

Absence Hotline - 03 4241 8088

Issue 10 - Friday 21st July, 2023

JULY

Tues 18th - Mon 24th Yr 10 Leadership Camp - Mittagundi

Tues 25th - Sat 29th Echuca Blues Song Writing Camp

Thurs 27th Yr 10 Subject Selection Interviews - **No Yr 10 Classes**

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

Tues 1st & Wed 2nd Songmakers Event - Selected students - Surfcoast Secondary College - 8.30 am - 3.30 pm

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

Frid 4th 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

Wed 9th School Council Meeting

Yrs 9, 10 & 11 Public Speaking

German Soccer Camp (emergency date if needed)

Yr 7 Sport - 9 am - 3 pm

Thurs 10th Yr 7 Sport - 9 am - 3 pm

Yr 12 Study Skills - Darren Perreira - 9 am - 10.15 am

Frid 11th Yr 7 & 8 Public Speaking - 9 am - 3.25 am

School Production Bump In - Shenton - 4 - 8 pm

Sat 12th School Production -

Matinee Performance - Shenton - 1 pm

Evening Performance - Shenton - 7.30 pm

Sun 13th Matinee Performance - Shenton - 1 pm

Mon 14th Yr 10 Presentation - Elephant Ed - 9 am - 10 am - time to be confirmed

Thurs 17th Yr 10 Road Safety Program - 9 am - 10 am - time to be confirmed

Frid 18th Yr 11 & 12 Vocational Major and selected students - World Skills Australia Careers and Employment Expo - Melbourne Convention Centre - 9 am - 3.25 pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to welcome everyone back to Term 3 and the second half of the year. I hope that you were all able to have a relaxing mid-year holiday break.

Staffing

There are a number of changes to our staffing from the beginning of Term 3:

- Long term staff member Miss Julie Buso has resigned from the Department of Education/Oberon High School and will be replaced by Mrs Elizabeth Keucke. I would like to acknowledge the work of Miss Buso over her more than 20 years at Oberon High School and close to 35 years of employment with the Department of Education.
- Mrs Anne Fuller remains on leave for Term 3 and is being replaced by Miss Kelsey Ratcliffe.
- Mrs Laura Brockway will not be completing the last six months of her 12-month contract at the school and Mrs Alex Molinari has begun Family Leave.
- The Mathematics classes of Mrs Brockway and Mrs Molinari will be taught by Mrs Sarah Tanis for the remainder of the year.
- Mr Josh Baker remains as acting Principal at Belmont High School for Term 3 and Mrs Priscilla Begg remains as acting Assistant Principal.
- Mrs Julie Barnes returns from Drysdale Primary School and will be working in our Office overseeing accounts receivable.
- Chaplain Russell Stubbings returns from Long Service Leave.
- Mrs Jenny Barnes joins the school as a Vocal and Instrumental Music teacher, a position that was recently advertised.
- Mrs Michelle Nash will be away on leave for the majority of Term 3; while Mrs Nash is away Mrs Jo Anglin will be joining Mrs Lyndie Mathers as Year 10 Manager.

- Mr Aaron Hocking has been employed for the remainder of Term 3 to teach English and Humanities.
- Mr Max Houliston has been appointed as Sport/PE Assistant. Max replaces Miss Chloe Scott who has recently completed her Teaching Degree and will now be seeking work as a teacher.

Subject Selection

The school ran information sessions on Thursday 20th July to provide students and Parents with information for the Senior School Certificates and Year 10 elective subject offerings for the 2024 school year. These sessions which provided an overview of the expectations for students undertaking their Year 10 - 12 classes as well as the various subjects that students may wish to consider studying. The sessions have hopefully equipped students and Parents/Guardians with the information that will allow them to make informed choices. As a follow up to this Information Evening, Year 10 students and their Parents will be involved in the individual counselling sessions with our Careers Team and staff members on Thursday 27th July to finalise their subject selections for the 2024 school year.

NAPLAN Results

On Monday 17th July, NAPLAN results have been released for Year 7 and 9 students that undertook the testing in Term 1. Students and Parents/Guardians will be provided with a copy of the results however these will look significantly different to what may have been received in the past.

