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Issue 3 - Friday 3rd March, 2023

MARCH

Mon 6th Oberon Athletics Day - Landy Field
Tues 7th Year 12 VM Barista Course - 9 am - 3.25 pm
Activate Inclusion Sports Day - 9 am - 3 pm
Sporting Schools Cricket Program Periods 5 & 6
Wed 8th **CATCH UP SCHOOL PHOTO SESSION -**
Frid 10th **INCLUDING YEAR 12 GROUP AND CAPTAINS**
PHOTOS -1 PM - 3.25 PM
Intermediate Sport - 9 am - 3 pm
Yr 11 Study Skills Presentation - Periods 1 & 2
Yr 12 Study Skills Presentation - Periods 3 & 4
Mon 13th **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL**
CLOSED

Tues 14th Sporting Schools Cricket Program - Periods 5 & 6
Yr 10 Indonesian Restaurant Visit - 11.30 am - 1.30 pm
Wed 15th Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Sea Kayaking - Periods 3 - 6
Yr 10 Coastal Geography Excursion - 9 am - 3 pm
Wed 15th - Wed 22nd NAPLAN Testing
Frid 17th Senior Sport - 9 am - 3 pm
Tues 21st Yr 12 Outdoor Ed Sea Kayaking - 12 pm - 3.25 pm
Thurs 23rd Yr 12 Writers' Group Excursion to Rone Exhibition
Tues 28th Yr 7 Immunisation - 9 am - 11 am
Wed 29th Yr 10 Duke of Ed & Yr 11 OES Hike - Periods 3 - 6
Thurs 30th Western Metropolitan Swimming - 9 am - 3 pm
Oberon High School Open Night - 5.30 - 7.30 pm
Frid 31st Yr 12 VCAL WRS - Grand Prix Excursion - Periods 1 - 6

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Council Election

After the ballot for our School Council Parent Election and Student Election which concluded on Monday 27th February, I am pleased to announce that the following parents and student were elected as representatives:

Parents:

- Kelli Dawber (2 years)
- Brooke Doherty (2 years)
- Rosanne Guijt (2 years)
- Dean Bushell (1 year)

Students:

- Ruby Clarke (2 years)

As part of the next School Council Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 8th March, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting and electing Office Bearers for the 2023 school year. As part of the meeting, I will also be presenting our Annual Report for the 2022 school year. As is the usual practice, I will be uploading the Annual Report to the school website. If school community members have any queries regarding this report, feel free to contact me at school to discuss.

Staffing

I have been informed by the Department of Education that Mr Josh Baker will remain as Acting Principal at Belmont High School for Term 2. To cover this Ms Priscilla Begg will remain as Acting Assistant Principal during this time overseeing Years 7 and 8.

Barwon Swimming

Thank you to Mr James Claney who was in charge of the interschool swimming team which took part in the Barwon Swimming on Friday 3rd March. Well done to all of the students that represented the school.

House Athletics Sports

The school will be holding our House Athletic sports at Landy Field on Monday 6th March.

Open Night

The school will be holding our Open Night on Thursday 30th March. We will be running school tours for prospective students and parents from 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm followed by an Information Session from 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm in the School Gym. This will be a ticketed event which can be booked through the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/1020387/sessions/3739527/sections/1873537/tickets>

School Oval

Rectification drainage works are scheduled to take place on the school oval within 2 weeks. While this work is undertaken which is expected to take between 2-3 weeks, the oval will not be accessible due to the machinery onsite. The back gates will be locked during this time and students will need to enter the school through the bus interchange gate on Eagle Bay Road or the front gate on Batten Road. I will update the school community once this work has been completed.

Tim McMahon

Oberon High School

Shape Your Future - Go One Better

OPEN NIGHT

163 Batten Road, Armstrong Creek

Thursday, 30th March

Tours from 5:30pm, Info Session from 6:30pm

Bookings Essential at www.trybooking.com/CGBLR



YEAR 9 & 10 UPDATE

The year has started strongly for many of your Year 9s and 10s. There has been plenty happening from day 1 with new classes, new opportunities and in some cases new friendships.

Year Level Leaders

At both Year levels last Friday, I was lucky enough to see some amazing leadership speeches that would put some of our politicians to shame in question time. Young people talking passionately about leadership, togetherness, positive change and optimism was a sight to behold. Both the Year 9 and Year 10 Leadership structure is different from the junior years with the best leadership applicants chosen rather than a representative from each Connect group. Voting has happened and we look forward to introducing our young leaders to the cohort soon.

