

**Absence Hotline - 03 4241 8088**

**Issue 6 - Friday 5th May, 2023**

## MAY

**Mon 8th** Western Metropolitan Intermediate Girls Tennis  
- 9 am - 3 pm  
Armstrong Creek Primary School visit - 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

**Mon 8th - Thurs 11th** Yr 11 Outdoor & Environmental Studies  
& Yr 10 Duke of Ed Wilsons Prom Camp

**Tues 9th** Yr 7 Compass Bushwalk - 9 am - 3.25 pm  
Yr 12 Trivia Lunch  
Oberon Mother's Day Stall  
School Council Meeting

**Wed 10th** Senior Boys & Girls Football 9 am - 3 pm

**Thurs 11th** **STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY - STUDENT FREE DAY**

**Frid 12th** **STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY - STUDENT FREE DAY**

**Mon 15th** Yr 10 Macbeth Performance - Periods 3 & 4

**Tues 16th** Yr 11 Psychology - AOS1 SAC - 11 am - 1 pm

**Tues 16th - Frid 19th** Yr 12 Outdoor & Environmental Studies  
Bushwalking/Canoeing Camp - The Grampians  
Yr 12 Top Arts Exhibition Excursion  
Intermediate Girls and Boys Football - 9 am - 3 pm

**Wed 17th** Yr 9 Digital Technology - Geelong Tech School Excursion

**Frid 19th** Yr 11 Road Safety Seminar - Costa Hall  
Yr 7 Online Bullying, Racism Presentation  
Yr 12 English Presentation with Ross Huggard

**Mon 22nd** VCE Music Performance - Barwon Club - 6 pm - 9 pm

**Tues 23rd** Yr 8 Sport - 9 am - 3 pm  
Yr 7 Girls & Boys Soccer - 9 am - 3 pm

**Thurs 25th** Yr 7 Sport - 9 am - 3 pm  
Yr 8 Girls & Boys Soccer - 9 am - 3 pm

**Frid 26th** Yr 8 Special Presentation - Online Bullying and Sexting  
Yr 10 - Excursion to Deakin University 10.40 - 3 pm  
Yr 12 Biggest Morning Tea

**Mon 29th** Geelong Cross Country - 9 am - 3 pm

**Tues 30th** Yr 10 Wood Technology Excursion - 9 am - 3.25 pm

**Wed 31st** Yr 9 Wood Technology Excursion - 9 am - 3.25 pm

## JUNE

**Mon 5th** Yr 10 Drama Excursion

**Mon 5th - Thurs 8th** Year 11 Exams

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As this is the first newsletter of Term 2, I would like to welcome all of the school community including any new students back to school.

It was great to see so many of the school community in attendance at our student/parent/teacher conferences last week to discuss the academic progress of the students. If parents were unable to attend and are still seeking some feedback, I encourage you to contact the teachers directly.

### Staffing Changes

We have a number of staff changes for Term 2. I would like to welcome:

- Emily Parsons returning from family leave and is teaching Humanities.
- Leanne Salisbury joining us from Belmont High was previously a long-term Oberon High employee and is teaching Humanities.
- Elizabeth Keucke is teaching English/Humanities.
- Josh King joins us from Northern Bay College and is teaching Physical Education/Mathematics.
- Rachel Gastin joins us from Clonard College and is teaching Physical Education/Psychology/Science.
- Emily Jackson has been employed at the school as an Occupational Therapist.
- Bill Rogers is returning from Queensland and will be working as a Student Counsellor in our wellbeing team. Bill will be starting from the beginning of week 3.
- Aiden Pongrazio and Selina Murphy will be covering Chris McConnell's Technology load while he is on long service leave.
- Kelsey Ratcliffe has been employed for Term 2 and is teaching English.

### Geelong Community Foundation Grants

It was great to be in attendance last Thursday at the Geelong Library where some of our Year 12 VCAL students presented their recommendations for grants to be allocated to community organisations by the Geelong

Community Foundation. The five students in attendance - Harry Allan, Zac Bates, Cameron Banyer, Asher Burns and Cooper Chance did an amazing job despite having to overcome expected nerves. Well done to Simone Chappell and Tom Ovens who supported the students in preparing their presentations, as well as the moral support they provided the students by being in attendance with the students on the morning even though it was the Report Writing Day.

