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Issue 4 - Friday 17th March, 2023

MARCH

Mon 20th Parent Information Night - Compass Award Program
Mon 20th - Wed 22nd Naplan Testing continues
Tues 21st Yr 12 Outdoor Ed Sea Kayaking - 12 pm - 3.25 pm
Thurs 23rd Yr 12 Writers' Group Excursion to Rone Exhibition
Frid 24th **CATCH UP SCHOOL PHOTO SESSION - (RE-SCHEDULED) - INCLUDING YEAR 12 GROUP AND CAPTAINS PHOTOS - 1 PM - 3.25 PM**
Mount Duneed Primary School visit - 9.30 - 12.30
Tues 28th Yr 7 Immunisation - 9 am - 11 am
Wed 29th Yr 10 Duke of Ed & Yr 11 OES Hike - Periods 3 - 6
Thurs 30th Western Metropolitan Swimming - 9 am - 3 pm
General Assembly - 9 am - 9.30 am

Thurs 30th Oberon High School Open Night - 5.30 - 7.30 pm
Frid 31st Yr 12 VCAL WRS - Grand Prix Excursion - Periods 1 - 6
Yr 11 Physics - Grand Prix Excursion - 8 am - 4 pm
Yr 8 King Stingray Concert - Sidney Myer Music Bowl - 10 am - 4 pm

APRIL

Sun 2nd Rostrum Public Speaking Heats
Mon 3rd - Thurs 6th Yr 9 Morrisby Career Interviews
Mon 10th - Frid 21st **TERM 1 HOLIDAYS**
Mon 24th **TERM 2 COMMENCES**
Tues 25th **Anzac Day Public Holiday - School Closed**
Wed 26th Anzac Day Assembly - 9 - 9.30 am
Yr 10 Presentation (Barney Miller) - 11 am - 1.15 pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Annual Report Summary

At the School Council on Wednesday 8th March we held the Annual General Meeting where office bearers for the 2023 school year were finalised. I am pleased to announce the following parents were elected to School Council leadership positions:

- **President** – Kelli Dawber
- **Vice President** – Rosanne Guijt
- **Treasurer** – Maneesh Bohra

As I mentioned in the previous Newsletter it was pleasing to have a number of new parents elected to School Council. Welcome and congratulations to our new and returning representatives:

- Brooke Doherty
- Dean Bushell
- Kit Kline
- Stacey O'Neill (Community Representative)
- Jess Geyer (Community Representative)

At the Annual General Meeting I tabled the 2022 Annual Report which was approved for publication. Once this has been approved by the Department of Education it will be available on our school website for the school community to read. I will let you know when this occurs.

The Annual Report is completed by all schools each year to provide a summary of how each State Government School across Victoria performed against other schools, taking into account their socio-economic demographics. The data set comparison is compiled by the Department of Education. This comparison is against a variety of data sets, reflecting both results from 2022 and also as an average over the previous 4 years. The comparison includes VCE results, teacher judgements of academic progress, student perceptions, staff perceptions, parent perceptions, student attendance, student pathways and student retention. Our report indicates that we are rated in front of the State and similar schools in most categories.

In summary the school has performed very well not only in 2022 but also over the past four years in comparison to other State Government secondary schools and also to schools with similar socio-economic profiles as ours. As a school community we should be very proud of the education that is provided to the students that attend Oberon High.

If there are school community members who wish to further discuss the Report or require further clarification, feel free to contact me at school.

Staffing Changes

As previously mentioned in the last newsletter, Mr Josh Baker will remain as acting Principal at Belmont High School for Term 2. In his absence Ms Priscilla Begg will remain as acting Assistant Principal overseeing Year 7 & 8.

Ms Caitlyn Parfett has been Acting Leading Teacher – Sub School Manager Year 7-8 for Term 1, but will begin Family Leave at the start of Term 2. Ms Tess Ellard has been appointed to replace Ms Parfett in this leadership position for Term 2.

I am pleased to announce that we have made the following appointments for Term 2 to cover shortfalls in our staffing:

- Mr Josh King will join us from Northern Bay College teaching Physical Education/Health/Mathematics
- Ms Rachel Gastin will join us from Clonard College teaching Physical Education/Health/Science
- Mr Billy Mathieson joins us to work with our rock bands and in the instrumental music program.