Morrisby Tests

The Year 9s just recently sat their Morrisby testing which is a large part of the Careers Education and pathways program at Oberon High. Students completed a series of questions that will produce a report that outlines skills, attributes and personality traits that could guide employment opportunities in the future. Some of the questions were tricky but the kids did a great job.

Year 9 Camp

Year 9 Camp is on this year and all students were informed about it earlier in the Term. The amazing Limestone Coast in South Australia is the destination where kids will do a number of fantastic things like sandboarding, swimming with seals, caving, diving and stand-up paddle boarding. Students have until the end of March to put in their expression of interest and pay the deposit via Xuno.

Year 10 Work Experience

The year 10s were introduced to the structure of Work Experience at Oberon and were encouraged to "give it a go". Some students have been offered an opportunity to complete their White Card as part of their desire to do work experience in a building trade. Students should also keep an eye out on their TEAMS page for special work experience opportunities health and Community services positions and even a rare opportunity to work with Zoos Victoria.

Uniform

Nearly all students are doing the right thing and wearing proper school uniform, and looking great! For those who can not get it right and do not have a note from home we are holding lunch time detentions. If students decide not to go to the lunch time detention they will be given one more chance to attend a lunchtime detention before they are given an afterschool detention. Please be aware that parents will be contacted at that stage of the process. If families are struggling to get uniform, please get in contact with your child's year level manager and we will see how we can best support you.

Athletics Day

Next Monday is Athletics Day! We would love to see all the Year 9s and 10s in their house colours, come along and get involved. It's a great day and parents are welcome to come and see their children compete.

The first 5 weeks flew by, and I am sure the next 5 will as well. Have a great term

Josh McDonald
Assistant Principal Yrs 9&10

YEAR 9 CAREERS EXPO

WE NEED YOU! Year 9 Careers Expo

Remember when you were in Year 9, did you know that a job like yours existed? Did you have any real idea what people actually did in their jobs? We are hoping to give our students a head start on the pack and let them know what people do day to day in the "real world" and we would love them to get that information "straight from the horse's mouth". Would you be willing to come to school and chat about your job to a small number of students? You could be a difference maker.

We are seeking volunteers to participate in our 2022 Year 9 Careers Expo. The day will occur in early Term 3 and will consist of industry representatives and parents speaking with small groups of students about their career journey, job and opportunities. We are seeking people from all walks of life – Tradies, Medical Professionals, IT, Engineering, community engagement – if you have a job we want to hear from you!

To express your interest please contact Anna Shaw on 4241 8000 or email anna.shaw@education.vic.edu.au

NAPLAN 2023

Oberon students in Years 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN Online in 2023. Students will participate in a practice test on the 21st of February and NAPLAN Online official testing will begin in Term 1, from the 15th of March until the 22nd of March. An information brochure about NAPLAN will be given to students to bring home shortly. If you have any questions regarding the program or your child's participation, please contact the NAPLAN Coordinator, Candace Gosper.

OBERON TECHNOLOGY LUNCH TIME CLUB

Oberon Technology run a Tinker Cad and 3D Printing lunch time club, especially for Year 7 students on Thursdays in T2.

Come along and see what your imagination can create.

Chris McConnell

OBERON SWIMMING CARNIVAL

It was a hot 37 degree day that saw Oberon students head to Kardinia Aquatic Centre for the annual Oberon Swimming Carnival. Across the day we saw 210 students participate in a variety of events consisting of 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly. At Oberon High School, we also are one of the only Geelong State Schools that run a diving competition as part of the swimming carnival, a great tradition of the school. Age Champion is awarded to students who win the greatest amount of House points. Congratulations to the following students who achieved Age Champion:

- **12-13 Years** Taryn Aldred and Matthew Gilbert
- **14 Years** Abby Moss and Billie-Jack Thomson
- **15 Years** Sophie Gilbert and Bart Guijt
- **16 Years** Emily Brennan and Jayden Adcock
- **17 Years** Harper Bolton and Hayden Gilbert
- **18-20 Years** Sarah Collard and Valentin Rodriguez

The day saw the most amount of student participation that I have experienced in the last 5 years. Congratulations to all the students who achieved a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or just simply participated on the day. In terms of our House competition, we had the following results from the day.