### Smile Squad Dental Van

The dental van will be returning onsite at the school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May to provide further dental treatment for those students who required this following their initial check-up earlier in the year.

### VSSSA State Swimming

Congratulations to Angus Martin who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U/21 50m Breaststroke at the recent State Swimming Championships. A wonderful achievement Angus.

### School Tours

We will continue to run our school tours for prospective students and their parents on Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am. The parents who have been part of the tours so far have provided positive endorsement of the learning environment at the school.

### Whole staff Professional Learning Day

Staff will be undertaking a professional learning day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. This student free day will be focused on our implementation of our learning framework the 'Oberon Good Lesson' and the five pillars that support the learning focuses in the school - Literacy, Numeracy, ICT, Student Voice and Agency, and Inclusion/Target 3.

### School Oval Drainage

The drainage rectification works on the school oval was undertaken over the last two weeks of Term 1 and resulted in more than six kilometres of piping being laid underground and connected to the stormwater drainage system.

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT cont'd.....

We have been informed that this will ensure that the oval is available for use all year round and that we won't have the issue as we did last year, when the oval was too wet to use for many months over the winter season. The oval will be available for student use from week three of this Term as it has also been sprayed and oversown with seed.

### School Uniform

A reminder to parents that all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times. With the weather starting to be a lot colder in the morning it is important that students have an appropriate Oberon High School top to wear to keep them warm. There are a range of options available through our uniform supplier PSW in Geelong. If you haven't already done so, can you ensure that all uniform is labelled with your family name, so that this can be returned if found at school.

### Student Attitude to School Surveys

In the upcoming weeks the school will be conducting the annual 'Attitudes to School survey' with students from Years 7 to 12 students which is overseen by the Department of Education Training (DET). The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the 'Attitudes to School Survey' will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. We will be distributing a letter to our school community from the Department of Education, outlining this survey.

**Tim McMahon**

## YEAR 12 VCAL - STUDENT PRESENTATION

### Schools in Philanthropy Program - Geelong Community Foundation

Our Year 12 VCAL students have been participating in the Schools in Philanthropy Program with Geelong Community Foundation. They presented their recommendations for grants to be allocated to community organisations by the Geelong Community Foundation on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April at Geelong Library. The five students in attendance Harry Allan, Zak Bates, Cameron Banyer, Asher Burns and Cooper Chance did an amazing job.

Well done to the class for your work with this program.



## Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 9th May 2023

SPOIL YOUR MUM THIS MOTHER'S DAY.  
ALL GIFTS SOLD BETWEEN \$5-\$10.  
YOU'LL FIND OUR STALL OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AREA.

Stall starts at beginning of Lunchtime 12:50pm AEST.

163 Batten Rd, Armstrong Creek  
Ph: 4241 8000      oberonhs.vic.edu.au

## JUNIOR NEWS

### One Wave Incursion

On the last day of Term 1, the Year 7 students attended the One Wave Program in the Gym which focussed on mental health and wellbeing.

The program stressed the importance of recognising when you're feeling sad because it helps you take care of yourself. They encouraged the Year 7s to tell someone when they're sad. By acknowledging their feelings and asking for what they need, they're taking an important step towards feeling better. *Remember, it's okay to feel sad sometimes, and talking about it can help!*

The One Wave Program donated a surfboard which the students filled with positive messages, different outlets that the kids have for when they are stressed or sad or any positive affirmations they might resonate with. The surfboard will be displayed in the B Block near the Year 7 Year Level Manager's office for the students to see.

