Assemblies will be filmed and made available online for parents to view the achievements of Oberon students during this very difficult and unprecedented year.

We hope to be able to run an event for the whole school in the New Year to acknowledge the 2020 Year 12 Dux.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND 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.



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Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Barry Street, 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.dss.gov.au for more information.

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We are looking for both experienced athletes and enthusiastic first-timers to join Athletics Chilwell, one of Geelong's most respected sporting clubs.

Train and compete under the guidance of qualified coaches, in a fun and supportive environment.

Senior competitions in track & field and cross-country disciplines are tailored to competitors aged from 12 to 70. All levels of fitness/skill/ability welcome!

Open Day: Saturday, November 21 from 1pm
(To be confirmed pending COVID restrictions)
Venue: Landy Field, South Geelong

Contact: athletics.chillwell@gmail.com

More information: www.athleticschillwell.asn.au

or visit our Facebook page

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY



<p><u>YEAR 12</u> Tuesday 10th November – Tuesday 1st December</p> <p>Wednesday 30th December</p>	<p>Year 12 Exams - Students have been given their individual timetables</p> <p>Year 12 results released</p>
<p><u>YEAR 11</u> Thursday 12th - Tuesday 17th November</p> <p>Thursday 19th November – Monday 23rd November</p>	<p>Year 11 Exams</p> <p>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> Monday 30th November</p> <p>Tuesday 1st – Thursday 3rd December</p>	<p>Last day of Year 10 classes Year 10 Maths and English Exams</p> <p>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> Friday 11th December</p> <p>Monday 14th - Friday 17th December</p> <p>Friday 18th December</p>	<p>Final Day of School for Students in Years 7 - 9</p> <p>School Relocation Preparation - NO CLASSES HELD FOR STUDENTS - Students can be supervised if required.</p> <p>LAST DAY OF THE 2020 VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM</p>
<p><u>COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR EARLY 2021</u> Monday 25th January</p> <p>Tuesday 26th January</p> <p>Wednesday 27th January</p> <p>Thursday 28th January</p> <p>Friday 29th January</p> <p>Monday 1st February - Friday 5th February 2021</p> <p>Wednesday 10th February</p> <p>Thursday 11th February</p> <p>Friday 19th February</p> <p>Tuesday 9th March</p> <p>Friday 26th March</p>	<p>School Office Open</p> <p>Australia Day Public Holiday</p> <p>First day of Term 1, 2021 - Student Free Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Office Open - Teachers return to school <p>Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 commence school</p> <p>Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 commence school. ALL students now in attendance.</p> <p>Year 7 Transition Camp</p> <p>School Photo Day</p> <p>Year 8 2021 - 2nd HPV Immunisation (2nd dose for Yr 7 2020 students)</p> <p>Oberon Swimming Carnival</p> <p>School Photo Catch Up Day</p> <p>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>