

Oberon Primary Post Issue  
3, 13th March, 2026

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

## A WELCOME MESSAGE BY MR. MCCOOMBE,

Dear Families,

We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and managed to have a short break before we head into the final weeks of Term 1.

**School Council** - Our 2026 School Council will meet for the first time on Monday, March 16.

We would like to thank our returning members - Beck Wybar, Caleb Edhouse, Mark Clutterbuck, Sharyn Bray and Anne Sidebottom - for their continued commitment to School Council in 2026. Your ongoing support and proactive approach to supporting our school community is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to working alongside you again this year.

We are also very pleased to warmly welcome Monique Williams and Travis Hammond to School Council for 2026. We are excited to have you join the team and look forward to the valuable perspectives and contributions you will bring to our discussions and decision-making.



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 1:

### March

18<sup>th</sup> - Oberons 3-6 Cross Country  
20<sup>th</sup> - Harmony Day (Orange Dress)  
20<sup>th</sup> - Assembly (2:45pm)  
20<sup>th</sup> - Prep Grandparents Morning  
23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - Swimming Program

### APRIL

2<sup>nd</sup> - Last Day of Term 1 (2:30pm FINISH)  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Assembly (9:05am)

Term 2:

### APRIL

22<sup>nd</sup> - District Cross Country  
27<sup>th</sup> - Dental Van Week

### May

1<sup>st</sup> - P-2 Responsible Pet Ownership  
1<sup>st</sup> - Assembly (2:45pm)



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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A very special thank you also goes to Kelly Castrignano and Sarah Pile for their outstanding contribution to School Council. Your time, professionalism and genuine care for our school have made a significant impact, and we are extremely grateful for all you have done to support our students, staff and the broader school community.

**NAPLAN** – We are very proud of our Year 3 and Year 5 students who are currently completing their NAPLAN assessments. Our students have approached these assessments with a positive attitude and are doing their very best. We commend them for their effort, focus and resilience during this time.

**Summer Lightning Premiership** – Congratulations to the students who recently participated in the Summer Lightning Premiership. It was fantastic to see our students representing the school with enthusiasm, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship. Thank you to the staff and parents who generously gave their time to coach and support the teams. A special thank you to Miss Steinfort for organising the students and coordinating the cricket program.

**Staff Carpark** – A friendly reminder to our community that the disabled car park is reserved strictly for those with the appropriate permit or permission to use it. Please help us ensure that this space remains available for those members of our community who require it.

**Every Day Counts & Every Minute Matters** – Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school each day – missing school puts them behind. In Victoria, school is compulsory for children and young people aged 6–17 years.

## **SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOUR CHILD IS THERE**

### **Why it's important:**

We all want our students to receive a great education, and the building blocks for this begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

### **Top Attendance Tips for Parents**

Schools want to work in partnership with parents. Act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support.

Remember that every day counts.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect both their educational outcomes and their social connectedness.

Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day.

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A Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is important.

Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance or wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child/ren are at school on time each day and ready to learn.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend ahead – and let's hope the Cats get a win against the Dockers!

*Sta McCoombe*

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## **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

- Please refrain from parking in the staff car park during school hours including drop off and pick up times
- Zooper Doopers will be on sale for 50cents when the weather is above 25!

## **GR8 VALUES**

***BALANCED!***

*The next three weeks we  
are focusing on  
Balanced!*

# HARMONY DAY

Friday 20th March

We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday, March 20th. Harmony Day is a nationwide celebration that recognises Australia's cultural diversity and promotes inclusiveness, respect and a strong sense of belonging for everyone.

The day acknowledges and celebrates the many cultures that make up our multicultural community, including First Nations and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as well as Australians from all around the world. The message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'.

On Friday, March 20th, students and staff are invited to wear a touch of orange with their school uniform (orange is the official colour of Harmony Day). In the classroom, students will explore the meaning of Harmony Day and take part in a special activity by creating "kindness wristbands" to exchange with a classmate.

We look forward to celebrating Harmony Day together at Oberon Primary School.



## Everyone Belongs

# 5/6 Lightning

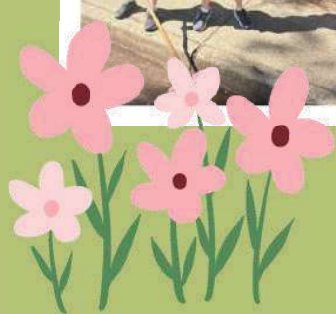
# Premiership



Well done to all our Grade 5/6 students for competing and proudly representing Oberon!

We are so proud of your effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

# Community Hour



TAKING PRIDE IN OUR  
SCHOOL!

# PREP TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



PIC • COLLAGE

A row of five spotlights at the top of the page, casting beams of light downwards.

