

**Absence Hotline - 03 4241 8088**

**Issue 12 - Friday 19th August, 2022**

## AUGUST

**Mon 22nd** Unit 2/4 Music SAC 2 - Prep for performance  
**Thurs 25th** Yr 12 Study Presentation - Period 1 & 2  
**Mon 29th** VCE Music Outcome 1 - Barwon Club Performance SAC  
**Tues 30th** Mirripoa Primary School - Grade 3-4 visit  
**Wed 31st** Unit 2 Music Outcome 3 SAC

## SEPTEMBER

**Thurs 1st** Yr 9 Election Day - 11 am - 1 pm - School Courtyard  
**Mon 5th - Thurs 8th** Yr 9 Camp - The Ranch - Mornington  
**Mon 5th - Frid 9th** Yr 9 Leadership Camp - Rubicon - Selected Yr 9 Students  
**Wed 7th** General Achievement Test  
- Section A - 9.30 am - 11.45 am  
- Section B - 1.15 pm - 3.00 pm  
**Frid 9th** National Threatened Species Day- fundraising activities  
**Wed 14th** Yr 8 Wellbeing Day  
School Council Meeting  
**Thurs 15th** Western Metropolitan Athletics 9 am - 3 pm

**Frid 16th** Yr 7 Wellbeing Day  
**LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

**Mon 19th Sept - Frid 30th Sept** Term 3 Holidays  
**OCTOBER**

**Mon 3rd** First day of Term 4  
**Thurs 6th** Student/Teacher/Parent Interviews  
**Thurs 6th - Frid 7th** School Senior Production  
**Tues 11th** Yr 7 2023 Parent Information Evening - Gymnasium  
**Mon 17th** Last Day of Yr 12 Classes  
**Tues 18th** Yr 12 Celebration Day - 9 am - 1 pm  
Yr 7 & 8 Robbie Nogger Presentation - Periods 5 & 6  
**Wed 19th** **GEELONG CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Thurs 20th** Oberon Art Show  
**Wed 26th - Wed 16th November** Yr 12 Written Examinations

## NOVEMBER

**Thurs 3rd** Yr 10 Presentation 'Elephant Ed'

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

Another allocation of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) have been distributed to all students last week. Students are expected to test only if they are symptomatic or are a household contact. If families require further RAT kits contact the school and we will allocate you some.

### Leading Teacher - Curriculum

I am pleased to announce that Candace Gosper has been appointed to a recently advertised statewide vacancy as Leading Teacher - Curriculum.

I am sure that Candace requires no introduction to our school community given she has been a long term staff member at the school. Congratulations Candace.

### Public Speaking Festival

The Oberon High School Public Speaking Festival began on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August. It has been more than two years since we have been able to run our Public Speaking Festival due to COVID restrictions and the associated remote learning. The Festival will continue over the next few weeks.

Thank you to Ms Julie Buso who has organised this event and to the English teachers who have supported students with their preparation.

### Subject Selection Process

It was great to see so many parents onsite on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August for our 2023 VCE Subject Information Evening. This was followed up on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August by Year 10 subject selection interviews which was once again very well attended indicating the investment that our families have in regards to their children's education.

If you were unable to attend either of these events, I encourage you to make contact with the appropriate Year Level Manager or our Careers Team.

### General Achievement Test (GAT)

The Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA) have informed schools that the General Achievement Test (GAT), which is undertaken by any student undertaking a Unit 3/4 VCE subject will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey.

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

A random sample of approximately 30 per cent of Parents/Caregivers/Guardians have been selected to participate in this year's survey.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August** to **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**.

### Year 7 Enrolments 2023

We have offered placements to prospective Year 7 students for the 2023 school year and these enrolments have now nearly all be confirmed.

We continue to see the same trend that we have seen over the last few years, that being there is great demand from the community to seek a place at the school.

### School Planning 2023

The school is currently planning for the 2023 school year. If you are aware that your son/daughter is not returning to the school for the 2023 could you contact the school and leave a message with one of our Assistant Principals

**Tim McMahon**

## TERM 3 DATES

11th July - 16th September

## TERM 3 HOLIDAYS

Monday 19th September - Friday 30th September

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

In Years 7 and 8, students enrolled in the Enhancement classes at Oberon High School strive to complete their Compass Award (for 10-14-year olds), a junior version of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

In Years 9 and 10, students are encouraged to continue their efforts from the junior years and strive for their Bronze Award - first level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. There are three levels of the award - Bronze, Silver and Gold - with each stage designed to be more progressively challenging. Each level requires students to meet particular requirements which emphasise and encourage a sense of community spirit, develops personal skills, improves physical fitness and they must also complete an adventurous journey.

