



# OATLEY WEST Lantern



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12  
DEC

Presentation Day  
Assemblies

14  
DEC

K—2 Concert Hall 10am  
PSSA Awards Assembly 2:15

17  
DEC

End of Year Picnic

18  
DEC

Talent Quest  
P & C Meeting 6:30pm

19  
DEC

Students Last Day!  
Year 6 Graduation



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*The School by the park -  
Great Kids, Great Teachers, Great School!*

### MR NASH'S CORNER

The end of the year is close. You can feel it in the shopping centres, the traffic, at work, and we are reflecting the same here at school with a scurry of activities to end the school term and school year. Last week I was so proud of our achievements as we celebrated our success in the performing arts. Two spectacular nights of performance by our kids in dance, singing, speech, band & percussion. So professional! Our school hall excels for a primary school with excellent stage, sound and lighting facilities to showcase our students. There were a lot of very excited parents and community members who joined us. I am looking forward this week to both our K-2 & 3-6 Presentations and of course our very special Christmas Concert. A busy time of the year but certainly one to celebrate the year and the onset of Christmas.

### FIVE MINUTES WITH JENNIFER MCDONALD



**Years at OWPS:** 10

**Favourite moment at OWPS:** Working with Paul Nash and Rita Fitzpatrick to co-ordinate a visit from our Chinese sister school.

The Oatley West community pulled together to welcome teachers and over 60 students into their homes.

**Favourite Song:**

The B52's Rock Lobster and anything by The Whitlams.

**Favourite Movie:** 'Harvey' A truly delightful story starring James Stewart and a 6 & 3 1/2 inch tall rabbit. Don't we all have a friend like Harvey?

**Favourite Place to Holiday:** Anywhere outside!

**Favourite Book:** One of my all time favourites is Kate Dicamillo's 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' (seems I have a thing for rabbits). The best book I've read this year is 'The Language of Flowers' by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Just beautifully written.

### VALUE FOR THE WEEK

#### RESPECT

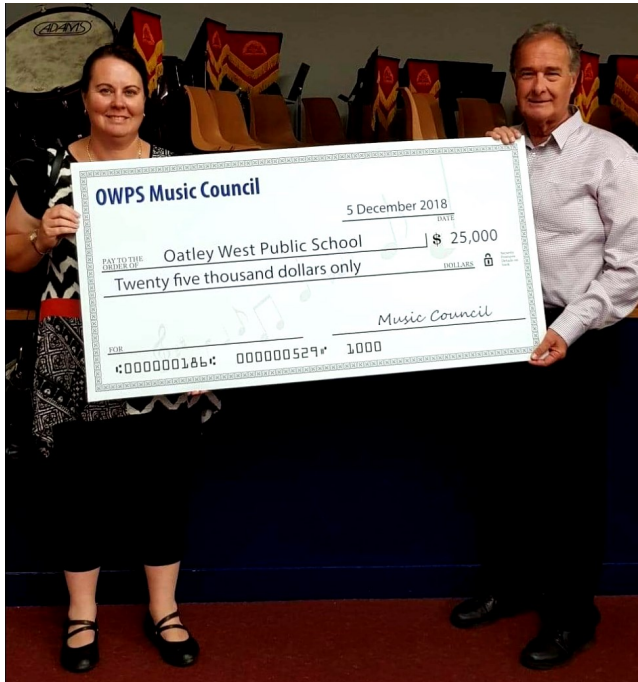
Be polite, cooperative and sensible.  
Treat people as you would like to be treated.  
Accept & celebrate our differences.



Principal Nash continued

**COMMUNITY GRANT**

I was presented with a cheque for \$25 000 on behalf of the music council. Mark Couré presented the school with funding to organise additional storage for musical instruments.



The Band and Percussion Power have grown in strength and in proportion to the growth of the school. Over 1/3 of the students attend one or both of these programs each week. A very impressive program run entirely by volunteer parents. A tribute to our very strong community.



Principal Nash continued

**PLAYGROUND GRANT**

Our grant to extend the Astro Turf playground has been received and handed onto the Assets Department of DoE. A scope has been drawn and tenders will be out to the school this week to discuss the works prior to quoting for the job. We are really looking forward to seeing this work commence (and finish) to allow for extended play areas for students. The Amphitheatre that the SRC Seniors have developed will feed into this re-design. It's great to see their project completed as this also has been in the planning for many years. All we need now is to find another Caterpillar so that this playground 'The Caterpillar Playground' has a reason for its name!



