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Issue 8 - Friday 2nd June, 2023

JUNE

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| Mon 5th | Yr 10 Drama Excursion Forensic Detective Science Excursion - Selected Science Students |
| Tues 6th | Yr 12 PE Excursion to Biolab - 11 am - 1.30 pm |
| Mon 5th - Thurs 8th | Year 11 Exams |
| Wed 8th | Live Wire Park Excursion - 11 am - 3.25 pm |
| Thurs 8th | Yr 9 visit to the Gordon - Induction: Geelong Tertiary Futures Program |
| Frid 9th | REPORT WRITING DAY - STUDENT FREE DAY |
| Mon 12th | KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Tues 13th | Yr 9 Workskills Program - 9 am - 3.25 pm |
| Wed 14th | Yr 9 Workskills Program - 9 am - 3.25 pm School Council Meeting |
| Thurs 15th | Yr 9 Tertiary Futures Program - visit to the Gordon 9 am - 3.25 pm Year 12 General Achievement Test - GAT - 9 am - 3.00 pm - Gymnasium |
| Frid 16th | Yr 9 - Geelong Tertiary Futures Program - visit to the Gordon - 9 am - 3.25 pm |

Mon 19th Western Metropolitan Region Cross Country - 8 am - 3.30 pm
General Assembly

Frid 23rd **Last Day of Term 2 - students finish at 2.30 pm**
Mon 26th - Frid 7th July - Term 2 Holidays

JULY

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| Mon 10th | Term 3 Commences |
| Tues 11th | Senior Basketball - 9 am - 3 pm |
| Wed 12th | Intermediate Girls Hockey & Intermediate Boys Soccer 9 am - 3 pm |
| Thurs 13th | VCE Subject Expo - Periods 3 & 4 |
| Frid 14th | Intermediate Boys Hockey & Intermediate Girls Soccer 9 am - 3 pm |
| Mon 17th | Intermediate Girls Netball - 9 am - 3 pm |
| Tues 18th | Senior Girls Hockey - 9 am - 3 pm Senior Boys Hockey - 9 am - 3 pm UN German Conference - 9 am - 10 am |
| Wed 19th - Frid 21st | Year 8 Camp - The Ranch Mornington Peninsula |
| Thurs 20th | Senior Sport - 9 am - 3 pm |

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

COVID19

We have had quite a large number of staff and students testing positive to COVID, with some being quite unwell. The current guidelines for those testing positive is to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved. Students who isolate as a result of a positive COVID-19 test will be supported in the same way as students with an extended absence due to illness or injury, with learning materials provided to support their continued learning.

If students become unwell at school and present to Sick Bay, we will contact parents and your son/daughter will need to be collected.

State Budget

The Victorian State Budget was handed down last week, with more investment in education by the Andrews Labor Government.

While no further funding was allocated to Oberon High School, there was funding for the early planning of another secondary school on the Mt Duneed Estate side of Armstrong Creek. This would most likely mean that another Secondary School is planned to come online around 2028.

Year 7 Enrolments 2024

We have begun receiving Grade 6 applications from the Primary Schools and are verifying that students are living at the address that we have been provided. This is a necessary requirement as DET have directed me to only enrol students who reside in the school zone or have siblings at the school. This is due to the population growth that is occurring within our enrolment zone.

Mobile Phones

The policy around mobile phones in schools hasn't changed for a number of years. Therefore, 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.

Student Attitudes to School Survey

The Attitude to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general. Students will have the opportunity to complete this survey by Friday 9th June.

Report Writing Day

The school has a planned for a scheduled student free day on Friday 9th June. The focus of this day is on reporting writing.