It has been pleasing to see **Raegan Cameron** (Year 11) continue her commitment to the goals of this internationally recognised program. She has achieved both her Bronze and Silver awards and has started on the journey towards the Gold award. Raegan must be congratulated for her efforts, as it requires a great amount of initiative and motivation. Well done, Raegan.

Below, Raegan shares her thoughts on the benefits of completing the various stages of the award.

**Louise Monotti**

*Participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award has opened up so many opportunities to me. Since Grade 5, I have volunteered in the community and doing this has enabled me to put this all towards achieving my Duke of Edinburgh.*

*The areas in the award (physical, skills, volunteering and adventurous journey) have all allowed me to participate in activities and accomplish something at the same time. As I have applied for jobs and taken on roles in the community, this has made employers and other people look at my abilities to show dedication and commitment.*

*The Duke of Edinburgh Award began in Year 10 with the Bronze Award of which I completed in 2021 and have now completed my Silver Award in March this year. I began the work for the Gold Award in July. The components of Duke of Edinburgh have helped me build confidence, try new skills and learn new strengths. I have found that doing the Duke of Edinburgh award is not just about trying new things, but also developing on current activities and working the award into your life.*

*Overall doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award has been really rewarding and I would definitely recommend it to other students.*



### YEAR 11 IMPORTANT DATES 2022

#### Year 11 Exams

Wednesday 9th November - Tuesday 15th November 2022 - 10 am - 3.25 pm

#### Year 11 Formal

Wednesday 16th November

#### Year 11 into 12 Orientation Program

Friday 18th November - Wednesday 23rd November

**Please mark these dates in your calendar**



### YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES 2022

#### General Achievement Test (GAT)

Wednesday 7th September 2022  
- Section A - 9.30 am - 11.45 am  
- Section B - 1.15 pm - 3.00 pm

#### Unit 3 & 4 Performance & Language Oral Exams

Monday 3rd October - Saturday 30th October

#### Unit 3 & 4 Written Examinations

Wednesday 26th Oct - Wednesday 16th Nov

#### Last day of Year 12 Classes

Monday 17th October

#### Year 12 Final Assembly

Tuesday 18th October

#### Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

Monday 21st Nov 6 pm - 10.30 pm

**Please mark these dates in your calendar**



## AUTHOR VISIT - MARK SMITH

Local author and former Oberon High School teacher, Mark Smith, spent the day at Oberon on Friday 10 August.

Mark's first young adult novel, *The Road to Winter*, is very popular and was extended into a trilogy. Those who have read the series will connect with the coastal landscape of Anglesea and surrounds as the setting for this successful dystopian series.

Mark has recently published his fourth book, *If Not For Us*, a stand-alone book with an impassioned plea for climate change action.

Mark began the day working with a small group of Year 10 girls who have been participating in the Children's Book Council of Australia Shadow Judging Project.

The six girls have been tasked with reading the six shortlisted novels for Older Readers category and deciding which one is worthy of being judged as the winner. The students will also prepare a response to some of the books, which can be presented in a variety of formats, such as the standard book review. However, they might choose to write a scene introducing a new character to the story, draft a film script for a particular scene, create a painting, write poetry or even redesign the front cover. The girls spent several lessons working with Mark and he provided some guidance and feedback on their creative ideas.



Mark also conducted two writing workshops for a selection of fortunate students from across Years 7 to 10.

He shared with our keen writers some key concepts to developing a storyline, and ensuring the reader will stay engaged. Mark highlighted the importance of researching before writing, and encouraged our students to 'write from home' and share stories about what is familiar and special to them.

The students began crafting their ideas and hopefully creating the opening paragraphs of some thrilling stories. They are encouraged to enter them into the school's Annual Short Story Competition for the *Monarch* magazine.

Book Week celebrations begin next week, with activities extending into the latter part of the term. Three writing workshops will occur next week - two online events will be streamed live from Sydney to inspire our young writers.

Jackie French, one of Australia's well-loved authors will be hosting the session focusing on writing historical fiction, whilst the second workshop is all about adventure stories.

Mr Stirling is supervising a small group of students who are participating in the 'Write a Book in a Day' competition. Students have taken on the challenge of writing, illustrating and publishing a book - all in one day! Good luck.

