Oberon High School



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Absence Hotline - 03 4241 8088

Issue 16 - Friday 27th October, 2023

OCTOBER

Tues 31st Yr 11 VM Horticulture Excursion - 9 am - 1.30 pm

Wed 1st Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Livewire Park Excursion - 10.40 -

Yr 10 & 11 Indonesian Trip Parent Meeting - 6 pm - 7 pm PSW Uniform Fitting Evening - 3 pm - 8 pm

Yr 8 Wellbeing Day - 9 am - 3.25 Thurs 2nd

Mon 6th Inclusion Celebration - Werribee Zoo - 8 am - 3

Wed 8th

Final day of Year 11 classes Selected Yr 8 & 9 Students - Cybersecurity Escape Thurs 9th

Room Activity - 9 am - 3.25 pm Thurs 9th - Tues 14th Year 11 Exams

Tues 14th - Wed 15th 8C Compass Award Camp -

Cumberland River

Wed 15th Yr 9 Fibre Excursion - Tech School - 9 am - 3 pm **Wed 15th - Thurs 16th** 8E Compass Award Camp -

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Cumberland River

Wed 15th Year 11 Formal - Geelong Football Club Thurs 16th - Frid 17th 8D Compass Award Camp -

Cumberland River

Players - 7G Pd 3, 9A Pd 4 - Gym Yr 11 into 12 Commencement Frid 17th German Story Frid 17th - Tues 21st

Program

Thurs 16th - Thurs 28th Indonesian Study Tour - Yr 10 & 11 students

Mon 20th - Tues 21st Yr 10 Outdoor Ed - Sailing
Tues 21st Christmas Appeal - Whole School Casual Dress
Day for a gold coin donation
Wed 22nd Year 12 Valedictory Dinner - Mount Duneed

Estate Winery - 6.30 pm to 11 pm German Story Tellers - Connect - Pd 4 - Pd 3 -Frid 24th

7G, Pd 4 - 9A

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Year 12 Celebration Day

On Tuesday 17th October we farewelled our 2023 Year 12 students from their formal classes and held their Celebration Day which included a General Assembly with members of their family in attendance. The positive manner in which the students conducted themselves was a reflection of the wonderful group that they have been all throughout their secondary education. It was terrific to see so many family members making the effort to attend the Assembly. I would like to acknowledge the work of Year 12 Manager Mirza Skelic, Year 11-12 Manager Michelle Ferry and Assistant Principal Bronwyn Knight who organised the Celebration Day.

Arts/Technology Night

Well done to all staff and students who were part of the Arts/Technology Night on Thursday 19th November. It was great to see so many family members in attendance to view the visual art displays and listen to the rock band performances. I would like to acknowledge the work of Art and Technology teachers who organised this evening.

State Athletics

Congratulations to all students that competed in the School Sports Victoria State Athletics Championships on Monday 16th October. It is a wonderful achievement to compete at this level. A special congratulations to the 18 -20 Years 4x100m boys team comprising of Liam Morrissy, Danny Houliston, Lachie Brown and Flynn Wiffen on winning this event and being State Champions.

VCE Exams

Students across the State began their VCE exams on Tuesday 24th October, with the English exam and will conclude exams on Wednesday 15th November. We wish all of our students undertaking VCE subjects all the best in their upcoming exam period.

Melbourne Cup

A reminder that the Tuesday of Melbourne Cup Day is a normal school day. All classes will be operating as usual and all school buses will operate as normal.

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 in regards to this.

Scholarships to Support Students

Scholarships are available for eligible students in Grade 4 to Year 11, and for Year 12 students planning to do Tertiary studies in 2024.

The Department of Education administers a number of Scholarships that are available to eligible students who are enrolled in Grade 4 to Year 12 in 2023.

Applicants for these scholarships will be evaluated on their:

- participation in school activities
- community involvement
- academic achievement

Scholarships are either one-off payments or cover the duration of the student's course or annual study.

Many of these Scholarships have specific eligibility criteria so please refer to individual applications for more information. Applications are open and close on Thursday 1 February 2024.

For more information and a list of available scholarships, refer to the 2024 Student scholarships for Grade 4 - Year 12 fact sheet.

For information on how to apply, refer to https:// www.vic.gov.au/student-scholarships

Tim McMahon

Ph: 03 4241 8000 163 Batten Road, Armstrong Creek Vic 3217 Web: www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au Email: oberon.hs@education.vic.gov.au







SENIOR NEWS

Congratulations to all our hardworking Year 12 students, who last week celebrated their final day of High School. In the morning, students enjoyed dressing up, parading their costumes around the school, sharing a BBQ breakfast and playing some games together. A highlight of the morning was when the Year 12s each received an encouraging letter from the Year 7s, wishing them well for exams, or their work following the end of school.

