



NEWSLETTER

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF OBERON HIGH SCHOOL



STUDENT FOCUS

Meet Tahra Gibbons, one of our enthusiastic Year 7 students. Tahra is enjoying her start to secondary school, saying, "I like moving between different classrooms and having a variety of teachers throughout the day. The teachers are also very welcoming." Her favourite subjects are PE and Science and she is also studying at an extended level through Aurora College. Looking ahead, Tahra aspires to become a Pediatric Cancer Specialist after completing her education at OHS. What she loves most about Oberon High School is the opportunity to explore subjects in greater depth and the wide range of sports available on Wednesday afternoons. Tahra's recent achievement was being a part of the student leadership team at Oberon Public School last year. Outside of school, she enjoys playing soccer, spending time outdoors and being with her family. She also appreciates Oberon's climate, "it's not too hot", she said.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2025 swimming carnival went off with a real splash as student numbers, participation rates and record breakers were all on the increase from previous years.

School spirit was on show as House chants, relays and the novelty events nearly took the roof down with the noise created by the spectators.

Tuglow regained the House swimming title with 555 points followed by Abercrombie with 476 and Werong on 448.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

By: Kelly Overhall

I would like to thank the staff, students and community of Oberon High School for welcoming me into this beautiful school. I am delighted to share the remarkable progress and vibrant activities that have marked the beginning of our academic year. Our collective efforts have set a positive tone, aligning seamlessly with our School Excellence Plan. Our staff development days at Oberon High School provided an inspiring and purposeful start to the year, reinforcing our commitment to evidence-based, high-impact teaching practices. A key focus was our continued professional learning on Restorative Teaching, led by Trish Coelho through the Restorative Classrooms, Strong Classrooms workshop. This session equipped our teachers and school leaders with a deeper understanding of restorative practices, helping us move beyond quick fixes to achieve long-term improvements in student behaviour. Staff engaged in practical strategies to facilitate restorative conversations and circles, fostering a classroom climate of consistency, high expectations, and emotional safety. The workshop also explored the role of human emotion in learning and behaviour, particularly the impact of shame, and encouraged staff to be reflective practitioners, continually refining their approach to enhance student growth. This professional learning aligns with our School Excellence Plan, supporting our vision for a positive school culture where all students feel valued, respected, and empowered to learn. We were thrilled to welcome 34 amazing Year 7 students to Oberon High School, and they have truly hit the ground running! From day one, they have embraced high school life with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a fantastic attitude towards learning. It has been wonderful to see them settling into their classes, building friendships, and getting involved in all aspects of school life. Their energy and eagerness to learn have been evident, and they are already making a positive impact on our school community. A special thank you to our dedicated staff and senior students who have supported their transition, ensuring they feel safe, connected, and excited for the journey ahead. We are incredibly proud of our newest students and look forward to seeing them thrive throughout the year!

We are excited to welcome seven outstanding new staff members to Oberon High School this year, each bringing a wealth of expertise, passion, and commitment to our school community. Michael McKeon joins our Learning Support team, ensuring our students receive the guidance and assistance they need to thrive. Rob Sinclair steps into the role of Relieving TAS Head Teacher, leading innovative, hands-on learning experiences. Karin Mawhood, our new Teacher Librarian, is already enriching our learning spaces and fostering a love of reading. In Mathematics, we welcome Michelle Curry and Muharem Cufurovic, both dedicated to strengthening numeracy skills and student confidence in the subject. Rachel Sinclair joins us with a diverse teaching portfolio in Literacy, TM, and Visual Arts, and Jake Turnbull enhances our Learning Support team, helping to create an inclusive and supportive learning environment. We are thrilled to have them as part of the Oberon High family and look forward to the positive impact they will have on our students and staff.

Recently, we hosted our Parent Meet and Greet BBQ, and what a fantastic evening it was! It was a pleasure to connect with the dedicated parents, carers, and community members who attended, all of whom play such an important role in supporting our students' education. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for families to meet our staff, ask questions, and gain insight into the learning experiences and support available at Oberon High School. The relaxed and welcoming atmosphere fostered meaningful conversations and strengthened the partnership between school and home. We truly appreciate everyone who took the time to join us, and I look forward to continuing to work together to ensure the best outcomes for our students.

Our recent Swimming Carnival was an incredible day filled with school spirit, enthusiasm, and friendly competition! Students and staff came together to showcase their athleticism, teamwork, and house pride, creating an electric atmosphere at the pool. It was fantastic to see so many students participating, whether racing for a spot at the next level or simply getting involved and having fun. The energy on the sidelines was just as impressive, with plenty of cheers,

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encouragement, and house chants echoing throughout the day. A huge thank you to Mr Mitton for his organisation of the event, all staff involved ensuring it ran smoothly and to our students for their positive attitude and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all competitors and to our age champions and winning house Tuglow – we are so proud of you all! We have the athletics carnival coming up on the 11th of March and I know that this will be another amazing day where our students are able to showcase their athletic skills.