### Lunchtime Activities

Oberon offers students a variety of lunchtime activities, this is a great opportunity to meet new people and try new activities. Below is a summary of the different activities on offer for the Junior School students this Term:

Day	Club/Activity	Time and Place
Monday	<b>Woodwork Club</b> - Design, Create and Evaluate your own woodwork projects or help others in building projects to improve the school. (Cornhole games, extra seating for your area, other games etc.)	1pm in <b>T5</b>
	<b>Maths Club</b> - Get help with your maths and/or complete your homework	Lunch in <b>C2</b>
Tuesday	<b>German Club</b>	Lunch in <b>C9</b>
Wednesday	<b>Running Club</b> - Build up your strength and stamina whilst running with peers. Bring a change of clothes and your running shoes	1pm leaving from the <b>Gym</b>
	<b>Robotics Club (Years 7 and 8)</b> - Develop skills in coding and robotics whilst being mentored by older students	Lunch in <b>T2</b>
Thursday	<b>Chess Club</b>	Lunch in <b>Library</b>
	<b>3D Printing Club</b> - Develop 3D design skills and print off some models	Lunch in <b>T2</b>
	<b>German Club</b>	Lunch in <b>C9</b>
Friday	<b>Environment Team</b> - Come along to the enviro team and meet with like-minded students as we try to improve our local environment	1pm in <b>S5</b>
	<b>Art Club</b>	Lunch in <b>A6</b>
	<b>Writer's Club (years 8 to 12)</b>	<b>D13</b> – every second Friday (odd weeks)
	<b>Table-top Games Club</b> - Space for students of all year levels to gather and enjoy fun games. Games vary from simple card games to more advanced board games, and some groups of people playing Tabletop RPGs like Dungeons & Dragons. Everyone is welcome.	Lunch in <b>D7</b>

### Primary School Visits

Over the past month we have had the Grade 5 and 6 students from Mt Duneed Primary and Mirripoa Primary come to Oberon and experience life as an Oberon student. It was great to have the students participate in a range of classes including Science, Technology, Art, PE, and Music. Students really enjoyed the opportunity to have a tour of the school and have a greater understanding of what opportunities Oberon has to offer their students.

We are looking forward to having students from Armstrong Creek visit next week.

### Year 8 Camp

Thank you to all the families who have completed the Expression and interest and Deposit for the Year 8 Camp to The Ranch, Mornington Peninsula (July 19-21). Please get in contact with the Front office if you have missed the cut off for the Camp deposit.

More information about this Camp will be released to families this Term.

## SCHOOLS ANZAC CEREMONY AT THE SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

On Wednesday 5th April I accompanied our School Captains - Amelie Parfitt, Val Rodriquez, Sid Shrivastava and James Stiles attending the 91st Legacy Annual Anzac Commemoration at the Shrine of Remembrance. Our Captains laid a wreath with a message from Oberon High School. Approximately 4,000 students from schools around Victoria attended this heartfelt and moving ceremony.

**Mirza Skelic**  
Year 12 Manager



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - GLAM PROGRAM

Year 11 student Chaise Mayson appeared recently in the Geelong Times in an article about the Geelong Manufacturing Council programs for students pursuing careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). Well done Chaise.

• NEWS

# Students branching out into STEM fields

BY BILLY HIGGINS

GEEELONG secondary school students are getting a taste for the city's renowned manufacturing sector as a potential career path through an industry-led work placement program.

Geelong Manufacturing Council (GMC) launched a range of industry leadership initiatives, including programs aimed at VET stream students and girls interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields, for year nine and 10 students last year.

Rave reviews from participating schools and businesses means another cohort will get involved this year.

The program mixes students from different schools across Geelong and places them for one day a month in a real-life work setting at a local manufacturing business, where they can talk to leaders and role models about potential career options and take part in practical workshops that use specialised equipment.

Activities part of the program in year one included making solar-powered windmills, designing a mini-golf course and metal casting a "foundry in a box".

Millie McCarthy, who joined the program as a year nine Sacred Heart College student, said it had provided more clarity about potential career options.

"We experienced all these different types of fields we could go into and we could look to for pathways. That was really helpful to me to know what kind of subjects I wanted to do," she said.

Geelong Lutheran College student Zach Watts said he had highly recommended the program to his school mates.

"I'm kind of the stereotypical high school student; I had no idea and still don't know what I want to do.

"To get first-hand knowledge about industries like manufacturing and engineering and STEM, that's the best way to find out.

"You can just get thrown straight into it and get to see everything, not just one specific area."

Oberon High School's Chaise Mayson said the diversity of GMC's programs was rewarding.

"You went to places like Godfrey Hirst, looking at carpet or Austeng doing engineering; they were completely different branches of companies, but are



Millie McCarthy, Zach Watts and Chaise Mayson were part of the first intake of Geelong Manufacturing Council's future industry programs. Photo: BILLY HIGGINS

still involved in the same sort of field."

