

**Absence Hotline - 03 4241 8088**

**Issue 3 - Friday 8th March, 2024**

## MARCH

**Mon 11th** **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Tues 12th** German Trip - Pre-departure Meeting  
- 5.30 - 6.30 pm

**Wed 13th** NAPLAN Test - Writing  
Youth Leadership Forum  
Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Practice Half Day Hike -  
Urquharts Beach  
Yr 10 Outdoor Ed - Stand Up Paddle Boarding - 2  
classes - P1-2 & P5-6  
School Council Meeting

**Wed 13th - Frid 15th** - Yr 12 OES Great Ocean Walk Camp -  
Cape Otway to Johanna Beach

**Thurs 14th** NAPLAN Test - Reading

**Frid 15th** NAPLAN Test - Conventions

**Mon 18th** NAPLAN Test - Numeracy  
8C - VCD Excursion - Geelong Tech School  
- all day

**Mon 18th - Thurs 21st** - Yr 11 Outdoor & Enviro Studies -  
Hiking Camp - Wilsons Promontory

**Tues 19th** NAPLAN - Catch up day  
**Wed 20th** NAPLAN - Catch up day  
VCE Art Excursion - National Gallery Top Arts  
8 am - 3.30 pm

8G - VCD Excursion - Geelong Tech School  
- 9 am - 3.30 pm

**Thurs 21st** Yr 11 Physics excursion - Grand Prix  
8H VCD - Excursion - Geelong Tech School  
- all day

VCE Top Class Concert  
Yr 7 & 8 - Clean Up Australia Activity - after lunch  
Open Night - 5 pm - 7.30 pm

**Frid 22nd** White Card Training - 9 am - 3 pm  
Writer's Group Excursion - Titanic Exhibition  
- 9 am - 3 pm

Senior Sport - 9 am - 3 pm  
Yr 10 Indonesian Restaurant Experience Period 3

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### School Council

After seeking nominations for School Council vacancies for the 2024 year, we didn't require an Election for parents as we only received three nominations for the three vacancies. However, we undertook an election for students following three nominations for the one vacancy. I am pleased to announce that the following Parents and Students will now be representatives:

#### Parents:

- Kit Kline (2 years)
- Michelle Collard (2 years)
- Lucy Fitzgerald (2 years)

#### Students:

- Gautam Shrivastava (2 years)

As part of the next School Council Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting and electing Office Bearers for the 2024 school year. As part of the meeting, I will also be presenting our Annual Report for the 2023 school year. As is the usual practice, I will be uploading the Annual Report to the school website once this has been approved by School Council and the Department of Education.

### Barwon Swimming

Thank you to Mr Josh King and Mr James Claney who were in charge of the Interschool Swimming team which took part in the Barwon Swimming on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Well done to all of the students that represented the school.

An amazing achievement by the team to win the overall aggregate.

### Marrung Scholarship

Year 11 student Shayla Roberts has been awarded a Marrung Scholarship.

This Department of Education Scholarship provides financial assistance with education related costs in Years 11 and 12 and is awarded to 20 indigenous students from across the State. Congratulations to Shayla.

### Kokoda

Congratulations to Year 11 student Ebony Dawber who has been selected to participate in Kokoda walk as part of the Geelong Youth Program.

### House Athletic Sports

The school held our House Athletic Sports at Landy Field on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. It was great to see so many students in attendance and participating in the day.

### Open Night

The school will be holding our Open Night on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We will be holding school tours for prospective students and parents from 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm followed by an information session from 6.30pm-7.30pm in the school Gym. This will be ticketed event and those wishing to attend can get further information via the school website.

### Mobile Phones

A reminder mobile phones and associated devices are banned from all State Schools during the school day. Students will be required to switch off their phones and store them securely in lockers from the start of the school day until the final bell. If an emergency occurs, Parents or Guardians can reach their child by calling the school General Office.

The school mobile phone policy can be found on the school website.

