Year 12 Final Assembly

Year 12 were farewelled on the final day of this term. Students are obviously still to complete HSC examinations and will attend a graduation in November, however, this assembly represents a finalisation of their time in classes and school life on a day to day basis. The assembly involved messages from staff and students and saw many tears from students, staff and parents.

This is a major milestone in the lives of these students and we want them to realise that they will be missed and that their time at our school has left a small mark, just as have all the other cohorts that have moved on into the next phase of their lives.

Thank you to Marj Armstrong for your kind words in the Oberon Review last week in regards to our Alice and the Rabbit showcase performance night. It was much appreciated.

HSC – Practical Work/Performances

Thursday of Week 9 the school was visited by HSC Music markers. This was the culmination of many months of hard work for three students – Keely Armstrong, Shannon Foley and Chloe Swannell. All three girls were understandably nervous on that day and the period leading up to the assessment. Ms Hibbert prepared the students well and was confident that each student could perform at their best on the day.

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Traffic Consultation

Last week I attended a consultation meeting at the Robert Hooper Community Centre which was being run by GTA Consultants. This consultation was all about traffic and safe access around town, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. The meeting was attended by a number of other individuals and interested parties all with the view to improving access and safety in Oberon. Oberon Council and RMS were also present as changes to infrastructure will certainly involve these central bodies.

A range of issues were discussed including motorised scooters, bicycles, pedestrians, footpaths, roads, trails around and through town and general traffic.

“...safety of all in the school community”

It was clear that all of these parts must be discussed to improve the quality and safety derived from any of the others.

The consultants also visited our school where we discussed more specific issues relating to the safety of all in the school community. The consultants were keen to talk directly to our school. Students and staff moving to and from school by various transportation modes makes this consultation important to us.

There will be a survey uploaded to the Oberon Council website at some stage in the next few months and I would encourage you to complete the survey to ensure there is enough data to formulate further action. When the school is made aware of the surveys readiness we will advertise this through the newsletter.

Craig Luccarda, Relieving Principal
Performing Arts ‘Smashed It’
Performing Arts have been working so hard this term we cannot believe it is coming to an end. We started with a trip to Sydney for Romeo & Juliet and ended with HSC examinations and showcase.

So, last you heard from us we were discussing HSC Drama. Since then, students were madly rehearsing and preparing for Alice and the Rabbit. And what a success that was? But what I really want to discuss is HSC Music.

What a term? What a crazy, hectic, insane term?!

As far as anyone is aware in the school, this was the inaugural year of HSC Music. It was the first year we have had a group through and our three very talented students smashed it!

Shannon Foley, Keely Armstrong and Chloe Swannell have been working tirelessly on their performances throughout the year. In HSC Music 1 students must complete a mandatory core performance (20%) and then have 3 electives to complete. The electives can comprise of any combination of composition, musicology (viva voce) or performance. Each of these electives is also worth 20% of the total HSC result.

Consequently, Thursday last week (10th September 2015) our students completed work worth 80 marks of their total marks.

What an enormous feat?

Congratulations to our HSC Music 1 students and well done for a fantastic year. Enjoy your final performance at your graduation ceremony on Friday and best of luck for the aural examination on October 13th 2015, worth 30 marks. Yep, that’s right the only HSC exam marked out of 110!

Yours dramatically musical,
Amber Hibbert.

Bathurst Eisteddfod Success

On Friday 11th September 2015 Jason Massey (year 11) competed for the Senior Local Scholarship at the Bathurst Eisteddfod. There were 26 entrants, who performed a variety of genre.

Many decided to use a piece which they had previously performed during the two weeks of the Eisteddfod. Jason opted for a completely new dance which the adjudicator said he was not expecting and, “It absolutely blew me away”!

This award is of great importance for Jason as it is another achievement to place in his ever-growing CV.

Jason has only competed professionally for the past 2 years, so this is an amazing result. Well done Jason!

“It absolutely blew me away”
- Dance Adjudicator

ABOVE: Abby Smith, (Bathurst Academy of Music) Shannon Foley, Chloe Swannell, Bailey Armstrong, Keely Armstrong and Mickey Pye (Bathurst Academy of Music)
Oberon High School - educating the whole person for the whole of life

Introducing **AMINITA**

On Wednesday 16 September, I had the pleasure of hearing more of our students' talent.

Rhydah Leihn, Malcom Voerman, Luke McFarlane, and Connor Priddis have been working together as the school band for the last twelve months.

Now they have created their own band, Aminita and with the song writing talents of Mal, Rhydah, and Luke, have written their own song, **“passion of fire”**

This song was performed for the first time at school and will be entered into the local Youth Songwriting Competition. Well done guys!

**One very proud ‘rock-goddess’ teacher,**

**Ms Hibbert.**

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**Information for parents on the Working With Children Check**

A new Working With Children Check (WWCC) system was introduced on 15 June 2013 requiring people in child related work to have a WWCC clearance. A transition period of up to five years has been established to allow different sectors to phase-in to the new WWCC system.

To coincide with National Child Protection Week the Office of the Children’s Guardian has launched a new poster and parent’s fact sheet to help raise community awareness about child safe environments.


