

**Absence Hotline - 03 4241 8088**

**Issue 7 - Friday 24th May, 2024**

## MAY

**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

## JUNE

**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  
**Wed 5th** Yr 10 Forensic Science Excursion  
Yr 10 OED Rock Climbing Excursion 9 - 10.40 am  
Yr 10 OED Rock Climbing Excursion 1 - 3 pm  
**Thurs 6th** Yr 8 - LifeChanger Awaken the Hero - Incursion  
E Block

**Thurs 6th** Yr 10 Meningococcal Immunisation  
- 9 am - 11 am Information and consent forms  
have been emailed to Yr 10 families  
Yr 10 Rock Climbing Excursion - 1 pm - 3 pm  
**Frid 7th** **REPORT WRITING DAY - STUDENT FREE DAY**  
**Mon 10th** **KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Wed 12th** Yr 9 Geelong Tertiary Futures Program Practice  
Log In - 9 am - 10 am  
Yr 11 OED Rock Climbing - 11 am - 1.20 pm  
Yr 10 OED Rock Climbing - 1 - 3 pm  
**Thurs 13th** Yr 9 Geelong Tertiary Futures Program - Induction  
Day and Workshop 1 - 9 am - 3.30 pm - The  
Gordon East and City Campuses.  
**Mon 17th** Yr 9 Geelong Tertiary Futures Program -  
Workskills onsite at school - 9 am - 3 pm  
**Tues 18th** Year 12 General Achievement Test (GAT)  
- 9 am - 3 pm - Oberon Gymnasium

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### State Budget

The Victorian State Budget was handed down recently, with more investment in education by the Allan Labor Government.

While no further funding was allocated to Oberon High School, there was funding for the construction of a Primary School - Horseshoe Bend Primary School (interim name) in Charlemont to open for the start of the 2026 school year.

### Year 7 Enrolments 2025

We have begun receiving Grade 6 applications from the Primary Schools and are verifying that students are living at the address that we have been provided. This is a necessary requirement as DET have directed me to only enrol students who reside in the school zone or have siblings at the school. This is due to the population growth that is occurring within our enrolment zone.

### Mobile Phones

The policy around mobile phones in schools hasn't changed for a number of years. Therefore, 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.

### Student Attitudes to School Survey

The Attitude to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general. Students will have the opportunity to complete this survey by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

### Report Writing Day

The school has a planned for a scheduled student free day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. The focus of this day is on Report writing, a mandated focus as part of the current Industrial Agreement. Students and parents will be provided with their end of Semester Reports on the last day of Term through the Xuno platform.

### Bus Services

There are a number of changes to our school bussing services which become effective from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. These changes are detailed below and are also available on the McHarry's Buslines website.

[School Bus Changes effective 3 June 2024 - Mcharrys Buslines](#)

Also, route 45 (which is a public bus service) will begin servicing the full loop around Oberon High School so students using that bus can take it directly to and from school, via a new bus bay on Eagle Bay Road. The new Route 45 timetable is showing here and will have the morning bus arriving around 8:41am and departing in the afternoon at 3:39pm

[Route 45 Armstrong Creek to Waurin Ponds new timetable June 2024 - Mcharrys Buslines](#)

**Tim McMahon**

## STUDENT FREE DAY

The following day has been approved by the Oberon High School - School Council  
as **STUDENT FREE** for 2024:



**Friday 7th June**



**Report Writing Day**



## SENIOR BOYS FOOTBALL

Well done to the boys who represented Oberon last week in the GSSSA Senior Boys Football Competition. After having 22 boys sign up to play, we only had 15 boys available to play on the day.

Although not winning a game, the boys did an incredible job considering we were undermanned in both of our games against Grovedale Secondary College and SEDA College. Due to an injury, they played most of the second game with only 14 players.

A big thank you to Bill Rogers, Kody Clarke & Lucas Parkinson for their assistance on the day.

**Craig O'Brien (Manager / Coach)**



## YEAR 7 TECHNICAL SCHOOL ACTIVITY

On May 10th, all Year 7 students went to Geelong Technical School, organised perfectly by Seven Vinton. I was with 7G, the students made mechanised mazes; they had to design the maze and then write the code to make it tilt.

