



# OATLEY WEST Lantern

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



P & C Meeting



The Fathering Project  
Information Evening



Stage 3 Fete Day



Musical Evenings



K—2 Christmas  
Concert

Last day of school for 2018—  
Wednesday 19th December



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

### MR NASH'S CORNER

Kindergarten Orientation & Transition to school has been completed for the 2019 intake and was extremely successful. We are very excited to be welcoming 80 plus new children to our school. With a show of hands at the meeting last Wednesday, I estimated around 2/3 of our parent body are new to the school. Thank you to all who assisted in the organisation of the event, as well as presenting information about our school to the new parents. I received many positive comments about how well our SRC Seniors conducted themselves showcasing the school at the 'walk around' on Wednesday. The pride they have for their school and confidence shone through!

### FIVE MINUTES WITH MRS THIESON 2T



ence with everyone involved.

The fancy hat parade at Easter is fun for all the children. The community Festival is a great event and a way for many people to meet each other in the community.

**Favourite Food:** Mexican Food

**Favourite Song:** Anything by Adele!

**Favourite Place to Holiday:** I love camping in our campervan anywhere along the coast of Australia. It is a relaxing time for the whole family.

**Years at OWPS:** 2 years at the end of this year.

**Favourite thing about OWPS:** I love everything about OWPS. The staff, students and families have made me feel so welcome. I feel so blessed to teach in a lovely school environment.

**Favourite Event:** The K – 2 Christmas concert is my favourite event at OWPS. It is such a fun and joyful time to experi-

### VALUE FOR THE WEEK

#### FAIRNESS

Equal opportunity provided for all students. Stand up for others who need help. Play by the rules.



## Principal Nash continued

**ABORIGINAL ARTIST IN RESIDENCE**

David Dunn has been working with all of our students across the week using the covered quiet area as an outdoor classroom. David is a very talented aboriginal artist. His art is painted from the heart and from the memories of his childhood. It has been a thrill to see the various age groups captivated by David as he has taught them techniques to paint their own masterpiece to take home. He will continue with lessons again this week.

**PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS IN 2019**

The staff of Oatley West Public School collaboratively work together to make decisions about the placement of students in their next year's group. During this time many varied considerations are taken into account to ensure the best mix for each class. If you have a particular request for placement of your child or children based on a **specific learning need**, it is asked that you submit a letter addressed to Mrs Chappell (Deputy Principal) at the office by COB this Friday 17 November 2019. (Please note that requests for particular teachers are not appropriate and all requests must be submitted in writing to the office only). Include child's name, current class, request and reason for request. All requests will be considered but there is no guarantee that requests can be met, as there are many contributing factors in preparing class lists. Requests will be for the 2019 year only. Please be reassured that all classes are structured to provide the best possible learning outcomes for students both academically and socially. Decisions about student placement are made using a wide range of information gathered throughout the year, including teacher anecdotal records. Requests will not be considered at the beginning of Term 1 in the following year unless the principal considers there are mitigating circumstances. Please note that generally class structures cannot be finalised until the total school enrolments are known in the following year and usually Week 2, of Term 1. It is with professionalism that staff consider class structures, which are formed in the best interests of ALL students and the school. We thank you for your support, and understanding.

## Principal Nash continued

**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

A moving ceremony was held this morning to commemorate 100 years since the guns fell silent in WW1 [1914-1918]. I am so pleased at the reverence displayed by all of our students and staff. Congratulations to our SRC Prefect & Captain Seniors for conducting the ceremony, Piper and Matt from 1W for their presentation of flowers and to Anthony of 6M for a resounding tribute of The Last Post and Rouse. Zoey and Celeste 6M did a great job, and with reverence in raising the flag after Rouse was played. Thanks also go to Mr Waugh for his organisation and attention to detail this morning. Days like today make me a very proud principal!







***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.***

**FATHERING PROJECT**

**Dads of Oatley West Public School, please mark next Wednesday 21st November @ 7.00pm in your diary.**

We are conducting a special meeting to discuss a new project Miss Benita our Wellness Officer (Chaplaincy Program), is presenting to the dads of OWPS. We would like to see as many of you that can make this meeting to plan and organise future activities with your children that will involve our dads in school life. We are having a guest teacher from Sylvania Heights Public School to discuss the implementation of a successful project at their school.

Over the years we have had very successful programs run at school including Dad’s Day at the Canteen and under the direction of Jamieson Loutitt, a 20 strong group of dads that would sweep in and out again to complete special programs like our garden project.

