

## OCTOBER

**Mon 2nd** Term 4 Commences  
**Tues 3rd** Yr 12 VCAL - Primary School Visit - Periods 5 & 6  
**Wed 4th** Western Metropolitan Athletics - 8 am - 4.30 pm  
**Thurs 5th** **Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews - 11.30 am - 7.30 pm. Students attend interviews at school with Parent/Guardian at allotted times between 11.30 am - 7.30 pm. NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY**  
**Frid 6th** German Oral Exam  
**Mon 9th - Frid 13th** - Year 9 Camp - Limestone Coast South Australia  
**Thurs 12th** Intermediate Sport - 9 am - 3 pm  
Year 11 Road Safety Day - RYDA  
**Frid 13th** Yr 7 CyberSafety Presentation VicPol - Period 2  
**Mon 16th** Last Day of Yr 12 Classes  
**Mon 16th - Tues 17th** - Yr 9 Digital Systems - Virtual X - Tech School - 9 am - 3.25 pm

**Tues 17th** Yr 12 Celebration Day & Final Assembly- 8.30 am - 1 pm  
**Tues 17th - Thurs 19th** Yr 11 Outdoor Ed - Glenelg River Canoe Camp  
**Wed 18th** Yr 7 Sport - 9 am - 3 pm  
Yr 9s - Heroes Day - 9 am - 3.25 pm  
**Thurs 19th** 2024 Yr 7 Parent Information Night 6 pm - 7 pm  
Oberon Arts/Technology Night - 5 pm - 7 pm  
**Frid 20th** Staff Professional Learning - **STUDENT FREE DAY**  
Practice English Exam 9 am - 12.15 pm  
**Mon 23rd** Yr 8 Sport - 9 am - 3 pm  
**Tues 24th** Yr 12 Written Exams begin - English Exam 9 am - 12.15 pm  
**Wed 25th** **GEELONG CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Thurs 26th** Western Metropolitan Region - Yr 8 Boys Table Tennis - 9 am - 3 pm  
**Frid 27th** Yr 9 & 10 German Careers Day 9 am - 12.30 pm  
Yr 8 CyberSafety Presentation - VicPol Period 2

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Staff Changes

There will be a number of staff changes for Term 4:

- As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, Mr Josh Baker will remain as Acting Principal at Belmont High School for next Term. As a result, Mrs Priscilla Begg will be remaining as Acting Assistant Principal and Ms Tess Ellard as Acting Leading Teacher – Year 7-8 Sub-School Manager.
- Mrs Jessica Jacobsen will begin Family Leave from the beginning of week 3 next Term. Mr Brad Clough has been appointed to the position of Acting Learning Specialist – Disability Inclusion whilst Mrs Jacobsen is on leave. Mr James Claney has been appointed to the Acting Year 7 Manager position to replace Mr Clough for Term 4.
- Ms Kelsey Ratcliffe will be finishing her contract with us at the end of Term, Kelsey has decided to travel overseas in Term 4. Ms Gia Doe will replace Kelsey teaching Humanities.
- Ms Aleesha Platt will begin family leave from early in Term 4 and will be replaced by Mr Aaron Hocking.

### School for Student Leadership Term 4

We have had been offered a late placement for six Year 9 students to attend the School for Student Leadership for the majority of Term 4 this year at the Gnurad-Gundidj Campus in Western Victoria. Interested students have been asked to provide an expression of interest and we have been working through the process to identify which 3 boys and girls will be attending.

### Year 9 Rubicon Camp

It was great that 20 of our Year 9 students had the opportunity to participate in the Rubicon Outdoor Camp rafting trip down the Mitchell River from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you to the staff members Mr Andy Hallam and Ms Mary Waldron who attended this Camp so that the students could have access to this amazing experience.

### Tutor Learning Initiative

The Victorian Government announced last Tuesday announced a further \$442.2 million investment to extend the Tutor Learning Initiative for the 2024 and 2025 school years. This funding will allow Victorian government schools to continue to provide students with intensive tutoring support.