# Spotlight on...

# Kaylee Jardine

**What is your role at Oberon?**  
ES Team!

**What is your favourite subject?**  
My favourite subject would have to be Sport or Art!

**How do you enjoy spending your spare time?**  
I love spending my spare time coaching my calisthenics team and practising new skills.

**What are you looking forward to this year?**  
I'm looking forward to strengthening all of my relationships with the students!

**If you could meet any celebrity or public figure, who would it be and why?**  
I would want to meet Ryan Reynolds because I think he would be funny and have good stories to tell.



# FRIDAY FITNESS



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Well done to our 2026 Captains for a great start to fitness!



**TheirCare**  
Where Kids love to be!

## 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 8:30 AM	\$35.00	\$5.30
After-School Care (ASC)	3:15 PM to 6:00 PM	\$35.00	\$4.00
Full Day Care	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$75.00	\$7.50

\*Fees are inclusive of Child Care Subsidy (CCS) benefit for each hour 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.

  
Service phone number  
**0401 301 534**

Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.

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

Save up to 90% with child care subsidy



Belmont Lions Juniors

# COME AND TRY

U9s, 10s and 12s

18th March 2026

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Winter Reserve, Belmont

LOVE TO RUN, KICK & HAVE FUN?  
FOOTY MIGHT BE FOR YOU!

At Belmont Lions, it's about more than just footy.

It's about effort.

It's about respect.

It's about being part of a team.

If your child is keen to try something new this season, come along to our U9s, U10s & U12s Come & Try session.

We'd love to welcome you to the Lions family!

For more information, please contact the junior Coordinator on 0418 476-584 or via email [Blscjrfooty@gmail.com](mailto:Blscjrfooty@gmail.com)



# BALL4ALL 2026 GEELONG NETBALL CLINIC

JOIN **MELBOURNE VIXENS** STAR **EMILY MANNIX** FOR A  
NETBALL CLINIC THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! 🏐🐾

## Clinic Details

### WHEN

- Wednesday 15 April

### WHERE

- Geelong Arena, North Geelong

### WHO

- 9-14 Year Olds
  - 9:00am - 12:00pm

### COST

- \$99 per person



**Vixen style skills & drills**  
**Keynote Speaking**

**Special guests**

**Q&A, Photos,  
Signing, Prizes!**

**REGISTER NOW! - LIMITED SPOTS!**

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS ART

@ **WE made.**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AT [WE-MADE.COM.AU/SCHOOL-HOLIDAY-PROGRAM](http://WE-MADE.COM.AU/SCHOOL-HOLIDAY-PROGRAM)

3 FOR \$90

SUITABLE FOR AGES 5-14

USE CODE "APRILHOLIDAYFUN"

\$35 PER SESSION OR 3 FOR \$90

\*PRICING & AGE RESTRICTIONS DIFFER FOR

11 RUTLAND ST, NEWTOWN

COLLABORATION SESSIONS



## 6 MONDAY

10-11:30  
VIDEO GAMES  
(DRAWING)

1-2:30  
FLORAL  
TEXTURES  
(PAINTING)

## 7 TUESDAY

10-12  
LEAH GRANT X  
WE MADE  
STENCIL  
MASTERCLASS\*

1-2:30  
DREAM CATCHERS  
(CRAFT)

## 8 WEDNESDAY

10-11:30  
POLYMER CLAY  
CREATIONS  
(CRAFT)

1-2:30  
JUNK ART  
SCULPTURES  
(CRAFT)

## 9 THURSDAY

10-11:30  
POWER UP PIPE  
CRAFT  
(CRAFT)

1-2:30  
AT THE FARM  
(PAINTING)

## 10 FRIDAY

10-11:30  
TREASURE MAPS  
(DRAWING)

1-2:30  
MAGIC DRAWING  
PADS  
(CRAFT)

## 13 MONDAY

10-11:30  
WIND CHIMES  
(CRAFT)

11:45-3:15  
HART IN  
HARMONY X  
WE MADE\*

## 14 TUESDAY

10-11:30  
WORRY STONES  
(CRAFT)

1-2:30  
FREESTYLE  
PAINTING  
(PAINTING)

## 15 WEDNESDAY

10-11:30  
STREETSCAPES  
(DRAWING)

1-2:30  
ALL VOICES X  
WE MADE\*

## 16 THURSDAY

10-11:30  
OUT OF THIS  
WORLD  
(CRAFT)

1-2:30  
ICE CREAMS  
(PAINTING)

## 17 FRIDAY

10-11:30  
HEADBANDS  
(CRAFT)

1-2:30  
ANIMALS IN  
ACCESSORIES  
(PAINTING)