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NOVEMBER

Mon 30th Year 10 Maths/English Exams
Mon 30th - Frid 4th December Year 9 Leadership
Camp - Rubicon
Wed 30th - Thurs 1st December National Chess
Championships

DECEMBER

Tues 1st - Thurs 3rd Year 10 into 11 VCE 2021
Commencement Program at Oberon
Frid 4th Student Leadership Induction Day - Year 12s
2021

Tues 8th YEAR 7 2021 ORIENTATION - **STUDENT
FREE DAY FOR ALL CURRENT STUDENTS**
Frid 11th **YEARS 7- 9 FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL**
Mon 14th - Thurs 17th
Staff preparation for move to
Armstrong Creek. **NO CLASSES HELD FOR
STUDENTS. SUPERVISION WILL BE
PROVIDED FOR ANY STUDENTS IN
ATTENDANCE IF REQUIRED.**
Frid 18th **LAST DAY OF TERM 4**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Bussing 2021

It was announced as part of the Victorian State Budget on Tuesday 24th November, additional funding for bussing for Oberon High School in order to transport students to the new school site at Armstrong Creek for the 2021 school year.

I have distributed a letter to families which outlines the bussing arrangements including routes and timetables. We will be distributing further information to families as this becomes available.

If you have questions or queries regarding these arrangements, after reading the letter, I encourage you to contact the school to seek clarification.

School Leaders 2021

I am pleased to announce that the following students were announced as the 2021 School Leaders at the Year 11 assembly on Friday 20th November.

School Captains:

- Will Stiles
- Max Brownbridge
- Malaika Yenkeni
- Taj McDonald

Cameron House Captains:

- Talisa Ballis
- Vichu Sreekanth

Lipson House Captains:

- Bridget Brown
- Jordyn Aitken

Greeves House Captains:

- Liam D'Helin
- Sasha Ives

Thomson House Captains:

- JR Wiley
- Lucy Bretherton

Awards Day

Unfortunately this year, given the restrictions associated with COVID19 we are unable to run our Awards Day at Costa Hall as has previously occurred due to the rules around large indoor gatherings. However, we believe it is still important to recognise the students for their achievements over the year including the presentation of awards that would normally have occurred at the Awards Day. Therefore we have been running year level assemblies to cater for this purpose.

After the completion of these assemblies I will send out a special newsletter which identifies the students who were identified as award winners.

Unfortunately given the timeframe for the Year 12 results, these are not released until the 30th December, we will not be able to announce the Year 12 Dux until the beginning of the 2021 school year.

Year 12 Valedictory Ceremony

Some of our Year 12 students have now completed their end of year exams and the last of our students will complete their exams on Tuesday 1st December with the last exam being Indonesian.

On Monday 7th December we will be holding a Valedictory Ceremony to formally farewell the students at the new school at Armstrong Creek.

Staffing Appointments 2021

I am pleased to announce the following appointments to Oberon for the 2021 school year:

- *Food/Fibre* – Geetika Saggarr
- *Health/Physical Education* – Caitlyn Parfett
- *VCAL/Humanities* – Kate Anderson
- *Sport Assistant* – Chloe Scott
- *Wood Assistant* – Jamie Nibloe
- *Science* – Paige Milich
- *Music/Drama* – Sam Nicholson
- *Office Accounts Payable* – Cath Jack
- *English/Humanities/Outdoor Education* – Bec Carlisle

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- *Legal Studies/English/Humanities* – Mallory McNally
- *Music Instrumental/Rock Band* – Mark Benson
- *English/Humanities* – Arika Landolina
- *Design Technology Wood/Systems Technology* – Christopher McConnell
- *Languages German* – Mirza Skelic
- *Mathematics/Science* – Alex Ray

Visitors to the School

Following advice from the Education Department, parents and visitors are once again allowed onsite at Oberon High School. All parents/visitors must report to the General Office via the main office entrance door and sign in. There is also a strict limit of four visitors at a time in the Reception area and masks must still be worn inside.

