

**Absence Hotline - 03 4241 8088**

**Issue 9 - Friday 16th June, 2023**

## JUNE

**Mon 19th** Western Metropolitan Region Cross Country - 8 am - 3.30 pm  
**Tues 20th** Indonesian Excursion to Melbourne - 9 am - 3 pm  
**Thurs 22nd** **General Assembly - 9 am - 9.30 am**  
Writer's Group Excursion - 10.40 am - 2.35 pm  
**Frid 23rd** **Last Day of Term 2 - students finish at 2.30 pm**  
**Mon 26th - Frid 7th July - Term 2 Holidays**

## JULY

**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  
Senior Girls Hockey - 9 am - 3 pm  
Senior Boys Hockey - 9 am - 3 pm  
**Tues 18th** 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  
Senior Years Information Evening - 5 pm - 7 pm  
**Frid 21st** Yr 11 Deakin/Gordon Workshop Day - 9 am - 3.25 pm  
**Tues 25th - Sat 29th** Echuca Blues Song Writing Camp  
**Mon 31st** **STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL**  
Year 8 Girls Hockey - 9 am - 3 pm  
Year 12 Responsible Service of Alcohol Course - 9 am - 3 pm

## AUGUST

**Wed 2nd** Yr 8 Boys Hockey - 9 am - 3 pm  
**Thurs 3rd** Yr 12 Public Speaking - 9 am - 3.25 pm  
**Frid 4th** Yr 7 Girls & Boys Hockey - 9 am - 3 pm  
Yr 9 "Smashed" Presentation - 1.55 pm - 3.25 pm  
**Mon 7th** German Soccer Camp - 9 am - 3.25 pm  
Yr 8 Sport - 9 am - 3 pm  
Yr 12 Student/Teacher Parent Interviews - 4 pm - 6 pm  
**Mon 7th - Frid 11th** Yr 12 VCE Outdoor & Environmental Studies Winter Alpine Camp - Bogong

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Staffing changes

There will be a number of changes to our staffing for Term 3 due to a number of staff members being on leave:

- Mr Josh Baker will remain as Acting Principal at Belmont High School for Term 3. Mrs Priscilla Begg continues in her acting Assistant Principal position replacing Mr Baker.
- Mrs Jo Anglin returns from leave from the start of the Term 3.
- Mrs Anne Fuller remains on leave for Term 3 and is being replaced by Ms Kelsey Ratcliffe
- Mrs Julie Buso remains on leave and will be replaced by Mrs Elizabeth Keucke.
- School Chaplain Mr Russell Stubbings returns to school after being on leave for Term 3.
- Mrs Alex Molinari will be on family leave from the start of Term 3.
- Mrs Julie Barnes returns to the General Office in Accounts Receivable.

### Year 7 Enrolments 2024

We have received our Year 7 enrolments from our feeder Primary Schools for the 2024 school year. Whilst the final number of students in Year 7 in 2024 won't be finalised until later in the year, the trend that we are seeing is that the number of families choosing Oberon as their first choice remains very strong.

### End of Semester Reports

Families will receive a copy of their children's Report on the last day of Term, this will be posted electronically via the School Portal (Xuno Student Management Tool) after 3.30 pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

### Wellbeing Dog

The school is in the process of investigating supporting student and staff wellbeing through the use of a well being dog onsite at school.

We have discussed this proposal at School Council and are now working through the logistics of this proposal. I will update the school community further as the timeline around this is finalised.

### Last Day of Term Arrangements

It is now only one week to the 2nd Term school holidays, with the last day of Term 2, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. School will finish at 2.30 pm and all buses have been alerted to this earlier dismissal time.

As this is the last Newsletter of the Term, I wish the school community a great holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**Tim McMahon**

## AEROSOL SPRAYS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please be aware that aerosol sprays should be avoided as a deodorant at school. Many students have asthma, and aerosols sprayed within a confined space, such as a change room, or the locker bays, can be harmful for these members of our school community. When used in excess by several students, the aerosol deodorants make an unpleasant and unsafe environment for everyone.

Please encourage your child to bring a roll on deodorant, should they require this during the day.

Thankyou.



## SENIOR YEARS

Looking after yourself over the holiday break is an important step in getting ready for a busy Term 3. Focus on good sleep, fun with family and friends, and getting that holiday homework done, prior to the night before Term 3 starts!

### PROCRASTINATION

We want you to enjoy a restful and refreshing break from study, knowing that many of you will also have some holiday homework. If you get stuck in the pattern of PROCRASTINATION (putting off the work you need to do), follow some of these steps to help:

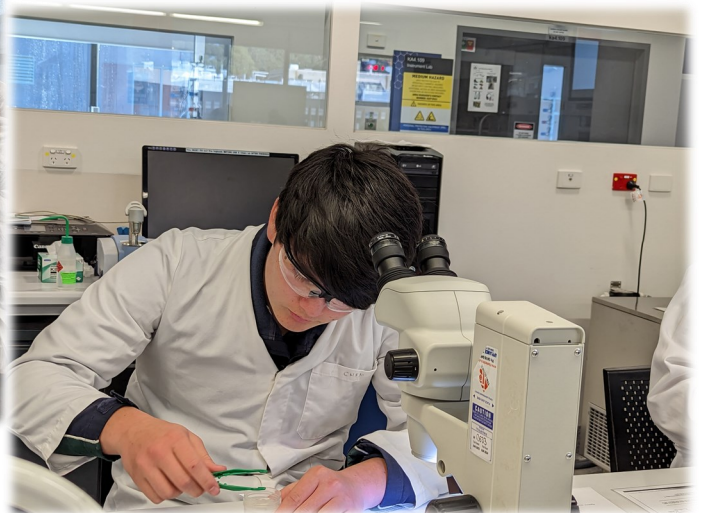
- Last thing at night, take out everything you need to complete the work the next day
  - Set your alarm for half an hour earlier than usual, so you are fully awake and ready to start
  - Set a time to start your work, and stick at a task, especially if it's difficult, for at least 30 minutes.
- You'll surprise yourself at how much you can get done and planned in 30 minutes
- If you get stuck on any task, write your difficulties as questions and ask your teacher or another person (if your teacher is away on holidays) for help. Back in school time, ask your teacher for help with the work the next day – don't put it off
  - If there is a big task that you are finding tricky, have another task ready that you enjoy more, and alternate between the two tasks, making sure that you spend at least 30 minutes on the tricky task
  - Talk to others about the work – your family and friends can be great sounding boards for ideas and approaches to tasks
  - Consider using the local Library to avoid distractions from home
  - Give your phone to your parent for the day – distraction free study guaranteed!

## YEAR 10 FORENSIC SCIENCE EXCURSION

On Monday the 5th of June, 12 excited Year 10s went to Deakin university in Waurn Ponds for a unique experience to explore forensic science in a realistic model crime scene, where the students got to explore evidence and work in the lab to help solve to a case. This included testing DNA, blood swabbing, drug testing as well many other tests. We were lucky enough to be the first group of students to be allowed in this forensics workshop for 2023.

Some interesting facts:

- Ferret blood can give a false positive when testing for human blood
- Koalas have fingerprints that are virtually indistinguishable from human fingerprints





## WOOD TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Years 7,8 & 9 Production work is in the completion stage and students are developing evaluation reports on projects as completed. Year 11 Product Design students have completed their folios and production of various designs are under way.

Year 7 are completing their projects for the term and the highlight this week is from Florence Parke displaying her amazing skills in decoration of the "Book Ends project.

I really must give a shout out to the Year 7s this Semester they have been so excited and engaged it has been a real privilege to teach them at Oberon High School.

**Mr Chris McConnell**



### Years 9 & 10

A few weeks ago Year 9 and 10 students attended Geelong Tech School excursions programs "Cad It" and "Laser Make" to enhance their learning experiences with current industry technology processes.

Year 9s used Adobe Illustrator to design a 3D landscape which incorporated a series of laser cut slides that assembled to create a display. Akira completed the Alien/space display and Ben and Ashtan completed the "Pac man" display, incorporating imagination and technology, I think you will agree they are amazing.

Go Oberon!





## GEELONG TERTIARY FUTURES PROGRAM

As part of the Geelong Tertiary Futures Program, all Year 9 students attended either City or East campus of The Gordon. After their Induction session which included An Amazing Race and a Pathways Discovery session and morning tea with the world's largest muffins, students embarked on the first of their 5 workshops. Over this week students will be engaged in 2 days of Work Skills sessions and another 2 days at The Gordon undertaking more workshops. Lots of light bulb moments for our students engaging in many hands on tasks and finding their passions in this Tertiary space.





# GEELONG TERTIARY FUTURES PROGRAM cont'd.....





## FOOD TECHNOLOGY MYSTERY BOX CHALLENGE

The Year 10 Food Technology students did a mystery box challenge. The students were given ingredients in a box which they were meant to use on the top of the Chicken Parmi. The students were excited and created different varieties of Parmis.

This activity was designed to allow students to be creative and experiment with different varieties of ingredients which they have never used on top of a Parmis.



## LANGUAGES NEWS

### German Sister School Exchange Trip 2024

Interest has been high for this trip next year. A reminder that deposits are due today – June 16<sup>th</sup>. Please logon to XUNO to approve and pay.

### Three SAGSE German Exchange students arrive on Monday!

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June we will welcome three German exchange students to Oberon. They are on the prestigious SAGSE Program. It is exciting that we can again welcome these students after several years of not being able to! The students will be in Australia for about 10 weeks.

Welcome to:

- Judith Jendrezok - hosted by Willow Thyer
- Norwin Moerer - hosted by Darby Doherty
- Luca Brennecke - hosted by Harper Bolton

Several of our students in Years 11 & 12 are applying for a reciprocal SAGSE scholarship to travel to Germany at the end 2023.