Annual Report 2022

The 2022 Annual Report which was approved at our School Council meeting in March, has now been approved by the Department of Education. The Annual Report is now available on our school website via the following link for any interested school community members <http://www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au/site/about-oberon/policy-documents/school-performance-reports/>

Tim McMahon



JUNIOR NEWS

Ensuring Cyber Safety: Practical Tips for Parents

In today's digital age, ensuring the cyber safety of our children is of utmost importance. The online world offers endless opportunities for learning and connection, but it also presents certain risks. It is our shared responsibility to equip our children with the knowledge and tools to navigate the digital landscape safely. Here are some practical tips to help you in promoting cyber safety for your children:

1. **Be Proactive:** Flag and address inappropriate content if you come across any content that you feel should be removed, act. Many websites allow you to flag such content anonymously.
2. **Refrain from responding:** It is important not to engage with inappropriate content or individuals who are spreading it.
3. **Capture the evidence:** Take a screen capture or print a copy of the concerning online content. This will serve as evidence if needed.
4. **Report to the eSafety Commission:** Contact the eSafety Commission through their website (<https://www.esafety.gov.au/report>). They specialize in handling such cases and can take appropriate action. Report instances of cyberbullying targeting children or young people, as well as image-based abuse involving non-consensual sharing of intimate images or videos. Harmful content can appear as posts, comments, texts, messages, chats, livestreams, memes, images, videos, or emails, transmitted through various platforms.

Reporting to the eSafety Commission contributes to a safer online environment.

5. **Block the offending user:** Utilise the blocking feature available on social media platforms to prevent further interaction with the person responsible for the inappropriate content.
6. **Report to social media providers:** If the content violates the terms of use of a specific social media platform, report it to the provider (e.g., Facebook). They have mechanisms in place to remove content that contravenes their guidelines.
7. **Attend eSafety Webinars for Parents:** To enhance your knowledge about cyber safety and digital parenting, consider participating in the eSafety Commission's webinars. They offer practical tech tips, conversation starters, and invaluable advice for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school. The webinars are designed to empower you with the necessary tools and understanding to navigate the digital world alongside your children. You can access the webinars at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>.

Remember, ensuring cyber safety is an ongoing process that requires open communication with our children, staying informed about the latest online trends, and setting clear boundaries. By working together, we can create a safer digital environment for our children.

GEELONG SOCIAL INNOVATORS PROGRAM 2023

We are delighted to share the remarkable accomplishments of our Year 8 students who attended the Geelong Social Innovators Program. Held at the Armstrong Creek hub on May 25th and 26th, this program, led by Facilitators from Crazy Ideas College, provided our students with the opportunity to address real-world problems and develop ground-breaking solutions. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Miss Boadle and Mr. Curtis for accompanying the students on this excursion.

Working in small groups, our students embraced the challenge and showcased their creativity and problem solving skills. Their dedication and engagement throughout the program were exemplary. The Geelong Social Innovators Program not only fostered a deeper understanding of societal challenges but also inspired our students to think outside the box and propose innovative solutions. We are immensely proud of their achievements and look forward to witnessing the positive impact they will continue to make in the future.

Tess Ellard



VCE OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES - GRAMPIANS CAMP

On the 16th – 19th May, our Unit 3 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class participated in an adventurous journey in the magnificent Grampians National Park. The Grampians is known as 'Gariwerd' to the Djab Wurrung and Jardwardjali, it's traditional custodians of over 20,000 years.

Our first day began with a 10 km bushwalk through the heart of the central Grampians. Starting from the Wonderland area, we traversed past Splitter Falls, up through Silent Street and on to the renowned Pinnacle. The breathtaking views from the summit were well worth the effort. We continued our walk throughout the afternoon, arriving to our camp at the base of Mt Rosea, where students enjoyed the peaceful surrounds and natural beauty of Stony Creek Campground.

Rock climbing at The Bundaleer on the second day of camp was a thrilling experience. Students challenged themselves across a few different top rope climbs, including a chimney climb which involved climbing a vertical opening between two slabs of rock. There were some 'interesting' techniques displayed, proving it doesn't matter how you get there, rather the journey you take. Students also tested their nerves with a 20 meter abseil before taking on the more daring 60-meter abseil.