- **1st Greeves** **707 points**
- **2nd Cameron** **657 points**
- **3rd Lipson** **628 points**
- **4th Thomson** **524 points**

Congratulations to the people of Greeves on winning the 2023 Oberon House Swimming Carnival.

The next round of swimming (GSSS) will be on Friday the 3rd of March; students who are in this swimming squad have already been contacted through Teams.

James Claney

Photos taken by Sean Fitzgerald



OBERON SWIMMING CARNIVAL cont'd....



OBERON ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Annual Oberon Athletics Carnival is fast approaching on Monday the 6th of March. All students should attend school as per normal school hours and will be bussed from Oberon to Landy Field in the morning to compete in a range of different events in their respective age group.

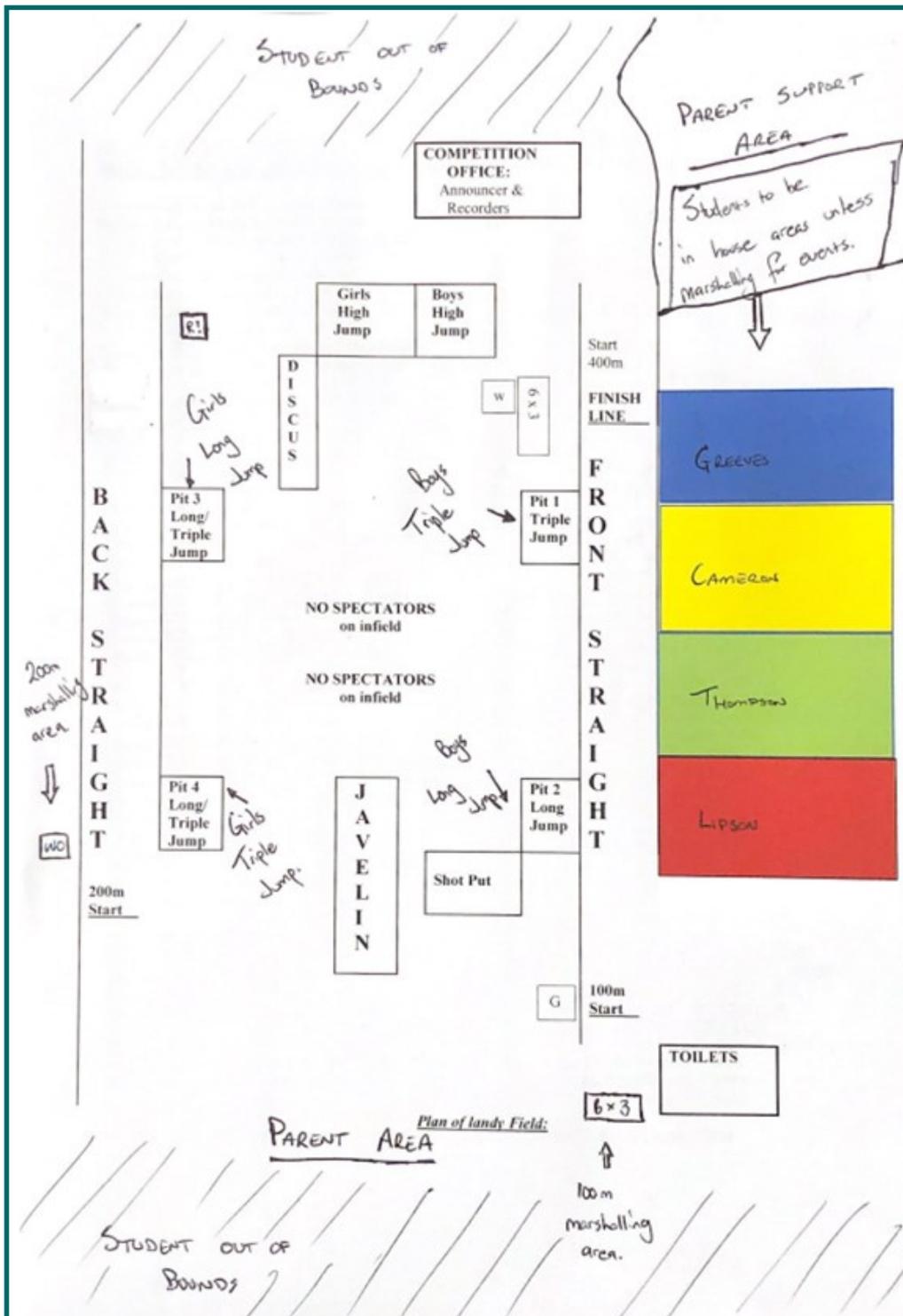


To encourage participation, there will be no sign ups this year but all students who wish to have a go at an event can turn up and put their name down when that event is marshalling.