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**Dates to Remember**

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**Year 7 - 10 exams will be in Week 2**

**School Holiday Activities**

- Canoeing, Lake Canobolas - 22 September - contact Tina on 0488 653 931
- Bushwalking, Glow worm tunnel - Blue Mountains NP - 1 October - contact Tina on 0488 653 931
- The Pinnacle, Mount Canobolas - 24 & 29 September - contact Tina on 0488 653 931

**Oberon Little Athletics** registration - 25 September 2015 3.30pm - 5.30pm outside IGA Oberon. Contact 6336 1626. Register online at [www.lansw.com.au](http://www.lansw.com.au)

**Safer Drivers Course** (for learner drivers) with the PCYC - 19 September 2015 at 10.30am Find more info or book in at [www.saferdrivers.org.au](http://www.saferdrivers.org.au)

**Oberon Youth Council DISCO** - 9 October @ Oberon RSL
- Ages 6 - 11 6pm - 8pm; 12 - 18 8.30pm - 11.30pm. $5 single entry.
- Soft drinks and chips available for purchase.

**Youth Song Writing Competition** - supported by Bathurst Academy of Music. 12 - 16 years and 17 - 24 years. Entries close Tuesday 6 October 2015. Application forms at schools, local businesses or Oberon Council
Two weeks ago the Major Works and body of works were completed for marking or submission in Industrial Technology Timber, Graphics and Visual Arts.

Well done to all students who have completed this most important part of their HSC Examination. The major work counts for 60% and the body of work counts for 50% of each students HSC Mark.

On the following pages you can view some small images of their presentation. Many thanks to Mr Lyle, Mr Armstrong and Mr Boyd.
Kyle Smith, DUBSTEP GUN images

William Wilson, MEDIA UNIT

Adrian Perry, ELECTRIC GUITAR
Cheyanne Booth, COMPOUND BOW Design.

Matthew Simmons, WINE CABINET

Jarad Cesarone, COFFEE TABLE with Drawers
HSC Visual Arts Body of works 2015

Cayley has employed her love of the mythical to open a dialogue with real world issues of ownership, identity, freedom and tolerance. These works have been drawn by hand and then processed and coloured digitally.

Oberon after Marc. Acrylic on Paper. Sophie Couling.
Sophie has created a series of “fauvist” landscape paintings on the local environment owing much to the famous German modernist Franz Marc; these paintings focus on the exploration of bold colour and stylised shape expressing the vitality found within the natural.

I am Her as much as She is Me. Inkjet Prints on Photographic Paper. Jayde Mackenzie.
Jayde has adopted a “design” aesthetic inspired by manga comics to explore the intersection of astrology and identity. Her works have been completed using contemporary forms of digital drawing.

We are Watching. A word is worth a Thousand Likes, Operation Fire Trap. Spray paint on found Boards. Kyle Smith.
Kyle has appropriated popular recognised images to create these street-styled stencil works that examine issues with the prevalence of “Big Brother”; these are both a celebration and a critique of surveillance and social media.
Acacia’s complex series of works are the result of solitary hours invested in dark-room experimentation whilst reading Dante’s Inferno. They owe much to the creativity of Man Ray and his love for photograms as they do to philosophical musings on identity and origins.

Don’t eat the yellow snow # Religion. Inkjet Prints on Photographic Paper. Sarah Oxley.  
Sarah’s works are a satirical examination of the contemporary, almost “religious” obsession with the popular and the processed.

Jaidyn has created a series of digital drawings that explore a range of imagined emotional identities.

David Boyd,  
Head Teacher Technology & Applied Studies, Vocational Education, Visual Arts
OHS P&C
Monthly meeting 2nd Thursday of every month during school terms - 5pm at Oberon High School, Ross Street, Oberon

P&C 2015 meetings
Thursdays, 5pm
8th October
12th November
10th December

Tickets are on sale for the P&C Raffle to be drawn at Halloween Bingo Night. There are some fantastic prizes.

All proceeds from this raffle will go towards the needs of students at OHS.

To purchase or sell tickets, contact Mishka at the office or call Gayle on 0419 445 767.

We have contacted a lot of local businesses seeking donations to assist with our fundraising however, if anyone is able to contribute by donating suitable prizes for our raffle or Bingo Night, please contact Mishka at the school (6336 1606) or Gayle (0419 445 767).

The P&C would like to thank all the businesses who have made donations to assist our fundraising.

Halloween Bingo Bonanza
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER
Oberon High School
P&C Fundraiser
All proceeds go to help our students

$10 for 10 rounds
Oberon RSL Club
Bingo starts at 7pm
Doors open at 5.30pm
(Bistro and Bar open from 5.30pm)
Phone 0419 445 767 for more information

Government Funding for YOUR School
The P&C recently received information from the NSW federation of P&C associations regarding Gonski funding model for public schools. If you would like more information on this matter or wish to sign the petition go to www.igiveagonski.com.au

If you would like more information about any of these events or other matters relating to the Oberon High School P&C, please contact Gayle Voerman, President 0419 445 767.