Thursday brought us new horizons as we set out on a canoeing adventure across Lake Bellfield. The paddling experience offered a serene connection with nature and allowed us to witness the beauty of the Grampians (Gariwerd) from a unique perspective. In the afternoon, our explorations continued with a shorter 4.8 km walk from the historical Zumsteins site to Fish Falls. This picturesque waterfall cascades 60 meters over terraced rocks.

The last day of our journey led us to the Bunjil shelter, a sacred rock art site nestled within the Black Range Scenic Reserve. This ancient shelter holds significant cultural importance, depicting the Aboriginal creator spirit, Bunjil. It was a humbling experience for our students as they learned about the rich cultural heritage of the land they were exploring. This Camp has allowed to students to create some wonderful memories and learn some valuable lessons about themselves, others and the environment. The Grampians has truly been a playground for adventure, a sanctuary for nature lovers, and a gateway to indigenous heritage.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the other staff Sean Fitzgerald and Rob Neal, along with the students who made this Camp a memorable experience.

Until our next adventure,

Rebekah Gill
Outdoor Education Programs



VCE OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES - GRAMPIANS CAMP cont'd.....



STUDENT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

(Year 7) Level 3 Compass Walk – Point Addis to Bells Beach

On Tuesday May 9th, students in 7F and 7G Enhancement classes participated in their adventurous exploration as part of their Level 3 Compass Award.

Before embarking on their bushwalk exploration from Point Addis to Bells Beach, our Year 7 students underwent thorough preparation, acquiring vital skills for a safe and enjoyable journey. Students developed their physical endurance through a walking program, 1 km time trial and Beep Test. In addition to this, students also learned about basic first aid principles, enabling them to respond effectively to any unforeseen circumstances. Trip planning considerations, including minimal impact strategies, nutrition, basic navigation, and creating inventory lists, were also emphasized. Armed with this knowledge, the students demonstrated their commitment to responsible outdoor practices, ensuring minimal disturbance to the natural surroundings.

Covering a distance of 16 kilometres round-trip, the young explorers showcased their resilience and enthusiasm for nature. Guided by staff, the students navigated through rugged terrain, marvelling at breathtaking coastal views and diverse flora and fauna. This expedition not only fostered teamwork and physical fitness but also instilled an appreciation for the environment. The successful journey served as a testament to the students' spirit of adventure and their ability to embrace challenges head-on. Thanks to all of the staff who helped to facilitate and share this terrific experience with our students.

Rebekah Gill
Student Enhancement and Leadership Coordinator



STUDENT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM COMPASS WALK POINT ADDIS cont'd.....



YEAR 12 ROSS HUGGARD VISIT

On Monday May 22nd our Year Twelve English students participated in a workshop with VCE English expert, Ross Huggard. In addition to his role as VCAA exam assessor for 34 years, Ross Huggard is the author of several text books on VCE English and he has also served as a consultant during the development of successive VCE English study designs. Ross shared some tips and tricks on the best ways to tackle Argument Analysis, a key area of the Year Twelve English course. His visit was well received by students whose hands were tired from taking notes by the end of the presentation!

Thanks to our Senior School Leader, Michelle Ferry, for her support in making this event happen.

Adrian Stirling



LANGUAGES NEWS

Two German classes work with "The Storey Players"

7G and 9A are extremely fortunate to work one lesson a week with "The Storey Players" – a German Theatre Group, Simon and Tina, who are workshopping a play based around German speakers coming to Australia.

We were fortunate to have Heidi Giersch in class two weeks ago, telling the two classes about her experience of leaving East Germany in 1980.

If interested in more information, please let Frau Ray know as Heidi has written a book.



Year 11 German visit Germantown – Grovedale!

Last week as part of a unit based on German speakers in Australia, the Year 11 class visited what remains of Germantown. The Lutheran Church on the corner of Heyers Road, the Cemetery in Church Street, the old Winter Homestead off Winter Street and the old German Cottage in Torquay Road.