### Interim Reports

All Students/Parents/Guardians will be able to access the Interim Reports on the School Portal from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

### Intentions for 2024

If students are not returning to Oberon High School in 2024, can families contact the school and speak with one of the Assistant Principals regarding this.

As this is the last Newsletter for the Term, I wish everyone a safe Term break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school from the beginning of Term 4.

**Tim McMahon**

## STUDENT FREE DAY

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

**Friday 20th October**

Staff Professional Learning Day - Berry Street

**Please mark this date in your diary**



# OBERON PUBLIC SPEAKING FESTIVAL

Our annual Public Speaking Festival took place earlier this Term over three massive days. Public speaking represents a huge challenge and we were thrilled that so many students were prepared to stand up and express their views throughout the festival. More than seventy students competed and all year levels were represented.

For students, staff and parents who are new to Oberon, the Public Speaking Festival was initiated by Mrs Barbara Staff who tragically passed away in 2016. Mrs Staff was the driving force behind developing our public speaking culture which has continued for over three decades.

This year, we included a new podcasting division in the festival and students were able to record their entries in our new English Podcasting Studio. Many students demonstrated their flair for this medium and were able to smoothly incorporate sound effects and music as a part of their podcasts.

A huge thank you to all of our student helpers and leaders who made an excellent contribution to this year's festival, with many volunteering to introduce speakers and assist with managing each day.



## Public Speaking Festival Winners 2023

### Year 12

**Mason McKenzie:** Selfishness is the new pandemic  
**Sid Shrivastava:** We are losing our connection with nature  
**Felix Walsh:** Tourists are ruining coastal towns

### Year 11

**Bridey Rookes:** Everyone on social media is exposed to pathological liars  
**Archer Phillips:** We can no longer trust Google  
Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> **Felix Maher:** Cancel culture is a form of fascism and **Ethan Pullman:** Cancel culture is a form of fascism  
Special Mention: **Emma Pape:** The good old days of dating weren't so great

### Year 10

**Josh Rachor:** The media is blocking action on climate change  
**Christian Arnott:** The Fossil Fuel Industry must be held accountable  
**Sarah Watson:** We don't know the truth about climate change.

### Year 9

**Akira Parker:** Social media is society's super villain  
**Makaylah Dietrich:** Pink tax  
**Erin McGinness:** Life as a teenager

### Year 8

**Scarlett Pogue:** People must stop neglecting The Music Industry.  
**Grace Bohra:** Women's rights are human rights  
Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> **Bonnie Clissold:** University should be free and **Jayde Walker:** Overpopulation

### Year 7

**Evie Campbell:** Globalisation  
**Milla Ball-Manzur:** The Australian Government should protect endangered species  
Equal 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Charlie Matheson:** Technology has improved schools  
and **Abby Powell:** March to the beat of your own drum

## PODCASTING DIVISION

**Milla Arklay** and **Kiaia Martin**  
**Imogen Cosgriff**  
**Scarlett Pogue** and **Vaeda Williams**

## INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY

Last week Year 11 student Olivia Mills created a fundraising event to raise money for "Indigenous Literacy Day".

Olivia organised a bake sale, a "guess the lollies in the jar" activity and started a Go Fund Me page all to raise money to purchase more books for our School Library that share the voices and perspectives of Indigenous Australians. Some of the money will also go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) who provide access to books in remote communities where there are often no Libraries or bookstores. The ILF's Book Supply Program also provides new, culturally relevant books to remote Communities across Australia.

Olivia (assisted by her super team of Daisy, Phoebe, Ash, Abbey, Emma and Steph) raised \$306 on the day and the Go Fund Me Page is still live and you can donate at [https://www.gofundme.com/f/indigenous-books?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_campaign=p\\_lisco+share-sheet](https://www.gofundme.com/f/indigenous-books?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_lisco+share-sheet)

Olivia's idea to take on such a noble task began in her Year 11 Literature class where she was studying "Voices of Country". Olivia took her assessment to a whole other level, and we are very proud of her and her support team.



## YEAR 7 WELLBEING DAY

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of September marked the Year 7 Wellbeing Day, and what an unforgettable, action-packed day it was! While the weather outside may have been less than ideal, the spirit inside was nothing short of radiant, as students embraced the opportunity for a day of fun and self-discovery.

