As Term 1 at Oberon High School draws to a close for teachers and students, Year 12 are completing their HSC Half Yearly Examinations. Teachers will assess their performance and design educational support programs to be implemented during Year 12’s last two terms. Year 12 Advisor – Mrs Tara Morrison will be monitoring student achievement closely in this examination period and interviews with students, parents, Year Advisor and Principal will be set early in Term 2. Sporting competitions are also in full swing and there seems to be an excursion every day. Oberon High students can certainly hold their heads high again, matching it with much bigger schools on the sporting field. We commend our sport teachers who regularly give up their own time to select, coach and take away sporting excursions.

Our biggest sporting event of the year, ‘Rural Cup’ will start during the first week of Term 2. We face Canowindra High School in Oberon on Thursday 23rd April 2015 in what will be our toughest test. The second round is set for Tuesday 2nd June 2015 in Molong against Molong Central School. I wish all our students and staff the very best of luck in Rural Cup this year. A reminder to parents; the home Rural Cup competition starts at 8.30am and finishes at 5.00pm on the day. If you have questions surrounding the Rural Cup organisation please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The colder months in Term 2 and 3 sees our students regularly wear their red school jumper and black track pants. School uniform is an essential component of being part of the school team. Wear our uniform with pride; see Mr Barwick or Mr Luccarda if you have uniform issues.

On Monday 30th March 2015, 18 dedicated performing arts students presented ‘Into the Light’. This drama performance showcased the artistic talents of many of our students and the dedication and commitment of two teachers - Miss Holly McTrustry and Mrs Amber Crouch. Well done to all of the students and staff for such a great school event (more on page 4). If you have any questions about programs at Oberon High School, please contact Craig Luccarda or Ken Barwick on 6336 1606.

(Principal’s report continued over page)

**Student Focus**

Introducing Meka Paahi, a Year 8 student who has a creative flair and enjoys designing and making clothes, especially dresses.

Of the mandatory year 8 subjects, Meka’s favourite subject is Visual Arts. Understandably, Mr Lyle is her favourite teacher (she says he’s nice and funny).

Meka enjoys pencil drawing and sketching, but also enjoys other art mediums and is currently working on a sculpture in metals for the Waste 2 Art competition.

She loves animals and loves drawing animals. At home she has a dog and 2 cats that surprisingly all get along well together.

Meka attended Black Springs School before coming to high school. She says that the best thing about Oberon High School is that she has met so many new people and made good friends.

On weekends Meka is a mid-fielder with the Oberon side in the junior soccer competition. In addition to sporting abilities, Meka also has some musical talent and, until recently, played bass guitar.

With a large extended family in New Zealand, Meka has made quite a few overseas trips.

In the future Meka would like to continue designing and making clothes—perhaps making a career from what is currently a creative hobby. With her talent and determination, Meka is sure to be a success.
New Student Representative Council

Thanks to Miss Shannon Marshall for her efforts in interviewing students who nominated for the Student Representative Council for 2015. It is a sure sign that things are heading in the right direction at Oberon High School with almost 30 eager students nominated this year. They are very keen to be involved in the school and community activities.

Congratulations to all students who were selected. There will be an official induction assembly early next term which parents and carers are invited to attend. The 2015 SRC representatives are listed at right.

The picture shows some of the successful SRC members shortly after their names were announced at assembly.

2015 SRC

Year 7—Evelyn Eggins, Peta McGrath, Phoenix Cooper-Beattie, Tiarna Boundy.
Year 8—Emily Henby, Bayden Ham, John Sikima, Jake Perry.
Year 10—Emmett Bowman, Jess Maclure, Shayla Oliver, Mitchell Evans
Year 11—Amy Mills, Bronte Leihm, Alex Sikima, Kurt Boundy, Lucy Voerman, Jason Massey, Dean Jones.
Year 12—Shannon Foley, Joshua Harvey, Merania Stanley, Adrian Perry, Jaidyn Levanic, Keely Armstrong.

ANZAC celebrations in Oberon

Over the next few weeks there are some community based events in town where our students and staff will have some involvement. Below is a list of activities where we will be participating.