DET Scholarships for 2021

Students have the opportunity to apply for a range of DET Scholarships for the 2021 school year. More than 140 scholarships, ranging in value from \$600 to \$30,000, are available to Year 12 students undertaking further study in 2021. Recipients are able to use their scholarships to pay for iPads/computers, tertiary fees, and accommodation.

More than 100 scholarships, ranging in value from \$300 to \$1,000, are available to students in years 4 to 11. Previous recipients have used their scholarships to purchase textbooks, school uniforms, and computers.

Applications for the year 12 scholarships are now open, with the others to open shortly.

To explore the scholarships available and for information on how to apply, see: [Student scholarships](https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/register.aspx) or via the following website link <https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/register.aspx>

Intentions 2021

If you are aware that your son/daughter isn't returning to Oberon in 2021, can you inform the school. We are currently planning for 2021 and confirmation of students in all year levels is an important part of this process.

Tim McMahon

YEAR 12 FINAL CELEBRATION

On Monday evening 7th December a final celebration will be held for our Year 12 students.

The gathering will be held at our new school, in Batten Road, Armstrong Creek and will run from 6 pm until 8 pm. We will provide some light refreshments and non-alcoholic drinks, and will hold a short graduation ceremony, before students have some time to take photographs, and mingle with one another.

The evening will still be live streamed, however we are happy to announce that two family members are now able to join their graduating students.

To adhere to Covid safe regulations and to meet any dietary requirements it is important that you RSVP to Mr. Filipovski at FPS@oberonhs.vic.edu.au by Wednesday 2nd December.

Thank you again for all your support this year, and we look forward to celebrating the academic successes of this year's Year 12 students, in an Assembly, early in 2021.



Vlad Filipovski
Year 12 Manager

Elizabeth Kelly
Later Years Manager

Bronwyn Knight
Assistant Principal

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OBERON AWARD ASSEMBLIES 2020

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions our Awards Day format will be different this year. Instead of the traditional Awards Day at which we would normally welcome parents, we will be holding Award Assemblies during school hours for students and staff only. The times and dates of these assemblies follow:

- Year 7 9th December with the Public Speaking/Debate Celebration - Period 5 & 6
- Year 8 9th December with the Public Speaking/Debate Celebration - Period 3 & 4
- Year 9 10th December with the Public Speaking/Debate/Celebration P5 & 6

- Year 10 1st December at the beginning of the Year 10 into Year 11 Commencement Program.
- Year 11 The Year 11 Assembly was held on 20th November.
- Year 12 7th December

The Assemblies will be filmed and made available online for parents to view the achievements of Oberon students during this very difficult and unprecedented year.

We hope to be able to run an event for the whole school in the New Year to acknowledge the 2020 Year 12 Dux.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION - DUKE OF EDINBURGH CAMP
ALPINE NATIONAL PARK/BOGONG HIGH PLAINS - TUESDAY 17TH – 20TH NOVEMBER 2020.

Students undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Award and Unit 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies, recently participated in a 4-day bushwalk and campout in the Bogong High plains. After an early departure from school and a long but scenic bus trip up to the high country, we arrived at the Outdoor School (Bogong Village) for a briefing and packing session before we set off on our bushwalk.

Making our way to our first camp spot, we observed the impacts of recreational activities at Falls Creek and made our way to Wallace's Hut, where we discussed the regions rich cattlemen history. Our first day focused on developing technical skills in camp craft (packing gear, adjusting weight, setting up tents and cooking).

On Wednesday, students were up and packed up early, keen to get some distance under their belts. Along the hike, we encountered wildflower littered landscapes, stunted snowgum forests and panoramic views of the Alpine landscape.

Students participated in navigation activities and delighted in collecting their water straight from the cool streams along the way, commenting that it was 'the best water they had ever tasted'.

On Wednesday night, we stayed at Edmondson's Hut where we enjoyed a campfire, students enjoyed soothing their feet in the cool waters of the creek, enjoyed some Dahl for dinner and appreciated another a clear night sky littered with stars.

The following day, we followed Heathy Spur, heading off track and climbing up to Ropers Lookout where we got a terrific view over Rocky Valley Dam and Falls Creek Resort.