The day kicked off with invigorating incursions in the morning, featuring insightful sessions by Shake Counselling and Headspace. These sessions provided valuable tools for our students to navigate challenges related to their mental, social, and emotional wellbeing, fostering personal growth and resilience.

From recess onwards, students joyfully engaged in a variety of hands-on activities, creating an atmosphere of excitement and camaraderie. The atmosphere buzzed with energy and enthusiasm as students immersed themselves in activities like Boxercise and the Nerf Zone. Inflatable Soccer Darts and the Giant Earth Ball provided the students with new and unfamiliar opportunities that fostered teamwork and resulted in smiles all around.

We extend a huge thank you to the dedicated teachers and support staff who made this day possible, investing their time and energy to ensure its success. It was wonderful to witness students engaging with one another and taking a break from technology, proving that even in this digital age, meaningful connections and real-world experiences remain irreplaceable.

Here's what a few of our Year 7 students had to say:

*"What I enjoyed the most about the wellbeing day was spending time with other classes. I really enjoyed talking to new people and also learning new fun games/workouts!" - Sienna Roderio-Mawn*

*"I enjoyed playing activities with my class as well as another class. It was an extremely fun day and I look forward to doing it again next year" - Kai Pritchett*

*"I loved the soccer dart thingy, it was my favourite thing of the day, because it was simple and fun, the nerf war and everything was super good, I really enjoyed the day hanging out with my friends" - Ty Moran*

*"I enjoyed the soccer darts because I got to be in a team with my friends and play sport" - Charlie-May McDonald*

In the end, Year 7 Wellbeing Day served as a powerful reminder of the importance of mental health, physical activity, and the bonds that form within our school community. As we move forward, let's continue to prioritize our students' wellbeing.

**Tess Ellard**



## WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY

Last week, our Writers' Group students took part in the 'Write a Book in a Day' competition to raise money for the Kids' Cancer Project. At the start of the day, the team was sent the parameters for their story which needed to include: a cat café, a zoo escape, an entertainer, a chauffeur and a possum as our non-human character. The group planned the events of their story together and then split up to write the chapters.

After an afternoon of editing, the group was able to submit their finished story by the 9 o'clock deadline. Our story was entitled, 'Ruby Red'.

Our team included:

- Angela Baylon
- Arielle Hiwale
- Isabelle Knowles
- Ash Lyon
- Ella Matheson
- Scarlett Pogue
- Jayde Walker
- Ruby Edwards
- Vaeda Williams

If you'd like to help sponsor the team, you can donate via the link below; the team needs to raise a minimum of \$240 for the Kids' Cancer Project to be eligible for judging in the competition.

<https://writeabookinaday.com/teams/?id=423>



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS FROM PSW - OBERON'S OFFICIAL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

A VIP night for Oberon families will be held at our official uniform supplier - PSW on Wednesday 1st November - 4.30 - 8.30 pm. **Early next Term** a brochure and link will be provided by PSW and we will then pass this on to Oberon Parents/Guardians.

Please be aware that significant roadworks are happening in Malop St, Geelong, which is directly affecting access to the area. Part of Malop St is closed to West bound traffic and parking is limited. There is ample access and parking in the streets surrounding.

Please be aware that PSW will remain open, Tuesday – Saturday, throughout this period.



PSW - 164 Malop Street, Geelong Ph: 03 97680383

## CHESS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

In Term 3 Oberon High School held an in-house chess tournament. This competition occurred from Lunchtime to period 6 in the Library. Over 30 students participated with a range of Year levels competing from Year 7 to Year 12! By the end of the tournament, we had our top four chess players based on their rankings.

A few days later, these top four students competed in the finals to see who our chess champion was! Sid Shrivastava received 4<sup>th</sup> place, Riley Jordan received 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Ace Ritchie received 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 1<sup>st</sup> place was.... Daniel Locke!

Thank you to Sid for helping organising the event and to all those involved.



