

## JUNE

**Mon 28th June - Frid 9th July - Term 2 Holidays**

## JULY

**Thurs 15th** United Nations Seminar - Yr 11/12 German  
**Frid 16th** Western Metropolitan Cross Country  
**Tues 20th - Sat 24th** Songwriter's Studio Excursion -  
selected students - VHAP  
**Thurs 22nd** Year 8 Day Out  
Year 12 TIS Event  
**Mon 26th** Yrs 11 & 12 Public Speaking Festival  
**Thurs 29th** Yrs 8, 9 & 10 Public Speaking Festival  
VCE /VCAL Information Evening  
**Thurs 29th** General Achievement Test - (GAT)  
- 10.15 - 1.15 pm  
**Frid 30th** Yr 7 Public Speaking Festival

## AUGUST

**Thurs 5th** Yr 10 Road Smart Presentation - Period 1 & 2  
**Wed 11th** School Council Meeting  
**Thurs 12th** Yr 10 Subject Selection Interviews - no  
scheduled Yr 10 classes.  
**Frid 13th** Legacy Public Speaking Junior Competition  
Year 12 Mental Health Presentation - Periods  
1 - 4  
**Thurs 19th** Yr 12 Parent Teacher Interviews  
- 4 pm - 6 pm  
**Mon 23rd - Frid 27th** Yr 10 Leadership Camp to Bogong  
**Tues 31st** Year 7 Student Led Conferences

## SEPTEMBER

**Thurs 2nd, Frid 3rd & Sat 4th** Senior School Production -  
'The Dream' - Shenton  
Theatre Geelong

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As this is the last Newsletter for the Term, prior to completing the last week of Term One, I would like to thank the school community for their efforts during Term Two. We once again had to experience the upheaval as we moved to Remote Learning and then made the transition back to face to face teaching. Once again as a school community we were able to work through the challenges we faced with a minimum of fuss, whilst still providing support and encouragement to each other despite dealing with the raft of restrictions that had to be abided by.

After the two week holiday period the students will return to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

### School Operations – COVID Restrictions

Schools are mandated to follow the Department of Education guidelines and associated restrictions for school operations. The current restrictions as we conclude the Term are:

- Camps and overnight stays can take place within Victoria, with no travel restrictions. Multiple schools can attend camps providing school groups remain separated and do not share common facilities at the same time.
- Excursions and incursions are permitted throughout Victoria
- Indoor and outdoor interschool sport can proceed throughout Victoria
- There is no change to rules regarding face masks, these are still to be worn by staff and students when indoors and when on public transport, with the exception of when undertaking physical activity.

The use of QR codes for electronic record keeping is mandatory for all workplaces including schools. QR codes will be required to be used by all visitors, including contractors, external DET staff and all parents who enter buildings onsite.

If there are further changes to the guidelines we must follow prior to our return to school for the start of Term

Three, I will communicate these with the school community towards the end of the holiday break.

### 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 3.30 pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

### Staff Changes

There are a number of changes to our staffing from the beginning of Term 3.

- Ms Alex Molinari will be taking family leave from the start of the Term. She is replaced in the Year 12 Manager role by Mrs Nicola Maher and Ms Aleesha Platt returns from family leave to replace Ms Molinari's teaching load.
- Mr Sean Fitzgerald will be taking Long Service Leave for Term 3. Mrs Renee Durran will be replacing Mr Fitzgerald as Year 9 Manager and his teaching load is being covered by Mr Devlin Wollstein.
- Mr Octavian Ciociu is taking Long Service Leave for the first four weeks of Term and is being replaced by Mrs Karen Owen.
- Mrs Bronwyn Knight will be taking Long Service Leave for the first three weeks of Term.
- Mrs Amanda Rusiniak will be taking Long Service Leave for the first four weeks of Term and is being replaced by Mrs Laura Brockway.

### Last Day of Term

School will conclude at 2.30 pm today (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June). All buses have been alerted.

Have a safe and relaxing break, it is well deserved.

**Tim McMahon**

## SPORTS REPORT

The ending of this Term did not go the way we had hoped. Due to the lockdown, many sports that had been planned have been postponed. It was great to see that we were still able to have students compete in the Junior Girls Football and Intermediate and Junior Boys netball this Term. Even if it was just a tad later than originally planned.

Throughout this Term, we have had 16 different sports teams represent Oberon, with 4 of these teams coming runner up on the day and 1 team winning the competition.

