**Student focus**

**Tyson Rice** is a Year 10 student with exceptional talents in a variety of areas.

Tyson’s electives are PASS, IST and Visual Arts and his favourite subjects are Mathematics and PASS.

His favourite teacher is Mr Barwick because he explains things really well and they get through a lot in class. He also likes Mr Leven because he’s funny and Tyson gets along with him.

On completing school Tyson hopes to attend university to study law, with a view to becoming a solicitor or barrister, eventually practising in the city.

Outside of school his main interests are dancing, reading and soccer. Tyson also has a modelling career happening and has been involved in some significant advertising campaigns.

Break dance and hip hop are his preferred dance genres. Dance improves his flexibility, strength, reaction time and fitness.

Recently Tyson participated in an indigenous dance workshop/audition with the Bangarra Dance Theatre and was selected to dance at the next level with a NSW Public Schools dance group.

Tyson says, “The best thing about Oberon High School is that I get along with all the teachers and there’s lots of space around - you’re not cramped up in the classrooms”.

In all his interests Tyson demonstrates a strong discipline which will ensure he achieves great things in his life.
The principal matters

The first four weeks of 2016 have come and gone and teachers have already completed interim reports on all students. These reports have been posted home along with a breakdown of subject fees and school related costs for 2016 for each student. The purpose of providing information about your child’s progress in all subjects early in the year is to open up communication with parents and to invite them to our first parent teacher interview evening on Tuesday 23 February 2016. Information about interviews, along with a booking sheet accompanied the interim report. If you are unable to attend on Tuesday 23rd and would like to see teachers, please phone the school and our office staff will organise alternate interview times which suit both parties.

Big thanks must go to all staff and students for their great effort at our recent swimming and athletics carnivals. Mrs Pringle, supported by Mr Mitton, has again done an amazing job in planning and organising staff and students. She has produced two outstanding carnivals in two weeks. This year we chose to get the carnivals out of the way early in the year as weather has affected previous years leading to several postponements. Carnivals in 2016 were held on Wednesdays for the first time in an attempt to minimise the impact on senior students missing lessons in our new compressed curriculum structure.

2016 was a trial and we will survey students, staff and the community to ascertain whether our senior students were disadvantaged in any way. All students and staff who attended the carnivals had a great time and students were very competitive as always. Congratulations to Olivia Sullivan and Georgie Rich who broke many swimming records on the day. Well done to the teachers who finally won the senior relay after many attempts in previous years. Congratulations also to Tuglow House who were once again the Swimming Carnival Champions.

All Year 11 and 12 students should have received their Subject Assessment Schedules Booklets which outline the schools assessment policy and assessment schedules for all courses in 2016. These policies have been clearly explained to students when they were issued booklets to help them understand their responsibilities and the procedures associated with their courses. If students or parents have questions in regard to formal assessment procedures, please contact the school on 6336 1606.

On Tuesday 16th February 2016, staff at Oberon High School stayed late after school for an additional 3 hours of professional learning to complete two very important mandatory training requirements. Prior to the training staff were required to complete an e-learning module which has been developed to provide all staff with essential information about recognising and providing an emergency response to anaphylaxis, a life threatening condition, together with information about key departmental policies and strategies to manage and support students diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis. Our late meeting covered a face-to-face practical assessment in recognising symptoms and using an epipen. Staff
also completed their annual Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training update. This course is relevant to all staff and as it is a requirement for many excursions, such as overnight excursions and water-activity related activities. Thanks to Mr Luccarda who, as our school's professional learning coordinator, organised the training for all staff.

On Monday 1st February 2016 our school welcomed the new Director Public Schools NSW – Bathurst Network, Toni MacDonald to Oberon High School. The visit provided the perfect opportunity to show our director around Oberon High School and offered a chance for staff and students to meet and make a connection. Ms MacDonald was very impressed with our school surroundings and the respectful way students interacted on the day. Our director is looking forward to working closely with our staff and the community to support education in Oberon and enhance learning opportunities for our students.