If students do not feel like these Athletics events are for them, they are still able to have an impact for their House by dressing up in a range of different costumes for House spirit. Parents are encouraged to attend the day as there is seating around the venue, just please be mindful, students are meant to be in their House groups unless they are competing in an event.

Below is an outline of the field. Hope to see you there.

James Claney



YEAR 7

Our 2023 Year 7 cohort has had a fantastic start to High School, settling in extremely well after a busy start to the Term. Upon reflecting on their camp experience at Alexandra Adventure Lodge, here's what some students had to say.

My experience on camp...

At the Year 7 camp, there were so many fun activities that were filled with teamwork and encouragement. Everyone filled the halls with chatter at meal times, and the food we had was great. Most groups engaged in activities like canoeing, rock climbing, swimming, and more! I made some amazing friends at camp and I'm sure others did too. – ***Evie 7E***

I had a wonderful experience at camp and having a go at everything. The activities were the best and being prepared was the hardest of all. The water activities are the best because you cool down from being in the heat. Teamwork was important because you can't do all of the activities alone. Camp is the best – ***Ashley 7A***

Camp was a great experience, I got to meet a lot of people and do a lot of activities I wouldn't normally do. It was quite hot, so my drink bottle became my best friend. The food was mostly good. The activities were really fun, I got to go on the giant swing and I hit the board in archery. It was a great experience and I'm glad I got involved in everything – ***Anonymous.***

Camp was truly great fun. From the flying fox over the lake to scrumptious food. It was a once in a lifetime trip

- ***Mahan 7B***

I think the experience of the camp was amazing. Flying fox was good, pool was great, gaga ball was amazing. All I have to say is camp was awesome – ***Oliver 7E***

My favourite memory of camp was...

Making new friends and the leap of faith. The leap of faith was my favourite because when I got up there I was scared and everyone was encouraging me so that was really nice – ***Maddy 7E***

The giant swing because it helped me get over my fear of heights. Canoeing was also fun because we got to capsize the boats – ***Max 7A***

Making heaps of new friends and talking to different people – ***Maddi 7B***

Raft building was very fun. Though me and Isaac's raft didn't float. We swam towards the island and back – ***Anonymous***

Advice that I would give to future Year 7s about camp is...

I would say just do the activities even if you're scared, try. But there's no shame in not doing something if you don't feel comfortable – ***Lily 7H***

Have fun, have a go, and try to meet new people – ***Anonymous***

Make the most of it because you might never go on a camp like it again – ***Lexi***

Always think positive and just take on the opportunities you get, otherwise you might regret it later. – ***Maddy 7E***



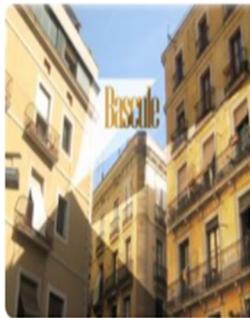
MUSIC NEWS

At the swimming sports on Friday 17th February in scorching weather conditions we had our amazingly talented year 12 VCE music student Rocker Ramage aka 'BASCULE' perform. 'BASCULE' has recently released his brand new single 'Once Again.'

BASCULE's music can be found on SPOTIFY using this link:

<https://open.spotify.com/track/6mgmnoCXFvLDBD0X2fpstZ?si=9ae1314f0e154b0d>

It is great to hear so much original music coming out of Oberon High School.



Once Again
Bascule · Song · 2023

open.spotify.com



OBERON HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS 2023 SCHOOL PRODUCTION

'LITTLE STARS'

Follow the behind the scenes story of five finalists (and their neurotic parents) as they compete in the national TV hit sensation seeking the next.....'Little Star'! The script directed by the exuberant and talented Vlad Filipovski is jam packed with action as crooked judges, hyperactive presenters and a live studio audience capture perfectly the well-loved Idol TV series. There's a great rock score with the band taking centre stage ably directed by the accomplished and effervescent Renae Barnett. Amber Thiessen ex Oberon talent is also on board enthusiastically assisting the production crew.