I recently attended the Principals and Leadership teams Combined Network Day, this was a valuable opportunity for educators to come together and focus on the critical role of pathways in shaping student success. The day was centred around ensuring that every student has access to meaningful and diverse post-school opportunities, whether in further education, training, or employment. Through collaborative discussions and shared expertise, we explored ways to strengthen career development, transition planning, and industry connections to better support our students' aspirations. Ensuring clear and supported pathways is essential in empowering our students to make informed decisions about their future, and we are excited to continue this important work across our network of schools. We recently held our first P&C meeting of the year, and it was fantastic to see such a passionate group of parents and carers coming together to support our school. The P&C plays a vital role in enhancing opportunities for our students, and we are eager to welcome new members who would like to get involved. Whether you have a little or a lot of time to contribute, your support makes a big difference! We also welcome any fundraising ideas to help us continue providing valuable resources and experiences for our students. This year we plan to hold a colour run combining with Oberon Public School as just one of our fundraising events.

Our Student Representative Council (SRC), along with our School Captains, play a pivotal role in shaping the direction of our school and representing the voice of the student body. I have been working closely with them to support their goals for the school, fostering a sense of ownership and leadership among students. Together, we are creating a Student Voice Team, which will serve as a platform to ensure that all student concerns are heard and acknowledged. By empowering our student leaders and creating meaningful channels for feedback, we aim to create a school environment where every student feels valued, supported, and actively involved in shaping their educational experience.

NAPLAN will commence in week 7 for students in year 7 and 9. NAPLAN is an important tool that helps us assess and support student progress in literacy and numeracy, key foundations for lifelong learning. The data gathered from NAPLAN provides valuable insights into student strengths and areas for growth, allowing us to tailor teaching strategies to meet individual needs. At Oberon High School, we use these results to inform our whole-school approach to literacy and numeracy improvement, ensuring every student is equipped with the essential skills needed for success in school and beyond. We encourage all students to approach NAPLAN with confidence, knowing it is not just a test, but a valuable opportunity to track and celebrate their learning journey. You will receive information this week on NAPLAN to ensure that all students are prepared.

As you can see, the first 4 weeks of this term have been huge, and there is so much more to come. I look forward to continuing to work with the staff, students and families of Oberon High School.

Kelly Overhall
Acting Principal

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Year 10 student Max Meredith had an incredible weekend in January, being recognised for his outstanding achievements in sport. At the official Australia Day awards held at the Oberon Library & Community Centre, Max was named Sportsperson of the Year. That same weekend, he competed at the 2024 National Finals Rodeo in Tamworth, where he was crowned Australian Champion Under 14 Steer Rider. Max then travelled from Tamworth to Taralga Rodeo where he won the Junior Bull ride. This remarkable achievement highlights his talent, perseverance and passion for rodeo. Congratulations Max!



AUSTRALIA
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2025 NEW TEACHERS!

We are excited to introduce our new teachers joining Oberon High School in 2025. Our school community looks forward to the knowledge, passion and fresh perspectives they will bring.

Michael McKeon - Learning Support

Rob Sinclair - Relieving TAS Head Teacher

Karin Mawhood - Teacher Librarian

Michelle Curry - Mathematics

Rachel Sinclair - Literacy, TM and Visual Arts

Muharem Cufurovic - Mathematics

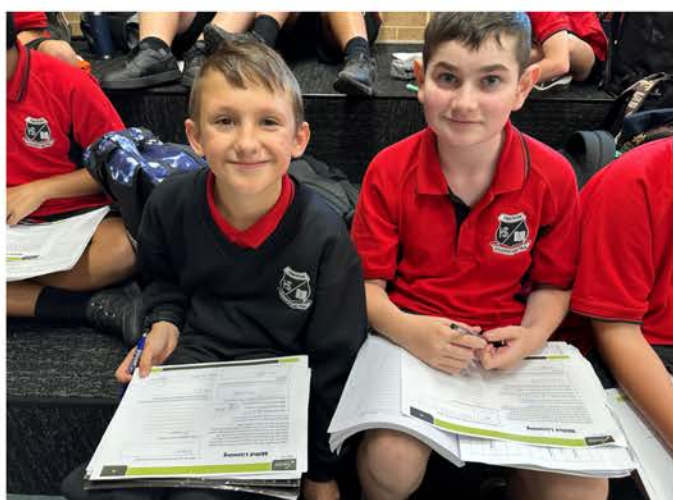
Jake Turnbull - Learning Support

Wishing you all a fantastic start to the year - welcome to Oberon High School!