Week 6 will be an exciting one for our Year 7 students as they embark on the much anticipated Year 7 Camp to Dubbo's Western Plains Zoo and the Old Dubbo Gaol. Year Advisor, Ms Hibbert has been working overtime to organise the camp which will be attended by almost all of our Year 7 students. Please contact the Principal if you have any concerns regarding the camp, or if you would like to discuss payment plans or any other issues.

Congratulations must go out to our boys school captain Angus Fittler who was invited to the final of the Bathurst Lions Club Youth of the Year Public Speaking Competition. Angus was one of three finalists who were interviewed on Monday 15th February 2016 by a panel before been put under pressure to speak for two minutes on unknown topics in an impromptu public speaking competition. Angus had spent the weekend preparing his speech and he worked with Miss Grace on Monday to refine it. Angus performed extremely well on the night. He represented our school and Oberon with pride and distinction. Angus made many connections as he chatted with dignitaries at the Bathurst RSL club. Bathurst Mayor Gary Rush was very impressed with Angus as they talked about Oberon and the Oberon Youth Council of which Angus is the current Youth Mayor. Angus also received a certificate from Mr. Graham Carter of the Bathurst Lions Club for his outstanding effort. Congratulations on a fantastic effort and outstanding school representation Angus!
**General School Contributions and Updated Subject Fees 2016**

**Note** - Subject fees were outlined in the last newsletter, however the information provided did not take into account the new compressed curriculum model in our senior school. In the new model, students study both the preliminary and the HSC course in one year which has created some confusion about the overall cost of courses. *Example* – A student in the traditional model who studies Metals and Engineering in Year 11 and 12 would pay $100 each year. Our current Year 11 students in the compressed model studying Metals and Engineering will now complete Year 11 and 12 in a single year will need to pay $200 in 2016. The students will be involved in double practical periods using double the amount of materials and the course will be completed in one year.

If you have any questions about subject fees, please contact the school on 02 6336 1606 and speak with Mr. Barwick or Mr. Luccarda.

**Voluntary General School Contributions for 2016**

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*These General School Contributions will be spent on educational resources for your student. Payment can be made in one lump sum or in instalments.*

The Student Assistance Scheme is available to parents/carers in financial difficulty and payment plans can be obtained through the principal. Please contact the principal, Mr Ken Barwick on 6336 1606 for details. Your financial contribution to the school is much appreciated.

**Compulsory Technology Fee Years 7 - 12**

For supply of printing paper and materials                           $10.00

**Compulsory Subject Materials Fees Years 7 - 12**

These fees mitigate the costs of materials used and consumed by students in the course of their chosen studies. They are published with subject selection guides so that choices can be made knowing the costs associated with each subject choice. Should parents have difficulty in making these payments for subject materials, they should contact the principal for support from the Student Assistance Scheme.

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Oberon High School has EFTPOS so that our parents and school do not have to carry large sums of money to purchase items from the front office or to pay for excursions. The EFTPOS facility has been well received by our parent community with school payments up over the past two years.

These items are available for purchase from the school office. The school office is open between 8:30am and 3:30pm.

Ken Barwick, Principal
0418 629 198

KLA Spotlight - Mathematics and PD/H/PE
In each newsletter one Key Learning Area (KLA) will report on significant activities. This spotlight is on Mathematics AND PD/H/PE

The start of a new school year had a different feel about it this year. We didn’t have any mathematics teachers leave, which was a positive start, but was due, mainly, to the fact that we rolled over all years in the middle of term four last year. Expectations were set in December and Year 11, in particular, were working effectively from day one as there was no need to settle in.

At the upcoming parent/teacher evening the mathematics staff will reinforce the expectation that students must bring all necessary equipment to class. The school’s front office sells our preferred calculator for $25 each.