Students enjoyed learning about the history of our local area.

Many thanks to Bill Rogers for driving the bus.



LANGUAGES NEWS cont'd.....

Survey to take part in the 2-day Goethe Institute German Soccer Camp

The Camp will be held at school on August 7th and 8th. German trainers will be running the program. Interested students who are learning German need to fill out the survey if they wish to participate.

The survey will close at the end of the week.

SAGSE Scholarships for German students in Years 11, 12

Applications are now open for these prestigious scholarships. Entries close on 23 June, so interested students need to work on their applications.

For further information, please see Frau Ray.

LANGUAGES CORNER - FAMILY

| FAMILY | KELUARGA | die Familie |
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| Mum | ibu | die Mutter |
| Dad | bapak/ayah | der Vater |
| Older sister | kakak perempuan | die ältere Schwester |
| Younger sister | adik perempuan | die jüngere Schwester |
| Older brother | kakak laki-laki | der ältere Bruder |
| Younger brother | der ältere Bruder | der jüngere Bruder |
| Grandmother | nenek | die Großmutter/ Oma |
| Grandfather | kakek | der Großvater/ Opa |
| Aunt | bibi/tante | die Tante |
| Uncle | paman/om | der Onkel |
| Cousin | sepupu | der Cousin/ die Cousine |

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- PARTICIPATE IN MOCK INTERVIEWS AND TEACH STRATEGIES TO SELL YOURSELF
- PREPARING FOR YOUR FIRST DAY AND WORKPLACE INDUCTION

AFTER EMPLOYMENT

- AID WITH OBTAINING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY OR WORKPLACE MODIFICATIONS (IF NECESSARY)
- DEVELOP ORGANISATION, PREPARATION AND TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS
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APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

Jack Leigh in Year 11 has been working hard day and sometimes night, on his local sheep, pig and crops farm at Inverleigh, building his skills set and doing his School Based Apprenticeship (SBAT) in Certificate III in Agriculture with Murnong Farming.

Jack is thriving in his workplace with a skilled team assisting with the ongoing breeding of stock, utilising up to date farming technologies and machinery focusing on sustainable practices in the modern farming world. This is coupled up with Jack attending his course at South West Tafe in Colac on Tuesdays.

Jack's Fun facts:

- Routine start of the day? "Checking the equipment/oil in the tractors. If on the Air Seeder got to do your morning checks over the bar for any air leaks and make sure all tines are all on and seed coming out off boots"
- Latest job you're working on? "Sowing Barley"
- Favourite machinery or job you've worked on so far? "It'll have to be the 7r 230 John Deere"
- Best part of the job: "Probably sitting in the tractor listen to music all day, or fixing the gear"
- Least favourite part of the job: "Sheep work"

HeadStart

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships are a valuable part of beginning a student's career in their chosen field and we're very thankful for Geelong employers like Martin Clark at Murnong Farming who take on employees such as Jack to gain the skills necessary to progress in his chosen career.

Interested in becoming a HeadStart School Based Apprentice or Trainee? Follow the link to here for more info: <https://vimeo.com/580595609/b5b7ec0392>

If you're a student looking for a pathway into employment such as a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship, a parent looking for a secure future for your child, or an employer looking for your next apprentice, contact the Careers & Pathways Team – Kaye Barry/Nicola Maher/Katrina Coburn (HeadStart) about Structured Work Placement and the HeadStart Program.



OBERON SPORT

Monday 29th of May – Geelong Cross Country

Coaches: Tess Ellard and James Claney

On a gloomy Monday, 50 students took on the mission of running in either the 3km or 5km Cross Country event around the Botanical Gardens. Fighting the cold wind, sometimes spitting rain and the eager mosquitoes the students from Oberon tried their best. Across the day, we had 22 students who qualified to go to the next round (Western Metropolitan Region). Congratulations to the following on their individual efforts; Sophie Gilbert 3rd in 15 Year girls, Alannah Fitzgerald 3rd in 17-20 Year girls and Harper Bolton 2nd in 17-20 Year girls. We also had great success in the team results with Senior boys and Girls winning as well as the 16 Year girls team achieving 2nd place. In addition to this, in the grand aggregate category (The overall School with the best result), Oberon won.