Semester One Reports

A reminder to students and Parents/Guardians that the Semester 1 Reports are available for viewing via the XUNO Parent Portal. I encourage students and Parents/Guardians to read these reports carefully and reflect on the feedback that has been provided by the teachers.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING

Rostrum Public Speaking State Final

On Sunday June 18th, we were lucky to have three of our students participate in the Rostrum Public Speaking State Final. Bridey Rookes, Kaitlyn Trueman from Yr 11 and Mikaylah Dietrich from Yr 9 did a fantastic job against the best in Victoria. Students initially delivered speeches on prepared topics such as: 'Unanswered questions', 'What needs to happen' and 'Pulling the strings', they then proceeded to the impromptu round where they had only a few minutes to come up with a speech on an unseen topic. The students involved have all made huge progress with their public speaking skills this year and should be congratulated on their hard work.

If you would like to be involved in public speaking, the Oberon Public Speaking Festival returns again for 2023 in Term 3, sign up via your English teacher.



ICAS COMPETITIONS 2023

We are delighted to inform you that Oberon will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year. Students from Years 7-10 can select to enter an online competition where they answer questions in test conditions. There are multiple subjects to choose from. Each test has an individual cost and allows the student to see their results against other schools and to reward and acknowledge high academic achievement. Tests will be held at school between 7th Aug and 1st of September.

The competition questions are set in modern, real-world scenarios where school students are tested on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. There are 6 available competitions and subjects offered include literacy ([English](#), [Writing](#) and [Spelling Bee- year 7 only](#)) and STEM ([Mathematics](#), [Science](#) and [Digital Technologies](#)).

ICAS recognises every participant with a certificate, and top achievers with a personalised medallion. Over the years the ICAS medal and certificates have held pride of place in the portfolios of millions of students. "ICAS prepares our students for the future because it gives them an opportunity to challenge themselves beyond what they just cover in class and to tackle questions that have a competitive level of rigour and an international standard."

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas):
(<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>)

How to participate in ICAS:

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

- Read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas): ([icasassessments.com/products-icas](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas))
- Read the Terms and Conditions [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf): ([icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf))
- Go to Parent Portal to purchase tests [here](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps): (shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps) enter our school's access code – **ZGH850** enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment. Parent portal will be open for purchase until the 31st July.

OBERON SPORT

Monday 19th of June – WMR Cross Country

Coaches: Tess Ellard and James Claney

Though the sun was shining for all races (after a large shower as we got to the venue) the students braved the cold wind to compete against other schools in the Western Metropolitan Region in Cross Country. We had 16 students compete out of the 23 students who had qualified. All students should be proud of their individual efforts to get to WMR as it is a great achievement. From the day, we had 4 students who individually achieved a result in the top 10 qualifying them for State Cross Country. Additionally, we had our Senior Girls Cross Country team achieve 2nd place and Senior Boys Cross Country team achieving a result of 3rd. To get a team result, a school needs to have had a minimum of 3 students qualify. Every place a student places earns the same number of points (example 13th place gives 13 points, 2nd place gives 2 points). Teams have to earn the smallest amount of points to win. To get two teams to race on the day is a great achievement as they all had to qualify from Geelong Cross Country. To then get on the podium at WMR is again a great achievement that those students should be proud of.



Wednesday 12th of July – Intermediate Boys and Girls Soccer

Coaches: Rob Neal (CRT) and James Claney

Out in the cold wind at Myers Reserve, the Year 9 and 10 boys and girls went out to compete in the Geelong Competition of Soccer. The boys were unfortunate to miss out on a win against Grovedale and played a lot better than the score 2-1 suggested. This prevented them from progressing to the Final even though defeating both Northern Bay and Lara. The girls competed well and enjoyed the day but were also unable to grab the chocolates. All students should be applauded with the sportsmanship they play the game with, which is a great quality we expect from all students who represent the school.



OBERON SPORT cont'd.....

Thursday 13th of July – State Cross Country

Coaches: James Claney

On a foggy day, 4 students went to compete against students from the State of Victoria. All these students are some of the fine female role models we have at Oberon and should be very proud of their efforts. Sophie Gilbert competed in the 15 Year girls age group and achieved 37th; Matilda Sutherland who competed in the 16 Year girls age group achieved 83rd and Harper Bolton and Alannah Fitzgerald competed in the Senior Girls age group achieved 21st and 23rd with only a 0.6 seconds difference between them. They finished in the top 20% of the age group which is a fantastic achievement.



