

*Oberon Primary Post  
Issue 2, 28th February, 2025*

# OBERON PRIMARY POST

## A WELCOME MESSAGE BY MR. MCCOOMBE,

Dear Families,

We are certainly moving through Term 1 extremely quickly with our 5/6 Bike Ed concluding last week and our swimming program commencing in a few weeks time! Our wonderful Prep students will be attending school for the full week beginning next week. We have been so impressed with how our Prep students have settled into school life and we are sure this will continue!

NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5 students – Our Year 3 and Year 5 staff and students are currently preparing for the annual NAPLAN assessment, a standardised test undertaken by students across Australia. This year the NAPLAN Assessment will commence on Wednesday March 12th for our students and conclude on Tuesday March 18th. The NAPLAN test serves as a tool in gauging the educational landscape nationwide, providing insights into student performance.

At Oberon we believe that true learning encompasses growth, personal achievements, friendships, and social interactions—elements that are not measured by NAPLAN.



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

February

28th – Curriculum day (NO STUDENTS)

March

7th – Assembly (2:45pm)

10th – Labour Day Public Holiday

11th – 17th – Naplan

21st – Assembly (2:45pm)

24th – 4th April – School Swimming Program

April

4th – Assembly

4th – 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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However, it's essential to recognise that the test is just one aspect of their academic journey, taking place on one particular day. It is not the sole indicator of their identity as learners.

**Meet and Greet** – This week we took some time to meet with families in our Meet and Greet Interviews. This is a valuable opportunity to better understand the role we all play in ensuring our young people grow in their learning and wellbeing and establish our important partnership between school and home.

I'd like to thank those families who took the time to meet with teachers, and our wonderful staff who stayed back late two nights in a row.

**Accident Insurance, Medical Expenses and Ambulance cover** – Please note that the Department (which includes our school) does not have accident insurance. Items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school is not the responsibility of Oberon Primary School or the Department. Staff and students are reminded not to bring items of value to school.

A reminder that parents/carers are responsible for any medical expenses (including ambulance costs) incurred if their child is injured or requires medical treatment or an ambulance, while at school or participating in a school activity.

I also inform you that parents/carers may not be called if an ambulance is required, until after an ambulance is called, depending on the situation. We encourage parents/carers to have up-to-date ambulance cover and medical insurance.

**Mobile Phones** – A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours. The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2025 school year. The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state. This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions. By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause. I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

**Annual privacy reminder for our school community** – Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

**Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy** describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

## ***FRIENDLY REMINDERS***

- ☒ Preps full time from 5th of March.
- ☒ Board brim hats must be worn until the end of April.
- ☒ Please refrain from parking in the staff car park throughout school hours.

## **GR8 VALUES**

Caring!

The next two weeks we are learning about our caring value and what being a caring person looks like.

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For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages.

Thank You Carl -We would like to thank one of our fantastic parents – Carl Lewis for all his hard work in removing the water tank and fencing from the front of the administration building. Carl's time and effort have made a real difference to the school, and we truly appreciate your willingness to lend a hand.

We hope you all have a great weekend ahead and we look forward to the AFL season commencing next week with the Mighty Cats set to star again in 2025!

*Stu McCoombe*

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## **Riddle Of The Week**

**I have been around for  
millions of years..**

**But I am only a month  
old..**

**I am a follower of  
something big..**



*Finn Burton 3/4 H*

*Answer - The Moon*







# Prep Teddy Bear Picnic



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# Prep Teddy Bear Picnic







# Spotlight on...

# Azaria Pote

**What is your role at Oberon?**

My role is a E.S in the grade 5/6 year level!

**What is your favourite subject?**

My favourite subject is Art because I love to be creative and colourful.

**How do you enjoy spending your spare time?**

I love to be at the beach or the pool with my family and friends.