Godfrey Hirst manufacturing manager Aaron Dawson said the program had benefits for the carpet maker's employees too, and that his business would reap the rewards of a robust local manufacturing

industry that the program aimed to support.

"Being here for so long, it's important for us to give back to the community and try and help where we can.

"Especially in programs like this that help get

more kids, and especially girls into engineering.

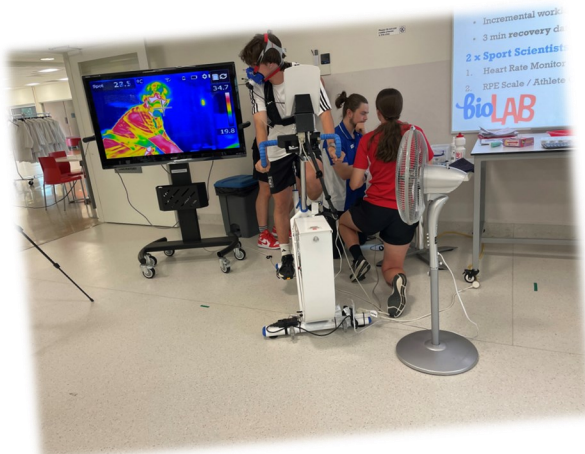
"Our employees that were exposed to it had heaps of praise for the students that were coming in and doing hands-on work - they were keen to get involved and roll up the sleeves."

Article  
courtesy of  
Geelong  
Times -  
Friday 31st  
March, 2023

## METABOLIC MADNESS

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May the Year 12 VCE Physical Education students travelled to BioLab in Belmont. The class applied their understanding of energy systems and acute responses to exercise through utilising technology available to athletes and sport scientist's in the form of a VO<sub>2</sub> max testing. Students had the opportunity to measure their acute responses to exercise including blood pressure, vital capacity and muscle temperature.

One student had the unique opportunity to participate in a VO<sub>2</sub> max test on a bike. However, due to a malfunction with the technology, he had to complete the maximum exertion test running the 20m Shuttle Run. He did a phenomenal job and exceeded expectations with an excellent relative VO<sub>2</sub> of 76ml/kg/min. This was the second highest result achieved at BioLab by a student!



## ROSTRUM PUBLIC SPEAKING

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Rostrum Public Speaking semi-final took place at Oberon. Our students did an amazing job, delivering their prepared speeches on topics such as 'Voice for the voiceless' and 'A change worth making'. After their initial speeches, students went on to deliver an impromptu speech on a surprise topic with only fifteen minutes to prepare! Mikaylah Dietrich from Year 9 won the junior division and Abby Powell from Year 7 was runner up. Both Kaitlyn Trueman and Bridey Rookes from Year 11 won a place in the senior finals which will be held later in the year.

Congratulations to all our students for working so hard to compete in this challenging event.

### Adrian Stirling



**Junior:**  
Heidi Nixon  
Abby Powell  
Akira Parker  
Mikaylah Dietrich  
Jess Watson



**Senior:**  
Bridey Rookes  
Kaitlyn Trueman

**Oberon German students win in the Goethe Institute's  
"auf Ballhöhe" National Competition**

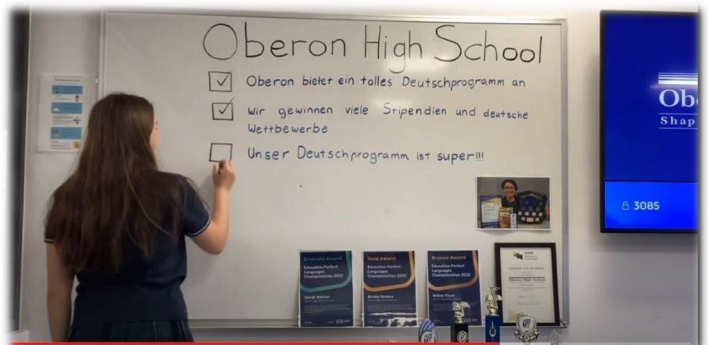
The Year 11 German class produced a video to persuade the Goethe Institute to run a 2 day immersion soccer camp at Oberon and to represent Australia in this competition.

