# Oberon High School



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## **Absence Hotline - 03 4241 8088**

## Issue 6 - Friday 10th May, 2024

<u>MAY</u>

Mon 13th

General Assembly - Gymnasium Intermediate Boys & Girls Football - 9 am - 3 pm Tues 14th

Yr 9 VCD Laser Make Excursion - Geelong Tech

School - 9 am - 3 pm

Yr 8 Enhancement Students - Social Innovators Program - Armstrong Creek Hub - 9 am - 3 pm Yr 10 Students - Life Changer Mentor Training - Oberon Gym - 9 am - 10.40 Thurs 16th

Yr 12 Gap Year Opportunity information Session - 12.50 - 1.35 pm Yr 8 Boys & Girls Football and Netball and

Tues 21st Yr 7 Boys & Girls Soccer 9 am - 3 pm

Thurs 23rd Yr 7 Boys & Girls Football and Netball and Yr 8

Boys & Girls Soccer - 9 am - 3 pm

Yr 10 Extension English Macbeth Performance -Period 1 & 2

Frid 24th World's Greatest Shave - 9 am - 3 pm

Frid 24th UN Model Conference - Yr 10 English Ex-students - Geelong High School - 9 am - 3.30 pm

Mon 27th Geelong Cross Country - 9 am - 3 pm Tues 28th Yr 9 Digital Systems Game Design Excursion Geelong Tech School - 9 am - 3 pm

Yr 10 (Selected Students) - Life Changer Opt in

Mentor Follow Up - 9 am - 10.40 am Wed 29th Yr 11 OED Rock Climbing Excursion

- 11 am - 1.20 pm

<u>JUNE</u>

Wed 5th

Mon 3rd - Thurs 6th Yr 11 Exams - E Block

**Tues 4th** Boys Netball - Yrs 7 & 8

Yrs 9 & 10 - 9 am - 3 pm Yr 7 & 8 Girls AFL - 9 am - 3 pm Yr 10 Forensic Science Excursion

Yr 10 OED Rock Climbing Excursion 9 - 10.40 am

Yr 10 OED Rock Climbing Excursion 1 - 3 pm

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Staffing

Since the last Newsletter there have been some further confirmed changes to our staffing for Term 2. pleased to announce that:

- Mr Brad Clough has been appointed as Acting Assistant Principal
- Brendan Wright has been appointed as Acting Learning Specialist - Disability Inclusion
- Mrs Renae Carmichael will be joining us teaching **English and Humanities**

#### **German Trip**

Welcome back to our staff and students who spent 4 weeks in Germany as part of the cultural immersion program. From speaking with staff and students they all had a wonderful time. It is great that learning experiences such as the international trips are once again available to our students following their hibernation during the COVID years.

#### Staff Professional Learning Day

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, all staff members participated in a day of professional learning which was organised by the school Professional Learning team. The focus of the day was the Berry Street Educational Model training. This was the third of our four days of training, with the final day of the training in early term three.

#### **School Uniform**

A reminder to parents that all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times. With the weather starting to be a lot colder in the morning it is important that students have an appropriate Oberon High School top to wear to keep them warm. 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 is labelled with your family name, so that this can be returned if found at school.

#### Student Attitude to School Surveys

In the upcoming weeks the school will be conducting the annual 'Attitudes to School Survey' for students from Years 7 to 12 which is overseen by the Department of Education & Training (DET). The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the 'Attitudes to School Survey' will be conducted at our school over the next month.

#### Student Absences

It is important for students to maximise their learning and engagement and maintain their social connections with their peers so that they are attending school on a regular basis. We are often hearing from parents that students are late to school or not attending school due to sleep deprivation. Research has shown that a consistent routine at home and also minimising the use of electronic devices prior to going to bed will maximise the sleep that young people require.

#### **School Saving Bonus**

You may have seen the recent announcement of the School Saving Bonus, as part of the Victorian Budget 2024/25. We will be sharing more information about how families will be able to access and use this support. This one-off support will include \$400 for each eligible student to help families cover the costs of school uniforms and activities in 2025. It will be available to parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian Government School in 2025. Cash will not be paid directly to individuals or families. Instead, families will receive the bonus as credits on their school accounts that will help meet the costs of your children's activities and uniforms.