We slowly descended down, crossing over Rocky Valley Dam and back to the bus where we made our way back to the Outdoor School for pack up.

The students were happy to see a hot shower and enjoy a delicious meal cooked by Phil, the chef before engaging in the evenings theme of 'Sustainability' where we explored issues surrounding food waste and watched a fantastic Norwegian surfing/sustainability documentary called the 'North Sun' in the new Kiewa Discovery Centre.

Well done to all of the students for the way they contributed to this experience, for challenging themselves and opening themselves to learning about this unique place. I would also like to thank the staff (Russ and Kat) at the Outdoor School and Mr Rob Neal for helping to make this trip possible.

Rebekah Gill
VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies Teacher

'I learnt that the flora in the Alpine environment is very diverse and enjoyed tasting a few indigenous plants.'
 – Hannah Craig-Richmond

'I appreciated the whole class in helping push me to beyond my limits and help prove I could do the hike. The challenging part was getting up some of the hills, as they were really steep!'
 – Ebony Armstrong

'Something I learnt from this experience was the importance of having a break from technology as it provides an opportunity for others to open up and you can learn more about your friends'
 – Jack Avgerinos



Below are a few of the students' reflections about the trip:



'I appreciate the views and the experience. I found hiking with our bags on very challenging. I learnt not to pack so much next time.'
 – Noah Pigdon



'The challenge was definitely sleeping. Sleeping on a hill, with rocks and sticks sticking up whilst you are sleeping made it hard and having very little room to move!'
 – Shaina Lewis



'I appreciated the environment and the views. It was an awesome environment and we were lucky to see it. I found cooking on a Trangia difficult because I am not a good cook'
 – Kurt Armistead



'Personally, I really appreciated the time away from home and school. It was just a really nice chance to escape everyday life.'
 – Laura Stead



I appreciated the opportunity to learn about the heritage of the land. I found carrying the heavy packs challenging and have learnt to push through hard times'.

OBERON STUDENTS SHINE



JALAL ASPINAL: WINNER - 8A HUMANITIES

The 8A Humanities class had an expo session on Tuesday 25th November, where they made presentations about a "Person Of Interest" from Medieval History.

Students prepared a one minute speech to bring the person back to life. Costumes and props were encouraged.

Students also researched and presented background information about their person. The aim was to be engaging, entertaining and informative for the audience.

Five of the other Yr. 8 classes came in to view all of the presentations and to vote on their favourite.

Jalal was the stand out winner with 103 points (counting was like the Brownlow!).

He, as 'Charlemagne' happily received his prize on the day and then took his loot home to share with his family.

Congratulations to Jalal on your enthusiasm and hard work.

A very well deserved win!

SIDDHARTH SHRIVASTAVA WINNER ICAS TEST YR 9 MATHEMATICS

Students from the Enhancement Program recently participated in the ICAS Tests offered by the University of New South Wales.

Thank you to Miss Caitlyn Parfitt for organising and coordinating this for the students who were involved.

Hopefully, certificates and commendations should be coming for all participants before Christmas.

The school was advised yesterday that Siddharth Shrivastava (Yr. 9) won the medal for the Mathematics Award.

ICAS awards one medal per year level per subject.

There is very strong competition, and to achieve the highest score in Mathematics in the entire country is phenomenal. An outstanding achievement.

Congratulations Sid!



LANGUAGES CORNER - DIRECTIONS

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West	Barat	West
Roundabout	Bundaran	der Kreisverkehr
Street	Jalan	die Straße

Visitors encouraged to respect environment

BY OLIVER LEES

AS CORONAVIRUS restrictions ease and warmer weather draws closer, conservation groups are encouraging tourists to be mindful of the environment.

Conservation Ecology Centre founder Lizzie Corke said she looked forward to visitors during summer, and hoped everyone would remain mindful of their surroundings.

"This year has reminded us how very important the natural world is to our wellbeing and we look forward to welcoming people who are coming to recharge," she said.

"If we look after this environment, everyone's time here will be more special – caring for a place is an important way to connect with it."

The Surf Coast Environmental Action Group (SCEAT) is a local collective doing their utmost to keep the region pristine.