The ‘Inquisitive Minds’ company runs Mathematical Fun Days around NSW and in previous years we have participated at Bathurst. Unfortunately their term one visit to Bathurst is full due to high demand from local schools. They are hoping to run a session during Term 3 at Orange, so interested students in Years 9 and 10 need to see Mr Jones. (www.inquisitiveminds.com.au)

Mr Barwick has once again offered the funds to provide all students with Mathletics accounts (www.mathletics.com.au). This is an online program which we use in their mathematics class as well as at home for homework or study purposes. Using it helps reinforce skills and builds confidence. Passwords will be distributed shortly. If students remember or can find their username and password, they are still the same as in previous years.

We should celebrate the hard work of PDHPE in our fortnight of carnivals. Week 3 saw Tuglow victorious at the swimming carnival, and as we go to print, they’ve probably won the athletics carnival as well.

A huge thanks to Mrs Pringle and Mr Mitton for two fun and productive days. A big shout out to the awesome teacher relay at the swimming carnival, consisting of Mr Leven, Mr Inwood, Mr Lyle, Mr Grantham, Mr Bender and Mr Jones. We let our arms and legs do the talking in the pool and the result was never in doubt.

Michael Jones
Deadly Dancers
Ten indigenous students from Oberon High School travelled to Kelso High on Friday 12 February to participate in a dance workshop conducted by the prestigious Bangarra Dance Theatre in partnership with the NSW Arts Unit. The students were accompanied by Mr Matt Leven who is Oberon High School’s Aboriginal Education Contact. The Oberon students joined with other indigenous students from all over the central west, learning contemporary indigenous dance.

During the day the Bangarra Youth Program Team taught the students dance moves, techniques and routines. These regional workshops are an opportunity for the dance teachers to identify talented students who may gain a place in the NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company.

The day of dance was also an opportunity for the students to socialise in a gathering which helped bring culture and tradition to our young people. This was another opportunity for Oberon High students to expand their horizons and interact with world-class performers.
The Big Splash
On 10th February 2016 Oberon High School held their annual swimming carnival at the Oberon Pool Complex. This year the weather was perfect and under the pool’s new roof, the carnival went off without a hitch.

Overall the carnival was won by Tuglow. Nine individual records were broken on the day – six by Olivia Sullivan (Year 10) and three by Georgie Rich (Year 10).

Teachers were pleased with the high participation rate from the students, with PE teacher Tania Pringle saying, “A lot of Tuglow’s points came just from their high participation rate. Their house captains did a great job encouraging Tuglow House members to get involved.”

This year the keenly fought annual relay between teachers and students was won by the teachers.

Although Abercrombie and Werong Houses vowed to come back strongly in the athletics carnival and the cross country, preliminary results from the athletics carnival indicate that Tuglow may have won that as well.

Read more about the athletics carnival results in the Term 1 Week 6 newsletter.
On the 12th of February, Year 12 and Year 11 students studying for their Certificate II in Rural Operations were involved in a joint spraying activity with Jill Grady, who works for the Upper Macquarie County Council. Jill is the Weeds Control officer for the Oberon Council area.

The students were learning about safe chemical use and weed management in a practical-based environment.

The site chosen was the school pine forest, adjacent to the cemetery.

Incredibly, two of the students (Shayla Oliver and Kelsey Maher) had very strong family links to the pine plantation as their dads were involved in planting the trees as a school activity.

Oberon students and the pine forest - the legacy lives on!
Your P&C

The P&C is still actively involved in raising funds to support all students at the school and will be selling popcorn and drinks at **VARIETY IN (FREE) FALL** on 1st of March.

The AGM is on Thursday 10th March at 5pm. Please consider becoming involved in your P&C and nominate for one of the positions.

March Market Madness will again be held, this time on Friday, on 18th March. This is an afternoon of fun, with class groups raising funds to support students and purchase resources for the school. The whole community is invited and, if you want to have a stall, please contact Gayle Voerman on 0419 445 767.