Thankyou to all the parents, family and friends who joined us for the Final Year 12 Assembly and BBQ. What a treat to hear Mia and Montanna, and the Burning Advocates sing, and to hear such thoughtful reflections from Sid and James. I've never seen so many lollies showered over the gathered assembly of students – very generous indeed! To our VCE students, all the very best for the Year 12 Exams. You've put in the hard work, so now, do your best to show what capable students you are. To our Year 12 students who have completed their VCAL certificates, congratulations, and all the very best in your job and apprenticeship seeking.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the **Year 12 Valedictory Dinner**, on Wednesday 22 November, and at our **Awards Evening**, on Tuesday 12 December. More details will be distributed about the Awards Evening, at Costa Hall.

Bronwyn Knight







SENIOR NEWS cont'd......

Barbara Staff Memorial Reading Chair

Our Year 12 VCAL students have recently spent time rejuvenating the reading chair, purchased in honour of our late and cherished teaching colleague, Barbara Staff. Barbara was the leader of our English department for many years, and sadly passed away in 2016.

Thankyou Tom Ovens and the VCAL crew for your work with the chair and surrounding garden beds, and planter pots. The roses in the pots are planted to help us remember Barbara's love of nature and the colour red.

Barbara had a real passion for Public Speaking, and reading, and we honour her name every year, when we present the Barbara Staff Public Speaking Award. She would have been so thrilled seeing these girls practising their speeches, as they enjoyed the sunshine, and the relaxed atmosphere in our school grounds. We hope this will be a special place for reading, rehearsing and relaxing, for many years to come.

Bronwyn Knight





OBERON SPORT

Tuesday 10th of October – WMR Athletics Head Coach: Conor McKinnon and Josh King

Big day for our students who attended the WMR Athletics. All students who attended should be proud of their efforts in being the best of the Barwon division to qualify. Taken by Mr McKinnon and Mr King, students attended with high hopes. We had a small group that ended up attending due to a few students having the day clash with other events due to it being postponed from weather. Congratulations, to all the students who managed to podium on the day.









Thursday 12th of October – Intermediate Girls Basketball Head Coach: Daniel Hanson

Intermediate girls basketball put in a great effort testing their skills and team work. With Matilda Sutherland as captain she did a great job of rallying the team to play to their strengths and ultimately get a win against North Geelong but losing to Bellarine and Surf Coast.

Monday 16th of October - State Athletics

Head Coach: Conor McKinnon

On Monday the 16th, 6 students made the long way down to Melbourne Albert Park. Noah Berry competed in 4 events (Long Jump, Shot Put, 100m and 200m), Matilda Sutherland competed in 2 events (100m and 200m), Liam Morrissy competed in the 400m as well as participating in the 4x100m relay team with Flynn Wiffen, Lachlan Brown and Danny Houliston. All students should be proud of their efforts not just on the day but to get to this point. In order to participate at State, you have had to win in that event in 3 different Athletics Carnivals. On the day we had a few podium finishes. Congratulations to Liam Morrissy who claimed the Bronze in the 400m event. Additionally, we had the boys claim 2023 State Champion in the 18-20-Year-old 4x100m Relay. Well done to all the students who competed as all should be proud of how they competed on the day.





Wednesday 18th of October - Year 7 Boys Cricket

Head Coach: Sam Nicholson

Year 7 boys cricket put in a great effort seeing that many team members do not play cricket outside of school. We did not win on the day against two teams that had state cricketers but it was fantastic to see the boys out there enjoying a bit of cricket on a beautiful warm day at eastern gardens. Well done to Connor who was a great batsmen on the day and Henry who was an excellent bowler.

Well done boys

OBERON SPORT cont'd.....

Wednesday 18th of October – Year 7 Girls Softball Head Coach: Ginger Brown

The Year 7 girls softball team played an interschool tournament at Stead Park last Wednesday. The girls only had 2 lunch time trainings before the day and finished 3rd overall. It was fantastic seeing the girls positive attitudes and great sportsmanship on the field, supporting one another and learning the rules as they played. Aurora O'Brien took on the responsibility playing Catcher; she had to wear all the protective gear and demonstrated her awesome hand eye coordination skills. Eva Belleville had the play of the day absolutely smashing the ball out of the park to get her team 3 home runs.









