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I acknowledge the Wathaurong people as the traditional custodians of this land and pay my respect to the Elders both past and present and extend that respect to all indigenous people.

Dates for the diary:

November

Wednesday 11, 18 & 25—2021 Prep transition

Monday 23—2021 Prep information night

Monday 23 to Wednesday 25—Grade 5/6
Beacon Resort camp

Friday 27—Term 4 curriculum day

December

Tuesday 1—School council meeting

Wednesday 2—Final Prep transition session

Monday 7—Grade 6 graduation evening

Tuesday 8—Grade 6 transition day

Tuesday 15—Student reports sent home

Friday 18—Last day of Term 4

A note from Mr A...

We are right into the swing of Term 4 now, and I'm so pleased with the way classes are working. It's amazing how quickly we adapt to a new kind of normal, and our students are showing resilience and commitment to their learning. As the end of the year quickly approaches, we have some exciting events to look forward to, even though they do look different this year. I'm pleased that our Grade 6 students will be able to celebrate their graduation with a ceremony at school on the evening of Monday December 7. Although parents will not be able to attend, the event will be live streamed via Webex and we will do everything we can to ensure the evening is a special celebration to mark the end of their time as an Oberon student. At the other end of the school, we are very excited to welcome our 2021 Prep group for their first transition session tomorrow. Ms Jardine and Mr G have worked tirelessly to ensure we provide a transition program that is in line with the strict DET guidelines, but also one that will set our

incoming Prep students up for success. We look forward to meeting all of our new students and families!

It was an absolute pleasure to visit our Grade 3/4 students and staff at YMCA Anglesea camp last week. By all reports, the camp was a wonderful success. I was so pleased to see students co-operating, showing respect to each other and their peers, and having so much fun. Manners at meal times were a real stand out—this is a credit to our families and the work you do at home. Well done to everyone involved in making the camp such a gr8 experience!

I would like to remind families about safe use of social media platforms by our students. Please ensure you are aware of your child's online activities, including messaging, uploading content and accessing websites. Please refer to resources attached to previous newsletters for strategies to ensuring your child is doing the right thing online.

Further to this, I know many adults in our community use social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. I would like to stress that while a great deal of information—often from reputable sources including our politicians and leaders—is released online, it is not until we have received official notification from the DET that it becomes practice here in schools. We go to great lengths to communicate with our families when we receive relevant information, so please do bear with us and refrain from speculating until such communication is released. Thanks for your support on this.

Enjoy the sunshine and stay safe,

Mr Andrew Augerinos

Oberon phone lines temporarily out of use

We have been made aware that for a brief period of time late yesterday afternoon, our school phone lines were unavailable. This was the result of NBN works happening in the area and was unfortunately unavoidable. We apologise to families who needed to get in touch with us, the situation is now resolved.

Prep transition program

Transition for our enrolled 2021 Preps will be on Wednesdays this year. Dates for transition are November 11, 18 and 25 and December 2. Information has been sent out to families via Skoolbag and email. A parent information session will be held via Webex on Monday November 30, from 6pm-7pm. Mr Grozdanovski and Ms Jardine are looking forward to welcoming our new Prep cohort to our wonderful school!

Icy-pole sales

A reminder that Zooper Dooper icy-poles are on sale at lunchtime when the weather is forecast to be over 25 degrees. Icy-poles are 50c each, with a limit of one per person.

Water bottles

Our water fountains continue to be out of use, so please ensure your child has a water bottle at school every day. This is particularly important as the weather gets warmer. Thank you for your understanding and support here.

School council

Our final school council meeting for the year will go ahead via Webex on Tuesday December 1. Please keep an eye out for sub-committee meeting dates and times to come.

Camp information

Our Grade 5/6 Beacon Resort camp is fast approaching. Please remember that full payment, along with completed medical forms, is due this Thursday November 12. We still have a small number of families who are yet to finalise payment for the Grade 3/4 camp, and we ask that this payment is made ASAP.

Grade 6 graduation

We look forward to hosting our Grade 6 students at school for their graduation ceremony on the evening of Monday December 7. For our families with graduating students, please keep an eye out for full details in the coming weeks. While we sadly are unable to have families on site, we will live stream the event to be watched from home.

Curriculum day for Term 4

A reminder that Friday November 27 will be our final curriculum day for 2020.