Oberon was selected as "THE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL" to receive this honour. The Year 11 class worked hard to produce a fabulous video showcasing both the school and the German program. Congratulations to all members of this class.

Now we look forward to the 2 day camp being held in early August at school. Two German soccer coaches will run the event. Twenty-four lucky girls and boys will be able to participate and to improve both their soccer and German skills.

We are competing digitally against 3 other schools from 3 countries for the Goethe World Cup – Vietnam, New Zealand and the Philippines.

The 2-day camp will take place during the 2023 FIFA Womens' World Cup competition.



**LANGUAGES CORNER**

SEASONS	INDONESIAN	GERMAN
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	

## OBERON SPORT

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of March: Western Metropolitan Region Swimming

On a nice chilly March day, students who qualified from the Geelong swimming carnival made their way to Kardinia Aquatic centre to participate in the WMR swimming carnival. The day contained many highlights for students with either making it to WMR for the first time or even being able to obtain a medal at the event. Across the board, we had 11 students competing in 29 different individual events and 9 relay teams made up of 26 students. Across the day, Oberon came away with 10 3<sup>rd</sup> place individual medals, 2 2<sup>nd</sup> place individual medals and 1 1<sup>st</sup> place individual medal. In the team relay events, Oberon achieved 2 3<sup>rd</sup> medals and 2 2<sup>nd</sup> medals. Oberon also achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the team scores for the day out of a total of 49 participating schools for the WMR region. All students who participate on the day should be congratulated with how they participated on the day, truly showing the Oberon Way.



## OBERON SPORT cont'd.....

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April: Oberon Diversity Cross Country

On the last Monday of Term 1, Oberon conducted its first whole school Diversity Cross Country Carnival. With the assistance from students in 8E, there were Sausages, Drinks and racing kits sold throughout the day for students to enjoy while listening to a sample of amazing bands Oberon has to offer. Students then during their 3km or 5km event depending on age and gender got the opportunity to run through a range of different colour powder stations. The colour powder is to help the discussion around diversity and making sure we have an environment that no matter a person's gender, sexuality, age, race or religion should feel safe. All money that was raised on the day with the BBQ and gold coin donation to be out of uniform will go towards part of the cost for colour powder for next year after seeing it was such a great success this year. Congratulations to Lipson who won the carnival on the day. Students who ran in the top 6 on the day will be contacted shortly about details for the Geelong Cross Country day.

Enjoy the sample of pictures below taken by Mr Fitzgerald and Mr Claney of students fully enjoying the day.





# OBERON SPORT cont'd.....



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### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of April: State Swimming Finals

On Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, one lone student - Angus Martin made his way to Melbourne to compete in the State Final in the 18-20 Years 50m Breaststroke. With a time of 33.09 seconds, Angus fought his way to a third-place State medal.

Congratulations on this achievement showing the large amount of hard work you put in to achieve this result.



### General Sport Notice:

Wow Term 1 was a big term for sport. We had Oberon Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals, Geelong Swimming and WMR swimming Carnivals as well as Term 1 Senior and Intermediate sport days. Overall in Term 1, we had 146 students participate in the Inter-School sport program.



In addition to this we have had a Sporting Schools Australia funded program in term 1 to help engage and encourage girls in sport. We have recently gained new AFL jumpers due to a Football Victoria funding grant meaning all students both Male and Female will be able to enjoy properly fitting jumpers when they play for the school. If you have any children realised their feet have grown and now required new football boots, to think about donating the old football boots if they are still in okay condition to the sport department so they can be used by students who do not having their own during AFL and Soccer sports days.

The sport department has also received an order of new netball dresses for the A teams this year. These dresses have been purchased from the money parents paid as part of the Sport Uniform payment. These dresses were designed by students and were due to feedback female students had about the old uniform getting a bit worn and torn.

Thank you to all the parents who have paid, this has been used based upon feedback from both Parents and Students on equipment required to allow ALL students to enjoy and participate in sport.