What’s Happening

Tuesday, 23 February - Parent / Teacher interviews - from 4pm - 6pm  
Wednesday, 24 February - Cross country - whole school participation - see Mrs Tania Pringle  
Thursday, 25 February - Homework Centre - 3.18pm - 4pm - see Miss Ruth Grace  
Tuesday, 1 March - **VARIETY IN (FREE) FALL** - 6pm, gold coin donation - see Miss Holly McTrustry  
Thursday 3 - Friday 4 March - year 7 Camp - see Ms Amber Hibbert  
Thursday, 10 March - Rural Cup v. Molong @ Oberon  
Friday, 18 March - March Market Madness - all welcome - contact Gayle Voerman 0419 445 767

Silver Medal for Aiden

Congratulations to Year 9 student Aiden who had great success at the Little Athletics Region 3 Championships held in Dubbo on 13 or 14 February 2016.

Aiden successfully competed in the discus event, coming second and winning a silver medal. Aiden will now represent the region at the next level of competition in Sydney.

However, discus is not Aiden’s only event. He also competed in Javelin where he came 4th.

Outside of school, Aiden trains and competes regularly with Oberon Little Athletics and would like to encourage more young people to become involved with this organisation.

Students and staff at the school wish Aiden all the best as he continues with his athletic pursuits. He is a credit to his local community and his school.

Aiden is pictured (at left) holding a discus and wearing his medal.
Swimming Carnival 10-2-2016

Athletics Carnival 17-2-2016
Hogs for the Homeless
On Monday 15th February 2016 fifteen students assisted Country Rugby League development officers and ex-NRL players conduct a coaching clinic for local primary school children. The ex-NRL players were Nathan Hindmarsh, Brad Fittler, Josh Perry, Matt Cooper, Steve Menzies and ‘Blocker’ Roach.

Our students assisted by coaching the younger students and running various activities.

PDHPE teacher Mr Bender was proud of our students who all showed great enthusiasm and behaved in a great manner, representing Oberon High School. They were a great help in set-up, pack-up and clean-up. They all took advantage of the photo opportunities, posing with their idols for some memorable snaps. Each of our students received a football as thanks for their help.
PARENTING TEENAGERS

Veritas House will be conducting the popular Teen Triple P parenting program from our premises at 106 Russell Street Bathurst soon.

Bring the joy back into parenting and solve problems such as,

- Over use of technology
- Resistance to school
- No help around the house

The program is free and begins on Tuesday 15 March 2016
Morning or evening sessions available.
Please ring Graham Palmer on 6332 2277 for more information and to reserve a place.

WESTERN REGION SUMMER VOLUNTEER SPORTING SPIRIT AWARD

The Western Regional Summer Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award is an opportunity to recognise volunteers who are the lifeblood of grassroots sport in country NSW.

Sporting club and association members are invited to nominate individual volunteer(s) or youth (25 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 2015 to March 2016. Rules of entry apply.

Nominations must be lodged by Friday 1 April 2016.

To nominate your volunteer, tell us in 150 words or less why your nominee is the most deserving volunteer. This might include the:
- Time they dedicate to the club, association or committee
- Positive attitude they demonstrate while volunteering
- Positive role model to younger and other club members
- Expertise and knowledge they bring to volunteering
- Encouragement they give to others in the club, association or committee.

In October 2016, there will also be an opportunity to nominate someone for the Winter Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award (for those who have volunteer between April and October 2016).

Submit nomination online at sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/volunteeraward

Nominations can be made online via the Sport and Recreation website sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/volunteeraward or call 6362 6623.

Nominations close Friday 1st April 2016

Oberon Netball Club nomination

Friday, 19th February from 3:30 ‘til 5 pm in front of Mawhoods IGA
Saturday, 20th February at the Oberon Show from 9 am ‘til 3 pm
Contact: Andrea Rich 0400 908 663

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Come along and have some fun or pick up a bargain at

OHS MARCH MARKET MADNESS

FRIDAY 18TH MARCH 2016

From 2pm – 7pm

Oberon High School
Ross Street, Oberon

Enquiries phone the school on 63361606 or phone Gayle 0419445767

Popcorn, raffles, live entertainment,
Fun activities and much more

Book a stall and turn your trash into cash.

Save the date

Organised by Oberon High School P & C Association