The group of six teenagers first began learning about the effects of climate change in primary school, before forming SCEAT to keep advocating for environmentally friendly practices.

For Torquay local Connor, it was his love of the outdoors that first made him feel passionate about protecting the environment. The 14-year-old now hopes tourists can get involved when they visit the Surf Coast.

"We do lots of beach clean-ups and fundraisers, so anyone that wants to get involved is welcome," he said.

The SCEAT teens say being eco-friendly can be as simple as using electricity sparingly and refusing plastic straws.

Ecotourism Australia chief executive officer Rod Hillman has been keeping a close eye on tourism demands. He said travellers were looking for ways to give back while away.

"People don't just want to experience nature, now they are wanting to do things that benefit the community, not just themselves."



Local group SCEAT is encouraging visitors to be mindful of the environment this summer.

Looking ahead, the SCEAT teens welcome travellers to enjoy their favourite spots, such as the Jan Juc Lookout, and hope all visitors do so respectfully.

"Be mindful of the environment, we want to keep it this way, so everyone can enjoy it."

For updates on SCEAT activities and fundraisers, you can head to their Instagram @s.c.e.a.t

Alannah Fitzgerald of Year 8 and Conor Fitzgerald of Year 7 have been named one of the Surfcoast Shire's 'Local Legends' for their environmental work as part of the Surfcoast Environmental Action Team.

Articles as reported in the Surf Coast Times



Celebrating our local legends

Surf Coast Shire's 'Local Legends' is a new recognition program to celebrate people and groups who are helping our community and environment to thrive.

Surf Coast Environmental Action Team (photo taken before COVID restrictions were in place)

Surf Coast Environmental Action Team (pictured above)

Passion, concern and action for the environment is the driving force for a small group of teenagers behind the Surf Coast Environmental Action Team.

Formed two years ago by a determined trio of 12-year-olds – Ella Heppeler from Jan Juc and Anglesea siblings Alannah and Conor Fitzgerald – SCEAT is focussed on raising environmental awareness and organising local actions that support the cause.

The group has participated in the School Strike for Climate and the Fight for the Bight protests, ran Cleaner Coast clean-ups, staged fundraising to buy and plant indigenous species along the Surf Coast and created a website to promote a range of specific campaigns targeted at reducing, recycling and reusing waste materials. Their dynamic and youthful enthusiasm to encourage others is paying off, with their group growing to include Chaise Mayson from Geelong, Harper Bolten and Ruby Barnett from Torquay.

Described as "amazing" and nominated as Local Legends by a parent of one of their newer members, you can go to their website www.sceatau.wikisite.com/website to find out about future actions.

Chaise Mayson of Year 8 and Sid Shrivastava appeared in the news recently after taking out the winning designs for the streetwear and medical face mask category in the recent Statewide STEM Challenge.

Article as reported in the Geelong Advertiser



Austeng's Ross George and Geelong MP Christine Couzens with winning students Sid Shrivastava and Chaise Mayson.

LOCAL HOTSHOTS WIN COVID COMP

NATALEE KERR

TWO Geelong students have won a statewide competition calling on kids to design masks amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Year 8 Chaise Mayson and Year 9 Sid Shrivastava, both from Oberon High School, took out the winning designs for the streetwear and medical face mask categories respectively.

The STEM challenge was developed by Geelong Tech School and Oberon High School teacher Seven Vinton in a bid to empower students through creativity and innovation during COVID-19.

Chaise said her ideas were inspired by her four-year-old sister and her mum, who is a nurse. "I hope this encourages other girls to get involved in STEM – you'll never know how much you love it until you try it," she said.

Sid said his design was made from ABS plastic, making it recyclable and eco-friendly.

The two students' winning designs landed them a 3D printer, presented by Geelong MP Christine Couzens and Ross George from Austeng.

Other local finalists included Alejandro Ramos and Manix VanSteege.

STUDENT FREE DAY

**TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER IS YEAR 7
2021 ORIENTATION DAY AND IS A
STUDENT FREE DAY FOR ALL
CURRENT STUDENTS.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE UNSOLD BOOKS IN UNIFORM SHOP TO BE COLLECTED BY STUDENTS

An important notice to any parents who have books in the Oberon Second-Hand Book Shop.

