

AUGUST

Mon 12th Yr 8 Basketball, Volleyball and Table Tennis - 9 am - 3 pm
Yr 8 VCD.D Excursion - Geelong Tech - 9 am - 3.30 pm

Mon 12th - Frid 16th Yr 7 & 8 Science Week

Tues 13th Yr 9 VCD.3 Excursion - Geelong Tech - 9 am - 3.30 pm

Wed 14th Yr 8 VCD.A Excursion - Geelong Tech School - 9 am - 3 pm
School Council Meeting

Thurs 15th Yr 7 Sport - Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis - 9 am - 3 pm
Yrs 9, 10 & 11 Public Speaking Festival - 9 am - 3 pm

Frid 16th Yr 12 Study Skills - Darren Perreira Periods 3 & 4
Yrs 7 & 8 Public Speaking Festival at school - 9 am - 3 pm
Yr 12 Numeracy - TAC Driver Safety Excursion to Melbourne Museum - 9 am - 3.25 pm

Mon 19th Yr 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews - 4 pm - 7 pm

Tues 20th Yr 9 VCD.2 Excursion - Geelong Tech - 1 pm - 2 pm

Thurs 22nd Yr 8 - Whole Year Level Special Event - Lifechanger Awaken the Hero - 4 classes P1 & 2
4 classes P3 & 4 - Rooms E1, E2, E3 & E4
Yr 7 Immunisation - 9 am - 12 midday
School Production - "You're History" - Matinee Session 1 pm, Evening Session 7.30 pm.

Sat 24th School Production - "You're History" - 1 & 7.30 pm
Session 1 pm Tickets available in early Term 3 from www.trybooking.com.
See session details in this Newsletter

Sun 25th Yr 8 VCD.B - Game Design Excursion - Geelong Tech School - 9 am - 3.25 pm
Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Excursion - You Yangs - 8.45 am - 1 pm
Yr 10 Outdoor Ed - Indoor Rock Climbing Excursion - The Rock - 1.40 - 3.25 pm

Mon 26th Yr 8 VCD.B - Game Design Excursion - Geelong Tech School - 9 am - 3.25 pm

Wed 28th Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Excursion - You Yangs - 8.45 am - 1 pm
Yr 10 Outdoor Ed - Indoor Rock Climbing Excursion - The Rock - 1.40 - 3.25 pm

Thurs 29th **Staff Professional Practice Day - STUDENT FREE DAY**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 3 has started really well at Oberon. With the change in Semester, students have been embracing their new Electives and settling into their core classes very well. The Year 12 students are charging towards the finish line and while there is still a fair way to go, the end will be here sooner than they think. As usual there is plenty happening, and plenty to be proud of.

NAPLAN Results

Year 7 and 9 students and Parents/Guardians should now have received a copy of their NAPLAN results. If you haven't received these, please contact the school.

I am pleased to report that reporting indicates that a greater percentage of our students are achieving the 'exceeding and strong proficiency' ratings in most of the literacy indicators of reading, writing and grammar as well as the numeracy indicator at Year 9 in comparison to similar schools and network schools. Our Year 7 results for students achieving the 'exceeding and strong proficiency' ratings are lower than similar schools but similar to network schools across most indicators.

Premiers Award

On Wednesday July 17, I had the privilege of attending the Premier's VCE awards. I was in attendance because Sid Shrivastava was receiving a "Top All-Round VCE High Achievers" Award. Sid was one of only 23 students who achieved this highly prestigious honour for his multiple extremely high study scores in his subjects. As usual Sid was very proud and very humble.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

It has been a very busy start to the Term for students accessing extra-curricular opportunities. Year 10 leadership students attended the Mittagundi Camp for a week and another group of students attended the Echuca Blues Festival in week 2. The Oberon High Public Speaking Festival began on Monday 35th of August with some great speeches from our senior students. The festival will roll on for a few weeks. Interschool sport has been widely accessed with students participating in a range of individual and team sports.

There are also a number of other extra-curricular opportunities that are coming up over the next couple of weeks including:

- The school production 'You're History' with two shows taking place on Saturday 24th and an additional show on Sunday 25th August. The students in the cast and the band have put a lot of time and effort into rehearsing for this production and have been supported brilliantly by dedicated staff members. It would be great if the school community could support them by attending. Tickets can be purchased through Trybooking via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CUCLU>

Staff Professional Learning

The staff undertook a whole day of Professional Learning on Monday 29th of July. The focus of the day's training was the final module of the Berry Street Education Model. This brings to a close our sessions with the Berry Street organisation and Oberon staff will now begin the task of implementing our trauma informed practices over the next 2 years as part of the school's commitment to engagement and wellbeing.