Below is a link to a video of one of the student made mechanised mazes in action:

[https://www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au/site/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/IMG\\_0.mov](https://www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au/site/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/IMG_0.mov)

**Victoria McCaffrey**



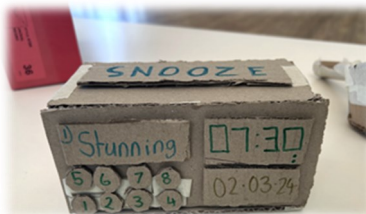
## GEELONG SOCIAL INNOVATORS WORKSHOP

On Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of May, a select group of Year 8 students from both Oberon High School and Iona College gathered at the Armstrong Creek East Community Hub to participate in the Geelong Social Innovators Workshop, run by the Crazy Ideas College. Here we were given the opportunity to draft and present an idea, product, or program for something we're passionate about that we would like to see in our local community.

These ideas could involve anything from helping to stop bullying to cleaning up the environment. The first day started off forming groups and creating imaginary ideas that involved our passion with the prompt our group was interested in. We created an imaginary product that we could advertise and market to the public. This didn't strictly need to be a realistic, it could be as Crazy as we could imagine. Later, we narrowed down our Crazy idea to become something more realistic and achievable to create and implement. We then built a prototype of our product out of arts and crafts materials. By the end of this all we had narrowed down to a relatively simple idea in which we pitched to a group of sponsors from different organisations that could help us to bring our plan/product to life.

For example, the aim of our group was to find a way to create a safe and inclusive environment for diverse people to feel seen and heard. This involved creating merch, such as jumpers and shirts, that would represent diversity; helping people feel involved and accepted in this society where they may not. After presenting our idea to the sponsors, one woman who worked at Headspace had a chat with us about our plan and she said she really liked it. Overall, this experience was quite fun because we got to work with another school and share our perspective on different problems in the world. Two of the groups from Oberon High School have now been offered the opportunity to participate in a Lab workshop next week to help bring out ideas to life. This is an exciting opportunity, and we can't wait to work on getting our idea off the ground. Watch this space!

**Written by Abby Powell & Iris Nguyen**



## YEAR 9 VCD EXCURSION - GEELONG TECH SCHOOL

Recently the Yr 9 VCD classes went to the Geelong Tech School for an all-day excursion. Thanks to Mr. Vinton for setting this all up. The focus of the day was learning how to use Illustrator (industry standard software) to create drawing files. These were then saved in a certain format and sent to the laser cutter to make the diorama that each student created – a scene in four layers. Made out of cardboard – quick, fun, satisfying and easy. The students who attended enjoyed it. Since then, back at school we have been using the same software and ideas to create keytag designs, and printing them in timber, with the school's laser cutter. These should be finished in the net week or so.

Some photos of selected student work from the excursion.



**James Rookes**



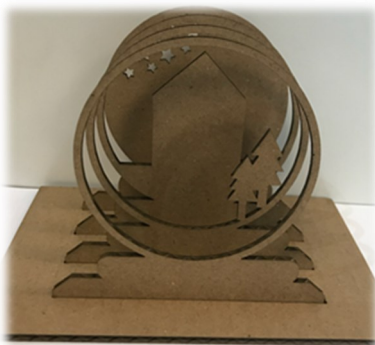
**Matilda Mahoney-**



**Odelia Shergold**



**Linden Keys**



**Ruby Edwards**



**Samar Sandhu**



**Eva Tait**



**Alex Bundy**

## YEAR 7 BOUNCE ACTIVITY

Last Term some Year 7 students were treated to a session at Bounce as a reward for good behaviour. As the photos below show, a fun time was had by all.



## LANGUAGES NEWS

### Education Perfect World Languages Championships

This competition finished last week after running for one week. Oberon performed very well:

- 48<sup>th</sup> globally out of 2032 schools
- 8<sup>th</sup> in Victoria out of 335 schools
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in the World for German out of 954 schools
- Students have been awarded certificates for over 500 points; we received 2 Emerald Awards, 3 Gold, 4 Silver, 13 Bronze and 25 Credits.

#### Top students were:

- Emerald – Scarlett Pogue, Sehajleen Kaur
- Gold – Otis Pogue, Phoenix Marsden, Tayla Henderson
- Silver – Ruhani Ruhani, Tolmin Williams, Kolbi Benson, Mikayla Parrott

Well done to the 13 students who won Bronze Awards and the 25 who won Credits. Congratulations to all who took part - an amazing effort to improve your language skills.