In early September, Connect groups will battle it out in the annual trivia quiz and there will be special activities for the junior classes, as well as other competitions to keep the mind active.

**Louise Monotti**

A promotional graphic for a study space at Waurn Ponds Library. The background is pink with a white geometric pattern in the top left. The text 'STUDY SPACE!' is written in large, white, bubbly letters. Below it, in smaller white text, it says 'WAURN PONDS LIBRARY Student only study zone between 3.00pm-5.30pm Monday to Friday'. At the bottom, there is a small image of a desk with a laptop, a book, and a stack of papers. The Geelong Regional Libraries logo is in the top right corner. Contact information and the website are at the bottom.

GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARIES

# STUDY SPACE!

WAURN PONDS LIBRARY  
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Monday to Friday

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## LANGUAGES NEWS

### OBERON WINS THE VICTORIAN REGIONAL LANGUAGES COMPETITION

This competition was running for only 48 hours last week. We had several schools (Koonung and Footscray) trying to defeat Oberon, however our students managed to keep the lead.

Congratulations to all of the German and Indonesian students who competed.

The overall results were amazing and included:

**One (1) Gold Award  
Twelve (12) Silver Awards  
Two (2) Bronze Awards  
Ten (10) Credits.**

Our top 3 students were:

**Olivia Walton,  
Jade Frampton  
Chelsea Martin.**

Students will receive their certificates shortly.

All Competitions **2022 VIC Regional Languages Champs** Official

Questions answered: 130,596 | Points earned: 57,669 | Hours spent: 197 | Global ranking: 1st | Category ranking: 1st (501-1000 students)

Credit x10 | Bronze x2 | Silver x12 | Gold x1 | Emerald none | Elite none

Participants

Results

Achievements

- 1st overall globally out of 335 schools
- 1st overall in Australia out of 335 schools
- 1st overall in VIC out of 335 schools
- 1st overall in the 501-1000 students category out of 91 schools
- 1st overall in German out of 128 schools

**2022 VIC Regional Languages Champs** Official

Student name	Ranking	Score	Award
Olivia Walton	21st	2,613	Gold
Jade Frampton	47th	1,900	Silver
Chelsea Martin	51st	1,824	Silver
Coen Reid	52nd	1,806	Silver
Cailan Parkinson	53rd	1,803	Silver
Sarah Watson	64th	1,564	Silver
Jock Liberts	76th	1,392	Silver
Jessica Watson	90th	1,270	Silver
Madison Harvey	102nd	1,175	Silver
Olivia McMillian	109th	1,124	Silver
Natalia Boers	116th	1,067	Silver

### INTERVIEW FOR A PRESTIGIOUS GERMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Kai Bowie of Year 12 has been shortlisted for a SAGSE Scholarship to travel to Germany at the end of this year for 10 weeks.

The scholarships are funded by German-speaking companies and groups in Victoria eg. BOSCH, Allianz, DB Schenker, etc.

We wish Kai the best of luck for the interview which takes place in 2 weeks.

### YEARS 7, 8, 9 GERMAN POETRY COMPETITION THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

The Geelong Regional Competition will be held at German Club in Norlane after school on Thursday. Results will be published in the next newsletter.

Successful students will qualify for the State Final on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August in Melbourne.

### GOETHE POETRY COMPETITION FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Two Year 10 students, Olivia Gober and Harper Gray, and two Year 12 students, Joshua Palmer and Jeremy Palmer, will compete in this State wide German event.

### LANGUAGES CORNER - ANIMALS

dog	anjing	der Hund
cat	kucing	die Katze
bird	burung	der Vogel
horse	kuda	das Pferd
fish	ikan	der Fisch
cow	sapi	die Kuh
chicken	ayam	das Huhn
pig	babi	das Schwein
goat	kambing	die Ziege
rabbit	kelinci	das Kaninchen

### A VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Could parents please remind your students that if they are unwell and feel that they need to go home, they must come straight to the student end of the office to be signed in to Sick Bay. They must not call a Parent/Guardian themselves. A Sick Bay staff member will then assess the student and call home if necessary.

It is vitally important that parents provide up-to-date contact numbers and emergency numbers in case of illness or emergency. Please check your details on the XUNO Portal in Family Information to ensure that we have the correct contact details.

**Students MUST NOT telephone parents themselves if they feel unwell. It is a requirement of the Department of Education and also it is a safety measure that all students, if unwell, injured, to firstly be seen by a first aid attendant.**

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

## OBERON ENVIRO CLUB

The Oberon Enviro Club is organising a competition to collect bottle caps for "Lids for Kids" - an initiative that up-cycles used bottle caps into prosthetic limbs for young people living with disability.