Tim McMahon

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### **MUSIC NEWS**

I am proud to share that two of our VCE music bands recently participated in a showcase of contemporary music ensembles alongside peers from school including Iona College, Kardinia International College, and Geelong Grammar. Our students predominantly performed original songs, showcasing their high level of musical skill and professionalism. Their performances were extremely well-received, and they represented our school admirably. Congratulations to our students for their fantastic representation! (Students: Hazel Burgess, Asher Grant, Archer Phillips, Oskar Gustafsson, Abbey Waites, Tye Lang, Ash May and Lachlan Carter-Rijnders).

If you are interested in seeing these bands and more wonderful VCE musicians, we are performing at The Barwon Club Hotel on Tuesday May 14 from 7 pm. All ages are welcome (accompanied by Parents) and entry is free.

We hope to see you there!

**Renae Barnett** 





# Friday 24th May

BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION!

BARBEQUES, CREAM PIE THROW! AND MORE



**Leukaemia Foundation** 

World's
Greatest
Shave



TO SHAVE YOUR HEAD, COLLECT A PERMISSION FORM FROM MRS GILL IN THE PE OFFICE

### **ANZAC DAY SERVICE - SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE**

School captains, Daisy Finley, Archie Phillips, Hazel Burgess and I, accompanied by Mr Freeman, attended Legacy's annual Anzac Commemoration Ceremony for schools, held on the 19<sup>th of</sup> April at the Shrine of Remembrance. We caught the bus from Marshall Station at 7.30 a.m. for a 10.45 a.m. arrival at the service.

It was a beautiful sunny day at the Shrine of Remembrance. Row upon row of white plastic chairs were lined up perfectly, and the eternal flame was burning, releasing a subtle feeling of warmth as we walked past. There were thousands of students from countless schools. It was an absolute privilege to be invited to such a prestigious event which honours our brave service men and women.

The service was really special, and we were fortunate enough to have the Governor of Victoria in attendance, the honourable Margaret Gardner AC. There were also other dignitaries, Defence Force cadets, a choir from Melbourne High School, and a RAAF fly-over. Poems were read, the *Last Post* sounded, and the national anthem was sung. A highlight of the service was a Year 7 student reading his award-winning speech, about the importance of remembering, which was captivating and inspiring.

Towards the end of the service, Daisy and I were selected to lay a wreath on behalf of the school. We lined up amongst other school students, and proudly laid our wreath outside of the eternal flame. This was a special moment; one we will remember for years to come.

Thanks to Legacy Australia for inviting us to such an important event, the school for providing the most beautiful wreath to lay, and Mr Freeman for supporting us.

An amazing day was had by all!

Emma Pape (Year 12)



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - HARPER BOLTON YEAR 12

Congratulations to Harper Bolton (Year 12) who has been selected to represent Australia at the World Triathlon Age-Group Championships to be held in Spain in October this year. The 'sprint' triathlon event involves a 750m swim, 20km ride and a 5km run. Competing in multiple events (15-19 years age group) around Melbourne, Harper's successes have elevated her to be selected in the national team. Well done.

Harper has established a 'Go Fund Me' page to support her endeavours:

I am so excited for this opportunity. I am trying to raise some money, so I can balance my study, training and working. Any contributions are highly appreciated ©

https://gofund.me/e906b0c7 Scan to donate







## **LANGUAGES NEWS**

#### **Postcard 2 from Germany**

The final week of our exchange trip was action packed. On the last Saturday we travelled by train to Frankfurt to see the historic city and to shop. Then on the next Monday we travelled by bus to Berlin for 3 days. The youth hostel A&O in Friedrichshain was well situated in the old East section, close to the Berlin Wall gallery and the underground train. On Monday afternoon we visited the wall gallery and shopped! On Tuesday we went to the Reichstag (Parliament Building) for a tour, a speech by a parliamentarian and a free meal in the politicians' canteen. Then we visited the DDR Museum (East German museum), saw many famous buildings in the city, then travelled to Potsdamer Platz for a "Blue Man Group" show. On Wednesday we travelled to Potsdam and toured the famous Sansoucci castle. Then it was back on the Autobahn to Marburg. The last two days we attended school, then on Friday evening we hosted an "Australian Evening" for all of our host families and teachers. All students had to speak in German to some slides about Australia. Then on Saturday it was off to Frankfurt Flughafen for our long trip home via Bangkok. We finally arrived in Geelong late on the Sunday night!

All 23 students along with Frau Ray and Mr Fil had a wonderful time and now look forward to the German group arriving in September!