**Tim McMahon**



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD - SRC BRONZE MEDALLION CAMP

As part of student leadership and Enhancement at Oberon High School, students in Year 9 have the opportunity to undertake the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. There are 4 sections, including skill, volunteering, physical recreation, and completion of an adventurous journey.

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, a group of 20 students elected undertake the opportunity to participate in a camp which focused on students gaining either their Surf Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate. The course equipped students with the confidence and skills to manage potentially life-threatening situations. It also focused on casualty assessment, one and two person CPR, rescue techniques, survival skills and emergency care.

It was a pleasure to work with such an engaged and motivated group of young people, willing to take on new challenges and learn new skills. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Conor McKinnon for facilitating the sessions and to the other staff (Mr Mortar, Ms Waldron and Mr Neal) for assisting our students in the water throughout this program.

**Rebekah Gill – Student Leadership and Enhancement**



## OUR OBERON WAY

Four years ago, our students were surveyed to give a voice as to how they embody our Oberon Way and our values. Here is what they said.

We now have this on posters around our school, to help our shared understanding as our school grows, year on year:

### Oberon High School

Shape Your Future - Go One Better

#### I am an "Oberon Student"

*As an Oberon Student, I:*

- Am **kind and respectful** towards all **staff and other students** in the classroom and the yard
- **Celebrate** everyone's **individuality and diversity**
- **Focus** on my own **learning** in **all classes**
- **Strive** to do my **personal best**
- **Work with any other students** in partner work and group work
- **Get involved** in clubs, sports and **take opportunities** at school



## ICAS COMPETITIONS 2024

### What is it?

Students from Years 7-12 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 5<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> August.

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](#)- Year 7 only).

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." [Learn more about ICAS Assessments](#)

### What to do if interested?

Look at information available online and speak with parents/guardians. Tests can be purchased from the Parent portal on the ICAS page from now until 29<sup>th</sup> July.

**Your school access code is:** QSE211

**Your parent page link is:** <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

For more information or questions contact Ms Thiessen.

## STUDENT FREE DAY

### An important notice to Parents/Guardians

**Monday March 11th**  
**is the Labour Day Public**  
**Holiday.**

**School will be closed on this day.**

**Please mark this date in your diary**



## INTERIM REPORTS AND STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

### Term 1 Interim Reports

Term 1 Reports will be accessible **from Thursday 28th March at 5 pm**, via the Parent Portal:  
<http://www.oberonhs.xuno.com.au>

If you need assistance to access the Parent Portal please send an email to the school email address [oberon.hs@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:oberon.hs@education.vic.gov.au) and your password will be re-set and log on instructions will be emailed to you by an Office staff member.

### Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on:

- **Thursday 18th April - 11.30 am - 7.30 pm**

Parent/Teacher Interviews can be booked **from 5 pm on Thursday 28th March**, via the Parent Portal, through the "Parent Interviews" tab seen on the left hand side of the Parent Portal. From there select the teacher and choose from one of the available time slots. Please note each time slot only goes for 10 minutes.

## SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY - EXCURSION TO THE GEELONG TECH SCHOOL

### “Tinker Time”

Year 9 Students were introduced to Bird Blox by Humming Bird a programming software to control servos, lights and sensors. Students designed and built cool mini golf courses, developing moving parts and added lights to enhance game play. The students gave very positive feedback and learnt number of useful skills before tackling coding in practical applications back at Oberon High School.

**Chris McConnell**



### 3 D PRINTING CLUB

The 3 D Printing club is looking for enthusiastic students to form two teams to enter the Quantum Victoria PrintACar Challenge, interested see Mr McConnell on Friday Lunchtimes in T2 .