Friday 20th of October – WMR Year 7 Boys Table Tennis Head Coach: CRT Rob Neal

Even a student free day could not hold the students back from wanting to tackle on some of the best at the Western Metropolitan Region Table Tennis tournament. Well known for having some of the best table tennis players at this competition, our students went with Oberon spirit of doing the best they can.









Friday 23rd of October – Year 8 Boys Baseball Head Coach: Daniel Hanson

The Year 8 boys who participated in interschool baseball showed great cooperation as a team to make their way to the grand final on the day. They defeated North Geelong and Bellarine with some amazing plays and hits making their opponents work for their runs but showing higher level of skill overall. Billie-Jack Thomson lead the team as Captain and Pitcher into the Grand Final against Belmont, however their Pitcher showed great skill, making it difficult to get any runs. After three innings, the boys lost 7 to 0 but left having a good day and building some team comradery.

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Teams:

Please ask your children if they are checking teams. The sport department is just one of the many parts of Oberon that offers many fantastic offers for students. In sport, these are posted on the Sport Teams page for students to look at and contact the person for more information. Majority of the time, these are time sensitive. If students do not see them in time, they will miss out on these opportunities. Please help your children check their teams pages every couple of days after school to make sure they have the best chance of excepting a large range of additional experiences at school.

Term 4 Sport Dates

There is little left this year in sport. Well done to all those who have competed this year.

Thursday 26th October – WMR Intermediate Girls Hockey and WMR Year 8 Boys Table Tennis

Thursday 2nd November – WMR Year 8 Boys Tennis.

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

GIRLS DAY IN THE GYM

A reminder to female students that Friday's are girls only days in the Gym. As part of this, there is a Girls program that runs in the Gym at lunch times. This is designed to help give girls confidence in a range of different sporting skills. This term we are looking at Volleyball. Ability is not required, just a great attitude to want to try new skills. If your child would like to participate in this event in the future, they are more than welcome, they just need to turn up and have a go.





THANK YOU

Thank you to all the amazing families who have contributed to the sport program in 2023. At Oberon, we believe that no student should miss out on the opportunity to experience the pleasures of any sport due to not having the proper equipment to participate. So far this year, the school has purchased more playing shirts, netball dresses, basketball shorts and basketball singlets to enable students to all dress the same as a team.

Additionally, the school purchased camera's to capture more of the sporting moments your children participate in to allow you greater opportunity to see their experiences. We have also started to purchase Football boots and bought Sprint shoes to prevent students participating at the State Athletics from being disadvantaged. This would not have been possible if it was not for those amazing families who supported the school. Thank you for this as it has allowed not only your own child but many other children, the opportunity to participate in sport.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Lifelong, life-changing savings habits



Commit to saving up to \$50 a month for 10 months and ANZ will double it.



You can put that extra money towards educational expenses for yourself or your child/children. This includes school-related expenses, such as uniforms, books, laptops and excursions.

Income, eligibility and participation criteria apply, go to <u>saverplus.org.au</u> for more information.

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

saverplus.org.au 1300 610 355





Get up to \$500 extra in the bank to lighten the load of education expenses



Count me in.

Commit to saving up to \$50 a month for 10 months and **we'll double it.**

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SALE OF TEXTBOOKS AND UNIFORMS

Oberon High School no longer has a Second Hand Book / Uniform Shop or sales. We encourage **all** Oberon families to sell their Text Books, Novels and Uniform on consignment through:

SECONDHAND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

9 Star Street, Geelong 3220

Ph: 52 297 766

E: info@secondhandschoolsupplies.com.au W: www.secondhandschoolsupplies.com.au

Oberon families will also be able to purchase second hand copies of textbooks & novels for 2023 at Secondhand School Supplies. Just take in your child's booklist when they are distributed and Secondhand School Supplies will help you out.

UNITING VIC TAS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BOOKS & UNIFORMS **FOR 2024**

UNITING VT EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The **Uniting VT** Education Assistance Program for 2024 is about to open to those families and students who are holders of Health or Concession Cards and may need extra support with the financial cost of digital book fees, uniforms and books for 2024.

Interviews at the Uniting VT - Grovedale location - 272 Torquay Road, Grovedale (entrance via Reserve Road) - will commence on **Tuesday 24th October 2023** for the **mornings only - 9.20 to 11.40.** Uniting VT will then continue interviews every Tuesday and Thursday morning until early December, 2023.