## LANGUAGES NEWS cont'd.....









## **Education Perfect Global Languages Championships**

This competition started on Tuesday and will run until 10am on Tuesday 14 May. Hopefully all students will login and try to gain at least 500 points to receive a Credit Certificate.

We will be trying to go even better than last year – we placed  $35^{\text{th}}$  in the World!

LANGUAGES CORNER		
Welcome / Selamat Datang / Willkommen / to colours this week!		
	INDONESIAN	GERMAN
red	merah	rot
yellow	kuning	gelb
green	hijau	grün
blue	biru	blau
black	hitam	schwarz
white	putih	weiß
pink	merah muda	rosa
purple	ungu	lila
orange	jingga	orange
grey	abu-abu	grau
brown	cokelat	braun

### **YEAR 12 VM MOTHERS DAY STALL**

Our Year 12 Vocational Major students ran a Mothers Day stall during lunchtime on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Students have been studying how language is used for promotion as part of their Unit 4 VCE VM Literacy studies, and this Term embarked on a process of market research, product research, packaging and pricing, and completed a range of marketing materials to promote the event. The day was a roaring success, with so many Oberon students and staff turning up to grab some goodies for their mums that we had sold out in barely 20 minutes! VM students enjoyed the practical application of the skills we have been learning about in class, and should be commended for their great work on the day. Some of their highlights are included below.

**Caitlin:** We did a whole bunch of market research beforehand to figure out what our audience would prefer – I thought this was quite enjoyable.

**Dakota:** It was exciting to see how quickly our products sold out, and how popular they were for students. I really enjoyed participating in the stall and learnt heaps from the experience.

**Alana:** I really enjoyed researching products and finding things that Oberon students would love.

#### Ms O'Shea and Year 12 VM









## **BARWON ATHLETICS**

The recent Barwon Athletics event was a resounding success for Oberon High School, with our athletes demonstrating exceptional skill, sportsmanship, and team work throughout the day. Oberon proudly clinched 2nd place overall, with our Boys' team achieving 1st place in the aggregate category. It was a testament to the dedication and determination of our athletes. What truly stood out, however, was the exemplary sportsmanship displayed by our students. Their commitment to fair play and respect for fellow competitors was commendable and reflected the values we strive to instill at Oberon. Furthermore, our students exhibited incredible teamwork by readily filling gaps in events where Oberon needed additional competitors. With over 70 competitors participating throughout the day, it was truly inspiring to witness the unity and camaraderie within the Oberon Athletics team.

Congratulations to all our athletes for their outstanding performance and for upholding the spirit of Oberon School with pride and integrity, and we wish the best of luck to all our students competing in the next round.







#### Josh King























# **BARWON ATHLETICS cont'd.....**



























#### **STATE DIVING**

#### **Coaches: James Claney and Conor McKinnon**

It was an early start for the squad of 12 divers, at a fresh 5:30am the bus exited Oberon High School with excited but sleepy students thinking about a day of tucks and flips. Getting through the large amount of Melbourne traffic, the team got their chairs ready for a long day. For those group of students who had not done diving before, they started the day with an early 8:10am diving session. This session was ran by some of the leading state diving coaches with some of our students lucky to get a previous Olympic diving coach. Once the students got their practice diving session in, it was time to compete. Students did multiple dives against a large number of students from a range of different regions in order to qualify for the State competition later that day. 11 students qualified for state with First place being achieved by Ollie, Matthew and Boah; Second place being achieved by Taryn, Ty, Madeline and Hessam; Third place being achieved by Ruby and Isla in their respective age groups. At the state competition, students tried their all and achieved some great results. Congratulations to Boah on achieving third at state. Out of these 12 students, 5 had never competed before and none of these students do diving competitions regularly.

For these students to achieve what they have is wonderful and I know they enjoyed this wonderful experience. Well done and can not wait to see how you go again next year.





#### **James Claney**













### **YEAR 10 IMMUNISATION**

Immunisations for Year 10 students will be held at School on **Thursday 6th June**, **2024**. The session will be run by Barwon Health Immunisation staff. The scheduled Vaccine being administered to Year 10 students on this day is:

• NIMENRIX (Meningococcal ACWY)

Permission forms have been sent electronically to all Year 10 Parents/Guardians. For those who prefer, some hard copy permission cards are available from the Oberon High School Office upon request and forms can also be emailed to parents.

