

FEBRUARY

Mon 12th & Tues 13th	Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Sailing School - 9 am - 3 pm
Tues 13th	General Assembly - 9 am - 9.30 am - Gymnasium
Wed 14th	School Photos - see info in this Newsletter Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Swim Test - Period 1 & 2 Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Surfing - Bancoora Beach Periods 3 & 4 Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Sailing School Council
Thurs 15th	Compass & Duke of Ed Parent Information Evening - 5 pm - 7 pm - School Library
Frid 16th	Oberon Swimming Carnival - Kardinia Pool

Mon 19th - Frid 23rd	Yr 9 Duke of Ed Bronze Medallion
Tues 20th	Yr 7 Cyber Bullying Incursion - 9 am - 1 pm
Thurs 22nd	Year 7 Parent Information Evening - 6 pm - 7 pm Gymnasium
Thurs 22nd & Frid 23rd	School Photos Catch Up afternoon Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Sailing School - 9 am - 3 pm
Frid 23rd	Senior Cricket - 9 am - 3 pm
Tues 27th	VM Barista Course - Periods 1 - 6
Wed 28th	Yr 9 - Lifechanger Awaken the Hero - Periods 3 & 4 Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Surfing - 11 am - 1 pm
Thurs 29th	Yr 9 Morrisby Survey - Periods 2 & 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As this is the first Newsletter for the 2024 school year, I would like to welcome back everyone, and I hope that you all had a great Christmas holiday break and are looking forward to the year ahead. I would like to welcome any new students and their families to Oberon High School, I am sure that you will have a very positive educational experience while a member of our school community.

Staffing

There has been a number of changes to the school year for the start of 2024. Mr Josh Baker will be remaining as Acting Principal at Belmont High School for Term One. As a result of this Mrs Priscilla Begg will be Acting Assistant Principal overseeing Year 7 & 8 for Term 1 and Ms Robyn Cocking will be Acting Leading Teacher Year 7 & 8 Sub-School Manager to replace Mrs Begg.

We have had a number of staff who have joined the school for the 2024 school year. I would like to welcome:

- Mr John Tserkezidis – Design Technology Wood – Glen Eira College
- Mrs Victoria McCaffrey – Design Technology Food/Fibre -
- Ms Rhiana Broadbent – Visual Art – Eaglehawk Secondary College
- Mrs Sherree Petrie – Visual Art – North Geelong Secondary College
- Mr Josh Newcombe – Science – Graduate teacher
- Mr Joel Crothers-Stomps – Physical Education/Health – Point Cook Senior Secondary
- Mr Michael Steven – Mathematics – Colac Secondary College
- Mrs Kylie O'Sullivan – Mathematics – Altona College
- Ms Olivia McWha – Mathematics – Graduate teacher
- Mrs Sara Brennan – Business Manager – Chilwell Primary School
- Mrs Ginger Brown – Physical Education/Health – Tarneit P-9 College
- Ms Gia Doe – English/Humanities/Drama – Graduate Teacher
- Ms Katie Swales – Humanities – Graduate teacher
- Mr Aaron Hocking – Humanities – CRT Oberon High School

- Mrs Alison Clarkson – Science – Victoria University Secondary College
- Mrs Valerie Augustin – Indonesian/Mathematics – Lara Secondary College
- Mr Billy Mathieson – Music – Oberon High School
- Mrs Danielle Berezdecky – Mathematics/Science – Doncaster Secondary College
- Mr Justin Kristiansen – Humanities - Singapore
- Ben Ferguson – English – Geelong High School
- Sophie O'Shea – English – Tarneit Senior College
- Aidan Pangrazio – English – CRT Geelong Region
Lily Miller – Sport Assistant – Lutheran College

Year 12 2023 VCE Results and Destination Data

The 2023 Year 12 cohort achieved outstanding results in their VCE with a median study score of 29 and 5.5% of students with a study score of over 40. These results as reported in The Geelong Advertiser article on Wednesday 13th December, <https://www.geelongadvertiser.com.au/news/geelong/geelongs-top-performing-vce-schools/news-story/3a1b68311d4947123e471ede9fa17259> ranked Oberon High School as the highest performing Government School. The Dux of the school for 2023 was Sid Shrivastava who received an ATAR of 99.7, congratulations Sid. The school had 11% of our students receive ATAR's above 90, 20% of students received ATAR's above 80 and a further 20% of students receive ATAR's above 70.

I will provide a presentation to School Council at the meeting which summarises the 2023 VCE results and provides some comparisons between Oberon High School and other schools in the Geelong region.