**Languages...**  
10:00am, 7 May, 2024 - 10:00am, 14 May, 2024

Details | Participants | Results

231,868 Questions answered | 107,292 Points earned | 428 Hours spent | 48<sup>th</sup> Global ranking | 18<sup>th</sup> Category ranking (501-1000 students)

Credit x25 | Bronze x13 | Silver x4 | Gold x3 | Emerald x2 | Elite none

**Achievements**

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View full scoreboard

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Show All

Scoreboard | By Class | **By Student** | All Classes change | Message All | Export

Student name	Ranking	Score	Award
Scarlett Pogue	461st	5,559	Emerald
Sehajleen Kaur	543rd	5,168	Emerald
Otis Pogue	944th	3,443	Gold
Phoenix Marsden	963rd	3,409	Gold
Tayla Henderson	1,307th	3,005	Gold
Ruhani Ruhani	1,719th	2,287	Silver
Kolbi Benson	1,770th	2,234	Silver

## LANGUAGES CORNER

### SEASONS

SEASONS	INDONESIAN	GERMAN
Winter	Musim dingin	der Winter
Spring	Musim bunga/musim semi	der Frühling
Summer	Musim panas	der Sommer
Autumn	Musim gugur	der Herbst
Rainy Season	Musim hujan	
Dry Season	Musim kemarau	

## MCHARRYS CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES

Public Transport Victoria have recently sent notifications about changes to school bus services. McHarrys Buslines have the changes showing on their website via the following link:

[School Bus Changes effective 3 June 2024 - Mcharrys Buslines](#)

These are the changes in summary:

S20	AM	Kidman Ave to Oberon HS via Surf Coast Hwy and Warralily Blvd	Revised route - runs express to Surf Coast Hwy cnr Unity Drive, then picks up via Surf Coast Hwy, Coastside Rd and Warralily Blvd.
S20	PM	Oberon HS to Kidman Ave via Warralily Blvd and Surf Coast Hwy	Revised route - via Warralily Blvd and Surf Coast Hwy to Unity Drive, then express to Kidman Ave
S21	AM	Kidman Ave to Oberon HS via Surf Coast Hwy and Warralily Blvd	Runs express to Surf Coast Hwy cnr Unity Drive, and can now pick up along Surf Coast Hwy and Warralily Blvd.
S21	PM	Oberon HS to Kidman Ave via Warralily Blvd and Surf Coast Hwy	Can now drop off along Warralily Blvd and Surf Coast Hwy to Unity Drive, then express to Kidman Ave
S22	AM	Charlemont to Oberon HS via Ashbury Estate	Revised route - operating to Charlemont and running via Ashbury Estate. Bailey St travellers to catch S24
S22	PM	Oberon HS to Charlemont via Ashbury Estate	Revised route - commencing at Charlemont and running via Ashbury Estate. Bailey St travellers to catch S24
S24	AM	Heyers Rd Grovedale via Bailey St to Oberon HS	Revised route - servicing Bailey St
S24	PM	Oberon HS to Heyers Rd Grovedale via Bailey St	Revised route - servicing Bailey St
S25	AM	Torquay to Oberon High School	Trip will no longer operate. See S25 route details/pdf for options to school
S25	PM	Oberon High School to Torquay	Trip will no longer operate. See S25 route details/pdf for options from school
S27	AM	Oberon HS Charlemont Loop	New service around Charlemont
S27	PM	Oberon HS Charlemont Loop	New service around Charlemont

Also, this is a list of the new scheduled arrival and departure times from Eaglebay Rd:


AM		PM	
8:29	S22	3:31	S27
8:35	S26	3:33	S20
8:40	S5	3:33	S21
8:40	S23	3:37	S23
8:40	S24	3:37	S24
8:40	Lorne	3:40	S5
8:48	S20	3:40	S26
8:48	S21	3:41	Lorne
8:49	S27	3:47	S22

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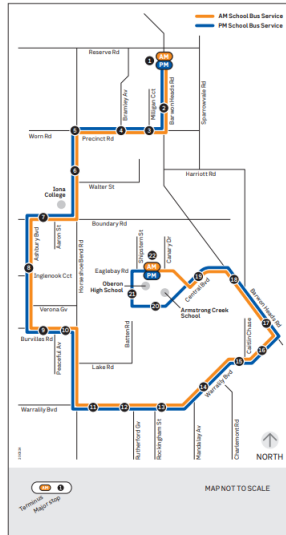
## MCHARRYS CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES cont'd.....