Oberon families who are in need of assistance from Uniting VT $\underline{\text{MUST}}$ phone 4210 1100 to make an appointment to discuss what assistance can be provided to you.

If you have any further questions or queries regarding this process, please feel free to contact the friendly and helpful staff at Uniting VT on 4210 1100.

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. The applicant must be one of the following on the by first day of Term 1 (Monday 29th January 2024) or Term 2 (Monday 15th April 2024):

- A parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card
- A temporary foster carer
- A student who is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card)

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 ApplyNew 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.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNITING VIC TAS NO INTEREST LOANS

Parents/Guardians please note that UNITING VIC TAS offer 2 separate No Interest Loans:





- One No Interest Loan specifically for Technology
- One No Interest Loan for Education requirements

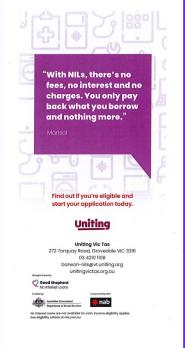
Uniting Vic Tas 272 Torquay Road, Grovedale VIC 3216 Ph: 03 4210 1108 barwon-nils@vt.uniting.org unitingvictas.org.au

No Interest Loans for Education purposes



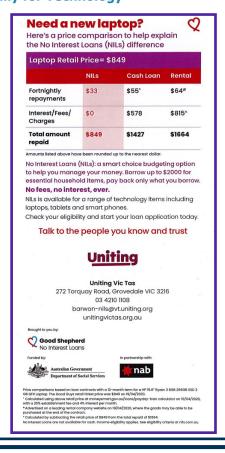






No Interest Loans Specifically for Technology





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

PSW UNIFORMS - VIP NIGHT FOR OBERON FAMILIES - WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 3 PM - 8 PM - OBERON GYM

Parents please note that appointments for this service are essential and must be made via the PSW website. Further information below.





YOU ARE INVITED TO

EXCLUSIVE

VIP-DAY SHOPPING

WITH PSW

AT OBERON HIGH SCHOOL

APPOINTMENT ONLY

PLEASE HEAD TO OUR PSW WEBSITE AND CLICK ON OUR FITTING APPOINTMENTS UNDER THE SCHOOL NAME

163 BATTEN ROAD, ARMSTRONG CREEK VIC 3217 (03) 4241 8000

SCHEDULED DATE: WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 2023 [3:00PM - 8:00PM]

SPECIAL OFFER:

FREE OBERON HIGH SCHOOL CAP WITH EACH PURCHASE OVER \$100

VISIT PSW.COM.AU













CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS

HEAD OFFICE

CLOSING: 20 DECEMBER 2023 REOPENING: 3 JANUARY 2024 RETAIL

CLOSING: 21 DECEMBER 2023 REOPENING: 3 JANUARY 2024

TO AVOID THE JANUARY BACK TO SCHOOL QUEUES SHOP NOW

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Uniform Price List

_				111001	as at. 03-11-202
General		Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
1112048	S/S Polo with Contrast Placket	Navy_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-5XL	40.50
1112339	L/S Polo with Stripe Collar & Contrast Plac	Navy_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	42.50
1191015	S/S Shirt	White		10/3XS-14/XS 16/S-3XL	28.95 30.95
191055	L/S Shirt - Stand Collar	White		10/3XS-12/2XS 16/S-3XL	30.95 32.95
102706	Rugby Jumper w Stripes	Ink_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	90.95
118372	Puffa Jacket	Ink	Embroidery	10/3XS-4XL	85.00
Male		Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
113040	Flat Front Flexiwaist Short	Greymel		62-117	47.50
114040	Flat Front Flexiwaist Trouser	Greymel		62-117	58.50
Female		Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
168016	Summer Dress - Contrast Collar & Cuffs	Blue/White/Navy Check - 8150	Embroidery	8G-20L	74.50
112050	Pleated Skirt - Calf Length	Bottle/Ink/Royal/White Check - 9270		4L-24L	82.95
168986	Tailored Short - Stretch Gab	Greymel		4L-24L	44.95
111991	Ladies Expandable Tailored Pant	Greymel		4L-22L	58.50
port		Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
110147	S/S Mesh Polo w Contrast thru Sleeve	Ink_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-4XL	42.00
112049	Microfibre Shorts with Contrast Piping	Ink_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	38.50
112340	Girls Microstretch Short-Contrast Piping	Ink_Bottle_White	Embroidery	4L-20L	37.50
112017	Stretch Microfibre Tracksuit Pants	Ink	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	58.95
101919	Baseball Cap	Ink	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	18.50
Accessorie	S	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
106213	Jacquard Beanle with Pom Pom - Oberon	Ink-White-Bottle		ALL-ALL	18.00
Socks		Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
110760	Cushion Foot Sport Socks - 3 Pack	White		28-1114	19.95
511050	Crew Sock - 3 pack	Black		2-8-1114	19.95
512000	Turnover Knee High Socks - 3 Pack	White		2-8-8-11	21.95
2513000	Girls Tights	Black		11-14-1114 MID-XTALL	15.95 19.95