Congratulations to all students who have landed a role in this year's production. Our first rehearsal was held this week and there was much excitement and enthusiasm as we read through Act 1. Characters began to form before our eyes and it's shaping up to be a great performance!

Performance dates are August 17th, 18th and 19th and there will be more details in following weeks.

Good luck to all involved.

**Production Manager
Michele Crichton**

CRICKET PANTS

It is that time of year where students will be dusting off the seasonal cricket/baseball pants and realising they grew!!

If you have any cricket/baseball white pants that are too small for your children but in good condition, the sports department would love to have them. To help make sure ALL boys and girls who signed up for baseball, cricket and softball can have the equipment they need.

If you have any donations, please drop them off to the general office or students can drop them off to Mr Claney. Thank you



Got unwanted football boots?

Need extra room in cupboards?



The sport department is looking for donations of football boots. This is to help allow any student who wishes to participate in the SSV sport program for football or soccer even if they do not own their own pair. If you have any boots you wish to donate, please drop them off at the office or students can drop them off to Mr Claney.

Thank you all for your donations.

VCE OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GREAT OCEAN WALK CAMP

On Wednesday 22nd February, Unit 3 Outdoor and Environmental Studies students participated in a multiday bushwalking journey, completing a walk from Blanket Bay to Aire River.

The first day saw us walk approximately 11.5 kilometres, through coastal forests, down to Parker Inlet and onwards to Cape Otway Lightstation perched high above the Southern Ocean swells. For some, this was their first experience carrying heavy packs, and whilst this was challenging, the students aptly rose to the challenge. For others, putting the hiking pack back on was a familiar and welcome experience and offered the prospect of adventure and new encounters.

The weather was on our side, and we were blessed with blue skies and a cool ocean breeze as we journeyed along the track. We arrived at the Cape Otway walk in campsite around 3:30pm, where we set up our tents, cooked dinner and participated in evening activities.

On day two, we ventured down to the Cape Otway Lightstation to take part in a cultural session, which explored European relationships with the Otway region. Students learnt all about exploration from Britain to Australia including life on the seas and the need to establish a lighthouse and inland route to help make passage safer. They were able to go up the lighthouse tower and learnt about the Cape Otway weather station.

Students were respectful and engaged during the session, enjoying the experience to learn about the Otway's rich history.

We continued our walk, in the morning along the top of the sand dunes, walking through coastal scrub and along cliff tops to Aire River where we set up camp for the night. Students enjoyed a well-deserved swim in the river before cooking dinner. The determination, teamwork, and mateship that students demonstrated throughout this day was a testament to them. The temperature was expected to rise significantly on Friday and thus we completed a slightly modified program. Students participated in an education session with 'Wildlife Wonders', meandering around a forest walk, spotting native fauna, and learning about their behaviours. A large portion of the entry fee goes directly towards funding research and conservation programs run by the Cape Otway Ecology Centre. Students had a quick dip in the Ocean at Lorne on the way home before returning to school for a debrief and pack up.

Thank you to all the students for their enthusiasm and efforts preparing for this experience. I also want to extend my thanks our staff, Conor McKinnon, and Georgia Gray for giving up their time to help out on this trip – the students really appreciated your positivity, enthusiasm and support.

We are all looking forward to our next big multi-day adventure in the Grampians National Park in May.

Rebekah Gill – Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Teacher



LANGUAGES NEWS

Karneval in German Classes

Students in German classes have spent some time learning about the “Karneval” festival. This festival concludes 40 days prior to Easter and some regions wear masks to scare away the winter!

Year 7 students made some masks and learnt a song. 7G also had to do some detective work based on the festival to see if they were “super Detektiven”!



Opportunities for Scholarships, Hosting and Exchange

2-week camp in Austria

There are only a few days left to apply for a Goethe-Institut scholarship for a 2-week camp in Austria. Make sure you get your entry in by the due date. Further information: Contact Frau Ray

Host a German SAGSE student

Please hurry with your application form to host a German student for 8 weeks later in the year. Benefits include an automatic interview for a prestigious SAGSE scholarship. Contact Frau Ray if you need additional information.

NEW!!! BJR exchange program is starting up again

Students currently learning German in Years 9 or 10 can now apply to participate in a 10-week reciprocal exchange program in 2024 with Bavaria in Germany.