The group is running a competition to see which Connect Class can bring in the most bottle caps.

The winning class will receive a **FULL** hot chip lunch (including potato cakes and lollies).

We are grateful for your participation!"

## Enviro Team Bottle Top Collection

The enviro team is collecting used bottle caps to up-cycle into prosthetics.



Bring to connect. The connect group who brings in the most wins a **HOT CHIP LUNCH!!!**

## SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY / SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY STALL

**On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September,**

the VCAL Class is holding a Special Father's Day/Person's Day Stall outside the Library at lunch time.

We will be selling hand made products ranging from homemade food to hampers.

The prices of the products will be ranging from \$5 to \$15.

All students are welcome to bring some money to purchase some products.

Thank you for your support – Year 11 and 12 VCAL students.



# OBERON SPORT REPORT

## Term 3 Junior Sport

Another few massive weeks in sport with our junior school having the opportunity for the first time since 2019 to participate in Term 3 sport. Thank you to all the wonderful staff who put their hands up to take these teams. Again, without these staff members, the sport program would not be possible.

For all those teams who got through to WMR in their team sports, staff will be in contact about the dates with this mostly happening in Week 4 next term. For those students who are through to WMR Athletics, this event (weather permitting) is scheduled for the last Thursday of term.

All students who made it to WMR have been contacted via teams. If parents wish to take their child to the venue, can you please contact me so I know numbers for busing. Thank you.

Well done to all students who had a go, the main thing I hope you got out of it was fun and experience of playing a different sport.

**James Claney**

## Year 7 Boys and Year 8 Boys Hockey (Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August)

**Staff Coaches: Holly Ballard and Haydn Bethune**

The Year 8 Boys Hockey Team went out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August. The team members were: Ace Ritchie, Lachie O'Neill, Lachie Wilde, Jake Wilde, Max Fisher, Braydon Schlink, Logan Bellville, Frej Johansson Waites, Cooper Hocking, Hudson Gilmour, Lucas Parkinson, Matthew Cook and Owen Parkinson.

They competed against North Geelong Secondary College, Belmont High School, Geelong High School and the Oberon Year 7 Hockey team. They won against our Year 7s, their score was 5-1, drew with both Belmont and Geelong High Schools and they were defeated by only 1 goal by North Geelong Secondary College.

They played well all day and were complimented on their behaviour and attitude. A big shout out to Logan as well who had to stay in his goal keeper uniform all day and Max, Lucas, Ace and Frej who carried him and the Year 7 keeper when they couldn't walk across the pitch.

The Year 7 Boys team was already guaranteed access to the next round of competition and were participating in friendlies for the day but this didn't dampen their competitiveness. They were out to win! They pressed all of the Year 8 teams that they competed against from other schools but were unable to win a couple of the games due to being unlucky through disallowed goals.



The referees did make a point to talk to seek out the Oberon teachers to comment on how well our teams played together and carried themselves on the field and that they were the most respectful team on the day.

Then the final match was a most anticipated match. The competition was between our Oberon 7s vs. Oberon 8s.

It was a hotly contested match with the 7s playing their 4<sup>th</sup> game straight. They copped an early goal against them, however quickly responded. It was a tight contest until half time when a Year 7 team member had to leave early.



It was a great day out and apart from getting blown off their feet the students had a great time and were top class representatives of the school.

Well done to you All!!!

## SPORT'S REPORT cont'd.....

### Year 8 Sports (Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August) Girls and Boys Basketball. Staff Coaches: Rob Dunne and Darcy Stiles

Lead by Student Coach Erin McGinness, the Year 8 girls drew arguably the hardest fixture of the day coming up against the Western Heights Secondary College girls in round 1. In a game that tested our resolve, where most would pack up and go home, each of our 10 girls played with almighty spirit and drive.

Whilst game 1 saw our girls losing by a cricket score margin, our attitudes were unrivalled and unmatched, seeking inspiration from Isabella Stephenson who made a fantastic shot to rev the girls up. She would be the catalyst for our team in the games to come.

The entire squad saw game 2 against Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College as a chance to mix up the starting line-up and try out some new plays. Success! And we were on the board, with a closely fought battle between the girls from the top of town.

Our final game saw Brannan Chisholm pair up with Erin in what was a truly student led sporting experience. The boys watching and cheering on made for a fantastic atmosphere. We lost, but only by a small margin. Your girls showed tremendous fight and spirit.