Congratulations to all students who competed and helped to produce this result. Students who qualified to the next round have already been contacted and XUNO permission notes are already out.



OBERON SPORT cont'd.....

Tuesday 23rd of May – Year 8 Boys AFL

Coach: Daniel Hanson

The boys were in for a tough competition, coming up against two schools with AFL Academy programs; Grovedale College and Western Heights. However, they were undeterred and they went into the first match as a solid team not looking to back down. With Grovedale, it was tit-for-tat for scoring opportunities with both sides finishing with three goals and three points each.

A tie in the first match only fuelled the fire as the second game against Western Heights began, although by the end of the first half only one point had been put on the score board against Western Heights 26. With the nature of the game, the game ended early in the second half as a young Western Heights boy hurt his knee and needed an ambulance. The Oberon boys were optimistic that if they had a full game, it might have ended with another draw.



Tuesday 23rd May - Year 7 Boys Soccer

Coach: Josh King

On May 16th the Year 7 boys participated in the Barwon Region Soccer Tournament, winning 1 game out of 3. Led by standout performances from Jaawi Hunter, Max Mitchell, Rafael Fryer, and Esmail Bigirimana all students performed admirably. The team displayed remarkable improvement in each match, showcasing the Oberon way. The boys should be commended for their excellent sportsmanship, great teamwork, and ability to confidently play various positions. Despite being a newly formed team, they bonded exceptionally well and have set strong foundation for future success.

Well done to all students involved in the day!



Thursday 25th of May – Year 8 Boys Soccer

Coach: Mark Orton

Congratulations to The Year 8 boys soccer team, who performed well during the Interschool Soccer Competition at Myers Reserve. The team dominated their first match to beat Lara 5-0. They then faced tough opposition in Western Heights, losing 7-0, before drawing in their last game with North Geelong. Despite a day of freezing cold and wet weather, the boys were positive and enthusiastic.

A special thanks to our senior-student coaches Archer Phillips and Felix Walsh, who trained and coached the team and made this day possible.



OBERON SPORT cont'd.....

Year 7 Girls Netball Report

On Thursday 25th May, 18 very excited girls ventured to Geelong Sports Hub to compete in the Year 7 Netball Competition. After several lunchtime trainings amongst the squad, the girls displayed excellent teamwork and epitomised 'the Oberon Way'.

The Division 1 team won all three pool matches against Belmont, Surf Coast and Grovedale. Although this winning streak ended in the Grand Final against a very strong Western Heights team, the girls remained humble in defeat and put up a brave performance. The teams success can be attributed to Keisha and Jasmyn's proficient goaling, Tahlia, Frida and Jayda's dynamic work-rate in the midcourt, and Lyla, Charlie and Tameka's strong defensive efforts. Mia Belleville was used as a utility throughout the day, and was equally impressive in goals and the midcourt.

With two pool games played for the Division 2 team, the girls managed one win and one loss respectively against Belmont and Northern Bay. In a high quality bronze medal match, the girls went down by a goal in the final. The team was heavily rotated throughout the day by supercoach Erin McGinness, showcasing the strong depth amongst the girls. The team consisted of Ayda, Beatrice, Bonnie, Harper, Matilda, Taryn, Tilly, Rhiannon and Willow.

Mary Waldron



OBERON SPORT cont'd.....

The Year 7 Boys Football team braced the cold to take on other schools in the region at Winter Reserve, across from our old stomping ground! We began our day with a match up against Belmont, in which was an arm wrestle in the first period. Mach Mach kicked our first goal of the day with a nice sidestep around his opponent and a snap to finish, he celebrated accordingly too. Sonny Primmer showed some class off half back with some fantastic rebounding efforts as he looked for his teammates up the ground, as Zen Gosper was ruthless with his attack on the ball! Belmont had the wind in the second period as they flexed their muscles to run away 24-point winners, 1.2.8 – 4.8.32.