Further information is available at <https://agtv.vic.edu.au/students/agtv-bjr-student-exchange/>

You can ask your German teacher for additional details.

LANGUAGES CORNER

DAYS OF THE WEEK

DAYS	HARI	die Tage
Monday	hari Senin	Montag
Tuesday	hari Selasa	hari Selasa
Wednesday	hari Rabu	Mittwoch
Thursday	hari Kamis	Donnerstag
Friday	hari Jumat	Freitag
Saturday	hari Sabtu	Samstag
Sunday	hari Minggu	Sonntag
Week	minggu	die Woche
Weekend	akhir minggu	das Wochenende

SCHOOL PHOTOS - CATCH UP SESSION

The school photo catch up session, including Year 12 Group and Captains will be held on Friday 10th March from 1 pm - 3.25 pm

Annual school photos have been taken by Arthur Reed Photos. Photo catch up session will be on Friday 10th March from 1 pm - 3.25 pm.

To view the images of your child and order photos, you will need to first register online. Go to <https://order.arphotos.com.au> and enter the 2023 image code for your child (from their personalized flyer). This was given to all students at the school Connect meeting on Friday 24th February.

Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings. Fill in your email and mobile details and then review all details before confirming your registration. That's it! When 2023 photos are ready, you will be notified by email and SMS. Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do it again each year using your child's new image code to link their photos for the current year with your contact details. **To ensure you are ordering school photos for the current year, please wait for notifications that 2023 images are online before placing orders.** In the webshop you can view photos and customize your photo package; Choose ANY layout, ANY image and purchase multiple digital image downloads. **All photo orders will be sent directly to the address you provide when ordering.** REGISTER ONLINE NOW to be notified when 2023 school photos can be viewed and ordered. **If parents have any questions regarding photos please contact Arthur Reed Photos 52 434390.**



Register online now to be notified when images are ready to view!

School Photos - easy as 1 2 3

- Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's 2023 image code
- Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings
- Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*

That's it! You'll receive an email and/or SMS when images are ready to view in our secure webshop
Registration is required each year to link student images for the current year with your contact details.

- View photos online & customise your photo package
- Any layout, pose or image
- Multi Image Digital Downloads

TO ENSURE YOU ARE ORDERING 2023 PHOTO PACKAGES, please wait to receive notifications to view 2023 images before placing orders

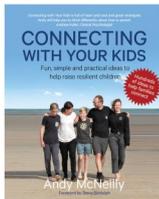
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Classes Of
2023



FREE PARENTING FORUM
PARENTING 101: BACK TO BASICS
PRESENTED BY ANDY MCNEILLY, AUTHOR OF CONNECTING WITH YOUR KIDS

Andy McNeilly is a teacher, author, educator, family coach and most importantly a parent of three kids.



Andy has been running simple and fun webinars and workshops to help parents create more connection with their children given the challenges of every day life. He is passionate about helping others to build connected and loving families.

Parents will gain:

- Simple practical, easy ideas they can use at home with children to help build stronger family relationships.
- Improved self-confidence in communicating with children.
- Clear methods for connecting with kids.
- Creative ideas to help children become happier and more resilient.

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2023

7.30pm-9.00pm

VENUE
Leopold Primary School

BOOKINGS
Visit <https://parenting101.eventbrite.com.au> or scan the QR code.
This is a free event but bookings are essential.



Contact Sinem at events@ds.org.au for more information

HEALTHY BODY IMAGE How to support your child's self-esteem

Are you worried about your child's body image? Or your own? Do you know the difference between body image and self-image?

In this webinar, we will explore how parents can support their child's healthy body image and self-esteem.

This FREE webinar will offer parents ideas and strategies to help children with their worries about their changing bodies. You will have a unique opportunity to hear from and ask questions with a Drummond Street Child and Family practitioner who has a background in eating disorder care and healthy body image.

FREE ZOOM WORKSHOP
Monday April 10

6.30-7.30pm

We'll send you the link on the day of the webinar.

Bookings:
<https://ds.org.au/events>



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we work and pay respects to elders past, present and future.



SAVER PLUS PROGRAM

Saver Plus is a free financial education program where participants can plan ahead for study costs and get up to \$500 for education expenses after 10 months. If you have a Health Care Card and are studying yourself or have a child studying you may be eligible to join the program.

Email them directly at EnquiriesSP@bsl.org.au

Back to School. But with less stress.