The large majority of our students who applied for Tertiary places were successful in gaining a place, with the large majority receiving their first preference. Students have accessed the following Universities – Deakin, Melbourne, Monash, ACU, Victoria University, Latrobe, Swinburne, College of the Arts, and RMIT with Deakin being the most popular.

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

Students accessed a range of courses with the most popular being Nursing, Science, Business, Cybersecurity, Commerce, Health, Psychology, Engineering, Music, Paramedicine, Wildlife Conservation, Agriculture, Digital Media and Criminology.

Our VCAL students also achieved excellent pathways including Apprenticeships, further study at the Gordon and full and part time work.

Val Rodriguez

Congratulations to 2023 Year 12 student Val Rodriguez, who has been selected to perform their original composition Young Man at Top Class Sound 2024 as part of the VCE Season of Excellence.

Top Class is an annual concert series coordinated by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) showcasing outstanding performances by VCE and VCE VET students from schools across the State.

This year, 14 pieces were selected from music students across Victoria. Selected works exemplify the innovation, skill and creativity that can be achieved within the VCE curriculum.

School Structure

There has been a number of changes to the school structure for the 2023 school year. The relevant Assistant Principals and Year Level Managers that should be contacted if you have a concern with your son/daughter are as follows:

Year 7-8

Assistant Principal – Mrs Bronwyn Knight
Year 7 Manager – Mr Jarron Cole/Ms Paige Milich
Year 8 Manager – Mr Andy Hallam/Mr James Claney

Year 9-10

Assistant Principal – Mr Josh McDonald
Year 9 Manager – Mr Daniel Hanson/Mr Sam Nicholson
Year 10 Manager – Mrs Carol Champion/Mr Todd Williams

Year 11-12

Assistant Principal – Mrs Priscilla Begg
Year 11 Manager – Mrs Lyndie Mathers/Mrs Michelle Nash
Year 12 Manager – Mr Adam Freeman/Mr Sean Fitzgerald

Road Closures

As part of the rail level crossing removal project, the Surf Coast Highway between the level crossing and Baanip Boulevard in Grovedale will be closed to traffic from Friday 9th February to Thursday 7th March. If parents use this route when travelling to and from school, then you will need to travel by an alternate route. Please see further information in this Newsletter.

School Council Election Nominations

Correspondence was sent to our Parents/Guardians and students regarding the School Council and vacancies via Xuno. I will communicate with the school community whether an Election is required and the associated timeframe. A reminder that any Parents/Guardians and students wishing to nominate for the vacancies need to return their nomination forms by Friday 16th February, at 4pm.

Mobile Phones

A reminder as was our school policy in previous years and a directive from the Education Minister and Department of Education; mobile phones and associated devices are banned from all State Schools during the school day.

Students will be required to switch off their phones and store them securely in lockers from the start of the school day until the final bell.

If an emergency occurs, Parents or Guardians can reach their child by calling the school General Office.

The school mobile phone policy can be found on the school website.

DET Policy on Personal Items

A reminder that the Department Education and Training does not hold insurance, nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors.

School Camps

The school encourages parents to consider taking out travel insurance for school camps as schools often incur a cancellation fee that we are not able to absorb if your child is forced to withdraw due to unforeseen circumstances.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$250 for eligible Secondary School Students. Payments are made directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. It is important that funding made available in 2024 supports students to participate in school trips, camps and sporting activities this year rather than being held for future years. This funding can also be used in conjunction with any funding accrued from previous years.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 42418000 and ask for an application form.

Privacy Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website.

Tim McMahon

OBERON HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Oberon will be hosting our annual Oberon House Swimming Carnival in week 3, on Friday the 16th of February, at Kardinia Aquatic Centre in Geelong. Students should attend school as normal with the school providing busing for students to and from the pool.

The day is filled with several swimming events, including 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly and 50m Backstroke. Oberon is also one of the limited schools who run a diving competition as part of their swimming carnival. All students are encouraged to participate in the freestyle event for their age group, with students being asked to only compete in the other events if they are competent in completing the correct stroke.

If swimming isn't an area of strength, we still strongly encourage students to attend this great day out and show their support by dressing in house colours and cheering on peers. When dressing up, please ensure students are not wearing any high visibility clothing items as these may be mistaken for the lifeguard uniform, as well as any hair spray, glitter, face paint, hair gels or streamers which can contaminate the pool.