As the heavens opened, we had a must-win games against Bellarine. Losing the coin toss meant we needed to be strong in defence early with the wind against us. Rafael Fryer imposed himself in defence and spoiled anything that came his way, whilst Josh Roberts provided run and carry out on the wing. The second period had us come home with a wet sail, Jaawi Hunter, Lachie Quinn and Henry Cox hit the scoreboard as we fell short by 2 points. 3.3.21 – 3.5.23, another 60 seconds and it was ours!

Despite the conditions, Surf Coast thankfully agreed to have a consolation hit out to finish the day. We matched up well with them and it was goal for goal. Lachie Quinn kicked a classy snap after dancing around the Surf Coast defence, whilst Adotey Addo imposed himself running in straight lines leading up, crashing packs. With not much time left on the clock, scores were level at 3.4.22 apiece. We looked dangerous heading forward but an intercept mark in the corridor allowed Surf Coast to slingshot back towards their goal and ice the game. Finishing 3.4.22 – 4.4.28.

After walking away from the day wet, cold, and winless, the Year 7 boys football team at Oberon still walked away with smiles and showed great sportsmanship to their opponents and umpires. Setting a fine example on how to act The Oberon Way on an inter-school sport day.

General Sport Notice:

If you have any children realised their feet have grown and now required new football boots, to think about donating the old football boots if they are still in okay condition to the sport department so they can be used by students who do not having their own during AFL and Soccer sports days.

Below are dates for known sporting days for Term 2 and Term 3. Term 3 sign ups are open for Year 7 and Year 8 students. Senior and Intermediate students sign ups have been open for the last 4 weeks and closed today, if you child didn't sign up and wants to, please ask them to contact myself. Thank you - **James Claney**

Tuesday 6th of June – Junior and Intermediate Boys Netball, Junior Girls AFL

Monday 19th of June – WMR Cross Country

Term 3

Tuesday 11th July – Senior Basketball

Wednesday 12th July – Intermediate Boys Soccer and Girls Hockey

Friday 14th July – Intermediate Girls Soccer and Boys Hockey

Monday 17th July – Intermediate Girls Netball, Boys and Girls Badminton and Senior Girls Hockey

Tuesday 18th July – Senior Boys Hockey

Thursday 20th July – Senior Boys and Girls Netball, Badminton, Table Tennis and Soccer

Monday 31st of July – Year 8 Girls Hockey

Wednesday 2nd August – Year 8 Boys Hockey

Friday 4th August – Year 7 Boys and Girls Hockey

Monday 7th August – Year 8 Boys and Girls Basketball, Table Tennis, and Volleyball

Thursday 10th August – Year 7 Boys and Girls Basketball, Table Tennis, and Volleyball

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

Mr Claney



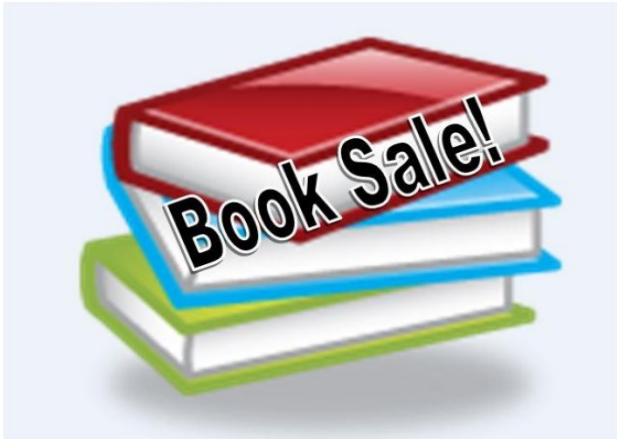
Got unwanted football boots?

Need extra room in cupboards?