<https://www.quantumvictoria.vic.edu.au/events/quantum-victoria-printacar-challenge>

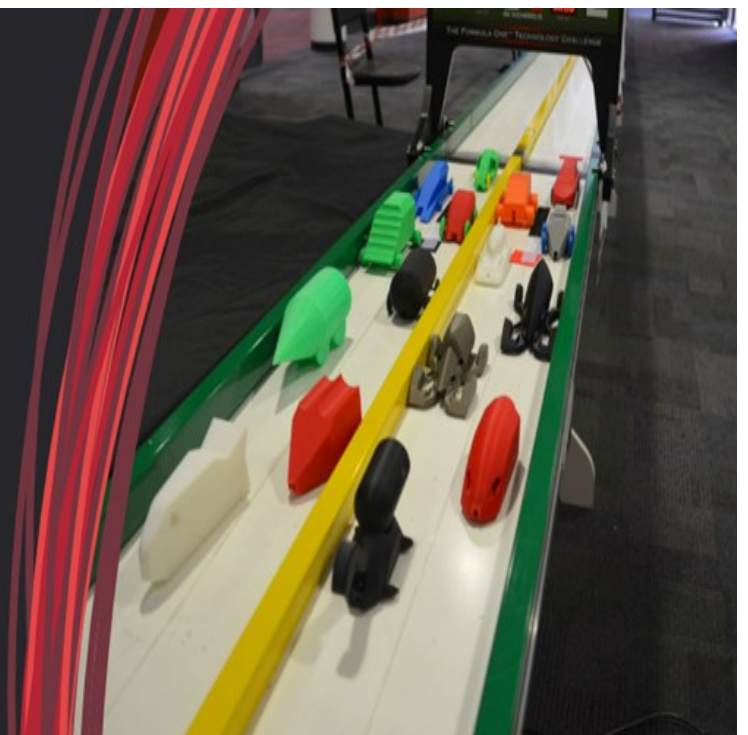
## Quantum Victoria PrintACar Challenge

### AUDIENCE

Primary / Secondary

### AVAILABLE

On-Site / Online



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD - SRC BRONZE MEDALLION CAMP cont'd.....

*I would recommend this to anyone that can swim. This camp was absolutely amazing it was held at the 13th Beach Surf Life Saving Club who was kind enough to give us (a group of Year 9's) access to all their facilities and equipment. We learnt all about the Surf Life Saver protocols and how to utilise them in critical situations. We learnt how to save conscious and unconscious people out in the water, with Mr McKinnon acting 'unconscious' simulating a real-life experience. Everyone got to learn how to surf at the camp as well, which as an experienced surfer I wish I could relive that experience again. The other students and I had the time of our lives - absolutely ripping.*

### **Riley Walsh**

*The Surf Bronze Camp is definitely not what I expected, but despite that it was so fun! We learnt about CPR, Rescue Techniques, Patrolling on the beach and so much more. The camp is a great way to meet new people and there is so many advantages to having a Bronze Medallion.*

### **Bella Bromley**

*We had an amazing time at the Surf Bronze Camp! Along with completing a section of our Duke of Edinburgh Award we got an awesome opportunity to learn both theoretical and practical skills on how to save lives in the water. Some of the students earned their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC), and others went on to get a Bronze Medallion Award. As part of the course, we went to Bellarine Aquatic and Sports Centre to do laps in preparation for Swimming in the Ocean. The rest of the week we were based at 13th Beach Surf Lifesaving club. Throughout the week we learnt how to do CPR, radio communications, board rescues, and identify rips and assist victims. I had a blast in the water during the hot days and really loved this experience.*

### **Georgia Van Elst**



# OBERON TECHNOLOGY NEWS

## A Glimpse into Wood & Food Technology & Fibre - Term 1, 2024

Enjoy these photos of students in Years 7-12 in Technology classes this Term. All food has been prepared and cooked by students.

### Year 10 Tool Box/Chests



### Year 8 Food Technology



# TECHNOLOGY NEWS cont'd.....

## Year 9 Food Technology



## PATHWAYS

### Year 10- White Card Training

Reminder to Year 10 students wishing to do their White Card training:

- Please let Lesa Allison know.
- The training day is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at school.
- Cost is \$90.

This lifetime qualification will allow you access to construction sites to undertake visits, work experience and employment.

Any questions about the training, please contact the Careers Team.