A friendly reminder that this will be a SunSmart event and students should bring a hat and will need to be wearing protective clothing when not swimming in addition to applying sunscreen throughout the day. Students should also bring along a water bottle and food in case the Canteen is not available. Parents and carer attendance are welcome, with a section provided for you to come and cheer. Friendly reminder though that students have their own House areas they should be in and will be asked to return after a period of time.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or the School Office.

Thank you.

Mr King



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Year 12 2023 School Captain Val Rodriguez who has had his composition 'Young Man' selected to be part of the Top Class concert series in March. These concerts are presented by The Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA). These concerts are presented by VCAA to demonstrate excellence in VCE Music. For this piece Val also won the \$7,000 Margaret Schofield Memorial Scholarship for young composers.

Well done and good luck with your future musical endeavours Val.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please mark in your diary

Week 3

Wednesday 14th February

School Photographs - online ordering information will be sent prior to the day

Friday 16th February

School House Swimming Sports (Kardinia Pool)

Week 4

Thursday 22nd February

School Photographs Catch Up Session

Year 7 Parent Information Evening - 6 pm - 7 pm - Gymnasium

Week 6

Monday 4th March

School Athletic Sports - Landy Field

Week 7

Monday 11th March

Labour Day Public Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Week 8

Thursday 21st March

Open Night Tours from 5.30 pm - Info session 6.30 pm

Week 9

Thursday 28th March

LAST DAY OF TERM ONE - 2.30 pm finish

Friday 29th March

Good Friday Public Holiday

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April

School Holidays

TERM 2

Week 1

Monday 15th April

TERM 2 COMMENCES

Thursday 25th April

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED



2024 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1 29th January - 28th March
(Good Friday - Friday 29th March)

Term 2 15th April - 28th June

Term 3 15th July - 20th September

Term 4 7th October - 20th December

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 1 Holidays

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April
- Friday 29th March - Good Friday - holiday

Term 2 Holidays

Monday 1st July - Friday 12th July

Term 3 Holidays

Monday 23rd September - Friday 4th October



STUDENT ABSENCES

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

For your convenience you can leave a message on our absence line number 4241 8088 or enter it on Xuno.

Our SMS system will send a message out each day at 11 am 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 or entered it in on Xuno.

EARLY LEAVE PASSES

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment please ensure that you either:

- send a signed note with them which we ask students to give to the office when they arrive at school. Office staff will then enter on the roll that the student will be leaving early on that day.
- enter it on Xuno
- phone the office in advance.
- email the school in advance

It is of great help to the office staff if students could please remember to report to the office at the arranged time of departure.

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.

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2024

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

- **Monday 29th January** - Staff Preparation Day designated for all schools
- **Monday 29th April** - Staff - Berry Street Training Day
- **Friday 7th June** - Report Writing Day
- **Monday 29th July** - Staff - Berry Street Training Day
- **Thursday 29th August** - Staff Professional Practice Day
- **Friday 1st November** - Staff Professional Learning

Please mark these dates in your diary.



SCHOOL PHOTOS



School Photos 2024 – Oberon High School

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on

Wednesday 14th February 2024.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2024 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2024 images are online to view before making your purchase.

Classes Of
2024

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information



School Photographs will be taken at

Oberon High School

Wednesday 14th February 2024

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive your child's 2024 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's **2024 image code**



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's it!

It's important to register each year to link your child's **NEW** images to your contact details. When 2024 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS

• Create photo packages with any layout & **YOUR** choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads

• Order on any mobile device • Share the images with family & friends for **FREE**

**** Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2024****

Arthur Reed Photos

Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.
A.B.N 48 528 494 590
(03) 5243 4390
customerservice@arphotos.com.au

An important reminder that orders for sibling photos must be placed prior to photo day. Please follow the process listed below

Go online BEFORE photo day to request a sibling photograph!

Sibling Photographs will be taken by request at

Oberon High School

Wednesday 14th February 2024

SIBLING PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHS

To request a sibling photo follow these 3 easy steps ...

1. Grab your phone and go to arphotos.typeform.com/to/SMEnCTQ3



2. Enter the name and class of the eldest sibling + details of all children to be included in the photo



3. Fill in your email address and submit.



Sibling Photograph requests CLOSE AT MIDDAY ON THE DAY BEFORE PHOTO DAY

Please make sure your children know they should present for a sibling photo on photo day

Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.
A.B.N 48 528 494 590

Telephone: (03) 5243 4390 Enquiries: customerservice@arphotos.com.au

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 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.