Planning for 2025

The school has begun its planning for the 2025 school year. Over the upcoming weeks we will be asking students about their intentions for next year in terms of returning to school. If you are aware that your son/daughter is not going to be returning to Oberon High in 2025 can you contact the school to let us know.

Subject Selection Counselling

It was great that so many of our Year 10 students and their parents were involved in the 2025 Senior Certificates Course counselling sessions on Tuesday 30th July. This day allowed students and their Parents/Guardians to be fully informed regarding the subject choices they are making in relation to the Senior Certificates for 2025 and also the future pathways that are available to them.

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

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement.

A random sample of approximately 35 per cent of parents / caregivers / guardians has been selected to participate in this year's survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 5 August to Friday August 30 2024.

Josh McDonald

OBERON HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS 2024 SCHOOL PRODUCTION

'YOU'RE HISTORY!'

When a nerdy teenager turns a portable classroom into a time machine, a mischievous detention class is sent hurtling back through history! The time warped team discover vicious Vikings, pilates-practicing Pirates, disco-happy Gladiators, a rapping Romeo and Juliet and the infamous Oedipus on Jerry Springer.

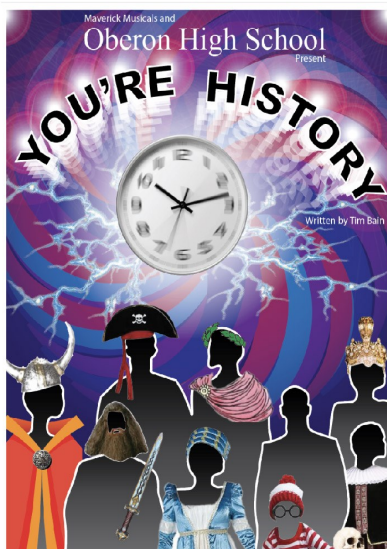
Drawing a parallel between hierarchical history and the modern schoolyard, *You're History!* is a rollicking musical that will have actors totally rapt and their audience in stitches.

With only 8 weeks left to go 60 cast, band and backstage crew members have been busy rehearsing lines, learning songs, learning musical scores, choosing costumes, finding props, moving sets, learning dance routines but most importantly having an absolute blast!

Congratulations to all students who landed a role in this year's production. Your hard work, dedication and amazing talent is much appreciated and it's shaping up to be a great performance!

We can't wait for you to see it!

PLEASE NOTE UPDATED SESSION TIMES BELOW



2024 SCHOOL PRODUCTION

YOU'RE HISTORY!

a rollicking musical
wonderful characters

hilarious historical mayhem

a great story with sensational songs

VENUE: Shenton Theatre, East Geelong

DATES: Saturday 24th August, 1pm & 7.30pm

and Sunday 25th August, 1pm

Tickets available in early Term 3
from www.trybooking.com

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

CAREERS EXPO AT OBERON HIGH SCHOOL

Last Thursday Year 11 and 12 students as well as the Year 10 VM class visited our first Careers Expo in the Gymnasium.

Representatives from several Universities, The Gordon as well as G-Force and West Vic were in attendance, providing students with information about courses, campuses and pathways.

We hope many students take up the opportunity to visit the Universities and Colleges for their Open Days this month.



INTERMEDIATE GIRLS HOCKEY

Intermediate Girls Hockey Wednesday 24th July

In the greatest sport of all, 13 Year 8, 9 and 10 students represented Oberon in hockey. Our first match against Western Heights saw the team quickly find their positions and confidence against a team with several rep players. Pippa in goals, well supported by Karla, Manon and Kasey in defence kept the score to 0-4.

Our second game against Belmont was noted for its unity. Great stickwork from Zarah in the centre led to strong bursts from the forward line up from Jayda DB, Isabella, Josie and Jayda A. The halves, Jasmin, Rhinanon and Tahlia played well to distribute play. Lyla was outstanding in defence. The highlight of the day was the team goal in the last minute where the ball was beautifully worked through the team to be flicked into goal by Jas.