We have also employed an Occupational Therapist – Ms Emily Jackson two days a week to support our students and staff with strategies to improve student learning.

House Athletics

We held our House Athletics at Landy Field on Monday 6th March. It was great to see so many students in attendance and participating. Well done to Mr James Claney who organised the day.

NAPLAN Testing

The 2023 NAPLAN testing for Year 7 and 9 students is taking place in Term 1 for the 2023 school year which is a change from the traditional Term 2 time frame. The testing began on Wednesday 15th March and concludes on Tuesday 21st March.

As parents it is important to remember that NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

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

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern.

Ron Thompson Scholarship

I am pleased to announce that year 10 student Asher Grant has been awarded the Ron Thompson scholarship in 2023. Asher will receive financial support for the next three years to support her with her studies. Asher joins Year 11 student Cammy Brown and Year 12 student Ruby Smith as current recipients of this scholarship.

Open Night

The school will be holding our Open Night on Thursday 30th March. We will be holding school tours for prospective students and parents from 5.30pm-6.30pm followed by an information session from 6.30pm-7.30pm in the school Gym. This will be a ticketed event which can be booked through the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/1020387/sessions/3739527/sections/1873537/tickets>

As a follow up to the night, we will be running tours for interested families every Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am beginning on Friday 31st March and then continuing until Wednesday 10th May.

Information regarding these tours is available on the school website, tours will need to be booked through the Trybooking online ticketing system.

School Uniform

A reminder to parents that all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times. A reminder that our uniform includes grey pants or shorts, not blue tracksuit pants. There are a range of options available through our uniform supplier PSW in Geelong. If you haven't already done so can you ensure that all uniform items are labelled with your family name, so that items can be returned to the correct owner if found at school.

School Oval

Rectification drainage works on the school oval will commence on Monday 27th March. While this work is undertaken which is expected to take between 2-3 weeks, the oval will not be accessible due to the machinery onsite. The back gates will be locked during this time and students will need to enter the school through the bus interchange gate on Eagle Bay Road or the front gate on Batten Road. I will update the school community once this work has been completed.

Last Day of Term

A reminder to parents and students that the last day of Term 1 is Thursday 6th April. School will finish at 2.30 pm; school buses have been notified.

Tim McMahon

SENIOR NEWS

Congratulations to all our hardworking students, who have managed their time well, enjoyed the Swimming and Athletics days and plenty of SACs, and have set themselves up well for a successful beginning to their VCE or VM this year. Please let us know if you are noticing at home, any stress around time management or getting organised for the year, as our senior years staff are always willing to help our students.

It was great to have *Success Integrated* and their team visit our school last Friday, preparing our students for the rigours of their senior years, and providing many excellent tips for **good study habits**, and ways to make learning 'stick'. Make sure you have a conversation with your child, and ask them to share some of the things they learnt at these sessions. Talking about the learning really helps.

The **Vocational Major students** have once again launched into their learning, having done their RSA certificate, and also a Barista course this week. We are looking forward to our cups of coffee and hot chocolate at recess – it's actually a lovely time to chat around the coffee cart for staff and senior students. **VET** has started well also, with Oberon Yr 11 & 12 students participating in 22 different VET courses around Geelong.

Thankyou to our School and House Captains who have worked hard to help with all sporting events so far this Term. Our four School Captains will also represent Oberon High School at the Legacy 100 years ANZAC ceremony on Wednesday 5th April, at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne.

It remains to be seen who will win the Bananagrams competition this Term, and the Terms following, to be crowned the Yearly Champion. Will it be one of our senior students??

A reminder that the **catch up photo day for Year 12 students** to have their group photo (all in Yr 12 hoodies please), and Captains photos, will be on **Friday 24 March** around lunchtime.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the **Parent Teacher Student Interviews on Thursday 27 April**. A great chance to talk about student progress in more detail with each teacher, and share strategies for success.

Bronwyn Knight

NAPLAN 2023

Oberon students in Years 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN Online in 2023. Students will participate in a practice test on the 21st of February and NAPLAN Online official testing will begin in Term 1, from the 15th of March until the 22nd of March. An information brochure about NAPLAN has been given to students to bring home. If you have any questions regarding the program or your child's participation, please contact the NAPLAN Coordinator, Candace Gosper.