Below are dates for known sporting days for Term 2:

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of May – Barwon Athletics
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of May – State Surfing Competition
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of May – Senior Boys and Girls AFL
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of May – Intermediate Boys and Girls AFL
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May – Year 8 Sport (Boys AFL, Girls Netball, Boys and Girls Badminton) Year 7 Sport (Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Badminton)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of May – Year 7 Sport (Boys AFL, Girls Netball) Year 8 Sport (Boys and Girls Soccer)
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of May – Geelong Cross Country
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of June – Junior and Intermediate Boys Netball, Junior Girls AFL
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of June – WMR Cross Country

Good luck to all students this term, hope you enjoy the experience and go one better.

**Mr Claney**

## WRITER'S GROUP RONE EXCURSION

Late last Term, Writers' Group had the pleasure of visiting the Rone exhibition in Melbourne. The exhibition, entitled 'Time', was set out across the entire third floor of Flinders Street Station and students were able to wander through the magnificent rooms of the exhibit to find inspiration for their writing. The rooms, all featuring music and street art, provided a captivating experience for students and the writing produced in response to this adventure has been fantastic. After the Rone exhibition, the group ventured across to Federation Square for lunch before venturing into the National Gallery for further inspiration.

If you'd like to join Writers' Group, we meet every second Friday in D13 at lunchtime.

### Adrian Stirling



Harris, Amani Kassar, Gryffin Selkrig and Cameron Moulden



Hannah Neave and Mikaylah Dietrich



Cameron Moulden, Sarah Watson and Harris



## STUDENT MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Could all Parents/Guardians/Carers please talk with their students about any medical needs that they may have. Please note the following:

Students should always carry **Ventolin Puffers, Epi-Pens, Diabetic Requirements** with them on outings – often classes go to sporting or other activities out of the classroom or school. Sporting bags are locked in the change rooms during class time and are not always accessible. If your student has **newly diagnosed** or **changed medical conditions** it is vital that the school is notified of this information.

Any students with **Anaphalaxis** are required to have **epi-pens (current date)** as follows:

- One to be kept with the updated student's Action Plan at **the School Office at all times, to be labelled with student's name.** (Staff members will take this one when student is **out of school on an excursion, on camp or at sport**)
- Their own personal named pen to be kept **with the student** at all times.
- Any changes to their Action Plan must be provided to the school. If your student **no longer** has an **allergy** we require this information in **writing** from your Doctor.

**Students with Asthma** - Parents are asked to provide to the school an updated Asthma Action Plan and an in-date labelled Ventolin to be kept in the Sick Bay at all times. (Staff members will take this one when student is out of school on an excursion, on camp or at sport).

**It is very important for students with Asthma to keep their own personal Ventolin puffer with them at all times and not just kept in their bag due to classrooms/learning areas not always being close to locker areas and in an emergency asthma situation, time is of most importance.**

The school is **not** permitted to provide any of our supply of medication to students unless a student urgently requires an epipen or Ventolin and none has been provided to school. Please note the following guidelines re medication for students: If your student requires **antihistamines** for **hayfever** or **cramp medication, pain medication** etc. they are able to carry just **one single dose** of their medication **with them**, or if your child's medication is required on an ongoing basis, parents can complete a Medication Authority Form (name, dosage, etc) and give the medication to Office staff who will lock it securely away in Sick Bay in a named file for your son or daughter to access during the school day as needed/required. Alternatively if your child presents to the office with headaches, etc the office staff will phone parents to ask for some pain medication to be dropped off at school.

If students need to take regular daily medication during school hours, parents are asked to complete a Medication Authority Form (which can be emailed to parents or sent home with your son or daughter upon request) and hand the completed form and medication to a Sick Bay staff member in the office, who will then lock it securely away in a named file for your son or daughter in Sick Bay.

Students then need to report to the office at the correct time as listed on the form and an office staff member will assist your son or daughter. **Students are forbidden to offer any medication to another student.**

Please check that your student's medications are **in date**, this is a vital requirement especially for **Epi-Pens and Ventolin**. **If you receive a letter from the school reminding you of this need to update, please respond as soon as possible to ensure the safety of your child.**

Please advise your son/daughter that **emergency supplies** of medications such as Ventolin and Epipens (in case of an asthma and anaphylaxis emergency) are available in sickbay if they see Office Staff. All Oberon staff are aware of where this medication is located in the case of an emergency.