A huge thank you to the Year 8 girls who made this team possible.

Well done, girls. Look forward to seeing you play again next year.

Nicola Maher



YEAR 12 'ANYTHING BUT A BAG' FUN



OBERON ENVIRO TEAM - "LIDS FOR KIDS" COMPETITION

The Enviro Team are excited to announce the launch of our "Lids for Kids" collection competition!

Competition Details:

- **Objective:** Collect as many plastic bottle lids as possible. Lids need to be smaller than a credit card, clean, and with no inserts.
- **Dates:** Week 3 – Week 9, ending on the 13th of September
- **Who Can Participate:** All students, staff, and families

How It Works:

1. **Collect Lids:** Gather plastic bottle lids from home and encourage friends and family to contribute as well. Hand them to your teacher during Connect on Fridays.
2. **Drop-Off Locations:** Collection bins are located outside my office, in C Block, between rooms C1 and C13. Be sure to label your collection with your Connect class.
3. **Track Progress:** The Enviro Team will weigh class collections every Monday.

Why Participate?

Did you know that plastic smaller than a credit card cannot be recycled and ends up in landfills? This plastic can end up in our local environments, choking marine wildlife, damaging soil, poisoning groundwater, and causing serious health impacts. To help combat this issue and repurpose small plastics into everyday items, Lids for Kids is collecting and recycling plastic lids



ROAD CLOSURE BUS DISRUPTION UPDATES

The school has been informed by McHarrys Buslines that coming soon there will be more road closures and disruptions affecting bus routes 52 and 54 which service Armstrong Creek/Charlemont/Marshall.

There will be closures resulting in detours and Public Transport Victoria (PTV) are intending to notify our school about 1 week prior to these closures commencing. McHarrys are assisting us by seeking the full details from PTV quicker which will enable us to provide the correct information in a more timely manner and they will update us once they have confirmed the correct information. As soon as the correct details of these closures are confirmed, we will notify Parents/Guardians. The McHarrys Website is a great source of information regarding bus changes

LANGUAGES NEWS

German SAGSE Scholarship Interviews

Three students from the Year 12 German class have been selected for the interview process for one of these prestigious scholarships. Hazel Burgess, Harper Bolton and Willow Thyer will travel to Melbourne on Saturday and Sunday to participate in the selection. 25-30 students from Victoria will take part to try to win one of the 12 scholarships. We wish the 3 girls good luck for the weekend and congratulate them on being selected for a scholarship interview.

AGTV Geelong German Poetry Final

On Thursday 8th August after school, the Oberon team consisting of students from Years 7, 8 & 9 will be competing against students learning German in other Geelong Secondary Schools. Each competitor has to recite a German poem fully from memory. We wish our Oberon competitors the best of luck!

UN Model German Conference – Planet Ocean – protecting the world's oceans

At Assembly this week, our participants from Years 11 & 12 received their certificates from the United Nations. Well done!



LANGUAGES CORNER

ANIMALS

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| dog | anjing | der Hund |
| cat | kucing | die Katze |
| bird | burung | der Vogel |
| horse | kuda | das Pferd |
| fish | ikan | der Fisch |
| cow | sapi | die Kuh |
| chicken | ayam | das Huhn |
| pig | babi | das Schwein |
| goat | kambing | die Ziege |
| rabbit | kelinci | das Kaninchen |

YEAR 10 IMMUNISATION - PARENTS/GUARDIANS NOTE NEW DATE

Parents/Guardians please note - the updated date for Immunisations for Year 10 students is **Tuesday 10th September, 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)

An important note for parents/guardians - who have already returned completed consent for your son/daughter to receive this vaccination do not need to complete this again.

For those who have not completed consent - updated permission forms have been sent electronically to all Year 10 Parents/Guardians. For those who prefer, some hard copy permission forms 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.

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/qNZDxVLYIbM>
<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.



How effective is the vaccine?
The meningococcal vaccine is a safe and effective way to help protect young people from meningococcal disease.
A single dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine is very effective in providing protection against these four types of meningococcal disease.

How safe is the vaccine?
The meningococcal vaccine is safe. Meningococcal ACWY vaccination programs have been in place for adolescents in the UK since 2015 and in the US since 2005.
As with all vaccines, some people may have a reaction. These are usually mild and can include:
• soreness, swelling or redness at the injection site
• headaches, fatigue and fever
• nausea and diarrhoeal symptoms.
Serious side effects from the vaccine are extremely rare.
If you are worried about your child's reaction seek medical advice.