## IMPORTANT END OF YEAR DATES

### YEAR 12

Monday 2nd October - Monday 23rd October	Units 3 & 4 Performance and Languages Oral Exams
Friday 20th October - 9 am - 12.15	Yr 12 Practice English Exam
Tuesday 24th October - Wednesday 15th Nov	Unit 3 & 4 Written Examinations
Monday 16th October	Last day of Year 12 classes
Tuesday 17th October - 8.30 am - 1 pm	Year 12 Final Assembly & Celebration Day
Monday 22nd November 6.30 pm - 11.00 pm	Year 12 Valedictory Dinner - Mount Duneed Estate Winery
Monday 11th December - 7 am	Year 12 results released

### YEAR 11

Thursday 9th - Tuesday 14th November	Year 11 Exams at Oberon High School
Wednesday 15th November	Year 11 Formal - details to be advised
Friday 17th November - Tuesday 21st November	Year 11 into 12 Orientation Program ( <b>Program compulsory for all 2023 Year 11 students</b> ) <b>Tuesday 21st November is the last day at school for Year 11 students</b>
Thursday 16th November - Tuesday 28th November	Yr 10 & 11 Indonesian Study Tour

### YEAR 10

Thursday 16th November - Tuesday 28th Nov	Yr 10 & 11 Indonesian Study Tour
Wednesday 29th November	Last day of Year 10 classes
Thursday 30th November	Year 10 Maths & English Exams at Oberon High School
Friday 1st December - Wednesday 6th December	Year 10 into Year 11 Orientation Program ( <b>Program compulsory for all 2023 Year 10 students</b> ). <b>Wednesday 6th December is the last day at school for Year 10 students.</b>

### YEAR 9

Monday 9th October - Friday 13th October	Year 9 Camp - Limestone Coast, South Australia
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### ALL YEAR LEVELS

Thursday 5th October 11.30 am - 7.30 pm	Student/Parent-Guardian/Teacher Interviews - 11.30 am - 7.30 pm <b>Students attend interviews with Parents/Guardians at allotted times. NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY.</b>
Thursday 19th October 6 pm - 7 pm	2024 Year 7 Parent Information Night
Thursday 19th October 5 pm - 7 pm	Oberon Arts/Technology Night 5 pm - 7 pm
Friday 20th October	<b>STUDENT FREE DAY - Staff Professional Learning - Berry Street</b>
Wednesday 25th October	<b>GEELONG CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 21st November	Christmas Appeal - Casual Dress Day for students for gold coin donation
Monday 11th December	Adventure Park Excursion - whole school - further details to be advised
Tuesday 12th December - Wednesday 13th December	Year 7 2024 - Orientation Program <b>NO PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR CURRENT STUDENTS ON THESE DAYS</b>
Tuesday 12th December 7 pm - 9.30 pm	Oberon Awards Evening - Costa Hall - All welcome - further details to be advised
Friday 15th December, Monday 18th December & Tuesday 19th December	Staff Professional Learning. Students who are in attendance at school will be supervised. Parent/Teacher/Guardian interviews <b><u>as required by appointment</u></b>
Wednesday 20th December	<b>OFFICIAL LAST DAY OF THE 2023 VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students who are in attendance at school will be supervised</li> <li>• Parent/Teacher Interviews <b><u>as required by appointment</u></b></li> </ul>



## COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR EARLY 2024

Wednesday 24th January & Thursday 25th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Office Open</li> </ul>
Friday 26th January	<b>AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Monday 29th January, 2024	<b>First day of Term 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b></li> <li>School Office Open</li> <li>Teachers return to school</li> </ul>
Tuesday 30th January, 2024	Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 commence school
Wednesday 31st January, 2024	Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 commence school. All students now in attendance at school
Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th February	Year 7 Camp - Alexandra Adventure Camp
Thursday 22nd February - 6 pm - 7 pm	Year 7 Parent Information Evening
	School Photo Day - online ordering information will be distributed prior
Friday 15th February	Oberon Swimming Carnival - Kardinia Pool
Monday 4th March - 9 am - 3 pm	Oberon Athletics Carnival - Landy Field
	School Photo catch up afternoon
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Thursday 21st March - 5.30 pm - 7.15 pm	Oberon Open Night - Tours from 5.30 pm Information Session 6.30 pm
Monday 25th March - 12 midday - 3.25 pm	Oberon Cross Country Colour Run
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	Term 2 Holidays - Good Friday 28th April
Monday 15th April	Term 2 Commences