Students are permitted to take water bottles into class.

These guidelines are in place to ensure the health and safety of all our students.

Thank you for your assistance.

## 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 to be signed into Sick Bay if unwell and not to telephone or message parents themselves.**

## STUDENT ABSENCES

A reminder to all parents of the importance of phoning in absences early in the morning of your child's absence.

For your convenience you can leave a message on our absence line number 4241 8088

Our SMS system will send a message out each day at am and 12pm to those parents whose child is absent from any class without notification.

### LATE PASSES

If your child arrives late to school they must first report to the student end of the Office with a note signed by a Parent or Guardian or they can state that a parent has phoned the school.

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment please ensure that you send a signed note with them to show the class teacher and then they must report to the General Office with their note. If no note is provided the office staff will check if a parent has phoned the school.

If you have an unexpected reason for your child to leave school early please phone the school on 5241 8000 as early as possible to allow plenty of time to locate your child in their timetabled class to have them at the office ready when you arrive.

If your child arrives late to school they must first report to the student end of the Office with a note signed by a Parent or Guardian or they can state that a parent has phoned the school.

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment please ensure that you send a signed note with them to show the class teacher or phone the office and then the student must report to the General Office with their note or they can state that a parent/guardian has informed the office. The office staff ask that if a student is aware they are being picked up early that they remember to report to the office at the correct time.

### EARLY LEAVE PASSES

If you have an unexpected reason for your child to leave school early please phone the school on 5241 8000 as early as possible to allow plenty of time to locate your child in their timetabled class to have them at the office ready when you arrive.

**Thank you for your assistance.**

## YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES 2023

- **General Achievement Test (GAT)**  
Thursday 15th June 2023
- **Year 12 Student/Teacher/Parent Interviews**  
Monday 7th August 4 pm - 6 pm
- **Unit 3 & 4 Performance and Languages Oral Examinations**  
Monday 2nd October - Sunday 29th October, 2023
- **Last day of Year 12 Classes**  
Monday 16th October
- **Year 12 Celebration Day**  
Tuesday 17th October
- **Unit 3 & 4 Written Examinations**  
Tuesday 24th October - Wednesday 15th November, 2023
- **Year 12 Valedictory Dinner**  
Wednesday 22nd November - 6.30 - 11 pm  
Further details to be advised



Please mark these dates in your diary

## YEAR 11 IMPORTANT DATES 2023

- **Year 11 Exams**  
Monday 5th June - Thursday 8th June, 2023
- **Year 11 Exams**  
Thursday 9th November - Tuesday 14th November, 2023
- **Year 11 Formal**  
Wednesday 15th November, 2023
- **Year 11 into 12 Orientation Program**  
Friday 17th November - Tuesday 21st November, 2023

Please mark these dates in your diary.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please mark these dates in your diary

### TERM 2

#### Week 3

Friday 12th May

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING - STUDENT FREE DAY

#### Week 5

Friday 26th May

Year 12 Biggest Morning Tea

#### Week 7

Monday 5th June - Thursday 8th June

Year 11 Exams

Friday 9th June

Report Writing Day - **Student Free Day**

#### Week 8

Monday 12th June

King's Birthday Public Holiday - **School Closed**

Thursday 15th June

Year 12 GAT - General Achievement Test

#### Week 9

Friday 23rd June

Last day of Term 2



## 2023 SCHOOL TERMS

**Term 2** 24th April - 23rd June

**Term 3** 10th July - 15th September

**Term 4** 2nd October - 20th December

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

#### Term 2 Holidays

Monday 26th June - Friday 7th July

#### Term 3 Holidays

Monday 18th September - Friday 29th September

#### End of Term 4

Wednesday 20th December is the last day of the 2023 school year. Student attendance information for the last weeks of the year will be listed in Term 4.



## STUDENT FREE DAYS 2023

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

- **Friday 12th May** - Staff Professional Learning Day
- **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



## LOST PROPERTY

Parents please note that there is an **extremely large** amount of lost property awaiting collection in the lost property cupboard near the internal student entrance to the Library. Many of these items are uniforms including a large number of Oberon jackets many of which are not named.

Could parents please ensure that all student uniforms and other belongings are clearly named.