The decision was made a week ago that there would be no Western Metropolitan Region competitions held for the rest of this Term due to the unpredictable nature of restrictions. As such a few sports have been postponed. I have a few dates of the new times these competitions will run. If we have further interruptions to the sport program, please check your emails if you have a student participating in these sports as I will have emailed you details about the interruption.

Postponed Sport	New Date
WMR Cross country	16 <sup>th</sup> of July
State Cross Country	5 <sup>th</sup> of August
WMR Year 8 Badminton	Date to be confirmed: Most likely Term 3 (around week 4 or 5)
State Intermediate Baseball	Date to be confirmed: Most likely Term 4

It has been great to see who many students have put their hand up to participate in Sport across this year so far. With 270 students putting their hand up for Term 3 sport, there is another busy Term ahead. So let's continue to 'go one better'.

**James Claney**

## VHAP (VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM) AT OBERON

Over the Semester, 30 students from across Years 7 and 8 have had the opportunity to participate in the Victorian High Ability Program, an initiative designed to give opportunities for students to extend their subject specific knowledge in the areas of English and Mathematics. The Victorian High-Ability Program is a 10-week extension course, fully funded by the State Government, where students meet with like-minded peers at neighbouring Victorian Government schools through weekly virtual lessons. The weekly virtual lessons occur during the school day and will be taught by expert Virtual School Victoria educators.

The participants have shown a high level of commitment to the program and in the true Oberon way, have taken on the opportunity that has been presented to them to 'go one better.' The program will continue on into term three with invitations already sent out to eligible candidates. The next student intake is due to commence at the beginning of Term Three.

**Tony Zerafa**

## IMPORTANT VCE EXAM INFORMATION AND YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES

- **General Achievement Test (GAT)**  
Thursday 29th July 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

## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

An important reminder that Parents/Guardians and all other visitors to Oberon High School **must report to the School Administration Office**

when attending school for a meeting, to pick up your child from Sick Bay, for an appointment or for any other reason.

When visiting the school please enter the school through the main entrance at 163 Batten Road, Armstrong Creek.

All visitors must also check in with the school QR code in the entrance foyer.

**Your assistance in this matter is appreciated**

## 2021 SCHOOL TERMS

**Mon 12th** - Term 3 Commences

**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 9th July

#### Term 3 Holidays

Monday 20th September - Friday 1st October



## CAREERS NEWS

### YEAR 9 MORRISBY INTERVIEWS

Over 3 days last week, 148 Year 9 students attended their Morrisby interviews, conducted remotely from the Library. It was wonderful to overhear so many students deeply engaged in conversation with their Consultant discussing pathways and aspirations. Over 60 parents also 'attended' remotely.

A huge thank you to the Year 9s who arrived promptly to their interviews and made this program a great success. Well done! Look forward to seeing you explore new pathway opportunities that are coming up.

GCTA GEE LONG CAREER  
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION



*Parents & Later Years Students are invited to the*

### **Geelong School Based Traineeship & Apprenticeship Information Expo**

**4.00pm - 6.00pm Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Geelong High School**

[www.sbataskforcegeelong.com](http://www.sbataskforcegeelong.com)

### WORK EXPERIENCE

HMAS *Cerberus* has hosted Defence work experience students for the first time, with Oberon's Amelie Parfitt one of the 20 local teenagers getting to try out some of Navy's newest training facilities. The students participated in hands-on and interactive activities using state-of-the-art facilities, including the recently completed Survival at Sea Training Centre and School of Ship Safety and Survivability. Students were able to talk to naval personnel going through their training and helped them understand what is on offer with a career in the Australian Defence Force. It provides a valuable insight into what is required and what to work on should they choose a career in the Navy.

Defence's work experience program provides young Australians with an interest in a Defence career the opportunity to gain exposure to a wide range of job roles available. Maritime Warfare South will be hosting other placements throughout the year.

Well done Amelie.

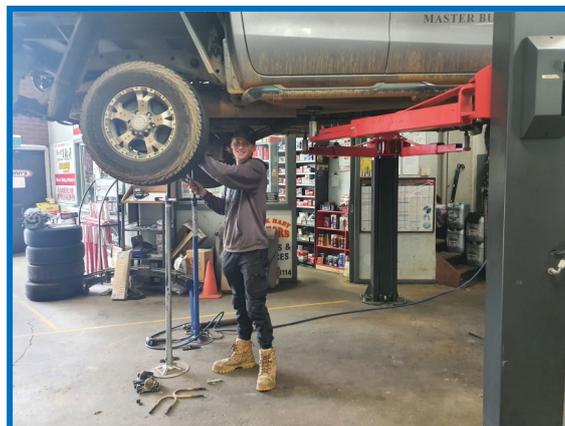


Want to get a

# **/HEADSTART**

## APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

on your career like Jacob Dunn?