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 Staff Professional Learning Day - Berry Street

**Please mark this date in your diary**



### INTERIM REPORTS AND STUDENT / PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

#### Term 3 Interim Reports

Term 3 Interim Reports will be accessible from Friday 15th September at 3.30 pm, via the Parent Portal:  
<http://www.oberonhs.xuno.com.au>

If you need assistance to access the Parent Portal please send an email to the school email address requesting assistance to log on - oberon.hs@education.vic.gov.au and your password will be re-set and log on instructions will be emailed to you by an Office staff member.

#### Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on:

- Thursday 5th October - 11.30 am - 7.30 pm**

Parent/Teacher Interviews can be booked from 3.30 pm on Friday 15th September via the Parent Portal, through the "Parent Interviews" tab seen on the left hand side of the Parent Portal. From there select the teacher and choose from one of the available time slots. Please note each time slot only goes for 10 minutes.

**No classes for students on this day. Students attend interviews with their Parent/Guardian/Carer at allotted times between 11.30 pm - 7.30 pm.**



### 2023 SCHOOL TERMS

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



#### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

#### 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.

Please refer to the end of year important dates in this Newsletter for student attendance information during the last weeks of the school year.

## LANGUAGES NEWS

### Swiss Pen Pal Exchange

7C, 8E and 8C German classes have been working hard on making an Aussie themed card (with a German letter and picture collage included) to a high school located in a village called Horgen on the Zürich lake in Switzerland.

We can expect a response from the Swiss students in Term 4, after the school break.

Here are some examples of their work!

**Mia James**  
German Teacher



## LANGUAGES CORNER

In the Classroom		
In the Classroom	Di Kelas	Im Klassenzimmer
Pen	Pena	der Kuli
Pencil	Pensil	der Bleistift
Folder	Map	Die Mappe
Eraser	Penghapus	der Radiergummi
Whiteboard	Papan Tulis	die Tafel
Ruler	Penggaris	das Lineal
Pencil Case	Tas Pensil	das Federmäppchen
Pencil Box	Kotak Pensil	das Etui
Book	Buku	das Buch
Exercise Book	Buku tulis	das Heft
Scissors	Gunting	die Schere
Sharpener	Pengasah	der Spitzer



## BARWON HEALTH IMMUNISATION CATCH UP SCHOOL-BASED VACCINATIONS

If your child has missed out on their school-based vaccinations, it's not too late to catch up!

Secondary school immunisations are provided free to students in Year 7 and Year 10. Catch up for secondary school immunisations is free up to 19 years of age.

Barwon Health immunisation service will offer catch-up school immunisation sessions at different venues around Geelong during the month of October additional to our regular weekly sessions.

### **OCTOBER IS SCHOOL IMMUNISATION CATCH UP MONTH**

Belmont Vaccination Center-1-17 Reynolds Rd, Belmont - Wednesday's Fridays and Saturday morning (18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October) booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLQPX>

Bellarine Aquatic and Sports Centre (BASC) - Ocean Grove- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30-6.30 pm, booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLQNU>

Barwon Health North – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30-6.30 pm booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLQIE>

Armstrong Creek East Community Hub – 3.30-6.30 pm booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLQSB>

Any Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 age students up to 19 years of age, who have missed their immunisations at school can catch up via Barwon health immunisation service or via their GP.

Outside of these extra sessions, bookings available to our regular weekly sessions via this link <https://bit.ly/BHImmunisation>

To see if your child is due for any vaccines, check your child's immunisation history statement on the Australian Immunisation Register using your MyGov account.

If your child is over 14, they will need to access their immunisation history statement themselves through their own MyGov account or the Medicare mobile app.

