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- Mon 17th** - Yr 11 VCAL Geelong Careers Tour
Wed 19th - Yr 7 Enhancement - Pt Addis Bush Walk
Thurs 20th - Yr 12 Outdoor Ed Rockclimbing - P1 - 6 Yr 9 Art Excursion - Tech School
Frid 21st - Yr 8 Mental Health Presentation - Period 1-6
Mon 24th - **Frid 28th** Yr 8 Tech School Incursions
Tues 25th - Yr 11 Outdoor Ed - mountain bike riding
Wed 26th - Yr 9 Fibre Excursion
Frid 28th - Biggest Morning Tea - Recess
Plain English Speaking Competition

JUNE

- Tues 1st** - Yr 11 Work Requirements due in
Wed 2nd - **Frid 4th** **YEAR 11 EXAMS**
Thurs 3rd - VEX Robotics Design & Practice Day
Frid 4th - Survey in Connect - Deakin Tech School
Mon 7th - **REPORT WRITING DAY - STUDENT FREE DAY**
Tues 8th - **Wed 9th** **YEAR 11 EXAMS**
Tues 8th - Yr 12 Outdoor Ed Excursion
Wed 9th - **Frid 11th** Yr 9 Morrisby Interviews
Wed 9th - **GAT - General Achievement Test**
School Council Meeting

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Traffic Congestion

A large amount of construction has begun on an estate on the northern boundary of the school near Eagle Bay Road. As a consequence of this there is increased traffic congestion for parents and buses dropping students off. Can we be mindful of this and remain patient when doing the one way loop around the school both before school and at the end of the day.

Staff Changes

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Rachel Walsh has been appointed to teach English/Humanities whilst Mr Josh McDonald is undertaking the Acting Assistant Principal position until the end of Term 3.

Facilities Update

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter we are currently working with the Department of Education and the Department of Transport to have a bus shelter installed near the bus interchange on Eagle Bay Road. I am hopeful that this will be approved in the near future to allow for its installation prior to the winter weather arriving, providing our students with much needed shelter from any inclement weather.

I have also been informed by the Victorian School Building Authority that we will have air-conditioning installed in classrooms and offices across the school by the end of the year. Whilst the new school buildings have provided students and staff with a great learning environment, this will ensure that students can maximise their concentration levels and learning even during very hot weather conditions.

Our Buildings and Grounds Committee will continue to meet each month to consider projects that we may need to address to make this the best learning environment for our students and staff.

Staff Professional Learning Day

On Monday 10th May, all staff members participated in a day of professional learning which was facilitated by consultant Karen Green. The focus of the day was continuing to build the capacity of our teachers in their ability to challenge our most capable students across the school in all learning areas.

NAPLAN Online

Year 7 and 9 students began their online testing on Tuesday 11th May and will conclude the testing on Monday 17th May. Thank you to Mr Tony Zerafa and Mrs Leanne Houlston who have organised the logistics associated with this testing.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year.

School Cross Country

The School Cross Country was held on Friday 7th May at the Armstrong Creek Sports Precinct. It was great to see so many students competing and also to see so many parents and grandparents attending to provide support. Thank you to Mr Chris Sly and Mr James Claney who organised this event.

Tim McMahon

YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES 2021

- Last day of Year 12 Classes - Monday 18th October
- Year 12 Final Assembly - Tuesday 19th October
- Year 12 Valedictory Dinner - Monday 22nd November 6 pm - 9 pm

IMPORTANT VCE EXAM INFORMATION

- **General Achievement Test (GAT)**
- Wednesday 9 June 2021, 10.00am – 1.15pm
- **Performance and Languages oral examinations.**
Monday 4 October 2021 – Sunday 31 October 2021
- **Written examinations**
Wednesday 27 October 2021 – Wednesday 17 November 2021

SENIOR YEARS NEWS

Congratulations to those Year 11 students who have been working diligently, as we head towards **mid-year exams, which begin on Wednesday 2nd June.**

Exams will be held at Oberon HS, along with the **General Achievement Test (GAT) on Wednesday 9th June.**

Any student who is studying a Unit 3&4 subject, will need to complete the GAT, as this is an important tool in verifying results at the end of the school year.

A reminder that all Year 11 work requirements for Unit 1 are due in on Tuesday 1st June.

Mental Health workshops were a feature of our past two weeks, with the Year 10s and 11s, both experiencing a workshop run by Headspace, titled, "Clearing the Stress Bucket".