A reminder that Oberon has a running club that any student can participate in if they wish to help improve their running. If students would like further information, they are more than welcome to contact myself for more information.

Term 3 Sport

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

Term 4 Sport

Tuesday 3rd October – WMR Athletics

Thursday 12th October – Intermediate Boys and Girls Cricket, Basketball, Table Tennis

Monday 16th October – State Athletics

Wednesday 18th October – Year 7 Boys and Girls Cricket, Tennis, Boys Baseball, Girls Softball

Monday 23rd October – Year 8 Boys and Girls Cricket, Tennis, Boys Baseball, Girls Softball

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

Mr Claney



OBERON SPORT cont'd.....

Intermediate Girls Netball Report

Coach: Mary Waldron

On Monday the 17th of July, 15 eager girls ventured to Geelong Sports Hub to compete in the Intermediate Girls Netball Competition. The girls played with poise, determination and passion, and undoubtedly epitomised "The Oberon Way" throughout the day.

The Division 1 team had three strong wins in their pool games against Lara, Matthew Flinders, and North Geelong, which led them to finish top of their pool. Being in the larger pool, the girls automatically qualified for the grand final, where they met a strong Western Heights team. Although the score line blew out in the end, the game was played in great spirit and was ultimately more competitive than the score line suggested.

The Division 2 team fought valiantly in two tough pool games against Belmont High and Western Heights. With only seven players on the day, the girls displayed phenomenal endurance and continued to improve throughout the day.

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

Division 1:

- Ella Clapham: strong target in goals. Shot accurately and executed brilliant goaler-to goaler passes with Tayah.
- Tayah Kahle: was a workhorse in GA all day. Shot accurately, and was phenomenal in transition defence.
- Hannah Lloyd: WA specialist. Precise feeds into the circle and a tall release in the midcourt.
- Erin McGuinness: the engine in the middle. Strong leads across the court, superb defensive pressure with a vocal presence on court.
- Meg Grey: utilised across all three midcourt positions. Strong game smarts and excellent decision-making skills.
- Bridgette Allen: WD specialist. Denied WA's easy balls and smothered them out of the game.
- Zali Stiles: outstanding in GD all day. Got numerous intercepts throughout the day and was strong bringing the ball out of defence.
- Matilda Sutherland: deceptive and athletic defender who formed a strong partnership with Zali in the circle. Gained numerous intercepts, rebounds and deflections throughout the day.

Division 2:

- Evelyn Mountjoy: creative goaler who spaced brilliantly and shot with accuracy.
- Lilli Campbell: brilliant goaler who hit numerous clutch shots throughout the day.
- Isabella Stephenson: the general in the attack end. Utilised her speed effectively in WA.
- Charli Klemke: the ultimate team player. Displayed leadership in C and was equally impressive in attack and defence.
- Rosa Atkins: the unsung hero. Consistently made life hard for opposition WA's.
- Isla Hassett: outstanding in GD all day. Always an option in attack, and was a menace in defence.
- Poppy McGrath: deceptive defender with excellent elevation who consistently won ball for her team.

Well done to all students who participated.



WRITER'S GROUP YOU YANGS VISIT

On June 22nd, Writers' Group visited the magnificent You Yangs to take part in an immersive writing workshop. The group initially walked through the bush, pausing at trees, waterholes and 'sound stops' to gather ideas for their writing; each location spoke to students of mysterious secrets, hidden visitors and the distant past. We finally made it to the top of Big Rock where, despite the freezing wind, a piece of creative writing was produced. Thanks to Mr Hallam for driving the bus.

If you'd like to join Writers' Group, we meet every second Friday in D13, new writers are always welcome!

Mr Stirling



OBERON UNIFORM UPDATE

At a recent School Council Meeting, it was decided that the Oberon High School blue tracksuit pants will now be included as part of the Oberon High School uniform. Students may choose any option from the uniform list (see flyer), including black polishable shoes. Please note that wide leg Dickies pants or any other tracksuit pant are not a part of our uniform.

Oberon High School Shape Your Future - Go One Better

UNIFORM

Uniform should be worn appropriately. This includes:

- Shorts and pants unrolled
- Kilts - appropriate length



Short Sleeve Polo



Rugby Top



Long Sleeve Polo

All clothing worn must be the Oberon High School uniform.