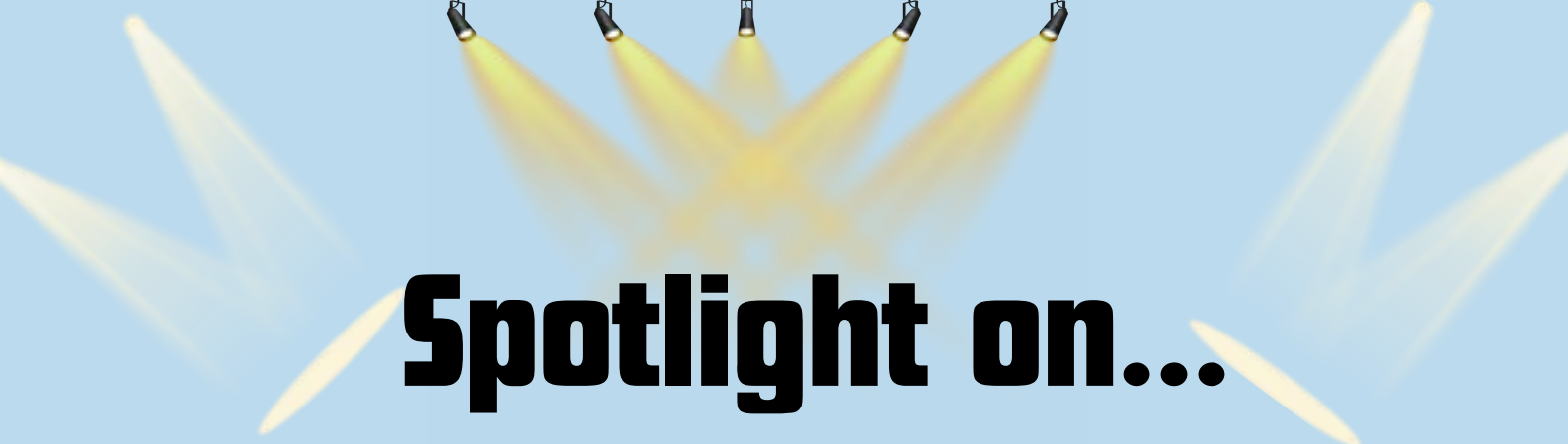
**What are you looking forward to this year?**

Building amazing new relationships with the students and staff here at Oberon and spending time with my friends!

**If you could meet any celebrity or public figure, who would it be and why?**

If I could meet a celebrity it would be Beyoncé because she is an amazing powerful woman!! And she is a very talented performer and singer.





# Spotlight on...

# Georgie Bourke

**What is your role at Oberon?**

My role is ES in the Grade 1/2s.

**What is your favourite subject?**

Maths!

**How do you enjoy spending your spare time?**

I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, as well as travelling.

**What are you looking forward to this year?**

I'm looking forward to being a part of the Oberon community and getting to know all the amazing grade 1/2 students!

**If you could meet any celebrity or public figure, who would it be and why?**

Emma Watson. I love her as an actress, but she is also very inspiring for how she uses her influence to advocate for gender equality and access to education for girls all over the world.





# Auslan at Oberon

Our 3/4s have been having a blast learning new signs each week!