JUNIOR NEWS

Last week we celebrated the start of the year with our Year Level Assemblies. This is always a highlight and a great chance to recognize the great work happening amongst the year levels. The Junior students recognized their 2023 Class Captains:

7A	Iesha Butt	8A	Flinn Marsh
7B	Hope Scholtz	8B	Isaac Levy
7C	Tyler Power	8C	Tarsha Baench
7D	Tom Wilson	8D	Rupin Jaswal
7E	Jackson Grazules	8E	Townes O'Mahony
7F	Charlie Matheson	8F	Rowan Collard
7G	Sonny Duval	8G	Maddi Hose
7H	Josh Roberts	8H	Ruby Clarke

We look forward to your contributions to the life of Oberon. Their first role will involve them supporting the Open Night on Thursday 30th March.

Priscilla Begg

MITTAGUNDI PROGRAM

This money goes to financially support young people to access Mittagundi courses!!!

Through Mittagundi, Hazel Burgess (Yr 11) will be walking around 220 kilometres of the Alpine Walking Track over Easter to raise money for Mittagundi. Hazel was selected for this event, and she gets to help raise money for young people to go on Mittagundi programs. While the cost of attending is kept as low as possible, this can sometimes be a barrier for young people. This money goes directly to allowing all young people to spend time working together on the farm, fencing, growing food, milking cows, and working with wood, steel and wool. They embark on adventures rafting the Mitta Mitta River and abseiling off a local cliff face before walking back through the mountains. This money could be life-changing for these kids. I hope you can help me on this mission. I've had so many amazing memories at Mittagundi and want to share this place with everyone. We can all do our part.

Please consider sponsoring Hazel through the go fund me link: <https://gofund.me/15489708>.



LANGUAGES NEWS



7B Indonesian students recently enjoyed dressing up in Indonesian clothing as part of their greetings.

German Club have been dying eggs in preparation for the 'Ostereierbaum', the Easter tree. Colourful eggs hung on twigs are a long-standing German tradition, celebrated in many countries today. The colourful tree represents the ending of winter and beginning of springtime in Europe.

It is a fun and mindful activity. There were a lot of laughs and the students said, I quote: "This is a real bonding experience."



LANGUAGES NEWS cont'd...

Year 7 German classes make "Schultüten"

Students in some of the Year 7 German classes have been learning about the tradition of "Schultüten". German students receive one of these large cones filled with school items, lollies and toys when they start school.

Our classes made mini "Schultüten" which were then filled with a few items! This symbolised the students starting off with their German studies.



Opportunities for Hosting and Exchange - GERMAN

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 if you need additional information.

NEW!!! BJR exchange program is starting up again

Students currently learning German in Years 9 or 10 can now apply to participate in a 10-week reciprocal exchange program in 2024 with Bavaria in Germany.

Further information is available at <https://agtv.vic.edu.au/students/agtv-bjr-student-exchange/>
Download the "Expression of Interest Form" from this website or ask your German teacher for a copy.

LANGUAGES CORNER

MONTHS	BULAN	Die Monate	MONTHS	BULAN	Die Monate
January	Januari	Januar	July	Juli	Juli
February	Pebruari	Februar	August	Agustus	August
March	Maret	März	September	September	September
April	April	April	October	Oktober	Oktober
May	Mei	Mai	November	November	November
June	Juni	Juni	December	Desember	Dezember

OBERON ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Monday 6th of March: Landy Field

Students participated on a lovely sunny day down at Landy field in the 2023 Oberon Athletics Carnival. It was great to see swarms of students moving between and participating in the range of events offered in the carnival. Due to the restrictions of time on the day, the 800m and 1500m events are still being completed so Age Champions and House points will be announced at a later stage when all events have finished.

Photos taken by Louise Monotti & Sean Fitzgerald



OBERON ATHLETICS CARNIVAL cont'd.....