During the warmer weather please remind your child to drink plenty of water during the day. 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS - SICK BAY

If your son or daughter becomes unwell at school they must ask their teacher to give them a note and come straight to the Office to be signed into Sick Bay.

If the student is too unwell to remain at school a staff member in the office will then telephone a Parent/Guardian.

Please remind your son or daughter that Sick Bay is a place for sick students to rest before being picked up by a parent or to rest for 15 minutes before returning to class. It is not a place for extended stays. It is vitally important for parents to provide up-to-date contact numbers and emergency numbers in case of illness or emergency.

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



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



UNIFORM REMINDERS

A reminder to all families about our uniform expectations. All students are required to present to school each day in correct uniform. If you experience any difficulties with accessing the correct uniform please contact your student's relevant Year Level Manager who will assist you.

Thank you for your support

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UNIFORM

Uniform should be worn appropriately. This includes:

- Shorts and pants unrolled
- Kilts - appropriate length



Short Sleeve Polo



Rugby Top



Long Sleeve Polo

All clothing worn must be the Oberon High School uniform.

NO:

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



Grey Shorts



Blue School Dress



Shell Jacket - Oberon Logo



Grey Trousers



Puffer Jacket Embroidered with Oberon Logo



White Shirt - long sleeve



White Shirt - short sleeve



Pleated Skirt



Track Pants



Hijab - Navy or White

SPORTS/PE UNIFORM

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.



ACCESSORIES



Black polishable shoes. **No boots**

No hats inside - leave them in your locker

Black or white socks only



Solid black, lace up polishable shoes



Solid buckle up polishable shoes

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

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS 2024

Lunchtime Activities 2024

Day	Club/Activity	Teacher in Charge	Description	Time and Place
Monday	Maths Club	Mr. Kadera	Get help with your maths and/or complete your homework	Lunch in C2
	Chrysalis (school magazine)	Mr. Zerafa	Chrysalis is the student voice magazine at Oberon. It is published once every term and it is written for students and by students. It has a variety of content, including art, gaming, film and music reviews and of course some feature articles. If you are interested in Journalism, writing, editing, digital design and publishing we'd love to have you as part of the team.	Lunch D2
	Music Room Bookings	Mr. Nic or Ms. Barnett	Lunch Music Room Bookings. Please see Mr. Nic or Ms. Barnett for details of how to book a room.	Bookings at lunchtime in P rooms
Tuesday	German Club	Frau James	Come along for German cultural events, games and speaking practice!	Lunch in C9
	Student Choir	Ms. Barnes	All abilities welcome and encouraged. A fun opportunity to sing as part of a group and learn some musical skills. Performance opportunities throughout the year too.	Lunch in P5
Wednesday	Robotics Club (years 7 and 8)	Mr. Vinton	Develop skills in coding and robotics whilst being mentored by older students	Lunch in T2
	Music Room Bookings	Mr. Nic or Ms. Barnett	Lunch Music Room Bookings. Please see Mr. Nic or Ms. Barnett for details of how to book a room.	Bookings at lunchtime in P rooms
Thursday	Chess Club	Ms. Barbante	Join in social and competition games of chess as well as receiving coaching to develop your skills	Lunch in Library
	Woodwork Club	Mr. Gunning	come and design your own small project and work on your hand and power tools skills creating your very own free choice project.	1pm in T6
	Environment Team	Ms. Brown	Are you interested in helping the environment? Come along to the enviro team and meet with like-minded students as we try to improve our local environment.	12.50pm in C1
	Writer's Club (years 7 to 11)	Mr. Stirling	Writers' Group is for students who are passionate about creative writing - all genres are welcome! Writers' Group is about writing for creative and personal expression - our writing isn't timed, competitive or graded. We generally try to get away for one Writers' Group trip each term to a place that inspires fantastic writing...	Lunch in D13 (every second week- odd weeks)
Friday	Homework club	Ms. O'Sullivan	This is a quiet space for students to complete homework or outstanding coursework that may not have an opportunity to completed during class time.	C3
	Art Club	Ms. Broadbent	All are welcome to visit and practice mindful drawing activities, and to push their creativity.	Lunch in A6
	3D Printing Club	Mr. McConnell	Learn and create using - Tinker Cad Design Software and Ender Pro 3 D printers.	Lunch in T2
	Table-top Games Club	Mr. Wright	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 D7

Gym @ Lunch Gym opens at 1pm - no food allowed

Monday - Year 11/12

Tuesday - Year 9/10

Wednesday - Year 8

Thursday - Year 7

Friday - Girls Only

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OPEN
DAY!