NO:

- Hoodies
- Long-sleeved t-shirts under Uniform
- External branded jackets



Grey Shorts



Blue School Dress



Shell Jacket - Oberon Logo



Grey Trousers



Puffer Jacket Embroidered with Oberon Logo



White Shirt - long sleeve



White Shirt - short sleeve



Pleated Skirt



Track Pants



Hijab - Navy or White

SPORTS/PE UNIFORM

You must get changed before and after PE into your sports uniform. **Do not wear PE uniform to school.**



When representing Oberon at sports days, full sports uniform must be worn.

ACCESSORIES



No hats inside - leave them in your locker

Black or white socks only

Black polishable shoes. **No boots**



Solid black, lace up polishable shoes



Solid buckle up polishable shoes

If you are out of uniform you must bring a note and get a uniform pass

Passes are available at the office at the beginning of the day

UN Model German Conference

On Tuesday 18th July the Year 11 German class together with Frau Ray and Herr Skelic travelled to Melbourne to take part in the UN Model German Conference. The topic was "Planet Ocean - Protecting the World's Oceans, Seas and Marine Resources".

Oberon represented 2 countries:

Mauritius – Charlotte Nash, Eva Gee, Monique Thompson, Bridey Rookes, Riley Jordan, Luca Brennecke and Norwin Moerer.

Germany – Willow Thyer, Harper Bolton, Olivia Gober and Judith Jendrezok.

All students participated extremely well and should be proud of both their public speaking skills and their involvement in a day totally immersed in German. Oberon students once again stood out amongst a student group of predominantly Private School students.



LANGUAGES cont'd.....

LANGUAGES CORNER		
The House	Rumah	das Haus
Bedroom	Kamar tidur	das Schlafzimmer
Bathroom	Kamar mandi	das Badezimmer
Laundry	Kamar cuci	die Waschküche
Sitting Room	Kamar duduk	das Wohnzimmer
Dining room	Kamar makan	das Esszimmer
Kitchen	Dapur	die Küche
Guest room	Kamar tamu	das Gästezimmer
Study	Kamar belajar	das Studierzimmer
Toilet	Kamar kecil/W.C.	die Toilette/das WC
Garden	Kebun	der Garten
Garage	Garasi	die Garage

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 have now implemented an online consent system; the link to the information and consent form was emailed to Year 10 Parents/Guardians last week. Following is the link included in the email from Barwon Health Immunisation: <https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au/PrivacyCollection/?id=e0dd4acb-de13-ee11-9cbd-000d3ae1a97a&Year10>

If you are having difficulty filling in the online consent please follow the steps below:

If you are not already using a modern browser, please use Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Apple Safari. Internet Explorer is not supported.

If you experience any issues please call Barwon health on 42156967 or email immune@barwonhealth.org.au. For translating and interpreting services, call 131 450.

Barwon Health ask that Parents/Guardians complete the consent form even if you do not wish for your student to have the immunisation. Hard copies of consent forms are available from the Oberon Office and can also be emailed to Parents/Guardians upon request.

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

immune@barwonhealth.org.au



STUDENT FREE DAY

A reminder to Parents/Guardians that the following date has been approved as a **STUDENT FREE DAY** for STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

MONDAY 31ST JULY

Please note that on this day there will be limited staff available to assist with enquiries in the General Office due to all office staff taking part in the Professional Learning.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Please mark these dates in your diary

TERM 3

Week 3

Thursday 27th July - 8.30 am - 6 pm

Yr 10 Subject Selection Interviews - No Yr 10 classes

Week 4

Monday 31st July

Staff Professional Learning - **Student Free Day**

Week 7

Monday 28th August

Yr 10 Immunisation - consent forms emailed to parents

Thursday 31st August

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

Week 9

Friday 15th September

Last day of Term 3



SCHOOL PRODUCTION

'LITTLE STARS'



Excitement is building at Oberon with only three weeks to go before our 2023 Musical Production, 'Little Stars'

The cast, crew and band are all ready to entertain you with memorable performances and toe tapping tunes.