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SWIMMING

GEELONG SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

Forty-two students made their way to Kardinia Aquatic Centre to take on 13 other schools in the Geelong area in a range of different swimming events. All students who participated should be proud of their achievements whether they came last or first, it is a big achievement to put their hand up to compete against other schools. At the end of the day, Oberon walked away with 19 1st place ribbons, 17 2nd place ribbons and 15 3rd place ribbons for a total of 51 podium finishes across 78 events. In addition to individual events, Oberon scored 1st in Senior boys, Senior Girls and Intermediate Girls team groups, 2nd in Intermediate Boys, Junior Boys, Boys aggregate and Girls Aggregate as well as coming 2nd in the Grand Aggregate against 13 other schools.

This is a great effort by the swimming squad and they should be proud of their efforts. Every student who entered the pool gained points for the team and as a team achieved very well. The students who achieved success and have qualified in individual events and in the relays will have been contacted about the next round of swimming (WMR) which is on Thursday 30th of March at Kardinia Pool.



MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to Ashlee May and Abbey Waites for their phenomenal performance at the whole school assembly this week.

Ashlee and Abbey take every opportunity given to them to perform and grow their craft as musicians. Looking forward to seeing what they achieve in VCE music. Well done!

The music department at Oberon HS would like to warmly welcome Mr. William Mathieson who will be taking on the role of Band Instructor for 2023. William studied music at the prestigious VCA (Melbourne University) and Melbourne Polytechnic and is an amazing regular gigging musician himself. We look forward to working with William in 2023.



SLEEP HEALTH FOR STUDENTS

While we know sleep is essential for good health, research shows that many children and young people are not getting enough sleep on school nights. This can affect thinking, concentration, memory, reaction times and mood.

Research shows about 12% of Primary school-aged children, a quarter of 12- to 15-year-olds and half of 16- to 17-year-olds don't get enough sleep on school nights. The recommended amount of time to sleep for primary school-aged children is 9 to 11 hours. For teenagers, it's 8 to 10 hours.

Signs that your child is not getting enough sleep can include:

- low mood and irritability during social interactions
- reluctance or arguing about getting off devices and going to bed
- falling asleep during the day
- difficulties waking up for school and sleeping in late on weekends to catch up
- changes to communicating or interacting at home.

You can help your child to improve their sleep by:

- establishing a regular sleep pattern and consistent bedtime routine
- supporting them to avoid using electronic devices such as smartphones before going to bed and in bed
- encouraging your child to exercise and spend time outside in daylight, steering clear of vigorous activity in the hour before sleep
- encouraging them to wind down and relax before going to bed.

If your child is still having trouble sleeping, has persistent problems with low mood, excessive daytime sleepiness, restlessness in bed, severe snoring or wakening unrefreshed, despite getting adequate length sleep, they should see a doctor.

For more information on sleep health, you can refer to: [Sleep tips for children](#) and [Facts about sleep for parents and school staff](#), from the Sleep Health Foundation [Why sleep is so important](#), from the Kids Helpline's

[Sleep explained](#), from the Better Health Channel.

PAST OBERON STUDENT - TYSON NEEDS YOUR HELP

Past Oberon student Tyson Doherty is taking part in the Leukaemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave and is seeking support from the Oberon community.

During his time at Oberon Tyson was known for, as his mum puts it 'his majestic mullet' and Tyson feels the time is right for a re-style and with it the opportunity to raise funds for a worthy cause. Tyson has in the past raised over \$2,000 for 'Mullets for Mental Health'. The big day is on 25th March. Tyson would love your support. The link to Tyson's fundraising page is below:



<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fmy.leukaemiafoundation.org.au%2Ftysondoherty&data=05%7C01%7C0beron.hs%40education.vic.gov.au%7C6da129e80fa94f8b213e08db20581f6c%7Cd96cb3371a8744cfb69b3cecc334a4c1f%7C0%7C0%7C638139335088252736%7CUnknown%7CTWfPbGzsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAilCjOjoiV2luMzIiLCjBTiI6Ik1haWwiiCjXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HYJcF7twwbqPIH%2Bk%2FL7RERIf0FNXIRG1Ad2UmSYQ9wc%3D&reserved=0>

Book sale.



Nothing over \$1.

Join us at our monthly book sale.

Held the first Friday and Saturday of each month (except Easter) at Uniting Grovedale, the Uniting book sale raises much needed funds for local services.