### Update on the Goethe-Institute 2-day German Soccer Camp – August 7th - 8th

Twelve girls and twelve boys will be shortly selected – you will receive notification from Frau Ray and your parents will need to go into XUNO to approve it. There will be a waiting list, so once it's published you need to **HURRY!**

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Greece	Yunani	Griechenland
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Russia	Rusia	Russland
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South Africa	Afrika Selatan	Südafrika
South America	Amerika Selatan	Südamerika
New Zealand	Selandia Baru	Neuseeland
Netherlands	Belanda	die Niederlande
Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysien
Austria	Austria	Österreich
Switzerland	Swis	Die Schweiz



# OBERON SPORT

## Junior Boys Netball Report:

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 8 inexperienced yet extremely talented boys ventured to Geelong Sports Hub to compete in the Junior Boys Netball Competition. The boys played with poise, determination, and passion and undoubtedly epitomised 'the Oberon Way' throughout the day.

The boys had two strong wins in their pool games against Northern Bay and Lara, which lead them to finish top of their pool. After managing to win the semi-final against Geelong High, we faced off against a strong Belmont team in the Grand Final.

The Grand Final began in an unusual manner, with the match time being brought forward to stagger presentations. This meant that Billie-Jack had to inhale a potato cake as he walked onto the court, as he has an apparent interest in minimising food waste. After Belmont scored the first goal, Oberon scored 7 answered goals, giving us a 7-1 lead at halftime. In the second half, this lead diminished, and with only 2 minutes to go, the boys lead by a mere goal. At times, the game looked like a tennis match, as both teams got penalised for stepping, however Oberon finished in true style, scoring the final two goals to send them into the next round.

The team comprised of the following students, who all positively contributed to the team's success:

- Morgan Harker-Davies - Goal shooting machine. Excellent elevation and timing throughout the day.
- Isaac Levy - was a workhorse in GA all day. Shot brilliantly and had an excellent connection with Morgan in goals.
- Macka Kattwinkel - WA specialist and the general in the attack end. Loved sealing on the circle and letting his teammates know when he did something good.
- Townes O'Mahony – the engine in the middle. Equally impressive in attack and defence. If we got stuck, we threw the ball high to Townes and he always got it.
- Matthew Gilbert – WD specialist. Denied WA's easy balls and smothered them out of the game.
- Boah Reid – The ultimate team player. Was used as a utility throughout the day. Whether he was played in midcourt or defence, he utilised his athleticism and was an excellent ball winner.
- Aidan O'Mahony – superb defender. Dominated rebounds and made life miserable for opposition goalers. Was also instrumental bringing the ball down in attack.
- Billie-Jack - deceptive in defence and utilised his athleticism brilliantly. Used his game smarts to read the play, and consistently won the ball for his team.
- Sonny Primmer – tragically absent on the day. Skilled midcourter who will be an excellent addition at Western Metro.

Well done boys! Let's work on our footwork before the next round!

## Mary Waldron





## YEAR 10 IMMUNISATION 2023

### YEAR 10 2023 Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation

The Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation for Oberon Year 10 students will be held at school on Monday 28th August, 2023. Barwon Health Immunisation will soon be dropping off consent cards to school and these will be distributed to Year 10 students to take home. **Barwon Health ask that Parents/Guardians complete the card even if you do not wish for your student to have the immunisation.**

If parents have any questions or require further information regarding immunisations please call Barwon Health Immunisation on 42 156972 or visit



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## PARENTS/GUARDIANS PLEASE NOTE CSEF APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY 23RD JUNE, 2023

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### 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.



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## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS FROM PSW - OBERON'S OFFICIAL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Please be aware that significant roadworks are happening in Malop St, Geelong, which is directly affecting access to the area. Part of Malop St is closed to West bound traffic and parking is limited. There is ample access and parking in the streets surrounding.

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Please be aware that PSW will remain open, Tuesday – Saturday, throughout this period.



**PSW**

## YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES 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



## STUDENT FREE DAYS 2023

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

- **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

## 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

## YEAR 11 IMPORTANT DATES 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
- Tuesday 21st November is the last day of school for Year 11 students.**

Please mark these dates in your diary.



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please mark these dates in your diary

### TERM 2

**Week 9**  
**Friday 23rd June**

Last day of Term 2 - students finish at 2.30 pm

### TERM 3

**Week 2**  
**Thursday 20th July**

Senior Years Information Evening - 5 pm - 7 pm

### Week 4

**Monday 31st July**

Staff Professional Learning - **Student Free Day**

### Week 7

**Monday 28th August**

Yr 10 Immunisation - consent cards will be sent home

**Thursday 31st August**

Staff Professional Practice Day - **Student Free Day**

### Week 9

**Friday 15th September**

Last day of Term 3



## Free school holiday clinic

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**Monday 26 June**

10 AM - 1 PM  
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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:  
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[www.hazytales.com](http://www.hazytales.com)



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- GAIN HANDS ON EXPERIENCE IN THE WORKPLACE THROUGH VOLUNTEER AND/OR PLACEMENTS IN INDUSTRIES OF CHOICE
- EXPLORE THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITIES OUT THERE FOR YOU
- DEVELOP HARD AND SOFT SKILLS INCLUDING TRAVEL TRAINING AND RESUME/ COVER LETTER WRITING ETC
- 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
- UNDERSTAND YOUR WORKPLACE STANDARDS, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
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10am - 2pm**

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