Adolescent meningococcal ACWY vaccine

health.gov.au/immunisation

You can learn more about the safety of meningococcal vaccines at the Therapeutic Goods Administration website tga.gov.au
health.gov.au/immunisation

Australian Government
Department of Health

National Immunisation Program
A joint initiative, State and Territory Government initiative

Adolescent meningococcal ACWY vaccine

Why get vaccinated?
Meningococcal disease is rare but very serious and can quickly become life-threatening.
The meningococcal ACWY vaccine provides protection against four types of meningococcal disease, including two types which have become more common in Australia in recent years, caused by the type W and Y bacteria.
There is a separate vaccine that provides protection against meningococcal B type. Speak to your GP or other immunisation provider for more information about this vaccine.

Repeat doses of meningococcal vaccine
If an eligible person received a dose of meningococcal C vaccine in childhood, it is still recommended to receive the meningococcal ACWY vaccine in adolescence. The meningococcal ACWY vaccine provides protection against A, W, Y types and in addition will boost immunity against the C type.

How do you get vaccinated?
The vaccine is free for all students in year 10 aged 14-16 years through school-based immunisation programs. Even if your child is aged 14-16, they won't receive the vaccine at school if they are not in the eligible year level.
Students in the eligible year level will receive a consent form from their school. This consent form must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the school before a vaccination is provided.
Adolescents aged 15 to 19 years of age, who have not received the vaccine at school, can receive it through their GP or other immunisation provider.

How can I find out if my child is immunised?
The Australian Immunisation Register keeps a record of vaccinations given in Australia. Parents or guardians of children under 14 years of age can access their child's immunisation history statement at any time by using your Medicare online account through myGov (my.gov.au).
Adolescents aged 14 years or older can view their own immunisation history statement, or give the Department of Human Services permission to provide you with access to their statement.

Where can I get more information?
• Speak to your GP or other immunisation provider.
• health.gov.au/immunisation

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION

Immunisations for Year 7 students will be held at School on **Thursday 22nd August**. The session will be run by Barwon Health Immunisation staff. The scheduled Vaccines being administered to Year 7 students on this day are:

- Gardasil (Human Papillomavirus)
- Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Whooping Cough)

Permission forms will be sent electronically to all Year 7 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 22nd August.

There is some online information available on the link below from Barwon Health Immunisation, which explains why these vaccines are given to our Year 7 students.

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools>

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.




CANTEEN MENU - H & H CANTEENS

Below please find the menu for the Canteen at Oberon from H & H Canteens. **Please note some important reminders below:**

An important reminder that the Canteen accepts cash or card.

- **Students are not permitted to use their mobile phone to purchase food at the Canteen at Oberon High School at Recess or lunch time.**
- **Students are not permitted to sign out of school at Recess or Lunch time to purchase food from elsewhere.**

Listed below is the Oberon High School Canteen menu from H&H Canteens who provide a variety of foods for our students to purchase each day at Recess and Lunch time.



Oberon High Canteen Menu

Cold Food Bar Pre Order Before School

There will be a variety of pre made , rolls and wraps.

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| Salad Rolls and wraps | \$6.00 |
| Sandwiches | \$4.50 |
| • Cheese , Carrot, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, | |
| • Ham and Chicken | |

Salads

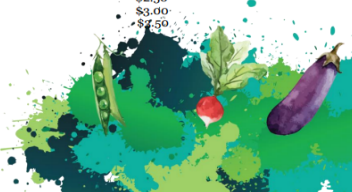
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| Fresh Garden Salad | \$5.00 |
| Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, | |
| Avocado & Tasty Cheese | |
| Chicken Salad | \$6.00 |
| Fruit Salad | \$4.00 |

Variety of Home Made Meals \$6.00 each

Lasagne
Pasta Dishes
Sweet Chilli Twisters
Chicken Schnitzel Rolls
Souvlaki (Lamb)
Fried Rice
Nachos
Wedges
Assorted Pizza

Hot Food Options

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| Meat Pie | \$4.50 |
| Home Made Sausage Roll | \$4.00 |
| Pastie | \$4.50 |
| Hot Dogs | \$4.00 |
| Sweet Chilli Tender Rolls | \$5.00 |
| Cheese Toastie | \$2.50 |
| Ham and Cheese Toastie | \$3.00 |
| Chicken and Cheese Toastie | \$4.50 |





