

Oberon High School NEWS

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Absence Hotline - 03 4241 8088

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JUNE

Mon 14th - **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tues 15th - Geelong Tech School - excursion

Wed 16th - Emerging Women in STEM - excursion

Thurs 17th - **Sat 19th** Senior School Production - 'The Dream' - Shenton Theatre Geelong

Frid 25th - Yr 10 End of Semester

Mon 28th June - Frid 12th July - Term 2 Holidays

JULY

Mon 12th - Term 3 Commences

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



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Return to School

It was great to have our staff and students return to school from Friday 4th June. The whole school community once again did an amazing job with the remote and flexible learning for the week that regional areas were in lockdown. It is everyone's preference to remain delivering face-to-face teaching and learning, but as a school community we all have a role to play in this to ensure this continues.

I sent out correspondence to our school community on Thursday 3rd June, which detailed the guidelines and processes associated with the return of face-to-face teaching. Hopefully this letter answered many of the pressing questions that the school community have had in regards to the return to school specifically relating to:

- Student Transport/Buses – student must wear masks when travelling on buses
- Hygiene – hand sanitiser and wipes are available in all classrooms and learning spaces
- Unwell student or staff member – if a student or staff member is unwell they must stay home and get tested.
- School Cleaning – extra cleaning of the school continues to occur
- Parents and other visitors on school site – **only essential visitors** are currently allowed onsite
- Excursions/Incursions – No excursions or Incursions, except to the Geelong Technical School and only one school at a time can attend this venue
- Camps – camps can occur in regional Victoria, but only if the school is the only one using the venue
- Sport – interschool sport will now run

If Parents/Guardians have any specific questions relating to the current restrictions in place, I encourage you to contact the school to discuss these.

Year 7 Enrolments 2022

We have received our Year 7 enrolments from our feeder Primary Schools for the 2022 school year. Whilst the final number of students in Year 7 in 2022 won't be

finalised until later in the year, the trend that we are seeing is that the number of families choosing Oberon as their first choice continues to increase.

End of Semester Reports

Families will receive a copy of their children's Report on the last day of Term. This will be posted electronically via the school portal (XUNO Student Management Tool) after 3.30pm on Friday 25th June.

School Uniform

A reminder to parents that all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times. With the weather being a lot colder it is important that students have an appropriate Oberon High School top to wear to keep them warm. If students are wearing an extra layer under their school top, this is not to be a hoody.

As has been previously communicated, uniform can be purchased at PSW Uniforms which has re-opened after being closed during shutdown.

Last day of Term Arrangements

It is now only two weeks until the 2nd term school holidays, with the last day of Term Two, Friday 25th June. School will finish at 2.30pm and all buses have been alerted to this earlier dismissal time.

Tim McMahon

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**The Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday
is on Monday June 14th
School will be Closed
Please mark this date in your calendar**



UNIFORM REMINDERS

As we head into the Winter months, a reminder of the options for Uniform is included here.

If you know your child is going to be out of uniform, please provide a note, as students without a note, and out of uniform, receive a lunchtime detention.

Thankyou.

Oberon High Uniform

SUMMER UNIFORM

Uniform should be worn appropriately. This includes:

- Shorts and pants unrolled
- Kilts full length



WINTER UNIFORM



All clothing worn must be the Oberon High School uniform.

No:

- Hoodies
- Long-sleeved t-shirts under uniform
- External branded jackets

SPORTS/PE UNIFORM

You must get changed before and after PE into your sports uniform. Do not wear it to school

When representing Oberon at sports days, full sports uniform must be worn.



ACCESSORIES



No hats inside—leave them in your locker

Black or white socks only

Black polishable shoes

No boots

If you are out of uniform you **must** get a uniform pass!

Passes are available at the office at the beginning of the day.

STUDENT ABSENCES AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

STUDENT ABSENCES

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 leave a message on our absence hotline number - 4241 8088. Please leave your child's name, Year level and reason for absence.

LATE PASSES

If your child arrives late to school they **must** first report to the Office **with a note signed by a Parent or Guardian** or inform the Office staff or Assistant Principal, on arrival, that their parent has phoned to let the school know that they will be late. The Office staff member will check the absence records and then issue a late pass. **Absences will be entered as unapproved until a phone call is received or a note provided explaining the absence.**

EARLY LEAVE PASSES

If your child needs to leave school for an appointment during the day they **must have a note signed by a Parent or Guardian or a Parent or Guardian must have contacted the school providing permission for the student to leave early.** The student will then present the note to their teacher who will allow them to leave class. Students must then report to the Administration Office with their note or state that a parent has phoned, before leaving the school.

If you require to take your child out of school for an **'unplanned'** appointment, please phone the school on 4241 8000 **as early as possible** to advise that your child needs to leave school early. That way the staff can ensure that your child is in the office at the time you need to take them.