Both year levels impressed me with their maturity and reflection about the importance of looking after your own mental health, and looking out for the wellbeing of your peers.

The Senior Production team have been working hard on Thursday nights, as they prepare for their **performance of "The Dream"**, which will be staged at Shenton Theatre in Geelong, giving the students the chance to experience a different performance space and atmosphere, for their show.

Performances are scheduled for **Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th June.**

It's been exciting to see the **VCAL crew** working hard together on their whole school projects, preparing food and educational videos and posters, to celebrate **Harmony Day**, and recently, creating flower and chocolate gifts, along with hampers, to celebrate **"Special Women's Day"**, in the lead up to Mother's Day.

Congratulations to the VCAL team, in successfully organising, managing and reviewing such large scale projects. I also enjoyed a lovely coffee while the team were completing their barista course recently – bonus!

Bronwyn Knight

INTERMEDIATE BASEBALL TEAM

Congratulations to the Intermediate Baseball team that participated in the Western Zone Finals at the Geelong Baseball Centre last Wednesday.

In the final game of the day, we needed to defeat Maribyrnong College to advance to the State Finals. Unfortunately we were defeated by the narrowest of margins (1 run). A great effort by all involved.

Team members:

Tyson Bell (9B)	Cody Bell (10B)
Nick Ryan (9C)	Joshua Hirst (8C)
Prabh Sodhi (8A)	Alexander Paddle (8H)
Cade White (8D)	Charlie Bell (7D)
Xavier Galang (8A)	Cooper Tipping (10C).

Scorer & Cheer Squad: Donovan Blake.
Manager: Craig O'Brien.

A big thank you to the parents, family and friends who came along and supported the boys on the day.

Craig O'Brien

STUDENT TEACHERS FROM INDONESIA BEAMING INTO INDONESIAN CLASSROOMS AT OBERON

This year we have been fortunate to have had 2 Indonesian student teachers from Padang and Yogyakarta as part of the Guru Bantu Program.

Last Term Year 11 Indonesian met with Fiqa from Padang University in West Sumatra and this term Year 10 Indonesian classes are engaging with Mbak Winda from Yogyakarta.

Each week through online platforms students are able to practise their Indonesian language and learn about everyday life and celebrations through videos made by Fiqa and Winda.

Whilst we're unable to travel to Indonesia at the moment the Guru Bantu program is enabling a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange.

STEM NEWS

A call out to parents who are keen to help our students to 'Go one better' with their learning. We are looking for experts in a wide range of learning areas to help our teachers to deliver exciting, engaging, and relevant curriculum.

Oberon teachers are highly experienced and highly skilled, however, we realise that there is a vast network of untapped expertise that exists in our parent community.

Are you an expert in any area? Do you have specialised skills in an area that you would be willing to share?

Whether you are an artist or an astronaut, a scientist or a chef. We would love you to register as part of our team of 'Industry Experts'.

How This Will Work:

Parents register their interest in this program using the survey link below, and specify their particular area of expertise.

Our teachers then access this register to enrich their curriculum, by contacting an Industry Expert for an online class meeting, or to ask specific questions (this should require only a very small time commitment each year).

We hope that you are able to join us in this exciting endeavour to expand our learning network across our whole school community.

If you would like any further information on this initiative, please contact our STEM Specialist Seven Vinton, via the school.

Please register as an Industry Expert using this survey link: <https://forms.office.com/r/yU3HEhbGsf>

Seven Vinton

OBERON HIGH SCHOOL PAYMENTS

When making payments for school costs, excursions, etc the preferred methods are:

1. Using the **XUNO Parent Portal**
2. **Using BPay** (*reference numbers are found on the bottom of the last page of your invoice/statement*)

or

3. Paying by Credit Card over the phone

The school no longer holds cash on the premises
(*exception is casual dress days*)

YEAR 11 OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GREAT OCEAN WALK - OVERNIGHT HIKE

Last week Year 11 Outdoor Education students hiked a beautiful and remote section of the Great Ocean Walk. The hike began at the Gables Lookout, perched on one of the highest sea cliffs in mainland Australia. We followed the Great Ocean Walk trail which hugged the coastline as it wound through coastal heath and casuarina tree groves, offering uninterrupted ocean views.



After setting up camp at Devil's Kitchen (ominous in name only) and with an afternoon of warm weather ahead of us, we had plenty of time to explore Wreck Beach. Fortunately, our timing allowed us to view and appreciate the anchors of two of the many shipwrecks that lie submerged along this coast.