Oberon High Canteen Menu

YES EFTPOS AVAILABLE

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| Chicken Nuggets | | Egg and Bacon Toastie | \$4.00 |
| Dim Sims | \$1.00 | Hash Browns | \$1.00 |
| Potato Gems | \$2.50 | | |
| Party Pies | \$2.00 | | |

Treats

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| Truffles | \$2.00 |
| Slices | \$2.00 |
| Home-Style Cookies | \$1.00 |
| Banana Bread | \$4.00 |
| Paddle Pop | \$3.00 |
| Calipo | \$2.50 |
| Icy Twist | \$2.50 |
| Slush Puppies | \$2.00 |

Drink

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| Flavoured Pump waters | \$4.50 |
| Pump Water | \$4.50 |
| Big M Milk | \$4.50 |
| Up N Go Flavours | \$3.50 |
| Juice Orange, Apple, | \$4.50 |

DAILY SPECIALS

Due to Health Regulations the canteen is required to provide hand sanitiser for each item brought from home that requires Hot water ie 2 min noodles, pasta soup. A sticker is charged to cover this cost.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS SICK BAY

Could Parents/Guardians please remind your students that if they are unwell or injured 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; (if in a class they must let their teacher know). 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.

Students MUST NOT telephone parents themselves if they feel unwell. It is a requirement of the Department of Education and also it is a safety measure that all students, if unwell or injured, to firstly be seen by a first aid attendant.

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



STUDENT FREE DAY

A reminder to Parents/Guardians that the following date has been approved as a

STUDENT FREE DAY

for Staff Professional Practice

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THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST
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Please mark this date in your diary



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - Please mark in your diary

TERM 3

Week 6

Thursday 22nd August

Year 7 - Immunisations at School. Gardasil - Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Boostrix - Diphtheria-Tetanus-Whooping Cough (pertussis) Booster Vaccines - 9 am - 12 pm. Information and online consent system has been provided by Barwon Health Immunisation and emailed to all Year 7 families. See information in this Newsletter.

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th August

Oberon High School Production - Shenton Theatre Geelong High School, Ryrie Street, Geelong. See Flyer in this Newsletter

Week 7

Thursday 29th August

Staff - Professional Practice Day - **STUDENT FREE DAY**

Friday 30th August

Wear it Purple Day - Whole School Event - more information to come

Week 9

Tuesday 10th September

Year 10 Immunisations at School - New date

NIMENRIX (Meningococcal ACWY) vaccine - 9 am - 12 pm. Information and online consent system has been provided by Barwon Health Immunisation and emailed to all Yr 10 families. **An important note for Parents/Guardians - who have already returned completed consent for your son/daughter to receive this vaccination - you do not need to complete this again.**

See information in this Newsletter.

Week 10

Friday 20th September

LAST DAY OF TERM 3 - Students finish at 2.30 pm

Term 3 Holidays - Monday 23rd September - Friday 4th October

TERM 4

Week 2

Thursday 17th October

Year 7 2025 Information Night - Oberon Gymnasium - 6 pm - 7.00 pm

Week 3

Monday 21st October

Yr 12 Last day of classes

Tuesday 22nd October

Yr 12 Celebration Day - 8 am - 1 pm



YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES 2024

- **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 - **Please note this is a new date**
Further details to be advised
- **Year 12 Results Released**
Thursday 12th December

YEAR 11 IMPORTANT DATES 2024

- **Year 11 Unit 2 Exams**
Thursday 14th November - Tuesday 19th November
- **Year 11 Formal**
Wednesday 20th November, 2024 - 6 pm - 11 pm. Further details to be advised
- **Year 11 into 12 Orientation Program (Program compulsory for all 2024 Yr 11 students).** Friday 22nd, Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th November - **Tuesday 26th November is the last day of school for Year 11 students**



2024 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 3 15th July - 20th September

Term 4 7th October - 20th December

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 3 Holidays

Monday 23rd September - Friday 4th October



STUDENT FREE DAYS 2024

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

- **Thursday 29th August** - Staff Professional Practice Day
- **Friday 1st November** - Staff Professional Learning Day

Please mark these dates in your diary.