**My Favourite thing about learning Auslan is.....**

***I can learn to talk to people who can't talk to me  
- Edith 3/4 T***

***I love learning about all the colours of the rainbow - Charlie  
3/4 H***

***Being able to read books in Auslan and understand them -  
Mali 3/4 G***



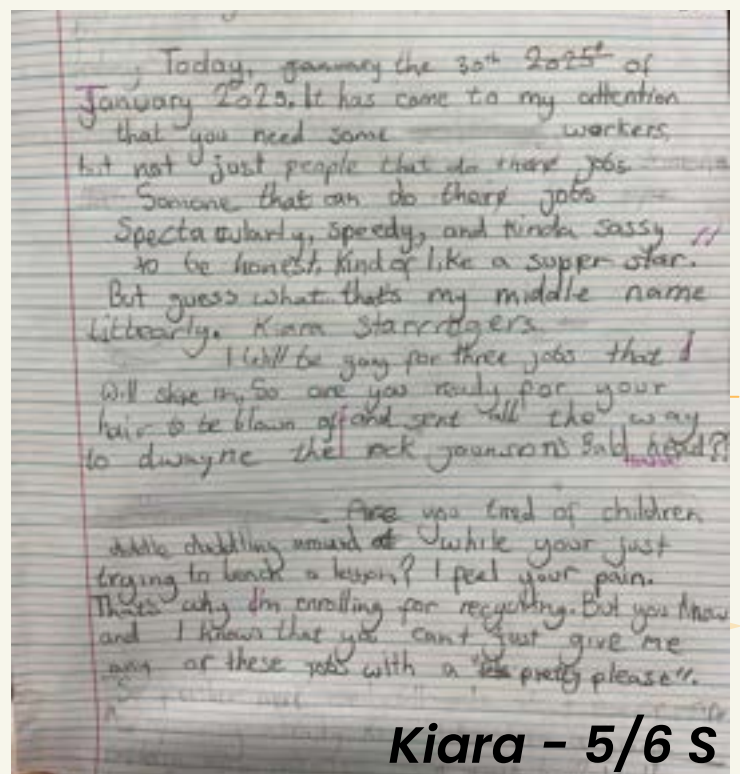
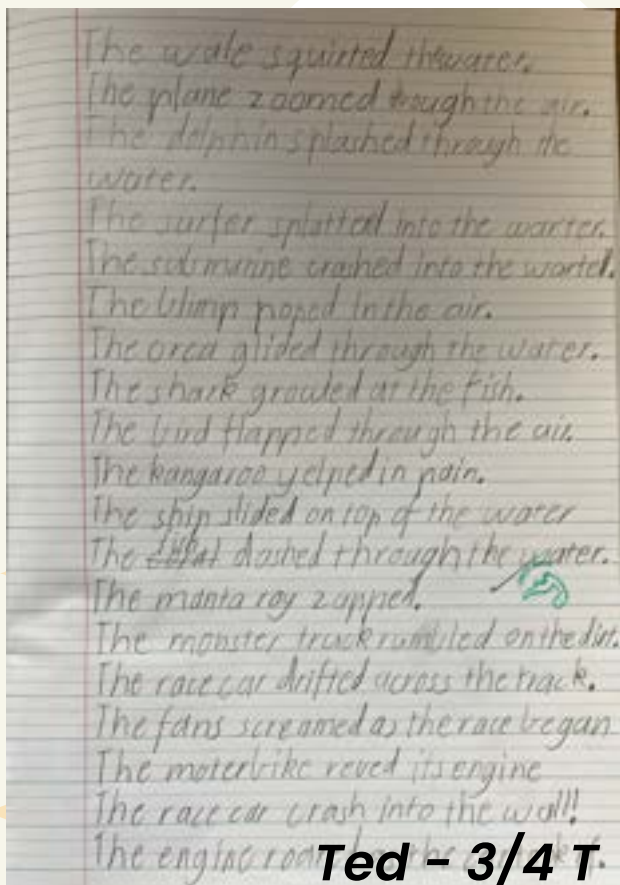
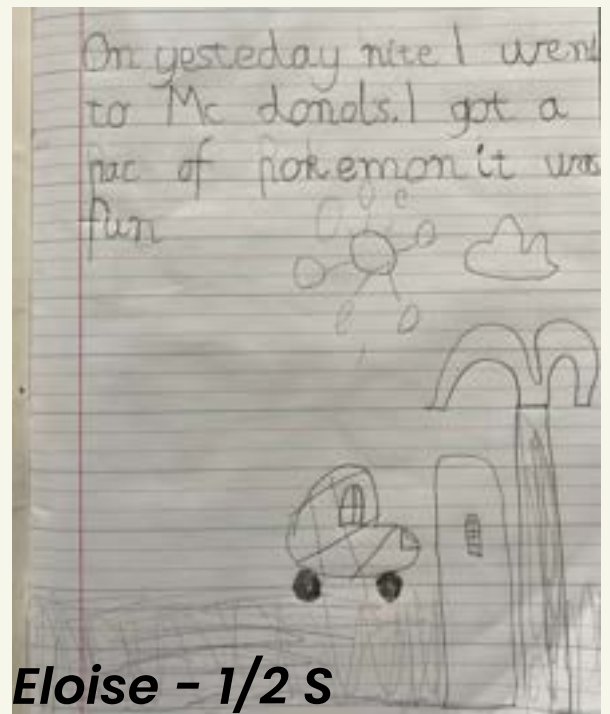
# OUR GRADE 6'S ARE LOVING THEIR NEW JUMPERS & T-SHIRTS!