**PLANNING FOR 2019**

We are busy planning for classes and movements for next year. We can only plan so far and all staff have been made aware that nothing is in concrete until we arrive back next year and see what the student numbers are. At the moment we need 4 Kindergarten students to walk in the door which would cause us to form an extra class. If that was the case the current planning would be completely reshuffled. If you hear on the grapevine or on a stage Facebook page anything to do with next year's planning, take no notice. It could all change by the time we get back next year!

It is imperative that we have an accurate picture of numbers, so if you know someone is moving or new residents are moving in please let the school know.

**FEES REMINDER**

As our financial year is coming to a close, our friendly office staff would appreciate you finalising any outstanding fees as soon as possible. This will allow for financial books to be closed to the department in time and give us a firm idea of our opening funding for 2019.



**Save the Date**

We have locked in two dates for Fathering Project events. Please save the dates:

Term 1 - 25th Feb

Term 2 - 27th May

They are both Monday evenings starting at 6pm. More information will come for Term 1 early next year.

Miss Benita

Wellbeing Officer



*Merry Christmas from us all at  
Oatley West Public School*

**P & C NEWS**

**P&C News**

Next Tuesday 18th December at 6.30pm, OWPS P&C will hold our last General Meeting for 2018 in our School Library. All welcome to come along.

Nic Portois

P&C President

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**CommuniTree @ Oatley RSL**

Oatley RSL is running the CommuniTree promotion again this festive season. During December, visitors to Oatley RSL are able to vote for their favourite tree. KH and KB classes have proudly handmade santas, painted ornaments and used maths skills to construct "tinsel" to decorate our OWPS tree. Oatley RSL is donating \$500 for 1st and \$250 for 2nd and 3rd. If you are visiting Oatley RSL, please vote for our OWPS tree!



*Paul Nash*



**LIBRARY NEWS**

Students enjoying the Library at lunch time. Many thanks to the P and C for their contribution towards the purchase of new furniture for our Library.

**STOCKTAKE**

Please return all Library books this week.

We have begun our Stocktake!

Rita Fitzpatrick and Holly Blake



**PSSA SEASON**



**Girls T-Ball/Softball Finals**

Congratulations to the girls T-Ball and Softball teams on their successful PSSA season. They came fourth overall and have demonstrated dedication and improvement throughout the season. Well done girls! A special thanks to all the supporters who helped cheer the girls on throughout the season.

M. Ross

**THE GREEN GAZETTE**

**Green Gazette Issue 2 On Sale Now!**

Come along and buy Issue 2 of the Green Gazette Magazine written by Oatley West Green Gazette students. Throughout this year, different groups of students have been writing articles about the environment, animals and much more. The magazine is available for purchase in week 9 of Term 4 and only costs \$1. For those who missed out on last year's edition, we also have a limited number on sale. All money raised will be donated to an environmental charity. The magazines will be on sale before school and during lunchtimes throughout Week 9.

From Briean, Charlotte & the rest of Green Gazette

SPORTS NEWS

Girls Oztag PSSA Finals Day



Junior Girls Oztag



Congratulations to both the Senior and Junior Girls Oztag Teams on winning their grand finals and becoming the 2018 Premiers of the George's River PSSA.

PSSA AWARDS

**Season 3 PSSA Awards/District Certificates**

The awards for Season 3 PSSA, as well as Georges River District Swimming and Athletics certificates provided to the school from GRPSSA, will be distributed at an assembly this Friday 14th December. Please note, this assembly is not the same as the Presentation Day assembly which is on this Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (Week 9).

Notes have been sent home to students receiving awards. Please note, these certificates are not for students who attended the district carnivals or the district trials as a representative of the school.

These certificates are for students who made the Georges River District Team. For example, if your child went to the district swimming carnival as a representative of OWPS, however did not make it any further (e.g. did not place in their race or go to another carnival beyond this), they will not be receiving a certificate. A Georges River District representative is a student who was successful in making the Georges River District team at the district carnival.

The assembly will commence at 2:15 in the school hall. Parents and guests are welcome to attend.

M. Ross



## UNIFORM SHOP

Manager – Sia Coelho Enquiries:  
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The Uniform Shop is open for your convenience every Thursday from 9-10am at the end of G Block, next to 1M. This onsite service would not be available without our wonderful volunteers.