Learn more about school-based vaccinations and why they're important:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools>



Hockey Geelong Presents

## HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

What: Come along to learn hockey skills in a fun safe environment

When:

U8 and U10 Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> September, then the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October  
U12, U14 and U18 Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, then the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of October

Time: 5.30pm to 6.30pm


Where: Stead Park, John St Corio

Cost: Nil

Contact: Andie Hatton, 0439 184784

What to bring: Drink bottle and Mouth guard, (can be purchased at the ground), all other equipment can be borrowed

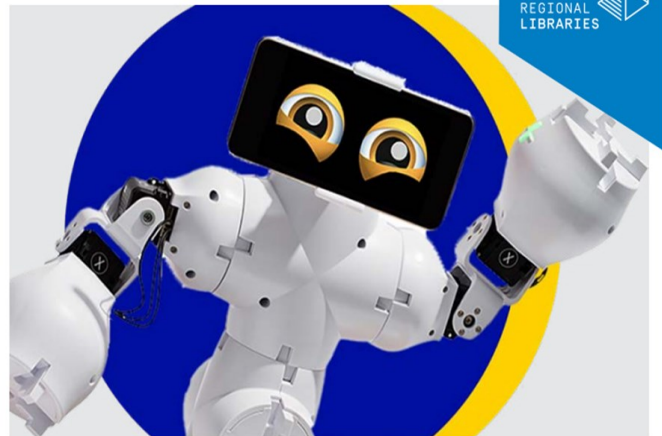
Please register via this link: <https://forms.gle/uPCqxdESjKNVJzCm6>

See you at Stead Park 



## STEM MAKER PROJECT

GEELONG  
REGIONAL  
LIBRARIES



### TRANSFORM, INNOVATE & CREATE AT THE LIBRARY

Thanks to The Brainary, we're bringing the newest tech and endless possibilities for young people to

• CAD DESIGN & 3D PRINTING



• ROBOTICS AND CODING

• VIRTUAL REALITY (VR)

• EMERGING TECH & CAREERS

Transform, innovate and create with four special sessions designed for ages 12-18. These include CAD design, 3D printing, robotics, virtual reality and careers in tech.

Sessions are free but bookings are essential. Book your place today!

The Stem Maker Project is presented by the Brainary with grant funding from the Australian Government.



[www.grlc.vic.gov.au](http://www.grlc.vic.gov.au)

## CITY OF GREATER GEELONG - 2024 YOUTH COUNCIL

**NOMINATIONS OPEN**

# 2024 YOUTH COUNCIL

**BECOME A MEMBER OF GREATER GEELONG'S YOUTH COUNCIL**



**Nominations open 4 September – 20 October**

[geelongaustralia.com.au/youthcouncil](http://geelongaustralia.com.au/youthcouncil)



**NOMINATIONS OPEN**  
4 SEPTEMBER – 20 OCTOBER

- Open to all 12 to 17 year-olds
- Represent your local area
- Meetings begin in January
- The 'youth voice' for Greater Geelong
- Make a difference
- Have a say



Scan the QR code to nominate or visit [geelongaustralia.com.au/youthcouncil](http://geelongaustralia.com.au/youthcouncil)

GeelongYouthCouncil



# THE BIG DANCE

REGIONAL VICTORIAN DANCE FESTIVAL  
WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER, 2023



AT THE GEELONG SPORTS HUB, SOUTH GEELONG  
Programs for toddlers (2-5 years), Primary & Secondary students & all-abilities (BE ME!)


TICKETS: [www.trybooking.com/CIYNB](http://www.trybooking.com/CIYNB)

### ATHLETICS CHILWELL

Come & Give TRACK & FIELD a Try!  
Athletics Chilwell is inviting athletes to join them for the upcoming Track & Field season, scheduled to start on Saturday 7 October (afternoon comp) at Landy Field, Geelong.

We welcome athletes aged 12 Yrs to Veterans 60+.  
Coaching is available in middle/long distance, sprints, throws, jumps etc.

For further details, please contact Mary on 52 293920 0490 549740 or email [athletics.chilwell@gmail.com](mailto:athletics.chilwell@gmail.com)



**BELLARINE PERFORMING ARTS**

*bpa*

## musical theatre

TERM 4  
ENROLMENTS  
NOW OPEN

Our mission at Bellarine Performing Arts is to enrich the lives of young performers in a fun, safe and creative environment. Whether it's expanding abilities or building confidence, we are here to enhance our community by providing theatre arts education, dance, musical theatre, vocal training and performance opportunities.