If your child has lost any belongings please ask them to check the cupboard which has clearly labelled sections for students to check for items themselves.

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

## SCHOOL PHOTO - INFORMATION FROM ARTHUR REED PHOTOS

Arthur Reed Photos have provided the following information to Oberon families to assist with the school photo ordering process:

School Photos for Oberon families are now in the Webshop ready for families to view and order. **SCHOOL PHOTOS – 2023**

*Our annual school photos have been taken and are now ready to order.*

*Arthur Reed Photos uses an online ordering system where you can view your photos prior to ordering.*

*All students have received a code unique to them.*

*You will require this 2023 code to register online and view your photos.*

*If you have already registered, you will receive an email or SMS from Arthur Reed Photos with a link to view your photos.*

*If you have not yet registered, please go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your code to complete your order.*

*If you have misplaced your registration code, please contact the Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly on 5243 4390 (option 1) or [customerservice@arphotos.com.au](mailto:customerservice@arphotos.com.au)*

*Please note that you will need to register online with your **2023 photo code** to gain access to this year's images.*

*All photo packages will be sent directly to your nominated address, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout.*



*If you require any assistance ordering your photos, please contact Arthur Reed Photos directly on 5243 4390 (option 1) or email [customerservice@arphotos.com.au](mailto:customerservice@arphotos.com.au)*

## LIFESAVING VICTORIA SWIM TEACHER OPPORTUNITY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Lifesaving Victoria is partnering with Secondary schools to fund 40 year 10 to 12 students as swim teachers. Training, CPR and first aid requirements all paid for by Lifesaving Victoria. A terrific opportunity for a student to then be employed and earn \$25-35 per hour, especially good for those who wish to go on and be teachers themselves.

# CROSS COUNTRY

7th May - 13 August  
Sundays @ 12 Midday  
Torquay & Jan Juc locations

**Sign Up Today!**

UNDER 6+  
12 COMPETITION WEEKS  
+ REGION & STATE CHAMPS  
**\$65**

For any queries, please contact:  
[info@surfcoastlittleathletics.com](mailto:info@surfcoastlittleathletics.com)  
or 0488 288 324

## FRUIT SHACK BELMONT JUNIOR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Fruit Shack on High street Belmont has junior positions available:

- After school hours 4pm - 7pm and half day weekend shifts

Casual retail award rates apply Please send resume' with contact details to [fruitshack@outlook.com](mailto:fruitshack@outlook.com) with BELMONT in the subject line

## FREE PARENTING FORUM

A GUIDE TO RAISING A CHILD WITH ADHD



There may be no psychological condition more controversial and provocative than ADHD. At one extreme, we see some people say it doesn't exist. Others say it's a result of poor parenting. But for parents who are raising children with an ADHD diagnosis, their child's behaviour can seem like a wrecking ball.



**THURSDAY 8 JUNE**

9.00am-10.30am

**VENUE**  
OneHope Centre  
4-32 Province Boulevard,  
Highton

**BOOKINGS**

Scan the QR code  
This is a free event but bookings are essential.



- In "A Parent's Guide to Raising a Child with ADHD", Dr. Justin Coulson will explore up-to-the-minute science on what ADHD is, why it occurs, and most importantly, what parents can do to create something at home that feels sane and balanced in an often chaotic climate. This presentation will:
- Explain what ADHD is, and is not.
  - Unpack why ADHD is so controversial.
  - Review science-supported strategies to help parents guide children with ADHD successfully.
  - Provide practical solutions to help create willing participation in family life with a child with ADHD
  - Offer family-strengthening tips to support parents, strengthen relationships, and build bonds.

## WEP's! Open Day!

- Are you interested in:**
- Going to school overseas?
  - Making life long friends?
  - Experiencing life in another country?
  - Improving your language skills?



**Learn more about student exchange with WEP's Open Day!**

**What:** Join a live Information Session, meet some returned students, get to know the WEP team and more!

**When:** Saturday 6th of May, 1pm-4pm

**Where:** 479 Hampton St, Hampton, VIC

**How:** RSVP with the QR code below!



**RSVP NOW**



## 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.



## 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](mailto: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



Enquire today!

[saverplus.org.au](http://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



## 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.