# Spotlight on Writing at Oberon

Some wonderful writing pieces across our School!





## Oberon Primary School

Social, enjoyable  
& fun experiences  
for children

Develop creativity, life  
skills & confidence  
through play

Qualified, caring &  
engaged staff

Exciting &  
thoughtfully  
developed programs

Healthy & Yummy  
food provided  
each day

### Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	7:00 AM to 8:45 AM	\$25.00	\$5.30
After School Care (ASC)	3:15 PM to 6:00 PM	\$35.00	\$4.04
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$75.00	\$7.50

\*Standard fee prior to Child Care Subsidy, \*\*Standard fee after maximum Child Care Subsidy

#### Cancellation Fees

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)

**BSC/ASC within 24 hours of session start time: \$4.00**

**Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.**

#### Late Booking Fees

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)

**BSC/ASC within 24 hours of session start time: \$4.00**

#### Late Pick-up Fees

(Child Care Subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)

**\$1 per minute after service close time.**

To register visit [theircare.com.au](http://theircare.com.au)



Service phone number:  
**0401 101 534**

Your service Coordinator will be  
available during session times.

Save up to  
90% with  
child care  
subsidy



TheiCare support team is available between 6.30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time)  
on 1300 072 410 or [info@theircare.com.au](mailto:info@theircare.com.au)





St Joseph's College Geelong

# COLLEGE TOURS

St Joseph's College Geelong invite you to join our College Tours.  
We are proud to continue offering an innovative education, and  
we welcome all senior primary school boys and their families to come and visit us.

Bookings essential

Year 7 applications for 2026 are now open until Friday 9 May  
[sjc.vic.edu.au](http://sjc.vic.edu.au)

9.15am tours  
Tuesday 18 March  
Thursday 20 March  
Monday 24 March  
Wednesday 26 March  
Thursday 27 March  
1.45pm tour  
Wednesday 26 March



Due to Construction of our Arts & Learning Precinct, all College Tours will be held in Term 1 2025



*Free*

**FIRST 30 NEW  
ENROLMENTS RECEIVE  
COMPLIMENTARY SHIRT  
AND SHORTS!**

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

## MITE (2-3 YRS OLD)

### 35 MINUTE CLASSES

**\$165 FOR 8 WEEKS**

A GREAT INTRODUCTION TO SOCCER! CHILDREN WORK WITH THEIR PARENTS TO LEARN NEW SOCCER SKILLS AND DEVELOP THEIR MOTOR SKILLS! LOTS OF FUN GAMES IN A NON-COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT!



## PINT SIZE (4-5 YRS OLD)

### 50 MINUTE CLASSES

**\$170 FOR 8 WEEKS**

CHILDREN TAKE THEIR FIRST KICKS IN SOCCER! THEY'LL BE INTRODUCED TO SHOOTING, DRIBBLING, GOAL KEEPING AND MORE. CHILDREN GET TO PLAY LOTS OF FUN, SKILL BASED GAMES. GRASSHOPPERS GET INTRODUCED TO PINT SIZE 1V1 BIG GAME!



## INTRO TO MICRO (5-6 YRS OLD) MICRO (6-8 YRS OLD)

### 60 MINUTE CLASSES

**\$175 FOR 8 WEEKS**

THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE FOR YOUNG SOCCER PLAYERS! THEY'LL LEARN THE RULES OF THE GRASSHOPPER SOCCER BIG GAME AND DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS IN PASSING, DRIBBLING, SHOOTING AND MORE!