Saturday 24th
February
1:00pm - 4:00pm

NAPLAN 2024 - YEARS 7 & 9

Oberon students in Years 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN Online in 2024. Students will participate in a NAPLAN controlled practice test on Wednesday 6th and NAPLAN Testing begins on Wednesday 13th March and concludes on Wednesday 20th March.

- Wednesday 13th March - Writing
- Thursday 14th March - Reading
- Friday 15th March - Conventions
- Monday 18th March - Numeracy
- Tuesday 19th March - Catch up day
- Wednesday 20th March - Catch up day

If you have any questions regarding the program or your child's participation, please contact the NAPLAN Coordinator, Elise Schultz.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE/ AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

An important notice to all parents:

- Parents/Guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.
- Parents are advised to take out ambulance cover because if a student is involved in an emergency medical incident at school an ambulance **will** be called.
- Parents/Guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.
- The Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for loss or damage to such property.

MAP OF THE SCHOOL AND BELL TIMES

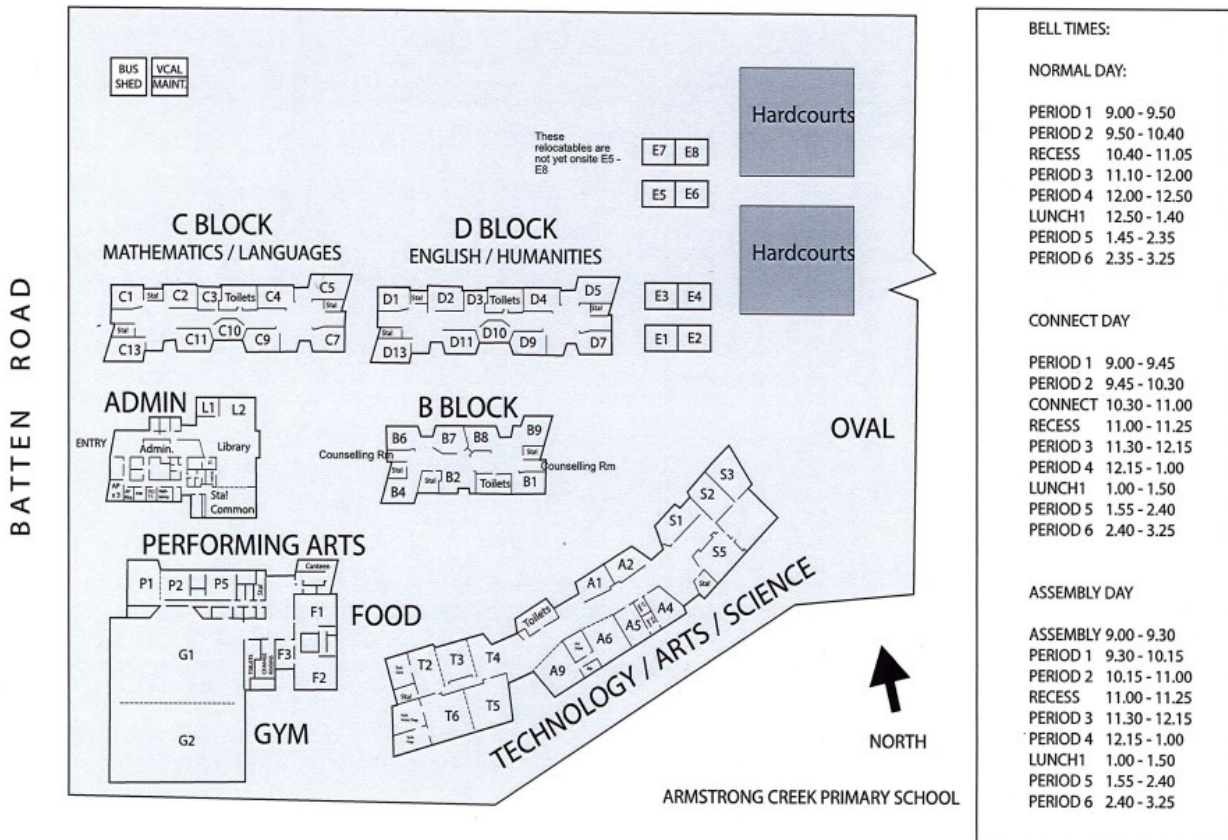
Parents please see below a map of the school and the school bell times. The new relocatable class rooms E5, E6, E7 and E8 are now operational.