For more information and enrolments visit our website at:

[www.bellarineperformingarts.com.au](http://www.bellarineperformingarts.com.au)



## SCHOOL MAGAZINE PAYMENT DEADLINE

A notice to parents who would like an Oberon High School Magazine for 2023  
The deadline for payment (\$22.00) is

**Friday 27th October, 2023**

Payments can be made via XUNO Parent Portal or by credit card over the phone.

## GRAPHICS CALCULATOR ORDERS

Below is the 2024 order form to order a Graphics Calculator. The calculator is compulsory for students doing the following Maths subjects in Years 11 & 12 2024:

- General Maths
- Maths Methods

### ONLINE STUDENT CALCULATOR ORDER FORM

**Oberon High School**  
Shape Your Future - Go One Better

ORDERS PLACED BY 11.59pm 1 SEPT 2023 DELIVERED WEEK BEGINNING 10 SEPT 2023  
ORDERS PLACED BY 11.59pm 14 JAN 2024 DELIVERED WEEK BEGINNING 29 JAN 2024



#### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

1 x TI-Nspire CXII CAS  
1 x Protective padded Case  
1 x Usb charging cable  
1 x TI rechargeable battery  
1 x Student Software Licence

**SPECIAL PRICE**

3-Year replacement warranty **\$235.00 Inc**

#### RECOMMENDED:

1 x CKAdaptor  
COST: \$12.00 Inc

#### OPTIONAL

1 x TI Rechargeable battery  
COST: \$20.00 Inc

- Your calculator has an extended 3-year Replacement Warranty
- Broken screens and Corrosion void warranty.
- Warranty commences when the calculator arrives at the school.
- **DELIVERY TO OBERON HIGH SCHOOL**

School ID: **OBERONGRA**

- STEP 1: GO TO [www.abacuscalculators.com.au](http://www.abacuscalculators.com.au)  
STEP 2: ENTER YOUR SCHOOL ID CODE: **OBERONGRA** ABOVE THE ORANGE LOG IN BUTTON.  
STEP 3: SELECT YOUR CALCULATOR AND ACCESSORIES & PAY FOR YOUR ORDER.  
STEP 4: FOLLOWING DELIVERY TO THE COLLEGE, FOR COLLECTION OF YOUR CALCULATOR PLEASE CONTACT:

HEAD OF MATHEMATICS - RENE DURRAN

**ABACUS**

CALCULATORS SUPPLIED BY ABACUS CALCULATORS

If you have any queries please call **GLORIA** on Free Call 1800 998 424  
or email: [gloria@abacus.com.au](mailto:gloria@abacus.com.au)



### VAPING DECODED: Empowering parents in the Vaping Conversation

**FREE** live 60 minute webinars this October

3 date options: Wednesday 11th, Thursday 19th, or Tuesday 24th October at 7pm | via Zoom

#### Webinar topics include

- > Understand today's vaping culture & peer influences
- > Hear the most frequently asked parent questions on vaping
- > Learn about how vape products are marketed to young people
- > Recognise the health and environmental risks associated with vaping
- > Equip yourself with strategies on how to start a conversation with your child
- > Gain tips and strategies for preventing vaping among young people
- > Learn how you can support young people who have started vaping



Register here for one of 3 date options  
Wednesday 11th, Thursday 19th, or Tuesday  
24th October at 7pm | via Zoom  
[blurredminds.com.au/webinar-parents](http://blurredminds.com.au/webinar-parents)

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## YOUTH

GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARIES



### AFTER SCHOOL CHILLER

Want somewhere to hang after school with your mates? Come and use our game consoles, play board games, get creative with drawing and colouring or just...chill!

No bookings required.