SUPER SEVENS!

Welcome to our Year 7 students who started their secondary education at Oberon High School. Students are eager to learn, become part of our school community and happy to experience new adventures.



2025 YEAR ADVISORS



Tim Graham
Year 7



Fiona Abbott
Year 8



Natasha Saboisky
Year 9



Michelle Nunn
Year 10



Ebony Fenton
Year 11



Cameron Inwood
Year 12

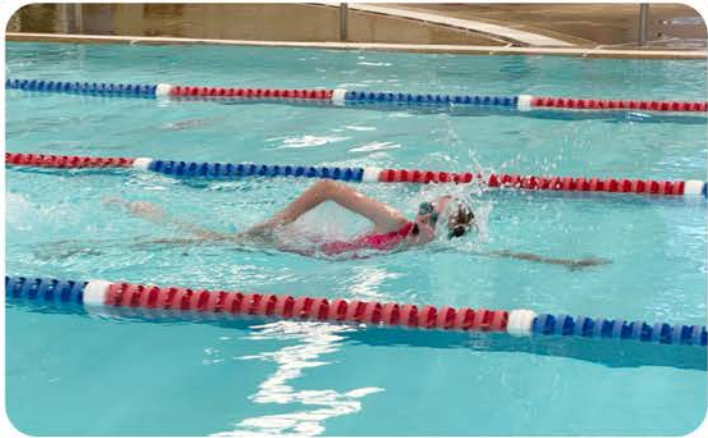
Swimming Carnival



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Swimming Carnival Results

	Abercrombie	Tuglow	Werong
Participation Points	159	164	144
Race Points	317	391	304
Total Points	476	555	448

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STAFF FOCUS

KELLY OVERHALL

How long have you worked at OHS and what is your position?

I have worked at Oberon High School for 4 weeks. I am in the Acting Principal.

A little bit about your career background

I have spent the last 18 months as a Principal Education Officer in the Literacy and Numeracy Portfolio in the Dubbo office. This enabled me to work with Principals and Leadership teams across all of western NSW. I led teams on how to build and sustain literacy and numeracy outcomes within their schools and networks. Prior to this I was a Senior Education Officer SEO2 in the Aboriginal Education Team. I have held positions as Rel Deputy Principal and Head teacher PDHPE at a large comprehensive high school and PDHPE Teacher at an all-girls High School in Sydney. In addition to teaching, I am a guest lecturer for Sydney University where I deliver lectures to first year Education Students. I am a current expert reference group member for the Australian Education Research Organisation AERO and also a syllabus writer for PDHPE, Child Studies and Health Movement Science.

Why School Principal?

My desire to become a principal stems from my passion for Educational Leadership. I am committed to improving outcomes and I am dedicated to fostering educational excellence in rural communities. In my role as a Principal Education Officer, I was lucky enough to work with some amazing principals. I saw the challenges that they faced daily and I really wanted to lead a school. I really wanted to lead a school that sat on Wiradjuri country, as this is where my mob originated from. I feel very lucky to be able to finally lead a school on country and be able to give back to the community.

Most recent achievement

Becoming the Principal at Oberon High School.

What do you want to be doing in 10 years' time?

I would be very happy to continue being a principal, the one thing I have learnt is that no two days are ever the same. My long term goal is to lead as a principal of a connected communities school.

What is the best thing about OHS?

The students and the staff at Oberon High School make this school a great place to work. I genuinely enjoy the engagement with the kids every day. I love coming into work everyday not knowing what my day will look like. Outside of school what do you spend your time on?

As I am still travelling back and forth from the Central Coast, I travel a lot outside of school. When I am not at school, I am spending time with my three 3 kids who are 10 and 7 year old twins. Most weekends we hang out at our local park or go wakeboarding in the Brisbane Waters. I also love sewing (although don't get much time to do that at the moment) and I enjoy doing the puzzles in take 5, one day I will win something.

BREAKFAST CLUB

OHS free breakfast program has been running since the start of term 1. The program will run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8.30am to period 1. On offer are various breakfast cereals, toast, spreads and drinks. Breakfast will be available in the hospitality area and all students are welcome to come and enjoy some breakfast before first period. We have been extremely fortunate to secure ongoing assistance from Food Bank, Foodworks and Mawhood's SUPA IGA.





Oberon **SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL 2025**

MARCH 13-15 2025

Rotary 
Club of Oberon

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OBERON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

WEEK 7 13 MARCH 2025

WORKSHOP

Period 4 (12.45 – 1.45 pm)

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

Workshop for students only

PERFORMANCE

Period 5 (2.15 – 3.15 pm)

**Members of the public are welcome to attend
the performance in the school gym.**

Both events are FREE

To register a student place for the workshop or book seats for the performance
call the office on **6336 1606** or **natasha.saboisky@det.nsw.edu.au**

Notes with further information are available at the front office.