Your School Uniform is available at PSW Geelong 164 Malop Street Geelong VIC 3220 03 9768 0383 Shop online at www.psw.com.ai

Fue to Fri: 10:00am - 5:00pm Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm Store hours subject to change



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UNIFORM

Uniform should be worn appropriately. This includes:

- · Shorts and pants unrolled
- Kilts appropriate length

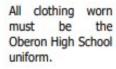


Short Sleeve Polo





Long Sleeve Polo



NO:

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



Puffer Jacket





Hijab - Navy or White



Grey Shorts



Blue School Dress



Pleated Skirt



Track Parits

SPORTS/PE UNIFORM

White Shirt - long sleeve

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



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



White Shirt - short sleeve



ACCESSORIES







Black polishable shoes. No boots





leave them in your locker Black or white

No hats inside -

socks only



Solid black, lace up polishable shoes



Solid buckle up

If you are out of uniform you must bring a note and get a uniform pass

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

IMPORTANT END OF YEAR DATES

YEAR 12							
Tuesday 24th October - Wednesday 15th Nov Unit 3 & 4 Written Examinations							
Wednesday 22nd November 6.30 pm - 11.00	Year 12 Valedictory Dinner - Mount Duneed Estate Winery						
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Monday 11th December - 7 am	Year 12 results released						
YEAR 11							
Wednesday 8th	Last Day of Year 11 Classes						
Thursday 9th - Tuesday 14th November	Year 11 Exams at Oberon High School						
Wednesday 15th November	Year 11 Formal						
Friday 17th November - Tuesday 21st November	Year 11 into 12 Orientation Program (Program compulsory for a 2023 Year 11 students) Tuesday 21st November is the last day at school for Year 11 students						
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 (Program compulsory for all 2023 Year 10 students). Wednesday 6th December is the last day at school for Year 10 students.						
ALL YEAR LEVELS							
Wednesday 1st November 3 pm - 8 pm	PSW Uniform Fitting Evening - Oberon Gym - See booking information flyer in this Newsletter.						
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	Year 7 2024 - Orientation Program NO PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR CURRENT STUDENTS ON THIS DAY						
Tuesday 12th December 7 pm - 9.30 pm	Oberon Awards Evening - Costa Hall - All welcome - further deta to be advised						
Wednesday 13th December	Yr 7 2024 - Orientation Program End of Year Activities for Yrs 7-9 students - Werribee Zoo & Tech School - further details to be advised						
Thursday 14th December	End of Year Activities for Yrs 7-9 students at Oberon High School						
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 <u>as required by appointment</u>						
Wednesday 20th December	 OFFICIAL LAST DAY OF THE 2023 VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM Students who are in attendance at school will be supervised Parent/Teacher Interviews <u>as required by appointment</u> 						



COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR EARLY 2024						
Wednesday 24th January & Thursday 25th January	School Office Open					
Friday 26th January	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED					
Monday 29th January, 2024	First day of Term 1 STUDENT FREE DAY School Office Open Teachers return to school					
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	2024 Year 7 Parent Information Evening					
Wednesday 14th February	School Photo Day - online ordering information will be distributed prior					
Friday 16th February	Oberon Swimming Carnival - Kardinia Pool					
Monday 4th March - 9 am - 3 pm	Oberon Athletics Carnival - Landy Field					
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED					
Friday 15th March	School Photo catch up afternoon					
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					

LANGUAGES NEWS

German Careers Day

50 lucky students learning German in Years 9 & 10 were able to participate in the Online German Careers day this morning during lessons 2-4. The event was streamed from the University of Melbourne. After the welcome speeches from professors involved in the German programs at both Melbourne and Monash Universities, the Honorary Consul-General and a PhD candidate, students went into 2 different rooms. Here they learnt about the benefits of learning German in VCE and beyond, Germany's involvement in sustainability and engineering, and how they can study in Germany and include the use of German in their career paths.

If you have any follow up questions, please contact your German teacher.