Ages 12+

Every Friday  
Starting 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
4.00pm to 5.15pm  
Wauron Ponds Library



[grlc.vic.gov.au](http://grlc.vic.gov.au)

All events are **FREE** unless otherwise specified.  
Online [grlc.vic.gov.au](http://grlc.vic.gov.au)  
In person at any branch, or phone 03 4201 0500

## School Holiday Program

26TH, 27TH & 28TH SEPTEMBER



### A DAY ON THE FARM



Join us for a fun-filled day on the farm at Common Ground Project. An opportunity for young people to connect with food and farming.

Sow and harvest produce Learn about farming Feed the farm animals

#### Tuesday 26th Family Day

Parents welcome

Ages 6-14

#### Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th

Sibling encouraged

Ages 8-14



#### Friday 22nd

Youth Mushroom-growing Workshop  
Book separately on our website



9:30am - 3:30pm

\$70 + GST per person

This program is subsidised through a partnership with VicHealth



For more information and to book a spot in the program, please visit our website.

[www.commongroundproject.com.au](http://www.commongroundproject.com.au)

675 Anglesea Rd Freshwater Creek, 3217

**COMMON GROUND project**





## Five reasons to donate blood these school holidays.

The Geelong Blood Donor Centre needs to fill an additional 1,000 appointments over the school holidays. Here are 5 fun reasons why you should book in.

### It can become a lifesaving habit.

Good habits can be hard to form, but this could be the most important habit you ever create. One in three Australians will need blood or blood products in their lifetime. Chances are, that includes someone close to you. Maybe they needed it to help them fight a tough illness such as cancer, or when they were going through surgery — or maybe they are one of the thousands who need blood during pregnancy and childbirth. You could make a real difference regularly, to someone just like Ismaeel: [Dear Donors: from boy in a bubble to unstoppable bubbly boy | Lifeblood](#)

### Giving blood looks good — literally.

That's right: a blood donation bandage makes you more attractive. Well, sort of. It's a quick (and surprisingly easy) way to show the world how generous you are without bragging. And who isn't drawn to a generous person? We're not just making it up; Lifeblood did [the research](#).

### Australia is changing, and so are our blood types.

Did you know certain blood types are more common in certain parts of the world? About half of people living in Australia today were either born overseas, or have a parent born overseas. With the changes to our population come different blood types, and even some rare ones. A diverse population means [we need diverse donors](#) to help out (and you could be one).

### Snacks

Need we say more? But, if the mere mention of snacks isn't enough, you should also know that Lifeblood supports Australian suppliers *and* has a huge range of options. Feel like an old-fashioned sausage roll? No worries. Or is a vegan slice more your style? Not a problem. [Replenish after your donation](#) with your favourite kind of tasty treat.

### You can get your whole family and friends involved.

Donating alone is great, but sharing such an important moment with friends or family is even better. Nothing beats the feeling of saving lives together. And it's even better with [Lifeblood Teams](#). [So when you next give blood, check to see if you can join our school's Lifeblood Team](#).

Your local blood donor centre is located at **237 Ryrie Street, Geelong**. Open 7 days a week.

To book an appointment to give blood: Download the 'DonateBlood' app, or [book an appointment online](#) or if you would like talk, call Australian Red Cross Lifeblood on **13 14 95**.

# MELI Kids Run

At the Surf Coast Century

Sunday 17 September  
Anglesea Main Beach

100KM  
SURF COAST CENTURY



2.5km course – on the beach and paths for kids aged up to 10 years  
\$10 entry, includes finisher ribbon, race plate and fruit at the finish  
Enter online, or on the day!

[SURFCOASTCENTURY.COM.AU](http://SURFCOASTCENTURY.COM.AU)



## Country Fire Authority (CFA) Junior Volunteer Development Program (JVDP)



11-15 year olds

- Fun
- Friends
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Resilience

The CFA Junior Volunteer Development Program (JVDP) aims to introduce young people 11-15 years to CFA by providing them with the opportunity to become good fire safe citizens while engaging them in fun activities that build self esteem & confidence while learning new skills

### Activities can include

- Practical fire fighting drills
- Radio use & map reading
- First Aid training
- Team building
- Leadership development
- Fire safety awareness

Find your  
closest  
program



For further information or to register your interest scan the QR code or visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteer](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteer)



Junior members DO NOT respond to emergencies or use heavy equipment