**All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.**

**Our final trading day for the year is this Thursday, 13th December. Please ensure you have all your uniform needs by this date.**

**Thank you** – Many thanks to Jo G and Bee MB who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

**Special Thanks** – To all the parents who have volunteered their time at the Uniform Shop this past year, your support has been greatly appreciated.

**Boys Sport Shorts SALE** – \$15.00 (RRP \$26.00).  
Size 6 sold out.

**Plastic Bags** – We are plastic bag free. Please bring your own reusable bag or alternatively we will be selling Enviro Bags for \$3.00, with all proceeds supporting the Year 6 Fundraiser.

**Swimming Carnival** – The swimming carnival is usually held in the second week of Term 1. Support your Sports House by purchasing a swim cap in your House colour with school logo. If you wish to order a swim cap, please place \$5.00 in an envelope with your child's name, class and house colour on it and drop it into Letterbox 8 in the courtyard of the school.



**Uniform Orders:** Order forms (dated January, 2018) can be completed and dropped in to Letterbox 8 located in the front courtyard. Please note, orders are not accepted via e-mail. All orders will be delivered to your child's classroom on Thursday when the shop is open. The preferred payment method for orders is by Credit Card or Cheque as we cannot be held accountable for lost cash/orders. Cards are generally debited one day prior to delivery. We take great pride in the appearance of the children at Oatley West Public School and encourage all students to wear the correct school uniform.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

## SCHOOL BANKING

Many thanks to our school banking Grandparents & Mums, Faith S, Annie H, Jennifer L, and Tina Y for helping with school banking last Thursday. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!  
Last week of school banking, this Thursday 13th Dec 2018.

As the final day of school falls on Wednesday 19th of Dec, this Thursday will be our last school banking day at OWPS for this year.

Many thanks to parents and students who have supported school banking at OWPS.

Looking forward to new banking prizes in 2019.

We will be working hard to process student prizes as soon as they arrive at the school.

Recently, in order to reduce disruptions, we have been placing class banking bags into teachers respective 'classroom boxes' for the teachers to pick up and return to class.

If your child has not received their bank books, there's a good chance it's in the classroom box. Please ask your teacher first.

**Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

From the School Banking Team

Please note, we do not store banking prizes at the school. All prizes have to be ordered and then delivered. This can take between 2 to 3 weeks.

Many thanks for support school banking at OWPS!



MUSIC COUNCIL NEWS

Congratulations to all our talented musicians from Band and Percussion Power who performed in the Musical Evenings last week.

Percussion Power lessons for the year finished last week. Thank you to our Percussion Power tutor, Mr Chris Fields, for another great year.

Final Intermediate Band and Training Band rehearsals were today (Monday 10th December). Final Concert Band rehearsal is tomorrow (Tuesday 11th December). No instruments are needed but please bring Music Folders and Concert Band shirts from year 6.

This week our Band Director, Mr Peter Sampson, is listening to all the children play who would like to be in Concert Band 2019. Please refer to previous emails for your child's day/time.

Music Council Meeting

Final Music Council meeting and AGM for the year will be held this Thursday 13th December at 7pm in the Computer Room. We need volunteers for 2019 to keep the Band and Percussion Power programs running.

Please consider coming to the meeting and helping on Music Council next year.

Thank you to everyone who helped out in 2018.

Music Council

MUSICAL EVENING PHOTOS





# Has your child had a blood test?

**We need your help!** There is lots of research on the efficiencies of conducting a blood test but little is known about the experience of the child and their parent/carer before, during and after the test.

## **TEACH TED WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR EXPERIENCES**

Why take the time to complete our survey? The information you provide will make procedures and experiences better for others who come after you - **your feedback will be used to drive future research, education material and products.** Include your email at the end of our survey to go into the draw to WIN a free copy of our first book, *Ted goes to hospital*.

## **Take the survey now at [teached.com.au/survey](https://teached.com.au/survey)**

Teach Ted is a Sydney based healthtech startup, building an app and book series which help prepare children and their families for trips to hospital and medical treatments. In 2019 we are conducting a research project with Sydney Children's Hospital and UNSW using a prototype of our app to support children needing blood tests.

Get your responses in by **31 January 2019** to be in the draw to win.

**Know someone else who could help?** Share with your friends and family by using the social links at the end of our survey.