Well done to all the girls on their efforts. Another great day of school sport at Oberon College.



Mr D



Year 8 Boys Basketball had a successful day, winning 2 out of their 3 games. The boys finished strong with two wins against Grovedale College and Belmont High School.



### Table Tennis. Staff Coach: Joanne Anglin

Year 8 Table Tennis was a fantastic day. They boys were super keen to compete and gave it their all. Not many of our Oberon girls had table tennis experience but they learnt the rules quickly and had fun developing their skills.

All of our team had smiles on their faces and represented our school beautifully. The vibe at the Geelong Table Tennis Arena with all the competing schools was friendly and supportive. We did not win but we had a great day.

### Volleyball. Staff Coach: Tim Wardle

Monday saw a group of our Year 8 Boys and Girls travel to the Leisuretime Sports Precinct to compete in the Volleyball Tournament.

Both teams competed well throughout the day, with the girls winning 1 of 2 games and the boys making it to the semi-finals after a 2-0 start to the day. Despite a fantastic effort, the boys fell short in the Semi Final.

Well done to both teams on their efforts.



## SPORT'S REPORT cont'd.....

### Year 7 Sports (Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August) - Table Tennis Coach: Sam Nicholson



Last week the Year 7 Table Tennis Team played their hardest all day and won the Geelong Championship. The boys were able to beat Bellarine Secondary College who had beat them back in the first round.

It was a thrilling day with many close games and it came down to the last match which Noah Carroll and Zach Drever won to crown them champions.

Well done to Noah, Matt, Zach, Hugo and Cooper.

The girls team also played on the day and tried their best all day and had lots of fun.

Well done to Matilda, Sophie, Ruby and Riley. It was an awesome day!

### Volleyball Coach: Kate Anderson

The Year 7 Boys and Girls Volleyball teams demonstrated exceptional team spirit and positive attitudes on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of August.

The Girls team came away with one win against Bellarine Secondary College and the Boys team unfortunately did not get a win.

Players votes for best player of the day goes to Jordie Kaye for the boys and Mayzee Klemke and Ava McKenzie for the girls. The teams were captained for the day by Sam Harnath-Kovac and Naya Mitchell.



### Basketball Coach: Darcy Stiles and Jarron Cole

Year 7 Boys Basketball had a very successful day, managing to go undefeated in all 4 games. They played exceptional team basketball, knocking off Western Heights Secondary College in the grand-final 26-20.

Good luck to the boys in the next round!

*(sorry no photos)*

### Late entry: Senior Girls Basketball (Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July) Coach: Craig O'Brien

Well done to the 'Magnificent 7' Girls who played on Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup>. It looked like we would not have enough numbers for a team, but we put one together in the end. A great mix of Year 10, 11 & 12 girls who did an awesome job on the day.

The girls worked very well as a team, coming up against some formidable opposition. The highlight of the day was in the last game where we had a close win against Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College.

Well played girls!

*(sorry no photos)*

### Come & Give TRACK & FIELD a Try!

Athletics Chilwell is inviting athletes to join them for the upcoming Track & Field Season, scheduled to start on Saturday 1 October ( afternoon comp) at Landy Field. Geelong.

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

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



Barwon Heads Road, Belmont

New players welcome for season 2022/2023

U11s (Friday nights)

U13s (Friday nights)

U15s (Saturday mornings)

U17s (Saturday mornings)

Woolworths blasters program (Saturday mornings)

Season starts in October

Contact Mel Falvey-Junior Coordinator

Phone: 0418361010

Email: [falveymel@gmail.com](mailto:falveymel@gmail.com)



## STUDENT MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS IMPORTANT INFORMATION/REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

Could all parents 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.

### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM

**McHARRY'S BUSLINES**



The General Manager of McHarry's Buslines has sent a letter to Oberon seeking our assistance with the ongoing issue of mask wearing non-compliance on school buses. The letter is as follows:

According to DHHS guidelines, school buses are included in the current public transport mandate to wear a mask.

Our drivers have reported that despite requesting students wear their face masks whilst on board, very few are doing so across many schools in the region.

With the ongoing impact of COVID and other respiratory related illness across the community, we are dealing with staff shortages, as is the case elsewhere. This means we are currently doing everything we can to avoid service cancellations, and simple steps which reduce transmission such as mask wearing can only help.