272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale
(Corner Reserve and Torquay Roads)

Friday 14 April and
Saturday 15 April
10am - 2pm

Uniting

Oberon High School

Shape Your Future - Go One Better

OPEN NIGHT

163 Batten Road, Armstrong Creek

Thursday, 30th March

Tours from 5:30pm, Info Session from 6:30pm

Bookings Essential at www.trybooking.com/CGBLR



Host an
exchange
student in 2023!

Who are our host families?

Host families are volunteers who open their home and hearts to international exchange students.

Families come in all shapes and sizes. They live anywhere in Australia, from beaches to cities to farms!

Host families integrate their exchange student into their daily life. They are caring and open, and many form strong bonds and become friends for life!

Ready to welcome a new culture into your home?

There are so many reasons why a family may choose to host an exchange student!

Rediscover your backyard through new eyes!

Understand another way of life and a different way of thinking!

Gain a new family member and help make an exchange student's dream come true!

Enquire about hosting



wep@wep.org.au

03 9598 4733

wep.org.au



FREE PARENTING FORUM

PARENTING 101: BACK TO BASICS

PRESENTED BY ANDY MCNEILLY, AUTHOR OF CONNECTING WITH YOUR KIDS

Andy McNeilly is a teacher, author, educator, family coach and most importantly a parent of three kids.

Andy has been running simple and fun webinars and workshops to help parents create more connection with their children given the challenges of every day life. He is passionate about helping others to build connected and loving families.

Parents will gain:

- Simple practical, easy ideas they can use at home with children to help build stronger family relationships.
- Improved self-confidence in communicating with children.
- Clear methods for connecting with kids.
- Creative ideas to help children become happier and more resilient.



WEDNESDAY 22
MARCH 2023

7.30pm-9.00pm

VENUE

Leopold Primary School

BOOKINGS

Visit <https://Parenting101.eventbrite.com.au> or scan the QR code.

This is a free event but bookings are essential.



YEAR 9 CAREERS EXPO

WE NEED YOU! Year 9 Careers Expo

Remember when you were in Year 9, did you know that a job like yours existed? Did you have any real idea what people actually did in their jobs? We are hoping to give our students a head start on the pack and let them know what people do day to day in the "real world" and we would love them to get that information "straight from the horse's mouth". Would you be willing to come to school and chat about your job to a small number of students? You could be a difference maker.

We are seeking volunteers to participate in our 2022 Year 9 Careers Expo. The day will occur in early Term 3 and will consist of industry representatives and parents speaking with small groups of students about their career journey, job and opportunities. We are seeking people from all walks of life – Tradies, Medical Professionals, IT, Engineering, community engagement – if you have a job we want to hear from you!

To express your interest please contact Anna Shaw on 4241 8000 or email anna.shaw@education.vic.edu.au

Young Leaders Program

For disabled young people aged 14-25 wanting to make change



To apply:

Scan this QR code or go to www.yacvic.org.au/youngleaders

More info at <https://bit.ly/41NGjif>

DISCOVER YOUR SCHOOL LEAVER OPTIONS!



YOU'RE INVITED!

As you are nearing the time to leave school it's important to find out what options are out there for you.

Come and visit us to discover some of the employment, training and social options available through genU.

- Work with our social enterprise or our disability employment services
- Building your capacity for work with school leaver employment supports.
- Accessing your community, building confidence, and making friendships with Participate, GAMER and Adventure programs.
- Training courses

MARCH 21ST 2023

11:00AM – 12:00PM

genU Business Enterprises,
77 Douro Street North Geelong



RSVP Essential

Scan the QR code or visit trybooking.com/CG000

Any questions? Please contact
Jaime-lee Demmer

0439 203 412 or jaime-lee.demmer@genu.org.au

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ABILITY DISABILITY NETWORKS

Join Ability Disability Networks for the April school holidays

We cater to all ability levels and offer a wide range of activities.

There's something for everyone
Visit our website to find out more information
abilitydn.org



We provide a number of 1:1 supports for people of all ages on the NDIS. We also run programs out of our Hub. We currently have an all-ages Social Saturday program that runs every week during the Term as well as our School Holiday Programs.