The sport department is looking for donations of football boots. This is to help allow any student who wishes to participate in the SSV sport program for football or soccer even if they do not own their own pair. If you have any boots you wish to donate, please drop them off at the office or students can drop them off to Mr Claney.

Thank you all for your donations.

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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
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Highton

BOOKINGS

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This is a free event but bookings are essential.



COMPUTEFEST 2023

CODING EDUCATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

SATURDAY 24TH OF JUNE | IN PERSON EVENT
11:00 AM to 5:00 PM



U AFFILIATED CLUB



YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES 2023

- **General Achievement Test (GAT)**
Thursday 15th June 2023
- **Year 12 Student/Teacher/Parent Interviews**
Monday 7th August 4 pm - 6 pm
- **Unit 3 & 4 Performance and Languages Oral Examinations**
Monday 2nd October - Sunday 29th October, 2023
- **Last day of Year 12 Classes**
Monday 16th October
- **Year 12 Celebration Day**
Tuesday 17th October
- **Unit 3 & 4 Written Examinations**
Tuesday 24th October - Wednesday 15th November, 2023
- **Year 12 Valedictory Dinner**
Wednesday 22nd November - 6.30 - 11 pm
Further details to be advised



Please mark these dates in your diary

YEAR 11 IMPORTANT DATES 2023

- **Year 11 Exams**
Monday 5th June - Thursday 8th June, 2023
- **Year 11 Exams**
Thursday 9th November - Tuesday 14th November, 2023
- **Year 11 Formal**
Wednesday 15th November, 2023
- **Year 11 into 12 Orientation Program**
Friday 17th November - Tuesday 21st November, 2023

Please mark these dates in your diary.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please mark these dates in your diary

TERM 2

Week 7

Monday 5th June - Thursday 8th June
Year 11 Exams

Friday 9th June

Report Writing Day - **Student Free Day**



Week 8

Monday 12th June

King's Birthday Public Holiday - School Closed

Thursday 15th June

Year 12 GAT - General Achievement Test

Week 9

Friday 23rd June

Last day of Term 2 - students finish at 2.30 pm

2023 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 2 24th April - 23rd June

Term 3 10th July - 15th September

Term 4 2nd October - 20th December

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 2 Holidays

Monday 26th June - Friday 7th July

Term 3 Holidays

Monday 18th September - Friday 29th September

End of Term 4

Wednesday 20th December is the last day of the 2023 school year. Student attendance information for the last weeks of the year will be listed in Term 4.



A SAFETY MESSAGE FROM MCHARRYS BUS COMPANY

Many of McHarry's school buses are fitted with seat belts. Seatbelts are fitted to improve passenger safety. They reduce the risk of serious injury if there is an accident.

It is a **legal requirement** for a bus passenger to wear a seat belt where there is one fitted. The law states that it is the responsibility of the individual passenger to wear it. It is important that all students are aware of the requirement that seat belts must be worn where provided.



MCHARRY'S BUSLINES



STUDENT FREE DAYS 2023

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

- **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

Please mark these dates in your diary



**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

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.



POTTERY STUDIO-EVENTS & GALLERY

School Holiday's Pottery & Craft Sessions

Tue 27th June 10.30am-12.30pm Kids Pottery Class
Wed 28th June 10.30am-12.30pm Kids Pottery Class
Tue 4th July 10.30am-12.30pm Kids Pottery Class
Tue 4th July 2pm-4pm Bath Bomb Class

Additional classes will be listed on these dates and other dates if these book out. Adults may book a spot for themselves to join in and make something as well. You can either stay or drop off.

\$50 per person for 2 hours. Includes clay, colours, glazes and 2 kiln firings.

To book visit the website <https://hazytales.com/events/events-calendar/>

These are a few of the other things we do at Hazy Tales Studio:
Bespoke Pottery Parties for Adults & Kids. Custom events. Hen parties.
Adult evening 'Clay & Cocktails by Candlelight'. Porcelain products & jewellery for sale.

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