LANGUAGES CORNER									
Clothes	Pakaian	die Kleidung	Clothes	Pakaian	die Kleidung				
jumper	baju	der Pullover	jeans	jin	die Jeans				
shirt	kemeja	das Hemd	trousers	celana panjang	die Hose				
blouse	kebaya	die Bluse	shorts	celana pendek	die Shorts				
t-shirt	baju kaus	das T-Shirt	jacket	jas	die Jacke				
hat	topi	der Hut	shoes	sepatu	die Schuhe				
skirt	rok	der Rock	socks	kaus kaki	die Socken				
dress	gaun	das Kleid	glasses	kacamata	die Brille				



New autism resources to support students starting school

'Neurodiversity is about celebrating and embracing difference and diversity across humankind, and looking at how we can support neurodiversity across all contexts.'

- Dr Beth Saggers, Professor, School of Early Childhood and Inclusive Education, Queensland University of Technology

The Student Wellbeing Hub has recently launched a new suite of free resources that provide information for families, educators and students to support young people on the autism spectrum (diagnosed or undiagnosed) as they begin their primary school journey.

Find comprehensive content for families and educators, featuring FAQs, videos, actionable tips, and more at https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/autism/



2023 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 4 2nd October - 20th December

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



End of Term 4

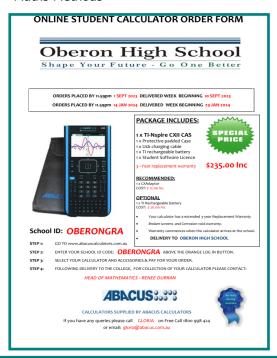
Wednesday 20th December is the last day of the 2023 school year.

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

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





URGENT HEALTH NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

This week at Oberon, an extremely large number of students have presented to Sick Bay with severe Hayfever symptoms. Following on from this and as a general reminder, could parents please note the following important information:

- The school is not permitted to provide any of our supply of medication to students.
- If your student suffers from Hayfever we advise Parents/Guardians to provide some medication and complete a
 Medication Authority Form (name, dosage, etc) to Sick Bay 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 Parents/Guardians can provide their student with a single dose of Hayfever medication which they can keep
 in their bag to then take during the day if they notice any hayfever symptoms coming on. Parents/Guardians could also
 administer a dose before your student goes to school to cover them for the day.
- The only circumstance where the school is permitted to provide any of our supply of medication to students is if a student urgently requires an Epipen or Ventolin due to experiencing an urgent, serious or life threatening medical episode and no medication has been provided to the school by a Parent or Guardian.

SCHOOL STUDENT BROADBAND INITIATIVE

If you are interested in the program below and meet the criteria, please contact James Curtis (ICT Leader) through the office to obtain a consent form.

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH 12 MONTHS FREE INTERNET AT HOME

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home internet for one year for up to 30,000 eligible families with school-aged students.

The initiative aims to boost education opportunities. NBN Co is leading the rollout of this initiative across the country.

How the School Student Broadband Initiative can help your child:

- Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.
- Access to fast internet at home can also support children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and take part in a world that is more reliant on digital technology.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, families must:

- have a child living at home enrolled in an Australian school in 2023
- not have an active National Broadband Network internet service at their home (having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility)
- live in a premises that can access the National Broadband Network through a standard connection. NBN Co will check this for you after you apply
- register interest with your school and complete a consent form to be assessed for eligibility.

How the School Student Broadband Initiative works:

If you are eligible, your home internet service will be provided at no cost for one year with a participating internet provider over the National Broadband Network.

Each internet provider has its own step-by-step process to get you connected, which may involve you providing identification.

Once you sign up, the internet provider will help you set up your connection. The initiative does not include devices such as a computer or tablet. Other members of your household can use the internet service provided through this initiative.

The one-year period will start from the day your service is activated with your chosen provider. At the end of the one-year period, you will not be placed onto a paid service by your internet provider without your consent. The Australian Government is considering options beyond the one-year free period.

How to apply:

- Ask your school for a copy of the School Student Broadband Initiative consent form.
- Complete the consent form and return to the school.
- NBN Co will use student address details on the consent form to confirm eligibility.
- If you are eligible, NBN Co will issue a voucher for your family to use to sign up with a participating internet provider. This will be provided to you by your school.

Please note: NBN Co will review the home address for eligibility. No personal information other than your main home address will be shared with NBN Co. Please see the consent form for details about how personal information will be used.

Find out more:

For more information about the School Student Broadband Initiative, visit https://www.infrastructure.gov.au