Leaving Devil's Kitchen on our last day, we travelled once again along the track that hugged the wild coastal cliffs towards Princetown and The Twelve Apostles Marine Park. The trail descended from the coastal escarpment into the wetlands around Princetown that support a wide variety of bird life. Finally, we could not have come this far without a short stop at the Twelve Apostles before beginning the drive home.



Such an opportunity allows students to learn about the influences on outdoor experiences, reflect on their own personal responses to outdoor environments and safely participate in and plan their hike. Our Year 11 OED students continue to demonstrate their capacity to manage themselves, make responsible decisions, and effectively work as a group in the outdoors.



Bec Carlisle
Year 11 Outdoor & Environmental Studies Teacher

LANGUAGES NEWS

VISIT TO OLD GERMANTOWN – YEAR 11 GERMAN

The year 11 German class has been studying “The Germans in Australia” and last week went on an excursion to Grovedale – Grovedale was known as Germantown from 1849 until 1915.

Not much is left of the old German settlement, however we were lucky enough to be able to visit the old cellar at the original Winter family home. The present owner gave the class a history lesson. We passed the German Cottage on Torquay Road – it’s now a medical centre, then went to the Lutheran Church in Heyers Road. Pastor Colin told the students about some of the original German settlers. Our final stop was the cemetery on Church Street. tudents had some research tasks to complete.

The students enjoyed learning about their local area as did Russell – our Chaplain.



LANGUAGES CORNER - SUBJECTS

COUNTRIES	NEGARA	die Länder
Indonesian	Bahasa Indonesia	Indonesisch
German	Bahasa Jerman	Deutsch
English	Bahasa Inggris	Englisch
Humanities	IPS	Sozialkunde
Science	IPA	Naturwissenschaften
Maths	Ilmu Pasti	Mathematik
Health	Kesehatan	Gesundheitserziehung
PE	PJ	Sportunterricht
Sport	Olahraga	Sport
Computing	Komputer	Informatik
Drama	Drama	Drama
Music	Musik	Musik
Art	Kesenian	Kunst
Cooking	Memasak	Kochen
Graphics	Grafika	Grafik
Sewing	Menjahit	Nähen
Woodwork	Pertukangan kazu	Werken

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Our next whole school community service activity for 2021 will be fundraising for the Leukaemia Foundation to help raise money to continue research into finding a cure for cancer and to help provide support for those people suffering from cancer.



The students in the Year 7B Enhancement Program are planning, organising and hosting the World's Greatest Shave for 2021.

World's Greatest Shave will be happening on **Friday 28th May**. This will be a Casual Dress Day (gold coin donation please) with entertainment, food and cold drinks sold at lunchtime (students will be advised of details closer to the event). We will also be running a Hamper Raffle to be drawn on this day. We are working to reinstate a highlight of the event for students - the 'Dunk Tank'.

We are seeking students and staff to volunteer to shave their heads on the day. Last time we raised more than \$6,000, so we are hoping to continue our success this year. Please note that qualified hairdressers are responsible for the hair cutting.

Any questions or to collect a permission form please contact Kate Anderson or the students of 7B.

Donations of chocolates, lollies, vouchers or other suitable items would be greatly appreciated for the raffle hampers. These can be left at the office or given directly to Miss Anderson

**Thank you on behalf
of Year 7B Enhancement class**

2021 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 2 19th April - 25th June
Term 3 12th July - 17th September
Term 4 4th October - 17th December

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 2 Holidays
Monday 28th June - Friday 12th July

Term 3 Holidays
Monday 20th September - Friday 1st October



STUDENT FREE DAYS 2021

The following day has been approved by the Oberon High School - School Council as student free for 2021:

- Monday June 7th, 2021
Report Writing Day

Please mark this date in your diary.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR BUS TRAVELLERS

A reminder from McHarrys Buslines, that **ALL** passengers, including students, on public transport, school and charter services are required under the Victorian Health Directions, to wear a mask when travelling unless they have a legal exemption or are under the age of 12. This requirement helps keep both drivers and passengers safe.