Unveiling of WW1 Commemorative Sculpture and Street Parade - Saturday 11th April 2015
- School SRC to march in street parade
Parade starts @ 10.30am, Sculpture Unveiling @ 11.30am

100 Year ANZAC Day Celebrations - Saturday 25th April 2015
- 2 School Vice-Captains to attend the dawn service
- School Choir to sing before the ANZAC parade - Amber Crouch
- Year 7 SRC to carry the flag in the ANZAC march
- School SRC to march in ANZAC parade - Shannon Marshall
- School Choir to sing at the ANZAC service in RSL club - Amber Crouch
- School Captains to read the prayer to the Queen at the ANZAC service in RSL club
- 4 Students to present at the ANZAC service
- March starts @ 10.30am from outside Oberon Council

Inspire Innovative Conference

During Week 8 of school, five of our staff on the school’s curriculum team were provided the opportunity to attend the Inspire Innovative Conference at ANZ Stadium in Sydney. They were treated to some outstanding sessions, along with plentiful cuisine to get them through each day. It’s the first time we have sent so many staff away at the same time to the same conference; however our school felt that in a year of significant curriculum and structural change, we needed to explore and support all possible benefits for students at Oberon High School. Staff who attended the conference will now share many exciting ideas leading into our compressed curriculum change at the end of this year!
Oberon High School is committed to improving the safety of all individuals on the road by organising a series of road safety lessons and presentations. Oberon High School is working closely with the Chifley Local Area Command Youth Liaison Officer—Constable Matt Holden—to improve the safety of our students who ride their bikes and scooters to school each day. Our school must play a significant role in educating our students about road safety and the required safety equipment needed at all times.

Constable Matt Holden presented safety sessions to students in Years 7 to 10 on Wednesday 1st April 2015. Students will now be engaged in four sessions during Year meetings relating to safety – ‘On foot’, ‘On your bike’, ‘On your motorbike’ and ‘In your car’. We plan to engage our PD/H/PE staff to design a clear list of set rules and procedures associated with riding bikes to school.

I encourage all our parents to consider the safety of our students when picking up or dropping off their children at school and to wish all our community a safe holiday on the roads. Thanks Mr Craig Luccarda for his hard work on this safety program.

On your bike

When cycling on the road it is important to be visible, predictable in your actions and aware of what is happening around you. You also need to wear a correctly fitted, approved bicycle helmet. For day riding, wear bright coloured clothing and reflective clothing at night. Lights and reflectors front and back are also needed for night riding.

As a bicycle rider always make sure you:

Give way to motorists and pedestrians when they have right of way.

Cycle about a metre away from the kerb to avoid debris and from parked cars to avoid opening doors.

Let people know your intentions by using hand signals when turning or changing lanes.

Remember, eye contact with other road users is important to signal clear intention.
Principal’s report (from page 3)

Oberon Youth Council Fun Run a Success

On Saturday 21st March 2015 in near freezing conditions around 40 children and adults turned up at the common to take part in the first Oberon Youth Council Fun Run.

The OYC Mayor – Adrian Williams returned from Wollongong to start and compete in the race.

Big thanks to Shannon Marshall, Heather Wiggins and Phil Watkins who assisted the OYC on the day as marshals, or by organising young children’s activities. There was a 5km and 9.5km course and our students performed very well.

While I was easily beaten by students in the sack race, the school's honour was redeemed by Danny Eiler-Carr who took out the 5km race in very good time. Again thanks to all involved in this activity!

Maths Trivia

You can remember the value of Pi (3.1415926) by counting the number of each word’s letters in “May I have a large container of coffee”

Term 2 School Development Day

Parents need to be aware that Term 2 starts with a School Development Day. Monday, 20th April 2015 – SDD, No students Tuesday, 21st April 2015 – All students attend school

I wish you all a safe and happy Easter and an enjoyable school holiday break.

Ken Barwick
Principal
0418 629 198

Into the Light

*Into the Light* was a great success! Thank you so much to Amber Crouch and Jenny Porter for their incredible support and enthusiasm. All cast members performed well and I have already been approached by community members, wanting to know when the next performance evening will be held. As a result of the evening’s outstanding audience attendance, an additional $104 has been added to the performing arts faculty.

Miss Holly McTrustry
Director

Above: Danny Eiler-Carr wins the 5km race
Left: Mr Barwick struggling but still smiling in the sack race

Above: the cast of *Snow White* take their final bows.
Easter reading

Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time.

What’s your child reading right now? Find out more: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

What’s On

Dance, Dance, Dance

Holly’s Dance Classes

start again on 29th April 2015

6:30pm to 7:30pm in the gym

NO CHARGE.

Around the Piano, 1915

Saturday, 18th April 2015 at 2.00pm—$20 per person

A musical soiree, “Around the Piano 1915” concert and afternoon tea will be presented at the Robert Hooper Community Centre in Fleming Street, Oberon.

This event is a joint Music in Mt David and Little Tin Church production and will feature music and poetry of the era. High tea will be served. Artists include singers Ian Gordon and Anne Russell, poet Brian Beesley and harpist Gwenda Davies.