Please note that Connect meetings happen every Friday and General Assemblies are called approximately twice a Term and can be on various days of the week. Both of these meetings and assemblies are for students and school staff only.

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LANGUAGES NEWS

Opportunities for scholarships and hosting - German

2-week camp in Austria

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

https://www.goethe.de/ins/au/en/spr/unt/ver/sst.html#accordion_toggle_8850139_3

Host a German SAGSE Student

Please hurry with your application form to host a German student for 8 weeks later in the year. Benefits include an automatic interview for a prestigious SAGSE scholarship. Contact Frau Ray, Frau Nash or Herr Skelic if you need additional information as well as referring to the brochure in this newsletter.

Welcome to German BJR Exchange Student

Denisha Choumin comes to Oberon from Augsburg in Bavaria. She started at Oberon on Thursday and will attend school for 3 months. She is being hosted by the Cosgriff family and will be in Year 10.

Host a German Exchange Student in 2024!



SAGSE
Scholarships for
Australian-German
Student Exchange

Contact our Host Family
Co-Ordinator Jody at
hosting.vic@sagse.org.au

Host a German exchange
student for 7-8 weeks at
the end of Term 2, with a
week break in the middle
to attend Wintercamp!

Learn about a different
culture and make friends
from the other side of the
world!

Requirements to host:

- In years 10-12 (in 2024)
- Love to discover different cultures
- Enjoy showcasing Australia and exploring your own backyard
- German language skills not required
- If learning German, this is a wonderful opportunity to practice and improve!



LANGUAGES CORNER

	INDONESIAN	GERMAN
1	satu	eins
2	dua	zwei
3	tiga	drei
4	empat	vier
5	lima	fünf
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SAVER PLUS

Many families are experiencing cost of living challenges as well as increased education costs. Saver Plus, supports eligible families to take some control of their finances by offering a matched savings incentive and financial education workshops.

If parents commit to saving up to \$50 a month for 10 months, ANZ will match it with up to \$500 for families to put that money towards education costs (school uniforms, stationary, camps, laptops, sports fees, and music lesson).

What is Saver Plus?

Saver Plus is a program for people on lower incomes. It's about bolstering their financial **skills, so they can develop (and keep) good savings habits.**

If families join in February 2024, they can claim their matched savings in December 2024 in time for 2025 school costs. Since 2003, Saver Plus has supported more than 58,000 people to start saving. It's helped overcome the barriers around education expenses. And it's set them up for a brighter future. 85% of our past participants said they're better prepared to manage environmental changes (such as cost of living pressures or unexpected bills) since completing Saver Plus. Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and Brotherhood of St Laurence.

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's been running for over 20 years and more than 58,000 Australians have participated. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.



To be eligible for Saver Plus, people need to meet these requirements:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

saverplus.org.au



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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 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:

\$150 for primary school students

\$250 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.



OBERON HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

An important reminder to parents that Oberon High School office hours are:

- Mondays - Thursdays - 8.30 am - 4.30 pm
- Fridays - 8.30 am - 4.00 pm

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



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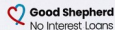
No Interest Loans for Education purposes

No Interest Loans



For essentials you need now.
No fees. No interest. Ever.

Borrow up to \$2000.
Pay back what you borrow.



No Interest Loans (NILs)

No Interest Loans (NILs) are a smart choice loan option to help you manage your money. With no fees, no interest, ever.

You pay back exactly what you borrow.

What can I use NILs for?

Loans are available up to \$2000 for essential goods and services including:



Household items



Car Repairs & Registration



Medical & Dental



Technology



Housing



Education

Receive huge savings on new household items purchased through the No Interest Loan program from our partner The Good Guys. Ask us for details!

Am I eligible?

- ✓ Have a Health Care Card / Pension Card
- OR
- earn less than \$70,000 a year (gross) for a single household
- OR
- earn less than \$100,000 a year (gross) for couples or people with dependants
- OR
- have experienced family or domestic violence in the past 10 years
- ✓ have the capacity to repay the loan

Loans are NOT available for:

- ✗ Cash
- ✗ Debts
- ✗ Food

"With NILs, there's no fees, no interest and no charges. You only pay back what you borrow and nothing more."

Marisol

Find out if you're eligible and start your application today.



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No Interest Loans are not available for cash. Income eligibility applies. See eligibility criteria at nils.com.au

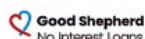
No Interest Loans Specifically for Technology

No Interest Loans



For technology you need now.
No fees. No interest. Ever.

Laptop = \$849
Pay back = \$849
Borrow up to \$2000.
Pay back what you borrow.