Last week, Year 11 student Nathan Ames successfully gained a School Based Apprenticeship in Plumbing with Ocean Flow Plumbing. Nathan is now a part of the Team and will start attending The Gordon for his training.

Nathan started last year exploring the plumbing trade participating in structured work placement 1 day per week doing a variety of plumbing jobs such as repairing underground piping and drains.

Congratulations Nathan! You've done a great job with getting yourself ready for your apprenticeship. Enjoy concentrating on Year 11 Vocational Major, working and trade school.

### Head Start Program

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships are a valuable part of beginning a student's career in their chosen field and we're very thankful for Geelong employers like Craig from Ocean Flow Plumbing who take on students such as Nathan to gain the skills necessary to progress to employment.

Interested in becoming a **Head Start** School Based Apprentice or Trainee?

Follow the link to here for more info: <https://vimeo.com/580595609/b5b7ec0392>

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



Pictured: Nathan Ames and fellow team member of Ocean Flow Plumbing (2021 **Head Start** Apprentice)





## LANGUAGES NEWS

In Year 7B and 7D Indonesian we had dressups in Indonesian costumes. On Monday 12 February as part of the process of learning introductions and greetings, our Year 7 classes dressed up in various items in the style of Indonesian people from all walks of life - students, teachers, traditional men and women's clothing, tourist garb and religious materials.

These are photos of the students who opted to take the opportunity to 'walk in another man's shoes'.



### 7F Indonesian - Traditional Clothing

Students in 7F have been dressing up in traditional Indonesian clothes to perform their greetings role play.



### Anyone clearing out kitchen drawers?

The Languages department is looking for old forms and spoons to replenish their stocks. Any donations to the front Office will be greatly appreciated.

### German Exchange Trip to Marburg 2024

23 students learning German from Years 9 to 11 along with Frau Ray and Mr Filipovski will travel on Good Friday to Marburg in Germany. We will have 2 weeks Easter holidays before going to German school for 2 weeks. Part of the trip will include a study tour of Berlin. All students and teachers will be hosted by German families in and around Marburg. The 23 students have been preparing for almost one year for this trip - the first one since 2019. All travellers are starting to get rather excited!

The pre-departure meeting takes place next week on Tuesday (March 12) at 5.30pm in the School Library.

### LANGUAGES CORNER

DAYS	HARI	die Tage
Monday	hari Senin	Montag
Tuesday	hari Selasa	Dienstag
Wednesday	hari Rabu	Mittwoch
Thursday	hari Kamis	Donnerstag
Friday	hari Jumat	Freitag
Saturday	hari Sabtu	Samstag
Sunday	hari Minggu	Sonntag
week	minggu	die Woche
weekend	akhir minggu	das Wochenende

# Oberon High School

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## OPEN NIGHT

163 Batten Road, Armstrong Creek

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Guided tours from 5pm

Self-led tours from 5:45pm

Enhancement Program Presentation – 6pm

Information Session – 6:25pm

Bookings essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/CPNQV>



### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - Please mark in your diary

#### TERM 1

##### Week 7

**Monday 11th March**

Labour Day Public Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Thursday 14th March**

- **Payment plan form for Year 9 Camp due to be given or emailed to Julie Barnes at the General Office by today.**

##### Week 8

**Thursday 21st March**

**Oberon Open Night** - 5 pm-7.15 pm

- Guided Tours: 5 pm, 5.10 pm & 5.20 pm - Bookings through [www.trybooking.com/CPNQV](https://www.trybooking.com/CPNQV)
- Self-led tour from 5.45 - 6.20 pm
- Enhancement Program Presentation - 6 pm-6.20 pm
- Information session 6.25 - 7.15 pm in the Gym

**Friday 22nd March**

- **Non-refundable deposit & expression of interest for Year 9 Camp due via Xuno today.**

##### Week 9

**Thursday 28th March**

**LAST DAY OF TERM ONE** - 2.30 pm finish

**Friday 29th March**

Good Friday Public Holiday

**Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April**

School Holidays

#### TERM 2

##### Week 1

**Monday 15th April - TERM 2 COMMENCES**

**Thursday 18th April**

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences - 11.30 am - 7.30 pm. School day to run between 11.30 am and 7.30 pm. Students attend the Conferences with Parents/Guardians. Bookings via Xuno from 28th March at 5 pm.