Festival events proudly presented and funded by Oberon Rotary.



Canteen Price List

Lunch Plain Sandwich Fillings (Made when ordered)	Sandwich	Bun	Lunch Toasted Sandwich Fillings	Cost
Ham, Cheese	4.50	5.00	Ham, Cheese	4.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	5.00	5.50	Ham, Cheese & Tomato	5.00
Tuna, Lettuce & Mayo	5.50	6.00	Cheese & Baked Beans	4.50
Chicken, Lettuce	5.50	6.00	Cheese Tomato	4.00
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	6.00	6.50	Cheese Only	2.00
Egg & Lettuce	5.50	6.00	Chicken Cheese	5.00
Extra Filling	50c		Chicken Cheese Tomato	5.50
Salad with Ham	6.50	7.00		
Salad with Ham and Cheese	6.70	7.20		
Salad with Chicken/Tuna or Egg Salad	6.50	7.00		
Salad with cheese	6.00	6.50		
Baked Bean Roll		5.00		
Salad Box	6.00			
Salad Box with ham or chicken	9.00			
Salad Box with Egg EXTRA	50c			

Pies/ Sausage Roll	Cost	Pies	Cost
Sausage Roll Good Eating	3.50	Potato Pie – Must be ordered	5.50
Plain Pie Good Eating	5.00	Pepper Pie – Must be ordered	6.00
Noodle Cup	3.50	Cheese Bacon Pie – Must be ordered	5.50
		Sauce	50c

Other Lunch Food (Must be Ordered)	Cost	Other Lunch Food (Must be Ordered)	Cost
Pizza	4.00	Cheese Only Wrap	6.00
Hot Dog	4.00	Plain Chicken Wrap	7.50
Hamburger	7.50	Chilli Chicken wrap	7.50
Lasagne Single Serve	5.00	Chicken Burger	7.00
Mini Spring Rolls x 6	2.50	Chicken Nuggets x 5	3.50
Sauce	50c	Spinach Roll	5.00

RECESS	Cost	RECESS	Cost
Traveller Pie	5.00	Toasted Cheese Sandwich	2.00
Giant Sausage Roll	4.00	Pizza Rounders	4.00
Chicken Chips x 6	2.50		
Hash Brown	1.00		

Gluten Free Options	Cost
Toasted Sandwich (Gluten Free Bread)	
Chicken Tenders	1.50
Chicken Nuggets x 6	4.00
Potato Chips	2.00

The only food available at lunch without a lunch order are Pies \$5.00 & Sausage Rolls \$3.50

**Order your lunch at recess and
pick anything off the menu**

2025 

Awesome Oberon Photo Comp

Four Prize Rounds throughout the Competition

- **Summer: January to February**
- **Autum: March to May**
- **Winter: June to August**
- **Spring: September to November**

**Prizes to be won
Quarterly**

Photos of people or animals enjoying activities and events in our beautiful region.

Entry forms are available from the Oberon Visitor Information Centre, Oberon Library, on our website www.visitoberon.com or on request



More Information
tourism@oberon.nsw.gov.au



Oberon Visitor Information Centre
02 6329 8210



Awesome Oberon Photo Comp Terms & Conditions

2025 

With the new Tourism Brochure up for a refresh in early 2026 we are looking for some current, interactive photos of our region that depict our place and people

We are looking for some amazing photos to go in this next brochure and have some great prizes on offer for our photographers.

Prizes will be awarded at the end of each quarter/season and will include local produce.

Entries close at the end of each quarter, so start hunting through your digital albums or head out and start snapping!

Terms and Conditions

- Photos must be of Oberon .
- This includes villages such as Black Springs, O'Connell, Burruga, and Jenolan, or National Parks including Kanangra Boyd, Evans Crown Nature Reserve and Yerranderie State Conservation Area.
- Photos of people and/or animals enjoying themselves in our landscapes, activities, people, events, and more!

- Photos must be at least 1mb in file size to allow for printing.
- Photos must be the original work of the person supplying.
- Photos must be free of any watermarks or logos.
- Photos must be accompanied by a caption of the location or activity, names of any people in the photo and the name of the photographer.
- Portrait and Landscape photos are both acceptable, although Landscape is preferred.
- Winning photos will be judged on aesthetics, interest and quality of the photo.

Oberon Council and Oberon Visitor Information Centre retain the rights to reproduce any submitted photos in the Oberon Tourist Brochure and other publications where required (with credit to the original photographer).

Entries must be received by 5pm, on the last day of the month for each quarter - February, May, August & November 2025.

Email entries to:

Tourism@oberon.nsw.gov.au

Use of a dropbox or similar for larger entries is encouraged.

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