

*Oberon Primary Post
Issue 2, 1st March, 2024*

OBERON PRIMARY POST

A MESSAGE FROM MR. MCCOOMBE,

Dear Families,

Over the past two weeks our students have continued to engage in their learning especially our various extra curricular activities that our staff have provided!

Curriculum Day: Our curriculum day next Friday will involve our staff engaging in professional learning focused on mental health and wellbeing. This important learning will help teachers support the wellbeing needs of our students at Oberon.

Message for students during the day: The school office has had an influx of messages from parents/carers during the day to pass on to their child(ren). Students who are to receive messages are called down to the office over our PA system before recess, lunch and the end-of-day bell. All families are encouraged to provide important information to their child before school drop off. Please try and pre-plan with your child any end of day arrangements. The school office will pass messages on to students to the best of their ability however, please be aware it is impossible to guarantee all messages will be delivered as student needs such as first aid will always be prioritised.



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

March

4th - 7th - Dental Van

4th - Prep Geelong Advertiser Photos

4th - Grade 5/6 Grovedale College excursion

8th - Curriculum Day (NO STUDENTS)

11th - Labour Day Public Holiday

13th - 18th - Naplan

14th - Prep, Grade 1 & 2 Bravehearts incursion

18th - 28th - School Swimming Program

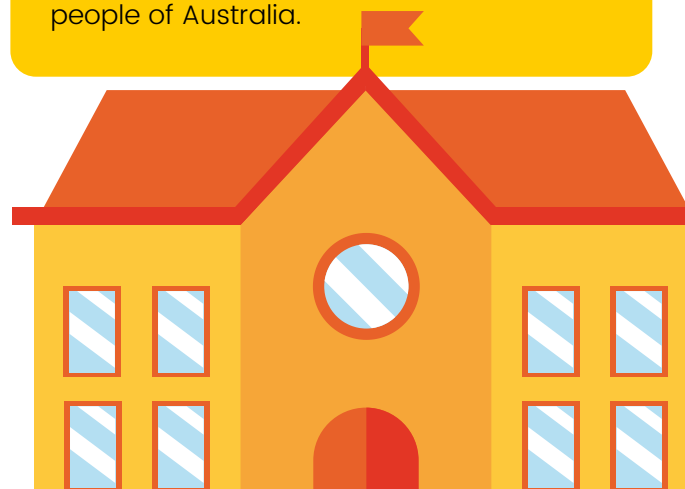
22nd - National Ride to school Day

22nd - Assembly (2.45pm)

28th - Last Day of Term 1 (2.30 finish)



I acknowledge the Wadawurrung people as the traditional owners of the land. I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the first people of Australia.



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School Council: Thank you to all parents who nominated for the Oberon Primary School 2024 School Council. The ballot process has been completed and our 2024 School Council is listed below. We would once again like to thank our outgoing members Andrew Holt, Adam Gilbert, Michael Breen and Glenn Hulston for being such supportive and valued members of our School Council throughout their tenure.

2024 School Council Members:

Rebekah Wybar	Parent Representative
Anne Sidebottom	Parent Representative
Sarah Pile	Parent Representative
Sharyn Bray	Parent Representative
Caleb Edhouse	Parent Representative
Kelly Castrignano	Parent Representative
Mark Clutterbuck	Parent Representative
Stu McCoombe (Prin)	Executive Officer of SC
Karina Darling (AP)	Teacher Representative
Matt Nalder (LS)	Teacher Representative
Kirsty Duynhoven	Business Manager

School Grounds Use: We love seeing our families enjoying our school grounds after school and on weekends, however we have had some students at the school who do not have a supervising adult disrupt our after school care program. We ask to please remind students if they are riding or walking home to please do so after school and if they wish to return, they are most welcome to with a supervising adult.

Bike Education: Last Friday we enjoyed a fantastic day of riding with our 5/6 students as a celebration of the Bike Ed Program. The inaugural Oberon Big Bike Ride was a great success with students displaying the skills they had learnt throughout the program to ride safely from the school to the Barwon Valley Fun Park and back. A huge thank you must go to all of the staff involved in providing such an engaging and important program for our students and also the parents involved who volunteered their time and skills, in particular Caleb Edhouse and Sarah Pile.