Need a new laptop?

Here's a price comparison to help explain the No Interest Loans (NILs) difference

	NILs	Cash Loan	Rental
Laptop Retail Price = \$849			
Fortnightly repayments	\$33	\$55*	\$64*
Interest/Fees/Charges	\$0	\$578	\$815*
Total amount repaid	\$849	\$1427	\$1664

Amounts listed above have been rounded up to the nearest dollar.

No Interest Loans (NILs): a smart choice budgeting option to help you manage your money. Borrow up to \$2000 for essential household items, pay back only what you borrow. **No fees, no interest, ever.**

NILs is available for a range of technology items including laptops, tablets and smart phones. Check your eligibility and start your loan application today.

Talk to the people you know and trust



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Price comparisons based on loan contracts with a 12-month term for a 15" 16.6" Ryzen 3 808 286GB SSD 2GB DRAM laptop. The Good Guys retail ticket price was \$849 on 19/04/2020.
* Calculated using above retail price at moneySMART.gov.au/loans/payday-loan-calculator on 19/04/2020, with a 20% establishment fee and 4% interest per month.
* Advertised on a leading rental company website on 19/04/2020, where the goods may be able to be purchased at the end of the contract.
* Calculated by subtracting the retail price of \$849 from the total repaid of \$1664.
No Interest Loans are not available for cash. Income eligibility applies. See eligibility criteria at nils.com.au

SURFCOAST HIGHWAY UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURE

Parents please note the information below regarding the Surfcoast Highway upcoming road closure including changes to some Oberon bus routes:

There is an upcoming disruption as part of the [South Geelong to Wauron Ponds Duplication project](#).

To safely facilitate works for the Surf Coast Highway level crossing removal, we will be closing a section of the Surf Coast Highway between the level crossing and Baanip Boulevard from Friday 9 February to Thursday 7 March.

During this period, 24-hour critical construction will be taking place upgrade drainage, re-align the lanes of the Surf Coast Highway to its original alignment, install new curbs and lighting around the centre bridge pier as well as artwork panels on the new rail bridge.

Throughout these works, detours will be in place with road signs for drivers, which may add up to 20-30mins of delays.

Please note: Pedestrian access may have to be closed for a short duration at times for public safety, otherwise will be maintained.

Due to the scale of disruption to vehicle movements in the area increased congestion and potential delays to bus routes transporting students to and from school, we recommend school staff, parents, and carers to please plan your journey ahead of time using the map provided.



OBERON BUS ROUTES THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE SURFCOAST HIGHWAY CLOSURE

Due to construction around the level crossing, Surf Coast Highway will be closed in both directions between the level crossing and Baanip Boulevard to all traffic.


Whilst this will have an impact on all or your school bus routes, in terms of delays, there is only the one route which is directly affected by the closure.

S21, which is the first of the 3 Kidman Ave transfer buses, currently departs Kidman Avenue, and runs express to Surf Coast Hwy/Coastside Drive. For the duration of the roadworks, in order to avoid the road closure, S21 will start the route from Coastside Drive, and continue as normal.

Students who normally catch the S21 from Kidman Ave will be required to catch the S20 and S22 buses, which travel via Marshalltown Rd, both morning and afternoon.

CANTEEN MENU - H & H CANTEENS

Below please find the menu for the Canteen at Oberon from H & H Canteens. An important reminder that the Canteen accepts cash or card. **STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE THEIR MOBILE PHONES TO PAY FOR ITEMS AT THE CANTEEN.**



Oberon High Canteen Menu

Cold Food Bar Pre Order Before School

There will be a variety of pre made , rolls and wraps.

Salad Rolls and wraps	\$6.00
Sandwiches	\$4.50
• Cheese, Carrot, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber,	
• Ham and Chicken	

Salads

Fresh Garden Salad	\$5.00
Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot,	
Avocado & Tasty Cheese	
Chicken Salad	\$6.00
Fruit Salad	\$4.00

Variety of Home Made Meals \$6.00 each

Lasagne
Pasta Dishes
Sweet Chilli Twisters
Chicken Schnitzel Rolls
Souvlaki (Lamb)
Fried Rice
Nachos
Wedges
Assorted Pizza

Hot Food Options

Meat Pie	\$4.50
Home Made Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Pastie	\$4.50
Hot Dogs	\$4.00
Sweet Chilli Tender Rolls	\$5.00
Cheese Toastie	\$2.50
Ham and Cheese Toastie	\$3.00
Chicken and Cheese Toastie	\$2.50