School photos

We were able to have MSP attend school today to take the last individual student photos. If your child arrived at Oberon after April, please contact the office if you would like to purchase photos, as this will need to be done separately through MSP. For other families, photo envelopes were sent home last week. If you wish to order, please return your envelope by close of business this Friday. Late orders will need to be through MSP directly.

Scholastic book fair

The annual book fair is coming up and will run from Monday November 23—Thursday November 26. The book fair will be held in the library, and small groups will be able to attend after school in line with COVID-safe procedures. As usual, classes will visit the book fair during school hours and students will have the opportunity to browse the items for sale. Our Grade 5/6 students will be able to visit the book fair upon their return from camp. A percentage of all sales is gifted to us by Scholastic, that we can then redeem for new library books. We encourage all families to get involved!

2021 fee information and book packs

All information about 2021 fees, voluntary contributions and book packs will be sent home today. Please keep an eye out for this and adhere to the dates listed to receive the 20 percent discount. This information will be sent home with our new Prep students during their transition sessions.

School crossings

We are aware that some of our Oberon families are choosing to cross the road unsafely during pick up and drop off times. We would like to stress the importance of using the school crossings, located in Dorothy Ave and at the bottom of the school on Torquay Rd. These times of day are very busy and stationary cars can pull out very quickly. It would be tragic for an accident to occur before families change their practices. Please think about this, and the message you are sending your child about road safety when you cross in places other than the designated crossings.

Australian Mathematics Competition certificates

These have arrived and will be presented at the next student assembly. Well done again to all of our worthy recipients!



Always Was, Always Will Be.

8-15 NOV 2020

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

This week we are celebrating NAIDOC Week at Oberon!

Our teachers have planned a range of activities to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture with a focus on connection to land, the history and background of NAIDOC Week and reconciliation through National Sorry Day.

We are also proud to unveil our Oberon PS Christmas tree, which will be displayed in the Little Malop St mall in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The students used recycled materials and the colours of the Aboriginal flag, along with blue to represent Oberon.



Spotlight on... Tracey!



What is your role at Oberon?

I am part of the Education Support team here at Oberon. I work in most of the classrooms and get the chance to work in the office. It's great because I get to know all of the children and their families.

What do you like most about working in a school?

Without a doubt, what I like the most is THE CHILDREN. Every day is different so there is no chance of boredom! I love coming to work and seeing all the smiling faces and hearing all the news of discovery in everyone's day. I'm really proud of our children and all the success they have. There are different levels of success for each child, so it's wonderful to be able to share in so many journeys. I feel very privileged to be a part of our families' lives for a short while and I will be forever grateful for the things that I learnt from the children and how they teach me to look at life differently.

How do you enjoy spending your spare time?

I have an amazing family, so we do a lot together. I love going to the footy (Go Cats!), going to the beach, going out for tea, SHOPPING and spending time with friends. Having said that, the thing I enjoy the most is babysitting my two grandsons. They are beautiful.

If you won the lottery this weekend, how would you spend your winnings?

Ask any child at Oberon, and they would tell you I WOULD BUY A CHOCOLATE FACTORY!!

Prep Writing

In the last two weeks, the Preps have been experimenting with persuasive writing. We have discussed how everyone has opinions and personal choices that are unique to ourselves. Sometimes we all agree and sometimes only a few agree. Makes for some interesting discussions.

Have a look at our thoughts on Art and PE...

Lesley – PE is better than Art because I can kick the ball.

Haruki - PE is better than Art because I get enjoy (energy). My favret game is where we frow a ball at sumwa (someone) in a squer and if a pesen (person) gets hit they haf to do 10 posps (pushups).

Maisie – PE is better than Art because I lic (like) to cic the bl and Mr D is fune (funny) in the gaga pit.

Jonah- Art is better than PE because I lik to pat (paint) and dro (draw).

Flynn- Sport is better than art because you can get mor exsz (exercise) and you cen get more stog (strong).

Tom – PE is better than Art because I get to stae actev (active) by playing games. My favewit game to plae is footbale with Lachy and gaga it is supa fun. Lachy lavs (loves) it to.

Makenna – Art is better than PE because patn (painting) and cut (cutting) are better than PE.

Tilly- Art is beta than sport because I luv seyng (seeing) Miss U and pating (painting).

Maverick- PE is better than Art because you get to pla fun gamz.

Patrick- Art is better than sport because you get to have fun.