Jacob is currently on work experience at Light Auto and hoping to be signed up in a Head Start school based apprenticeship.

**Talk to your Careers teacher about Head Start.**

## LANGUAGES NEWS

### Sampai jumpa lagi, Mbak Winda!

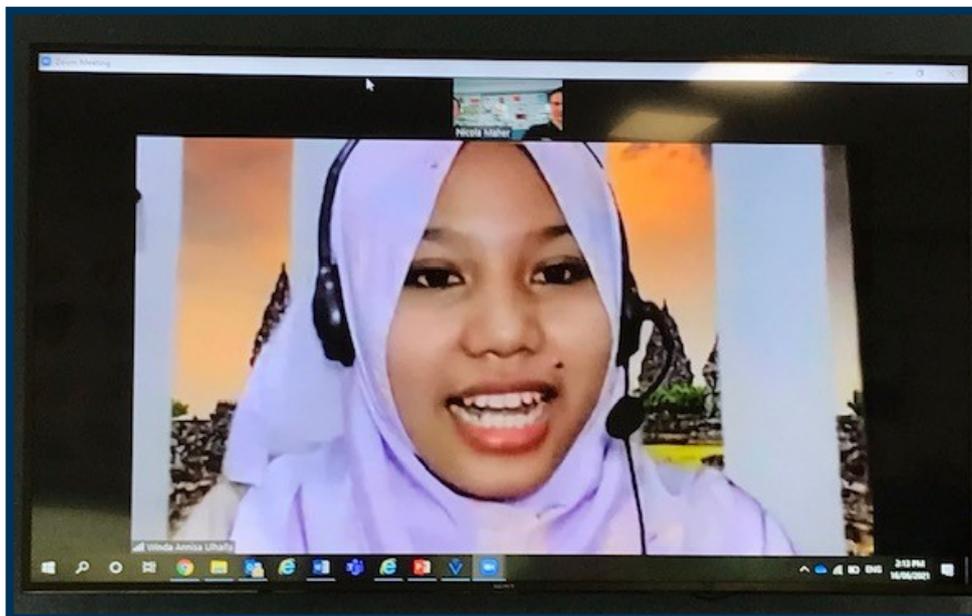
Oberon High School has been so fortunate to have Winda Annisa Ulhaifa as our Guru Bantu, a partnership between Universitas Negara Yogyakarta and VILTA.

Both Year 10 Indonesian classes have engaged with Mbak Winda each week in small groups, practising their general conversation skills. For many students, this has been the highlight of their Indonesian studies.

Without the possibility of visiting Yogyakarta this year, Mbak Winda has opened the door to Yogya for our Year 10s with her weekly videos 'Selamat Datang di Yogyakarta'. The videos enable students to sample the experiences of Yogya; 'naik becak', 'naik gojek', 'memesan kamar di losmen', 'tawar-menawar di Pasar Beringharjo'. Mbak Winda has also shared videos of preparing for mudik and celebrating Lebaran along with her expertise in batik.

Our Year 10s created a movie 'Selamat Datang di kota Geelong' to share with Mbak Winda as well as Year 8s making a 'Selamat datang di Oberon High School'.

Winda has been an absolute treasure - professional, engaging and accommodating. Mungkin jauh di mata, selalu dekat di hati. Terima kasih banyak!



### GERMAN LANGUAGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE – ONLINE ON THURSDAY 15 JULY

#### TOPIC: PLANET OCEAN: PROTECTING THE WORLD'S OCEANS, SEAS AND MARINE RESOURCES

Oberon will have 3 teams in this important Conference and we congratulate the following students on their hard work preparing their countries' position statements.

Representing:

- America – Kai Bowie, Josh Palmer and Divin Kahindo
- Kiribati – Campbell MacDowell, Jeremy Palmer, Talitha Brown and Navneet Jaswal
- Croatia – Abbey Geddes, Mia Feldman and Jordyn Aitken

The conference will take part solely in German.