Saver Plus. Start saving now. Make next year easier.
A savings coach. Up to \$500 in matched savings.
It's free.

*Eligibility criteria apply


saverplus



saverplus.org.au

Are you eligible to join Saver Plus & receive \$500 for your back to school costs?

Must meet all eligibility criteria:

-  Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
-  Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
-  Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
-  Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible


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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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a 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 CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year 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 this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Volunteers required - Lions Village Licola Children's Camp April 17th to 21st - 2023

Volunteers are required to provide care and supervision of 80 children attending a Lions Village Licola school holiday vacation camp from Monday 17th to Friday 21st April, 2023. I have accompanied over 300 volunteers and in excess of 2,000 "deserving" (means disadvantaged) children aged 8 to 11 years to 23 of these challenging adventure experiences since retirement from 45 years police service in 2002. The children must be accompanied by Volunteer Working with Children qualified adult carer/supervisors at the ratio of 1 to 6. Positions are also available to a limited number of student "assistants" aged 16 to 17 years, (no WWCC required). Volunteers and children are accommodated in bunk cabins and their supervision will include accompanying children to programmed outdoor activities supervised by qualified outdoor staff. The children are selected by The Smith Family and Cultura's (Diversitat) refugee family settlement staff and primary schools located in lower socio economic neighbourhoods. The camps will provide the student volunteers with some challenging real life educational experiences.

Each child has been sponsored at \$400 per child by Geelong Community Foundation, the Howard Glover Trust, West Carr and Harvey (Accountants), the Lions Club of Geelong Corio Bay and the Dawn Wade Foundation.

There are no expenses involved for Volunteers/assistants and coach transport has been arranged with Mc Harry's Bus Lines for transport from Geelong to Licola - 320 kilometres and return with pickup and drop off locations in Geelong and Corio.

Volunteer adults and student assistants will be required to attend a 3 hours Lions Village Licola familiarization and child safe training session early April and Volunteering Geelong (Reference No. 9916) and Go Volunteers have further details on-line.

I am available to respond to any enquiry and a glossy Adventure camp information pamphlets of "What to take" etc and pick-up/drop off transport details will be provided. Please consider.

Further enquiries to -

Brian S Edward, APM OAM,
Lions Club of Geelong Corio Bay
Lions Village Licola portfolio
T 03 52 226 986
E <bseapm@bigpond.net.au>

2023 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1 27th January - 6th April
(Good Friday - Friday 7th April)

Term 2 24th April - 23rd June

Term 3 10th July - 15th September

Term 4 2nd October - 20th December



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 1 Holidays

Monday 10th April - Friday 21st April

- Friday 7th April - Good Friday - holiday
- Monday 10th April - Easter Monday holiday

Term 2 Holidays

Monday 26th June - Friday 7th July

Term 3 Holidays

Monday 18th September - Friday 29th September

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please mark in your diary

Week 7

Monday 6th March

School Athletic Sports - Landy Field

Week 8

Monday 13th March

Labour Day Public Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Week 10

Tuesday 28th March

Year 7 Immunisation - HPV & Boostrix

Week 11

Thursday 6th April

LAST DAY OF TERM ONE - 2.30 pm finish

Friday 7th April

Good Friday Public Holiday

Friday 7th April - Friday 21st April

School Holidays

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2023

The following days have been approved by the Oberon High School - School Council as student free for 2023:

- **Friday 9th June** - Report Writing Day
- **Monday 31st July** - Staff Professional Learning Day
- **Thurs 31st August** - Staff Professional Practice Day
- **Friday 20th October** - Staff Professional Learning Day

Please mark these dates in your diary.

TERM 2

Week 1

Monday 24th April

TERM 2 COMMENCES

Tuesday 25th April

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 27th April

Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews - 11.30 am - 7.30 pm
Students attend interviews at school at allotted times from 11.30 - 7.30 pm. No classes for students on this day.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS - SICK BAY

If your son or daughter becomes unwell at school they must ask their teacher to give them a note and come straight 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/Guardian.

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 for parents to provide up-to-date contact numbers and emergency numbers in case of illness or emergency.

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



Please remind your son/daughter to come to the office if unwell and not to telephone or message parents themselves.



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OPEN NIGHT

163 Batten Road, Armstrong Creek

Thursday 30th March

Tours from 5:30pm

Info Session at 6:30pm

Bookings essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/CGBLR>



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