Parents/Guardians please note that the map McHarrys originally provided for the S22 Special Route contained an error. It did not include details of a new pair of stops currently being constructed on Ashbury Boulevard, near Inglenook Circuit. Please see below the updated S22 Route map updated with additional bus stops.

 School bus route

**S22** Charlemont – Oberon High School

via Ashbury Estate



Monday to Friday

SCHOOL BUS STOP	AM
1 Reserve Rd/Barwon Heads Rd	8.05
2 Rogers Ct/Precinct Rd	8.06
3 Carlton Av/Precinct Rd	8.07
4 Worn Rd/Horseshoe Bend Rd	8.09
5 Walter St/Horseshoe Bend Rd	8.09
6 Nairn Dr/Boundary Rd	8.11
7 Inglenook Cct/Ashbury Bvd	8.13
8 Ashbury Bvd/Burvilles Rd	8.15
9 Esperance Av/Warrally Bvd	8.19
10 Rutherford Gr/Warrally Bvd	8.19
11 Kingscliff Av/Warrally Bvd	8.20
12 Abigail Ct/Warrally Bvd	8.22
13 Caitlin Ct/Warrally Bvd	8.23
14 Silky Oak La/Warrally Bvd	8.24
15 Warrally Bvd/Barwon Heads Rd	8.24
16 The Village Warrally SC	8.27
17 Oberon High School	8.29

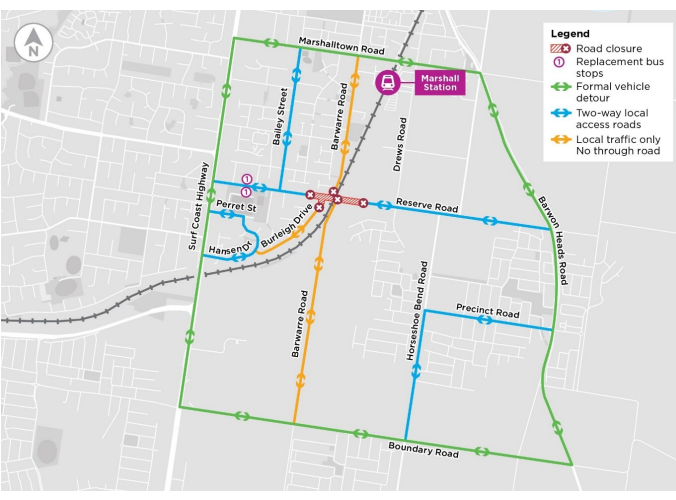
## MCHARRYS UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURES

### RESERVE ROAD

Parents/Guardians please note an upcoming road closure as part of the South Geelong to Waurin Ponds Duplication Project that is commencing in mid June. To safely complete upgrades to the Reserve Road level crossing and duplicate the track, **we will be closing Reserve Road again at the level crossing** extending over the Barwarre Road and Burleigh Drive intersections **from Saturday 15th June to Wednesday 10th July.**

This closure will have impacts and delays for drivers, including school buses. Works will be taking place **24hrs** during this period to safely carry out essential drainage, pavement and track works.

Detours will be in place for drivers and pedestrian access, through this level crossing, is closed for public safety. For your safety, please follow all road signs. Please see the traffic detour map below which will be in place during this time. Also below is the link to further information:



### GEELONG ROAD ROAD WORKS - BARWON HEADS

Following the road closure in Geelong Rd, Barwon Heads for sewer upgrade last month, the next stage of scheduled works is set to commence next Monday 27/5.

All up, there are 5 scheduled stages of works, each closing a section of Geelong Rd, and expected to take around 2 weeks.

As the bus cannot travel the length of Geelong Rd for any of these stages, the detour will last for the entire time, i.e. approximately 10 weeks in total.

Please note, the following services will revert to the detours that were in place during April 2024:

- S5 – Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads to Oberon HS – am and pm
- S7 – Barwon Heads to Grovedale and Oberon HS - am
- N14 – Grovedale College and Belmont HS to Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove - pm
- S26 – Barwon Heads to Oberon HS – am and pm

[Please see the link to our web notice with full detour map.](#)



# 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/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 decreased appetite.  
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**  
Meningococcal disease is serious, but you can be protected.