Student safety around the school: Please be cautious during drop off and pick up times around the school. There has been some traffic issues around the Dorothy Ave entrance and also when members of the community have entered the staff car park. We understand these are busy times of the day however the safety of our students, parents and staff is paramount.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend ahead.

Stu McCoombe

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- ☒ Friday 8th - Pupil free day.
- ☒ Board brim hats must be worn until the end of April.

GR8 VALUES WEEKS 3, 4, 5 CARING



A spotlight on our newest team members!



Mrs Derby



What is your role at Oberon?

Currently I'm teaching STEM & Auslan, but I'll soon be tutoring again! I love the variety of my job at Oberon.

What is your favourite subject?

My favourite subject is reading, I love all things literacy.

How do you enjoy spending your spare time?

I love spending time with my family, we enjoy going to the beach and visiting all the great parks around Geelong. I also enjoy reading when I get some quiet time.

What are you looking forward to this year?

I'm looking forward to working with a variety of students in my tutoring role, and I'm also looking forward to the end of year concert- I love seeing all the students perform!

If you could choose a superpower, what would you choose?

I'd love to have the power to fly, it would be so fun!

What is your role at Oberon?

Education support in the 1/2 room

What is your favourite subject?

Reading

How do you enjoy spending your spare time?

I enjoy going to dance class or spending time with friends and family.

What are you looking forward to this year?

I am looking forward to building meaningful connections across the school with staff, parents and of course the children! I look forward to helping them through their learning journeys!

If you could jump on a plane tomorrow, where would you be headed?

Definitely New Zealand!! followed closely by the UK

Maddie



What is your role at Oberon?

Integration Aide in the Grade 3/4G room

What is your favourite subject?

Auslan

How do you enjoy spending your spare time?

Spending time with my children and friends

What are you looking forward to this year?

Going to the theatre and seeing Wicked and beauty and the beast

If you could jump on a plane tomorrow, where would you be headed?

The Maldives

Lou





The Grade 5/6
students on their
grand voyage!



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A snapshot of learning from the Preps



**Prep J
Teddy
Bear
Picnic**



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BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL Year 7 2025 OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 19 March 2024

Arrive for a tour between

5.00pm – 5.45pm

Information Session at 6.30pm

Register for a tour on BHS website:

bhs.vic.edu.au

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Belmont High School



Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program Year 7, 2025

**Information will be available at the
Belmont High School Open Night
Tuesday 19th March, 2024.**

Please register to attend via the school website:
www.bhs.vic.edu.au

**SEALP applications close on
14th April, 2024**

[See website for information and SEALP application form.](#)

For further information contact:
Leanne Purdy – SEALP Coordinator
Phone 5243 5355

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Discover Grovedale College

Information Evening 2024 Thursday 14th March

Activities commence at 6.00pm

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to attend our Information Evening 2024.

The evening begins with displays of students' work and a sausage sizzle at 6.00pm. Guests are invited to tour the College in small conducted groups during this time.

Our programs at Grovedale are stimulating, rewarding and forward looking. We focus on whole student development by embracing academic progress, the building of character, self-determination, confidence and a sense of self worth.

Teaching staff and Team Leaders will provide information on Transition Programs, Curriculum Options, the eLearning Program, Musical Opportunities and our Sports Academy Program.

Enquire about our excellent scholarship opportunities available for students commencing in 2025.



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7 Seats Remaining



Junior Book Chat



Monday, March 25
4:00pm - 5:00pm
[Add to Calendar](#)



Warrnambool Library

Do you love books? Want to share what you're reading? Come along once a month to our Junior book chat! Share recommendations, learn some new authors and make some like-minded friends! Ages 8+

Bookings are essential to save your place in the program.

Please cancel your booking if anyone in your group is unwell on the day of the program, or if you are no longer able to attend so we can contact our waitlist.

Bookings close one day prior to the session. If you require assistance, please contact library staff.

Children must be supervised by a responsible person (adult or carer) in our libraries and our programs.

AGE GROUP: Children

Event TYPE: Reading, Book Clubs & Writing Groups (Children & Families/Middle School Programs)

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