Reconciliation in the Park 2021 FREE EVENT - Everyone welcome



SUNDAY 30 MAY
10am - 3pm
Johnstone Park
Geelong



www.facebook.com/recintheipark
www.geelongonefire.org.au

*More than a word.
Reconciliation takes action*

Featuring:

- Welcome to Country
 - Local performers
 - Dilly bag making
 - Native food plants
 - Wildlife Xposure
 - Indigenous Outreach Project
 - Kids activities
 - FREE BBQ
- And plenty more....

Coffee van will be on site for buying drinks



GEELOG



Barwon Water



Geelong Connected Communities



NATIONAL SORRY DAY

Wednesday 26th May, 2021

12pm - 2pm

Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative invites you to join us for National Sorry Day at 62 Morgan Street, North Geelong.

National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation. All are welcome to attend.

Event Details

12pm - Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
 12:15pm - Guest speakers and music performance
 1:00pm - BBQ Lunch provided

Please RSVP for catering purposes to comms@wathaurong.org.au



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WATHAURONG ABORIGINAL CO-OPERATIVE



supporting young people during COVID-19

headspace Geelong in partnership with headspace National, are hosting a webinar for parents and carers of young people to support their mental health through COVID-19.

Information presented will:

- Strengthen your understanding of mental health and mental health literacy.
- Build skills and strategies to support the mental health and wellbeing of your young person, including their transition to work and study.
- Build awareness of local, state and national supports available to young people.
- Showcase local headspace centre community resources.

The webinar will consist of a presentation on youth mental health, followed by a panel with guest speakers.

When
Wednesday 26th May 2021
7pm – 8.15pm AEDT

How do I register?
Click [here](#) to register via Eventbrite, or type the URL below into your web browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/geelong-covid-19-parent-and-carer-webinar-supporting-young-people-registration-133809595095>

After you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom meeting link to access the webinar.

Contact
For more information email:
headspaceSchools@headspace.org.au

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health

zart Student ART PRIZE

Competition Dates: Monday 14th June – Monday 19th July

Inviting all young student artists to enter our National Student Art Prize

Create an artwork celebrating our theme **OUR CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA**.
Artwork can be 2D (e.g. drawing, painting, sidewalk chalk drawing etc.) or 3D (e.g. sculpture, construction).
One entry only per student.

Entries Open: 14 June 2021 at 9:00am
Entries Close: 19 July 2021 at 11:59pm

For more information go to <https://www.zartart.com.au/zartstatic/page/student-art-prize>



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Contact
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ARMSTRONG CREEK YOUTH SPACE



AGES 12-25 Years old
Wednesdays & Thursdays
3.30pm to 6.00pm During School Term
Armstrong Creek East Community Hub,
46 Central Boulevard,
Armstrong Creek

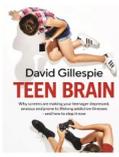
Activities including: Games, Music, Art and Craft,
Sport or just hang out with your mates.
Youth Space is free and light snacks are provided.

Contact youthadmin@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or 5272 6120



FREE PARENTING FORUM THE TEEN BRAIN WITH DAVID GILLESPIE

Why screens are making your teenagers depressed, anxious and prone to lifelong addictive illnesses – and how to stop it now.



David Gillespie is one of Australia's most trusted non-fiction authors.

Many parents are starting to feel a deep sense of unease at the amount of time their kids spend on devices.

David will detail how complicated a teenage brain is and discuss how to set out clear, reasonable and effective rules to help you confidently manage your kids' use of screens at a critical point in their lives.

WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE 2021

7.00pm-9.00pm including light supper from 8.15pm

VENUE
OneHope Centre
4-32 Province Boulevard, Highton

BOOKINGS
geelonglink/teenbrain
This is a free event but bookings are essential.



PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF CHILDREN AROUND SCHOOLS AN IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF GREATER GEELONG

For the safety of children, parents are reminded to take care and obey parking signs when picking up or dropping off children around schools. Council's Parking & Information Officers regularly patrol school areas during start and finish times and motorists detected breaching parking regulations risk being issued with a Penalty Infringement Notice.

Remember, as soon as you stop to let your children in or out of the car, you are deemed to be parked. You do not have to leave your car or turn the engine off to be fined, so please ensure you are parked in a legal parking area.

At children's crossings, you must remain stationary at the stop line while any person (including an adult or the supervisor) is on the crossing or the stop sign is displayed. Do not let your child alight at this time, ensure that they wait until you are safely and legally parked.

If you breach a parking regulation the Parking & Information Officer assigned to monitor the crossing will usually record your registration number and details, and the Penalty Infringement Notice will be posted to you within the next three days.