Contact Anne Russell on 6337 0363 for more information.

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Barnys Usual Sunday Youth

Every week on Sunday

5 Apr 2015
12 Apr 2015
19 Apr 2015
26 Apr 2015

Youth Group Sunday afternoons

at St Barnabas Anglican Church, Oberon Street, Oberon

Time: 4.00pm—5.30pm
Cost $2.00

Contact: St Barnabas Anglican Church on 6336 1366

IRONFEST

Lithgow Showground

18th & 19th April 2015

Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Tickets at the gate:
One day - Adult $35; Conc. $30; Child $25; Family $95.
2 Day Weekend - Adult $55; Conc. $45; Child $35; Family $140.

Visit the IRONFEST website at www.ironfest.net.au

P&C News—By Gayle Voerman

Thankyou to all who donated to our Easter raffle, sold tickets, and bought tickets. Congratulations to the lucky winner, Jane Schrader and to Denise Voytilla and Hannah Dessulaar who won consolation prizes.

Our next P&C meeting is Thursday, 14th May 5pm (There is no meeting in April due to school holidays). Contact Gayle Voerman on 0419 445 767 for more information about your P&C.
School Holiday Activities!

Week 1

Session 1: 5:30am – 1:30pm
- Tuesday 7 April: Water Safety (Swim Centre)
- Wednesday 8 April: Easter Egg Hunt (Community Centre)
- Thursday 9 April: Miniature Golf (Library)

Session 2: 12:30pm – 3:30pm
- Tuesday 7 April: Water Safety (Swim Centre)
- Wednesday 8 April: Easter Egg Hunt (Community Centre)
- Thursday 9 April: Miniature Golf (Library)

Week 2

Session 1: 5:30pm – 1:30pm
- Tuesday 14 April: Water Safety (Swim Centre)
- Wednesday 15 April: Easter Egg Hunt (Library)
- Thursday 16 April: Miniature Golf (Library)

Session 2: 12:30pm – 3:30pm
- Tuesday 14 April: Water Safety (Swim Centre)
- Wednesday 15 April: Easter Egg Hunt (Community Centre)
- Thursday 16 April: Miniature Golf (Community Centre)

Booking are essential. Phone the Library on 5398 8220

The Best Holidays Happen at Camp

Entertain the kids this school holidays with a Sport and Recreation camp. Our popular Kid's and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities including fishing, ship 'n' shuttle, abseiling, crafts, speaking, cooking and more! Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands.

Kids' Day Camps start from $47 per day for kids under 5 at our free cost includes accommodation, meals and activities.

Bonus Offer! Book any 3 activities for the one participant and pay only $60

THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

Bonuses Residential Kids' Camps
- Central Station, Sydney
- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wellington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney

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Central West Summer Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award

The Central West Summer Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award is an opportunity to recognise volunteers who are the backbone of grassroots sport in NSW. Sporting club and association members are invited to nominate individual volunteer(s) or youth (15 years and under) who would be deserving of such an award. To be eligible for the summer award the nominee must have been a volunteer with the club or association during the period from November 2014 to March 2015.

Nominations must be lodged with the Office of Sport and Recreation's Orange Regional Office by Friday 10 April 2015. Please see the details on who is eligible and how to lodge a nomination below.

YOUTH OPEN CATEGORY

To nominate your volunteer, please complete the form, and tell us in 100 words or less why your nominee is the most deserving volunteer. This might include:

- The time they dedicate to the club, association or committee;
- The positive attitude they demonstrate whilst volunteering;
- The positive influence they provide to younger and other club members;
- The expertise and knowledge they bring to volunteering;
- The encouragement they give to others in the club, association or committee.

In October 2015, there will also be an opportunity to nominate someone for the Winter Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award. This will be for those who have volunteered between April and October 2015.

School Holiday Activities

Bushwalking Pack a picnic and come make some new friends.
Federal Falls, Mt Canobolas.
Tuesday 7th April.
Glow worm tunnel, Blue Mountains.
Thursday 10th April.
Cost $25 per person per day, minimum age 7yrs.
Bookings essential. Limited numbers available.

Abseiling Pack your day pack and join us to test your nerve. This is sure to be a day you will never forget.
The Pinnacle, Mt Canobolas.
Thursday 9th April & Tuesday 14th April.
Cost $25 per person per day, minimum age 10yrs.
Bookings essential. Limited numbers available.

Activities depend on bookings: minimum of 6 participants required to run each activity. Specific activity overviews will be provided upon booking.
For all enquiries please contact Aspire NSW on 4838 6731
www.aspire.nsw.gov.au

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