This year there will be **no** second-hand book sale at Oberon due to the restrictions around COVID19, so could you please ask your son or daughter to collect any unsold books from the shop.

The shop will be open at lunchtime every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until Monday 30th November.

Please note that due to the need to clear stock from the shop to prepare for the move to Armstrong Creek, any books not collected by **Friday 4th December** will be donated to students in need or to an overseas charitable organisation.

YEAR 7 & 10 STUDENTS IMMUNISATION INFORMATION

The 2nd dose of the Human Papillomavirus HPV (Gardasil) immunisation session for current Year 7 students that was originally scheduled for November 26th has been postponed. This immunisation will now take place on **Thursday 11th February 2021** (date still to be confirmed) when the current Year 7 students will be in Year 8.

YEAR 10 2021 - Meningococcal ACWY

Consent forms have been distributed to current Year 9 students for the Year 10 2021 Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation.

Could parents who have not already done so, please give completed consent forms to your son or daughter to return to the office **by Friday 4th December**, even if your child does not require the immunisation.

The Year 10 immunisation session is scheduled for Wednesday 24th March, 2020.

If parents have any questions regarding immunisations please visit

immune@barwonhealth.org.au for further information.



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SCHOOL PHOTOS 2020

School Photos are still online and available to order for 2020

On photo day all students received a flyer which includes a code unique to them. You will require this 2020 code to register online and view your photos.

If you registered earlier this year, you will be able to log back into your account to view your images. If you have not yet registered, please go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your unique code to complete your order.

If you have misplaced your registration code or are unsure if you have registered, please contact the Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly on 5243 4390 or customerservice@arphotos.com.au

Please note that you will need to register online with your **2020 photo code** to gain access to this year's images.

All photo packages are currently being sent home in, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARY

YEAR 12

Tuesday 10th November – Tuesday 1st December

Monday 7th December

Wednesday 30th December

Year 12 Exams - Students have been given their individual Timetables
 Year 12 Final Celebration - 6 pm—8 pm at the new Oberon High School
 Year 12 results released

YEAR 10

Friday 27th November

Monday 30th November

Tuesday 1st – Thursday 3rd December

Last day of Year 10 classes
 Year 10 Maths and English Exams
 Year 10 into 11 VCE 2021 Commencement Program at Oberon **(Program compulsory for all 2020 Year 10 students).**
Thursday 3rd December is the last day at school for Year 10 students.

ALL YEAR LEVELS

Tuesday 8th December

Friday 11th December

Monday 14th - Friday 17th December

Friday 18th December

Year 7 2021 Orientation. STUDENT FREE DAY FOR ALL CURRENT STUDENTS
Final Day of School for Students in Years 7 - 9
School Relocation Preparation - NO CLASSES HELD FOR STUDENTS. SUPERVISION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS IF REQUIRED.
LAST DAY OF THE 2020 VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM

COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR EARLY 2021

Monday 25th January

Tuesday 26th January

Wednesday 27th January

Thursday 28th January

Friday 29th January

Monday 1st February

Monday 1st February - Friday 5th February 2021

Wednesday 10th February

Thursday 11th February

Friday 19th February

Tuesday 9th March

Wednesday 24th March

Friday 26th March

Tuesday 27th April

School Office Open
Australia Day Public Holiday
 First day of Term 1, 2021 - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
 - School Office Open
 - Teachers return to school
 Second day of Term 1, 2021 - **STUDENT FREE DAY**
 - School Office Open
 - All staff in attendance

Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 commence school
Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 commence school.
ALL students now in attendance.
 Year 7 Transition Camp - Alexandra Adventure Camp
 School Photo Day. Information will be provided before photo day.
 Year 8 2021 - 2nd HPV Immunisation (2nd dose for Yr 7 2020 students)
 Oberon Swimming Carnival
 School Photo Catch Up Day
 Year 10 Meningococcal Immunisation
 Oberon Athletics Carnival
 Year 7 Immunisation - HPV Dose 1 & Boostrix