Thank you for your assistance



OFFICIAL OBERON UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Uniforms can be purchased in store or can be purchased online through PSW's website (*see below*)

164 Malop Street, Geelong
(*just East of Officeworks*)

Ph: 5224 2229

Email: geelong@psw.com.au

Website: www.psw.com.au

Supplier:



Primary & Secondary
School Uniforms

IMPORTANT VCE EXAM INFORMATION AND YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES

- **General Achievement Test (GAT)**
Wednesday 9 June 2021, 10.00am – 1.15pm
- **Unit 3 & 4 Performance and Languages oral examinations.**
Monday 4 October 2021 – Sunday 31 October 2021
- **Unit 3 & 4 Written examinations**
Wednesday 27 October 2021 – Wednesday 17 November 2021
- Last day of Year 12 Classes - Monday 18th October
- Year 12 Final Assembly - Tuesday 19th October
- Year 12 Valedictory Dinner - Monday 22nd November - The Pier Geelong

DEBATING NEWS

Debating has officially kicked off a Oberon for 2021, with the team participating in their first workshop on Thursday 27th May.

Twenty one students from Years 7, 8 and 9, who had self-selected to join the team, gathered to hone their skills in listening, persuading and thinking on their feet.

The Year 9 students then put their skills to the test with an official debate on whether 'Schools should abolish testing'. Both sides battled it out and the end result was extremely close, with the negative team deemed the most convincing by a narrow margin.

Well done to the following students who participated. I look forward to working with you, and any other interested students, throughout the year.

Year 7 Team: Izzie Wright, Noah Berry, Tayah Crothers, Danni Pearce, Mikaylah Dietrich, Olivia McMillan, Imogen Cosgriff, Zoe Harris

Year 8 Team: Manix Van Steeg, Connor Harvey, Riley Drever, Christian Arnott, Thomas Sutherland

Year 9 Team: Djamari Hunter, Bridey Rookes, Maisie Ryan, Mac Clayton, Harper Bolton, Willow Thyer, Emma Pape, Alannah Fitzgerald

Elise Schultz
Debating Coach



Oberon High School

163 Batten Road,
Armstrong Creek, 3217

Ph: 4241 8000

Student Absence Hotline: 4241 8088

Email: oberon.hs@education.vic.gov.au

Web: www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8.30 am - 4.30 pm Friday 8.30 am - 4.00 pm

SICK BAY AN IMPORTANT REMINDER



If your son or daughter becomes unwell at school the teacher will give them a note to come straight to the Administration Office to be signed into Sick Bay. If the student is too unwell to remain at school a staff member from the

office will then telephone a parent.

If the student has cold or flu symptoms the parent or guardian will be phoned and we ask that a Covid test be arranged and that the student remain at home at least until a negative test result is received.

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.

It is vitally important that parents provide up to date contact numbers and emergency numbers in case of illness or emergency.

For safety reasons it is important that students DO NOT telephone parents themselves

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

LOST PROPERTY

Parents please note that there is an **extremely large** amount of lost property awaiting collection at the General Office. Many of these items are uniforms that are un-named.

Lesia in the office regularly sends teams messages to students whose lost items are named, asking them to collect from the Office. Could parents please ensure that all uniforms and other belongings are clearly named.

If your child has lost any belongings please ask them to check at the student end of the General Office.

Uniform items that have not been claimed after a long period of time will be donated to students in need.

VISITORS TO SCHOOL DURING THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Visitors & Parents are NOT to enter the school

The **only** exceptions are:

- **Parents:** who have been phoned by the office to pick up a sick/injured child.
- **Contractors/Visitors:** who have been requested to attend to perform an essential service at the school

If you require assistance: Please phone the school on 4241 8000 and we will assist you with your enquiry.

ALL APPROVED VISITORS
Must enter through the school's main entrance at 163 Batten Road, register with the school's QR code (kiosk also available), wear a face mask and sanitise hands.

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.

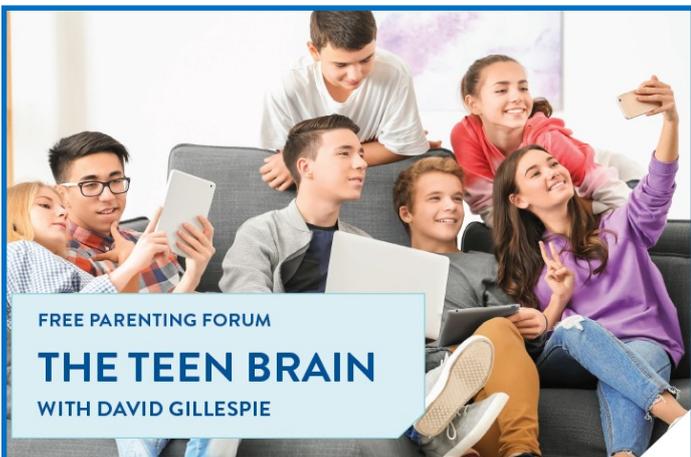
Contact youthadmin@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or 5272 6120

@GEELONGYOUTH

CITY OF GEELONG

LANGUAGES CORNER - WHAT'S THE TIME?