The performances will be held at Shenton Theatre Performing Arts Centre Cnr Ryrie St and Garden St

Tickets are now on sale through the following link or scan the QR code:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJHVP>



Performance Dates and times:

- Saturday 12th August 1 pm and 7.30pm
- Sunday 13th August 1pm

Adult \$15, Child/Concession \$10, Family of 4 \$45



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 - Berry Street

Please mark these dates in your diary



2023 SCHOOL TERMS

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.

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.



YOUTH



AFTER SCHOOL CHILLER

Want somewhere to hang after school with your mates? Come and use our game consoles, play board games, get creative with drawing and colouring or just...chill!

No bookings required.

Ages 12+

Every Friday
Starting 28th July 2023
4.00pm to 5.15pm
Waurm Ponds Library



Nothing over \$1

Join us at our monthly book sale.

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

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

Friday 4th August
and
Saturday 5th August
10am - 2pm

Uniting

grlc.vic.gov.au

All events are FREE unless otherwise specified.
Online grlc.vic.gov.au
In person at any branch, or phone 03 4201 0500

STUDENT ABSENCES

A reminder to all parents of the importance of phoning in absences early in the morning of your child's absence.

For your convenience you can leave a message on our absence line number 4241 8088

Our SMS system will send a message out each day just before Period 3 (at approximately 11.05 am) to those parents whose child is absent from any class without notification.

LATE PASSES

If your child arrives late to school they must first report to the student end of the Office with a note signed by a Parent or Guardian or they can state that a parent has phoned the school.

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment please ensure that you send a signed note with them to show the class teacher and then they must report to the General Office with their note. If no note is provided the office staff will check if a parent has phoned the school.

If you have an unexpected reason for your child to leave school early please phone the school on 5241 8000 as early as possible to allow plenty of time to locate your child in their timetabled class to have them at the office ready when you arrive.

If your child arrives late to school they must first report to the student end of the Office with a note signed by a Parent or Guardian or they can state that a parent has phoned the school.

EARLY LEAVE PASSES

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment please ensure that you send a signed note with them to show the class teacher and then they must report to the General Office with their note. If no note is provided the office staff will check if a parent has phoned the school.

If you have an unexpected reason for your child to leave school early please phone the school on 5241 8000 as early as possible to allow plenty of time to locate your child in their timetabled class to have them at the office ready when you arrive.

Thank you for your assistance.

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.



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

ARMSTRONG CREEK CRICKET CLUB

BE PART OF THE TEAM!



WOMENS CRICKET COME AND TRY DAY

NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT NEEDED

**COME ALONG AND ENJOY BEING PART OF A TEAM,
BUILDING NEW SKILLS & GETTING INVOLVED IN THE
LOCAL COMMUNITY**

SUNDAY JULY 16TH & 23RD - 10:30 - 12:30

AIM HIRE RESERVE

73 CENTRAL BLVD, ARMSTRONG CREEK

MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT TROY 0467 548 228



Aged 7-22? Do you play violin, viola, cello or double bass?

Any week is Come & Try Week at Bay City Strings.

Bay City Strings has been the home for Geelong's young strings players for more than 30 years. We nurture and inspire young musicians to reach their full potential in a fun and friendly environment.

Would you like to join Bay City Strings? You can join at any time.

We rehearse at St Joseph's College from 4.30-6.00pm each Friday during term with a snack-break mid-way and we are looking for string players of all abilities.

We perform a concert at the end of each term.



AMEB grades are a guide to our levels:

Our ensembles cover Preliminary to Grade 2, Grades 3 to 5, and Grades 6+.

A late starter? Don't think you will be the little ones - students are placed in ensembles with consideration to social age as well as musical level and the music is adjusted to suit your level.

Cost: \$165 each term, discount available for families

Any questions, please contact Rachel Anderson 0400 642 328
or email bcnews@outlook.com

STUDENT MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Could all Parents/Guardians/Carers please 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS - SICK BAY

If your son or daughter becomes unwell at school they must ask their teacher to give them a note and come straight to the Office to be signed into Sick Bay.

If the student is too unwell to remain at school a staff member in the office will then telephone a Parent/Guardian.

Please remind your son or daughter that Sick Bay is a place for sick students to rest before being picked up by a parent or to rest for 15 minutes before returning to class. It is not a place for extended stays.

It is vitally important for parents to provide up-to-date contact numbers and emergency numbers in case of illness or emergency.

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



Please remind your son/daughter to come to the office if unwell and not to telephone or message parents themselves.