It is worth mentioning that a school bus is also the driver's workplace - they are required under law to wear a mask and have been doing so for 2 years now. They have a reasonable expectation to be kept safe whilst at work in a confined indoor setting.

Please broadcast the general intent of this message across your school community, and request that your on-the-ground bus staff reinforce the requirement for students to wear a mask for the duration of the journey to and from school.

Hopefully, working together on this will assist us to keep our services operational, and staff and student absences to a minimum.



**You must wear  
a face mask  
while travelling**

## STUDENT ABSENCES

A reminder to all parents of the importance of phoning in absences early on the day of your child's absence. For your convenience you can leave a message on our absence hotline number - 4241 8088. Please leave your child's name, year level and reason for absence.

## LATE PASSES

If your child arrives late to school they **must** first report to the Office **with a note signed by a Parent or Guardian** or inform the Office staff or Assistant Principal, on arrival, that their parent has phoned to let the school know that they will be late. The Office staff member will check the absence records.

## EARLY LEAVE PASSES

If your child needs to leave school for an appointment during the day they **must have a note signed by a Parent or Guardian or a parent must phone the school to advise of the student's early departure and ask your child to report to the office before class to collect an early leaver pass.**

The student will then present the note or early leaver pass to their teacher who will allow them to leave class. **Students must then remember** to report to the Administration Office at the correct time with their note/pass or office staff will check attendance records to ensure that a parent has phoned - before leaving the school. If you require to take your child out of school for an **'unplanned'** appointment, please phone the school on 4241 8000 **as early as possible** to advise that your child needs to leave school early. That way the staff can ensure that your child is in the office at the time you need to take them.

**A reminder that the school does not have a PA system for contacting students, so if parents phone or call in to school during Recess or lunch break to pick your child up and they don't know you are coming, we will be unable to locate them until they are back in class.**

Thank you for your assistance

## BOXING SESSIONS

WOMENS GROUP TRAINING FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS

TUESDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM  
THURSDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM  
CHARLEMONT, VIC  
30MIN - \$10 per session

- LEARN NEW SKILLS
- IMPROVE CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH
- OUTDOOR TRAINING
- HAVE FUN!
- AGES: 16YRS+



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## Free Parent Webinar: Gaming & Young People

Did you know? Adolescents have an average spend of

\$50 a month on in-game purchases. (Rockloff et al. 2020)

Bethany Community Support invites all Barwon parents to attend this **FREE** online information session.

This session will cover:

- Understanding gaming
- The connection between gaming and gambling
- In game purchasing
- Setting boundaries with your child
- Top tips for parents
- Access to free resources

Date: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Time: 12:30pm - 1:15pm

Link to register or QR code:

<https://bit.ly/3ziSmsF>

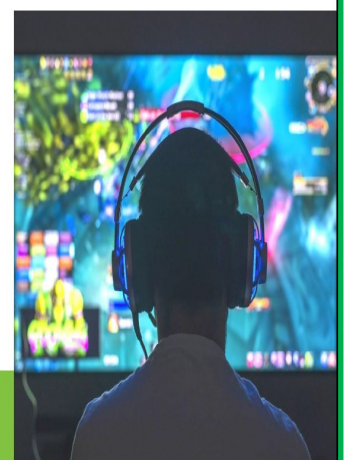


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## HOW TO BUILD COURAGE AND RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN AND TEENS

The City of Greater Geelong, together with Barwon Child and Family Services Alliance, present this session to help children and teens build courage and resilience assisting them to thrive.

Anxiety is a very normal part of being human, but for as many as one in five children it can reach intrusive levels, interfering with family life, friendships and school performance.

Karen Young, founder of "Hey Sigmund" and author of Hey Warrior series, will explore:

- a new, empowering way to understand anxiety
- what to do when anxiety hits
- how to build courage and resilience
- why anxiety might look like anger or tantrums and what to do
- how social media, friendships and the changes in the adolescent brain might contribute to anxiety and what to do.

**THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER**

7.00pm-8.30pm

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This program runs on weekends and during school holidays at the Victorian Space & Science Education Centre, in Strathmore.

This **FREE** program is supported by the [Victorian Government Challenge and Enrichment Series](#).

## Uniting

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**Uniting Barwon's Op Shops generate urgently needed funds for our Emergency Relief budget. Our Geelong West, Highton and Point Lonsdale stores urgently need volunteers for Saturday shifts.**

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### Uniting Barwon needs you!

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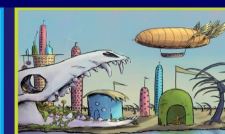
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