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| 1 o'clock | jam satu | ein Uhr |
| 2 o'clock | jam dua | zwei Uhr |
| 3 o'clock | jam tiga | drei Uhr |
| 4 o'clock | jam empat | vier Uhr |
| 5 o'clock | jam lima | fünf Uhr |
| 6 o'clock | jam enam | sechs Uhr |
| 7 o'clock | jam tujuh | sieben Uhr |
| 8 o'clock | jam delapan | acht Uhr |
| 9 o'clock | jam Sembilan | neun Uhr |
| 10 o'clock | jam sepuluh | zehn Uhr |
| 11 o'clock | jam sebelas | elf Uhr |
| 12 o'clock | jam dua belas | zwölf Uhr |



FREE PARENTING FORUM

THE TEEN BRAIN

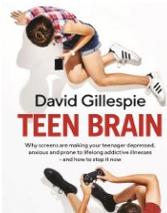
WITH DAVID GILLESPIE

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 6.15pm

VENUE

OneHope Centre
4–32 Province Boulevard, Highton

BOOKINGS

geelong.link/teenbrain
This is a free event but bookings are essential.



WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP "HAMMING UP HAMLET"



Do you know a young creative?

Invite them to keep playing during these school holidays with a fun-filled week working with the Australian Shakespeare Company actors and educators. Full of play, the investigation into the world of comedy within *Hamlet* gives young artists the opportunity to build their own unique stepping stones to self-confidence.

The week long workshop is full of fun drama games, scene studies and practical learning, concluding with a showcase for friends and family.

Dates:

Primary - Aged 7-11: 28 June - 3rd July
Secondary - Aged 12 - 16: 5th July - 10th July

Times: 9.30 am - 4.00 Daily

Location: Greek Centre - 168 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

Cost: Price for the week \$480

Price for a single day: \$110 (Mon/Tues only)

For more information or queries, reach us at 03 8676 7511 or schools@shakespeareaustralia.com.au

YEAR 7 & 10 IMMUNISATIONS A REMINDER FROM BARWON HEALTH IMMUNISATION

A reminder from Barwon Health Immunisation to parents of students in Years 7 & 10. If your child missed the following immunisations that were given at school earlier in the year; please note the timetable below listing information on where and when catch up immunisations can be done.

- Year 10 - Meningococcal ACWY
- Year 7 - Two immunisations: HPV (Human Papillomavirus - first of 2 doses - The 2nd dose of this immunisation will be given at school on Thursday 18th November). Boostrix - Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

TIMETABLE 2021

City of Greater Geelong Immunisation Service - Provided by Barwon Health



| Immunisation Centre | Immunisation Hours |
|---|--|
| South Barwon Civic Centre 2 Colac Rd, Belmont, 3216 (enter off Reynolds Rd) - Carpark in between Bowling lanes & Barwon Health. FOLLOW SIGNS | APPOINTMENT ONLY FOR ALL SESSIONS see below Wednesday and Friday mornings - 9.00 am - 12.00 pm Wednesday and Friday afternoons - 1.30 pm - 4.45pm Saturday morning - 08.30 am – 12.00 pm |
| Korayn Birralee Family Centre 146-152 Purnell road, Corio, 3214. | APPOINTMENT ONLY FOR ALL SESSIONS see below Every Wednesday 9.45 am - 11.45 am |
| Ocean Grove – Boorai Centre, 4-50 Shell road, Ocean Grove, 3226. | APPOINTMENT ONLY FOR ALL SESSIONS see below 2 nd and 4 th Friday of each month 9.30 am -11.45 am |

Appointments are required for all sessions due to COVID-19 precautions and social distancing. More sessions may be added in the near future, so please check our website for updates at: www.barwonhealth.org.au

- **Routine Childhood Vaccination appointments** Ph. 4215 6963
- **Influenza & whooping cough only appointments** Ph. 4215 7028

If you or your family have travelled to any known hot spots, been in close contact with a confirmed case of Coronavirus in the last 2 weeks, or are currently unwell with fever and/or cold like symptoms, **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.** Limit of one support person per client, due to physical distancing measures across Barwon Health sites for the protection of all staff and clients. Please wait for screening and staff assistance prior to being seated in any waiting areas.

If parents/guardians have any queries regarding your child's immunisations please phone Barwon Health Immunisation on 42 156962 or visit immune@barwonhealth.org.au.

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) BE QUICK 2ND ROUND APPLICATIONS DUE AT SCHOOL BY 25TH JUNE, 2021



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



The Final Date for parents/ guardians to lodge their CSEF Applications is Friday 25th June, 2021

To be eligible for the 2nd round of funding, a Parent or Legal Guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-Government Victorian Primary or Secondary School must:

- Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- Be a temporary foster parent, and
- Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Applications forms for the 2nd round should be completed and lodged with schools by **25th June, 2021**

A photocopy of your Health Care or Concession Card is required with your application.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
- lessons & activities
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions

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*



* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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

No Interest Loans for back-to-school costs



Borrow up to \$1500 Pay back \$1500
No Fees. No Charges. Ever.

Talk to the people you know and trust

Vinnies NILS

03 5229 8829

vinniesnils.org.au

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NILS is for people on low incomes and is not available for cash. See eligibility criteria at nils.com.au