We have run school holiday programs each holiday for the last 2 years and are expanding the size of our intake for these programs. We have three separate groups running; Two for 5-13 year olds, with a wide range of activities to suit everyone. One group for the 14-17 year olds with more age-appropriate activities, that will challenge their ongoing skill development.

Our programs are open to anyone aged 5-17 on the NDIS, and we can cater to all development, behavioural or individual needs



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FREE PARENTING FORUM

A GUIDE TO RAISING A CHILD WITH ADHD



There may be no psychological condition more controversial and provocative than ADHD. At one extreme, we see some people say it doesn't exist. Others say it's a result of poor parenting.

But for parents who are raising children with an ADHD diagnosis, their child's behaviour can seem like a wrecking ball.

In "A Parent's Guide to Raising a Child with ADHD", Dr. Justin Coulson will explore up-to-the-minute science on what ADHD is, why it occurs, and most importantly, what parents can do to create something at home that feels sane and balanced in an often chaotic climate. This presentation will:

- Explain what ADHD is, and is not.
- Unpack why ADHD is so controversial.
- Review science-supported strategies to help parents guide children with ADHD successfully.
- Provide practical solutions to help create willing participation in family life with a child with ADHD
- Offer family-strengthening tips to support parents, strengthen relationships, and build bonds.



THURSDAY 8 JUNE

9.00am-10.30am

VENUE

OneHope Centre
4-32 Province Boulevard,
Highton

BOOKINGS

Scan the QR code

This is a free event but bookings are essential.



COME PLAY BASKETBALL!



TEAMS AVAILABLE FOR U10 U12 U14 U16 U18
BOYS AND GIRLS - BORN IN 2016 OR EARLIER

Winter Season - Term 2&3

Register interest here: bit.ly/rovers2023

Contact us: rovers@roversbasketball.com.au

SAVER PLUS PROGRAM

Saver Plus is a free financial education program where participants can plan ahead for study costs and get up to \$500 for education expenses after 10 months. If you have a Health Care Card and are studying yourself or have a child studying you may be eligible to join the program.

Email them directly at EnquiriesSP@bsl.org.au

Back to School. But with less stress.

Saver Plus. Start saving now. Make next year easier.
A savings coach. Up to \$500 in matched savings.
It's free.





*Eligibility criteria apply



saverplus.org.au

Are you eligible to join Saver Plus & receive \$500 for your back to school costs?

Must meet all eligibility criteria:

-  Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
-  Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
-  Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
-  Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



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.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

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.



MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>



2023 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1 27th January - 6th April
(Good Friday - Friday 7th April)

Term 2 24th April - 23rd June

Term 3 10th July - 15th September

Term 4 2nd October - 20th December



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 1 Holidays

Monday 10th April - Friday 21st April

- Friday 7th April - Good Friday - holiday
- Monday 10th April - Easter Monday holiday

Term 2 Holidays

Monday 26th June - Friday 7th July

Term 3 Holidays

Monday 18th September - Friday 29th September

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please mark in your diary

Week 9

Friday 24th March

Catch up photo session - including Yr 12 Group & Captains

Week 10

Tuesday 28th March

Year 7 Immunisation - HPV & Boostrix

Week 11

Thursday 6th April

LAST DAY OF TERM ONE - 2.30 pm finish



Friday 7th April

Good Friday Public Holiday

Friday 7th April - Friday 21st April

School Holidays

TERM 2

Week 1

Monday 24th April

TERM 2 COMMENCES

Tuesday 25th April

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday 26th April

Anzac Assembly

Thursday 27th April

Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews - 11.30 am - 7.30 pm
Students attend interviews at school at allotted times between 11.30 - 7.30 pm. No classes for students on this day.

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2023

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

- **Friday 12th May** - Staff Professional Learning Day
- **Friday 9th June** - Report Writing Day
- **Monday 31st July** - Staff Professional Learning Day
- **Thurs 31st August** - Staff Professional Practice Day
- **Friday 20th October** - Staff Professional Learning Day

BELLARINE PERFORMING ARTS

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

For more information and enrolments visit our website at:

www.bellarineperformingarts.com.au



Oberon High School

Shape Your Future - Go One Better

OPEN NIGHT

163 Batten Road, Armstrong Creek

Thursday 30th March

Tours from 5:30pm

Info Session at 6:30pm



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