##### Week 2

**Thursday 25th April**

**ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

### STUDENT FREE DAYS 2024

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

- **Monday 29th April** - Staff - Berry Street Training Day
- **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 Learning

Please mark these dates in your diary.



### 2024 SCHOOL TERMS

**Term 1** 29th January - 28th March  
(Good Friday - Friday 29th March)

**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



## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

### 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. The applicant must be one of the following on the first day of Term 1 (Monday 29th January 2024) or Term 2 (Monday 15th April 2024):

- **A parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card**
- **A temporary foster carer**
- **A student who is 16 years or older** and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card)

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:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 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.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS/ GUARDIANS - UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURE RESERVE ROAD GROVEDALE

### • Reserve Road, Marshall

There will be a full road closure from **6am Wednesday 13 March to 6am Wednesday 27 March**, of Reserve Road near the level crossing, including the Barwarre Road and Burleigh Drive intersections, with 24-hour works taking place during this time.

This closure will be to carry out critical drainage works which require new pits and deep trenches across both lanes of Reserve Road, the intersections over Barwarre Rd and Burleigh Drive.

There will be detours in place for drivers, please observe and follow all traffic management and safety signage in place. Detour map is attached.

The pedestrian footpath on the north side of Reserve Rd will remain open. There will be availability for cyclists on road through this area, and are asked to please dismount and use the pedestrian footpath during this time. Enter the following link in your browser to view details and map online.

[South Geelong to Waurm Ponds Duplication project](#)



## 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 to 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.

## OBERON HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

An important reminder to parents that Oberon High School office hours are:

- Mondays - Thursdays - 8.30 am - 4.30 pm
- Fridays - 8.30 am - 4.00 pm



# GEELONG SHARKS

Rugby League Club

ERVIN RESERVE

NEWCOMB

### CONTACT

geelongsharkssecretary2024@gmail.com

### RECRUITING FOR 2024

MIXED JUNIORS U6 - U12  
JUNIORS U13 - U18  
SENIORS  
WOMENS  
MASTERS

All abilities and skill levels welcome



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# FESTA

**SATURDAY MARCH 9**  
(LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND)

**SPECIAL GUESTS: PRVA LIGA**

Join us through the day for soccer matches, kids' rides, face painting, folk performances & food then stay and dance the night away with Prva Liga!

<b>FESTIVAL</b> Folk performances Boutique stalls	<b>LOCATION</b> 15 Gibbons Rd, Lara (North Geelong Warriors FC)
<b>TICKETS</b> FREE entry before 5pm Tickets \$30 from 5pm All-day rides \$35	<b>KIDS RIDES</b> Dodgems Chair-O-Plane Jumping Castle Cha-Cha Face Painting Petting Zoo

## GAMES & CHALLENGES



### GAME NIGHT!

Join us for game night at the library! We are hosting monthly gaming nights for ages 12 to 100.

Join us to learn and play awesome board games. Forget traditional games like Monopoly, we will be playing new modern games such as Sushi Go, Codenames, Azul and Ticket to Ride.

Don't forget to book your spot and bring some tasty snacks and refreshments, too.

**Monday**  
25<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> May  
24<sup>th</sup> June, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 26<sup>th</sup> August  
23<sup>rd</sup> September, 21<sup>st</sup> October &  
25<sup>th</sup> November

5:00pm to 7:00pm  
Wearn Ponds Library

All events are FREE unless otherwise specified.  
Bookings essential.  
Online [gric.vic.gov.au](http://gric.vic.gov.au)  
In person at any branch, or phone 03 4201 0500

[gric.vic.gov.au](http://gric.vic.gov.au)



# G:ZINES



## SWAP & SELL

16 MARCH 2024  
10AM - 1PM  
@ THE DOME



MORE INFO:



ZINES!!!

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