Parents/Guardians are asked to return completed permission forms via email to Barwon Health Immunisation even if you have ticked no and do not wish for your student to receive the vaccination at school on Thursday 6th June.

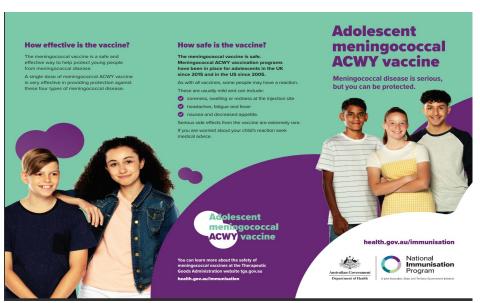
Following is the link to the Australian Government Meningococcal resource page:

https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/meningococcal?language=en

Also following are some information videos available which help to explain why this vaccine is given to our Year 10 students:

https://youtu.be/gNZDxVLYIbM https://youtu.be/5ZEqVqUL0kA

If you require more information or would rather this vaccine, be given outside of the school setting, please contact Barwon Health immunisation directly on 4215 4444 or your GP.





## **OBERON TECHNOLOGY**

#### A Glimpse into Technology at Oberon High School - Term 2, 2024

Enjoy these photos of students in Years 7-12 in Technology classes this term.

#### **Year 7 Fibre**

Work in progress on Enviro Bags with applique designs











## **Year 8 Systems Technology**

**Systems News** - This week Year 8 Systems classes visited the Geelong Tech School. Student's participated in the "Cad it program" where they learnt about current design and tooling software. They developed understanding and practice in modelling in 3D, creating a chess piece to gain skills to then model a part of their own design. Students discovered 3D printing and "slicer" software to process models for 3D printing on Pursa FDM printers. The Facility allows a focused program for students to immerse their attention in a day long intensive program that upskills students for future applications.

The days were thoroughly enjoyed by all!



# OBERON TECHNOLOGY cont'd......

## **Year 9 Woodwork - Making Coffee Tables**







# Year 10 Woodwork

Making Bedside Tables







# **OBERON TECHNOLOGY cont'd.....**

## **Year 9 Food Technology**

Dishes include Katsudon, Apple & Raspberry Pies and Thai Green Curry





















### STUDENT FREE DAY

An important notice to Parents/Guardians



Monday 10th June, 2024 is the King's Birthday **Public Holiday.** 



School will be closed on this day.

Please mark this date in your diary

### YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES 2024

- General Achievement Test (GAT) Tuesday 18th June 2024 - 9 am - 3 pm
- Unit 3 & 4 Performance and Languages Oral **Examinations**

Monday 7th October - Sunday 3rd November, 2024

- Last day of Year 12 Classes Monday 21st October
- **Year 12 Celebration Day** Tuesday 22nd October
- **Unit 3 & 4 Written Examinations** Tuesday 29th October -Wednesday

20th November, 2024

**Year 12 Valedictory Dinner** Monday 25th November - 6 pm - 11 pm -<u>Please note this is a new date</u> Further details to be advised



**Year 12 Results Released** 

#### 2024 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 2 15th April - 28th June Term 3 15th July - 20th September **Term 4** 7th October - 20th December



### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**Term 1 Holidays** 

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April Friday 29th March - Good Friday - holiday

**Term 2 Holidays** 

Monday 1st July - Friday 12th July

**Term 3 Holidays** 

Monday 23rd September - Friday 4th October

#### **LOST PROPERTY**

A reminder to parents of the importance of ensuring that all of your son/daughter's belongings are clearly named for the start of the school year. This assists us to return lost items to their correct owner.

If your child loses any belongings please ask them to check the lost property cupboard which is located near the internal student entrance in the Library. This cupboard has clearly labelled sections for students to check for items themselves.

Un-named uniform items that have not been claimed after a long period of time will be donated to students in need.

## **YEAR 11 IMPORTANT DATES 2024**

**Year 11 Exams** Monday 3rd June - Thursday 6th June - 9 am - 3 pm - E Block



Year 11 Formal Wednesday 20th November, 2024 - 6 pm - 11 pm Further details to be advised

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER -**

## TERM 2

#### Week 8

#### **Thursday 6th June**

Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation - 9 am - 11 am - Information and online consent system for Parents/Guardians will be provided by Barwon Health Immunisation.