## MICRO PLUS (8-12 YRS OLD)

### 60 MINUTE CLASSES

**\$180 FOR 8 WEEKS**

THIS PROGRAM FOCUSES ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND TEAMWORK IN PREPARATION FOR CLUB SOCCER. CHILDREN WILL ENJOY ALL THE FAVOURITE SOCCER BASED GAMES, FINE TUNE THEIR SKILLS AS WELL AS PLAY THE GRASSHOPPER SOCCER BIG GAME!







# Auskick 2025

**REGISTRATIONS  
NOW OPEN**

**Starting 9am, May 4th**  
**McDonald Reserve, 77-79 Reynolds Road**

[playhq.com/afl/register/85585f](https://playhq.com/afl/register/85585f)





# WATTLE

## School A



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### PARK CRAWL - NO EXTRA COST

We'll be checking out some of the parks in our local area



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### MINI GOLF - \$19

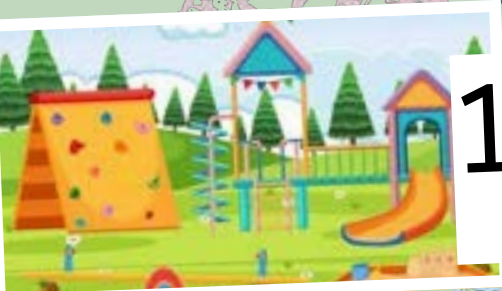
Try out your Golfing and putting skills at Mini Golf



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### POLITE MAMMALS SHOW - \$18

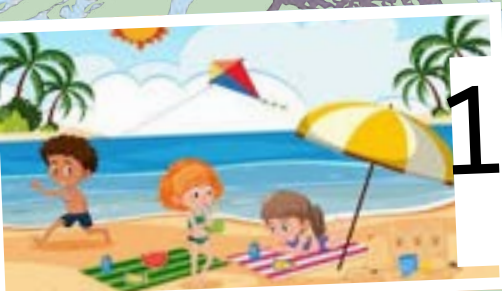
We'll be heading out to The Potato Shed to check out this family friendly variety show



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### SERENDIP SANCTUARY - NO EXTRA COST

Follow the Walking tracks to check out the native wildlife and birdlife at Serendip Sanctuary



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### BEACH DAY - NO EXTRA COST

Have a walk and a play along the beach or spot the rabbit on the bollards

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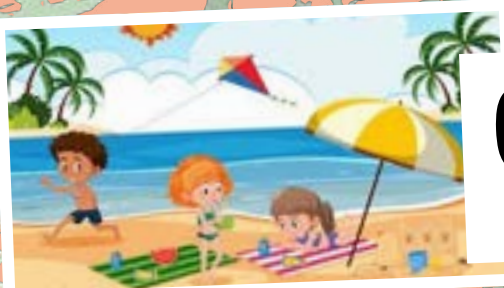
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## BOUNCE - \$25

Hit up the trampolines and the play area at Bounce



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TUE

## BEACH DAY - NO COST

Have some fun in the sun, Go for a play or check out the Geelong Bollards



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## POLITE MAMMALS SHOW - \$18

We'll be heading out to The Potato Shed to check out this family friendly variety show



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## MINI GOLF - \$19

Try out your golfing skills at this fun mini golf course



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## WERRIBEE ZOO - \$25

Go along the Walking trails and have a look at native Australian Animals and animals from other countries





**INDOOR CRICKET**

**NEW SEASON  
STARTING SOON**



**VISIT [GEELOGINDOORSPOOTS.COM.AU](http://GEELOGINDOORSPOOTS.COM.AU)  
to register a team or individual player**

Monday Night: Mens 8-a-side cricket  
Tuesday Night: Mixed 6-a-side cricket  
Wednesday Night: Mens 6-a-side cricket  
Friday Night: Juniors 6-a-side cricket

For more information call 5222 1822 or  
email [info@geelongindoorsports.com.au](mailto:info@geelongindoorsports.com.au)