### LANGUAGES CORNER - SEASONS

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	

# 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](mailto:youthadmin@geelongcity.vic.gov.au) or 5272 6120

@GEELONGYOUTH

## GEELONG SPORTS HUB

Junior team entries are now open for the Spring 2021 netball season!  
The Spring season starts on Monday 12th July and will finish at the end of Term 4.

### Costs

Team Entry Fee - \$55  
Weekly Game Fee - \$50  
2021 VNA required

### Competitions:

Monday: Grade 3/4 and 5/6  
Thursday: Prep to Grade 2  
Saturday: Junior Development, 9 & Under, 11 & Under, 13 & Under, 15/17 & Under

To register scan the QR code or follow the below link:  
<https://sportfix.net/registration/availableEvents.aspx?>

## JUNIOR SPRING 2021 SEASON

**TEAM ENTRIES  
NOW OPEN**



**COMPETITIONS**  
MONDAY GRADE 3/4 & 5/6  
THURSDAY PREP - GRADE 2  
SATURDAY JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT,  
9&U, 11&U, 13&U AND 15/17&U

Geelong Sports Hub  
1 Crown Street  
South Geelong, 3220  
(03) 5223 1992  
[info@geelongssportshub.com.au](mailto:info@geelongssportshub.com.au)



## CITY OF GREATER GEELONG PARENT EDUCATION EVENTS

**All Regional Parenting Service programs are free and will be offered face to face or Online via Zoom**

**Bookings are Essential.**

**[www.geelongaustralia.com.au/parenting](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/parenting) or Ph: 5272 4781**

### PARENTING YOUR TEENAGER

**Dates: Monday 19th July – 23rd August**  
**Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm (Online via Zoom)**

Parenting Your Teenager is a 6-week supportive program for parents of teens aged 12 to 18 years.

The program aims to:

- Support parents to connect and communicate with their teens;
- Assist parents with understanding adolescent development;
- Help parents to assist their teen to develop emotional intelligence;
- Remain empathetic and stay connected.

### TUNING IN TO TEENS

**Dates: Tuesday 27th July - 31st August**  
**Time: 12.30pm – 2.30pm**

**BCYF, 105 Yarra St, Geelong**

**Dates: 29th July - 2nd September**  
**Time: 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm**

**Lara Secondary College, 34 Alkira Avenue, Lara**

**Tuning in to Teens is a 6-week supportive program for parents of adolescents aged 10 years to 18 years.**

The program aims to:

- Support parents to connect and communicate with their teen;
- Assist parents with understanding adolescent development;
- Help parents to assist their teen to develop emotional intelligence.

## 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](mailto:geelong@psw.com.au)

Website: [www.psw.com.au](http://www.psw.com.au)

**Supplier:**



Primary & Secondary  
School Uniforms

QUALITY IN EVERY STITCH

# 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

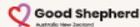
Vinnies NILs

03 5229 8829  
vinniesnils.org.au

Funded by:



In partnership:



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



## MID-YEAR FEE WAIVER GRANTS

The Ngarara Willim Centre at RMIT University are offering fee waiver grants for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to support you to study in a Vocational Education program for free in Semester 2, 2021.

Build on or develop new skills through Vocational Education at RMIT in a wide range of areas including:

- Health
- Art
- Business
- Engineering
- Fashion
- Communication
- Media
- Design
- Education
- and many more

Visit RMIT midyear intake, [rmit.edu.au/midyear](http://rmit.edu.au/midyear)

Program and scholarship applications are now open. Apply online at [Midyear Intake](#) and [Scholarships](#). Visit [RMIT Scholarships](#) for further information.

Contact the Ngarara Willim Centre today to find out more and to be supported through the application process on 9925 4885 or [ngarara.willim@rmit.edu.au](mailto:ngarara.willim@rmit.edu.au).



## YEAR 7 & 10 IMMUNISATIONS

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
<b>South Barwon Civic Centre</b> 2 Colac Rd, Belmont, 3216 (enter off Reynolds Rd) - Carpark in between Bowling lanes & Barwon Health. FOLLOW SIGNS	<b>APPOINTMENT ONLY FOR ALL SESSIONS see below</b> 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
<b>Korayn Birralee Family Centre</b> 146-152 Purnell road, Corio, 3214.	<b>APPOINTMENT ONLY FOR ALL SESSIONS see below</b> Every Wednesday 9.45 am - 11.45 am
<b>Ocean Grove – Boorai Centre,</b> 4-50 Shell road, Ocean Grove, 3226.	<b>APPOINTMENT ONLY FOR ALL SESSIONS see below</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:immune@barwonhealth.org.au).