Friday 7th June

REPORT WRITING DAY - STUDENT FREE DAY

Week 9

**Monday 10th June** 

KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Week 11

Friday 28th June

**LAST DAY OF TERM 2** 

Term 2 Holidays - Monday 1st July - Friday 12th July.

#### TERM 3

Term 3 commences on Monday 15th July

Week 1 Thursday 18th July

VCE Information Night - 5 pm - 7 pm



#### STUDENT FREE DAYS 2024

The following days have been approved by the Oberon High School - School Council as **student free** for 2024:

- Friday 7th June
- Report Writing Day
- **Monday 29th July**
- Staff Berry Street Training Day
- Thursday 29th August -
- Staff Professional Practice Day
- Friday 1st November Staff Professional

Please mark these dates in your diary.

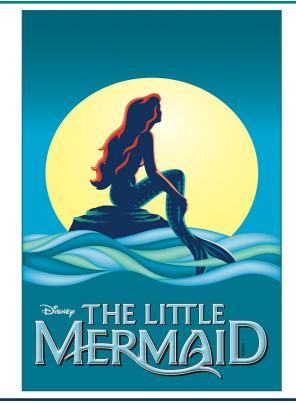


### **AEU 'FOR EVERY CHILD' CAMPAIGN**

The Australian Education Union (AEU) launched their 'For Every Child' campaign this week, supported by Oberon High School AEU members. The campaign aims to put pressure on governments to fully fund our public schools. Specifically, they're calling on the State and Federal Governments to sign new bilateral agreements in the next year that will see public schools resourced at a minimum of 100% of the schooling resource standard (SRS). At the moment, 98% of our country's public schools are resourced below the SRS.

If you'd like to get involved and support our fantastic public school system, head to the For Every Child website at <u>foreverychild.au</u> or follow them on Instagram at <u>@foreverychildau</u>.





Two Oberon students are performing in the forthcoming GSODA Junior Players Production of THE LITTLE MERMAID

'Chookas' to: Emily Brennan - Yr 12 Thomas Sutherland - Yr 11

GEELONG ART CENTRE—THE PLAY HOUSE 50 LITTLE MALOP STREET - GEELONG SESSION TIMES

Saturday 22nd June 2024 - 2.00 pm Saturday 22nd June 2024 - 7.30 pm Friday 28th June 2024 - 7.30 pm Saturday 29th June 2024 - 5.00 pm

Visit Geelong Arts Centre website or contact the Box Office - 1300 251 200

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS - SICK BAY**

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

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

Please remind your son or daughter that Sick Bay is a place for sick or injured students to rest and receive first aid 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. If your student is in Sick Bay with a medical issue that may worsen or require further investigation or observation, eg possible concussion or breathing difficulties it is especially important for parents to pick up your student as soon as possible as our Sick Bay staff are unable to provide the ongoing medical care and observation that may be required. It is not advisable for students with conditions that may worsen to return to class.

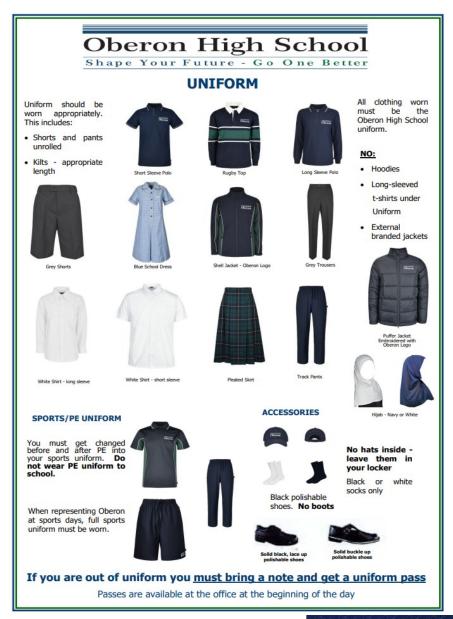
Please remember that if your child is sick the best place for them to recover is at home.



## **UNIFORM REMINDERS**

A reminder to all families about our uniform expectations. All students are required to present to school each day in correct uniform. Our official uniform supplier is PSW - please see their contact details below. Also below are the contact details for Second Hand School Supplies who sometimes stock our uniform. If you experience any difficulties with accessing the correct uniform please contact your student's relevant Year Level Manager who will assist you.

Thank you for your support



### **SECONDHAND SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

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