[health.gov.au/immunisation](https://health.gov.au/immunisation)

You can learn more about the safety of meningococcal vaccines at the Therapeutic Goods Administration website [tga.gov.au](https://tga.gov.au)  
[health.gov.au/immunisation](https://health.gov.au/immunisation)

Australian Government Department of Health  
National Immunisation Program  
A joint Australian, 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](https://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](https://health.gov.au/immunisation)

**What is meningococcal disease?**  
Meningococcal disease occurs when meningococcal bacteria, commonly found in the nose or throat, invades the body and causes serious disease.  
Older teenagers and young adults are most likely to carry the bacteria and spread it to others.  
There are a number of different types of meningococcal bacteria. Worldwide, the main types which cause meningococcal disease are A, B, C, W and Y.  
Symptoms of meningococcal disease include fever, headache, vomiting, stiff neck or sore muscles, sometimes followed by a red or purple rash.  
The disease can cause complications including permanent disabilities through loss of limbs, deafness and blindness, scarring and kidney and liver failure.  
Five to ten per cent of patients with meningococcal disease die, sometimes even with early treatment.

## KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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 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



## 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

## 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 Learning

Please mark these dates in your diary.



## YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES 2024

- **General Achievement Test (GAT)**  
Tuesday 18th June 2024 - 9 am - 3 pm - Gym
- **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



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

### TERM 2

#### Week 8

#### Thursday 6th June

Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation - 9 am - 11 am - Information and online consent system for Parents/Guardians has been provided by Barwon Health Immunisation and emailed to all Year 10 families.

#### 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

## LOST PROPERTY

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.

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

Student Admin staff in the office regularly take the time to send messages to students whose **named items** turn up in lost property. Unfortunately at the moment a large number of named items have also been awaiting collection for a long period of time. If these belongings are not claimed soon they will, along with un-named items either be placed in the borrowed items cupboard where clothing is placed for students to borrow when needed or donated to students in need.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

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

For your convenience you can leave a message on our absence line number 4241 8088 or enter it on Xuno.

Our SMS system will send a message out each day at 11 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 or entered it in on Xuno.

## EARLY LEAVE PASSES

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment please ensure that you either:

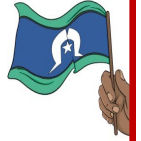
- send a signed note with them which we ask students to give to the office when they arrive at school. Office staff will then enter on the roll that the student will be leaving early on that day.
- enter it on Xuno
- phone the office in advance.
- email the school in advance

It is of great help to the office staff if students could please remember to report to the office at the arranged time of departure.

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. **A reminder that the school does not have a PA system for contacting students, so if parents phone or call in to school during Recess or lunch break to pick your child up and they don't know you are coming, it will be difficult to locate them until they are back in class.**

**Thank you for your assistance.**

# RECONCILIATION IN THE PARK JOHNSTONE PARK



SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND  
10AM - 3PM



## 'NOW MORE THAN EVER'

EVERYONE IS WELCOME | FREE ENTRY

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

LOCAL DANCERS | COMMUNITY PERFORMERS | HANDS ON ACTIVITIES

UNCLE ROB BUNDLE | NGARA AND PIPER

POSSUM SKIN CLOAK YARN | KIDS ACTIVITIES | FREE BBQ FROM 11:30

COFFEE VAN | LOCAL ARTS AND CRAFT MARKETS

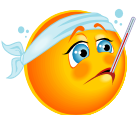


## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS - SICK BAY

**An important reminder to Parents/Guardians that the Sick Bay at Oberon is for students to attend when they become unwell or are injured whilst at school. Sick Bay staff at Oberon are finding that they are often being asked by students to provide medical care for illnesses or injuries that have occurred at home or on the weekend. Our Sick Bay staff are first aid trained (not nurses) and are able to assist students who present to Sick Bay with an illness or injury that has occurred at school only. If your student has an illness or has received an injury at home that may require medical attention we ask Parents/Guardians to keep your student at home until they feel better or seek medical advice from your Doctor.**

Sick Bay is a place for sick or injured students to rest and receive first aid care for illnesses or injuries **that occur at school**, 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.

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 telephone or message parents themselves. 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.**