Oberon High Canteen Menu

YES
EFTPOS
AVAILABLE

Chicken Nuggets	\$2.00
Dim Sims	\$2.00
Potato Gems	\$2.50
Party Pies	\$2.00

Treats

Truffles	\$2.00
Slices	\$2.00
Home-Style Cookies	\$1.00
Banana Bread	\$4.00
Paddle Pop	\$3.00
Calippo	\$2.50
Icy Twist	\$2.50
Slush Puppies	\$2.00

Drink

Flavoured Pump waters	\$4.50
Pump Water	\$4.50
Big M Milk	\$4.50
Up N Go Flavours	\$3.50
Juice Orange, Apple,	\$4.50

Egg and Bacon Toastie	\$4.00
Hash Browns	\$1.00

DAILY SPECIALS

Due to Health Regulations the canteen is required to provide hot water for each item brought from home that requires Hot water ie 2 min noodles. A 60c fee is charged to cover this cost.




HARMONY UNLEASHED

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL!

Geelong Youth Choir Workshop Series

Join us every Wednesday between
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Ages 10-18 Years
Term Fee: \$250

Scan the QR code to register now!



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www.geelongyouthchoir.com.au





COME AND TRY DAY

WEDNESDAY 21ST FEB
FROM 4.30- 6PM
GAMES, BBQ AND MORE!
WINTER RESERVE BOTTOM OVAL
GLYN STREET BELMONT

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		JUNIOR NETBALL
		NET-SET-GO

Free Training Tee with your Junior membership!

For more information Contact: Lily Edwards - 0417 065 929

*Membership is free pending parent/guardian willingness to commit to volunteer role throughout the year

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LOST ITEM - CAN YOU HELP?

An Oberon parent has asked for assistance in finding her son's lost ear buds. The ear buds are black JBL brand. If anyone has seen this item could you please either return to or contact the Oberon office. The student who owns the ear buds would be very grateful for any assistance that can be provided in finding this item.

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to parents of the importance of ensuring that all of your son/daughter's belongings are clearly named for the start of the school year. This assists us to return lost items to their correct owner.

If your child loses any belongings please ask them to check the lost property cupboard which is located near the internal student entrance to the Library. This cupboard has clearly labelled sections for students to check for items themselves.

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



GROVEDALE TIGERS
FEMALE
FOOTBALL
COME AND TRY SESSION

UNDER 19'S AND SENIOR WOMEN:
TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY
6-7PM @ GROVEDALE COLLEGE OVAL

UNDER 10, 12, 14, AND 16'S GIRLS:
WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
5-6PM @ GROVEDALE COLLEGE OVAL

REGISTER NOW >



Travelling the Yellow Brick Road
HOW TO SUPPORT YOUNG CHILDREN
THROUGH TRANSITION TIMES

Online Parent Workshop

Wednesday 21st February
7pm - 8:30pm AEDT

Tickets: \$55 (+ service fee), \$40 (+ service fee) Early Bird pricing until the 9th February

Presented by:
Dr Carmel Ferretti, Clinical Psychologist

Join us for an interactive online parent workshop on **How to Support Children Through Transition Times**. This workshop is designed to help parents navigate the challenges that children face during periods of change and transition. We will provide practical tips and strategies to support your child's emotional well-being and help them develop resilience. Whether it's starting a new school, moving to a new home, or any other significant change, this workshop will equip you with the tools you need to guide your child through these transition times. Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity!

Supporting Parents by:

- Understanding the challenges faced within the transition process
- Recognising behaviour changes during transition
- Using the TYBR road map to understand your child's behaviour
- Understanding how the brain deals with anxiety and stress
- Teaching and supporting your child's social-emotional skills
- Providing strategies to support a successful transition

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2024 JUNIOR NETBALL

PLAYER EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

BHFNC will be hosting netball selection trials for our 2024 junior players soon.

We invite interested players for our 17&Under, 15&Under and 13&Under age groups to register their participation using our expression of interest (EOI) form

Link: <https://forms.gle/PMYwBWnCuY2GePXNA>

The EOI period will close on **10th February 2024**

Player age-group eligibility is as follows

- 13&U - Player born 2011 or 2012
- 15&U - Player born 2009 or 2010
- 17&U - Player born 2007 or 2008

For further information please

- join our Netball Facebook group 'Barwon Heads Netball 2024'
- browse our website: Barwonheadsfn.org.au
- contact our club via email: netball@barwonheadsfn.org.au