Please mark your diary and come along to have input and suggestions towards this initiative.



*Paul Nash*



**Department of Education**

**Strategic Plan 2018-2022**

**Our Performance Measures**

*‘Increased proportion of students reporting a sense of belonging, expectations for success and advocacy at school.’*



**SRC FUNDRAISER & CLASSES 2019**



Thank you on behalf of the SRC Leaders for supporting the walkathon. We have raised over \$12, 000 towards building an amphitheatre in the caterpillar playground and are well on our way to achieving this goal. The prize winners for the highest amount raised is:

- K \$350
- Y1 \$227
- Y2 \$335
- Y3 \$295.60
- Y4 \$330
- Y5 \$190
- Y6 \$340

If you still haven't returned the sponsorship form or money, please send it up to the office.  
Mrs Neralie Chappell

**CLASSES FOR 2019**

Today a note is coming home for all students to return about their intentions for 2019. Please return this to class teachers as soon as possible so we can inform our class creations for next year. A copy of the note is also attached to this newsletter. If you have any other concerns, please see your child's class teacher or send a letter to myself.

Mrs Neralie Chappell

**REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018**



This morning Oatley West Public School commemorated Remembrance Day with a special service. The Year Six SRC students ran the assembly with great leadership. Poems were read, flowers were laid and the Last Post was played by Anthony A. of 6M. The students remained respectful during the minute silence and throughout the service. - Mr Waugh

**THE FATHERING PROJECT**



**Fathering Project – Information session**

OWPS is holding an information session for the Fathering Project on November 21 at 7pm. Fathers, father-figures and parents are invited to attend. A note went home last week, and is attached to the newsletter. Please return the RSVP to the office or classroom teacher by Nov 20th. For more information about the Fathering Project please see the OWL from last week.  
Miss Benita—Wellbeing Officer

**VALUES LEAF ASSEMBLY**

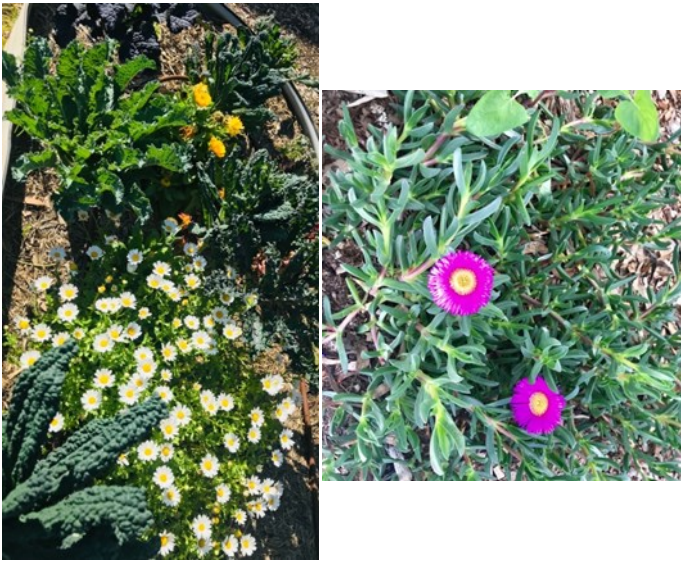


**Values Leaf Assembly**

There will be a Values Leaf assembly this Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 2:15 pm. The final Values Assembly that parents are able to attend will be held in Week 7 on the 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you

ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT



This week the Diggers will continue to remove plants and cover the production beds in preparation for the holidays. Our Bush Tucker Garden working bee is planned for Saturday 1st December and the note is attached to this week's newsletter. If you'd like a paper copy of the note, please see Mr Burr. Several weeks ago, the Pig Face plants around the Resource Centre were in bloom (as pictured this week) Happy gardening!  
Mr Burr - *Organic Diggers coordinator*



**Beneath Our Feet Incursion**

Last Thursday, stage 2 students participated in an incursion at Oatley Park with educators from Georges River Environmental Education Centre. Over the course of the day we tested water quality, soil composition, did mapping work and sketched a beautiful outlook on the Georges River. Some lucky students even saw a tawny frogmouth with it's baby! Stage 2 would like to thanks the educators from Georges River EEC for this wonderful opportunity to learn more about our park.

Mr Burr - *Incursion coordinator*

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE—DAVID DUNN



Artist in Residence - David Dunn

The feedback I am receiving about the lessons David Dunn is doing with our students is incredibly positive. David is teaching aspects of language and culture in addition to art making. Story poles have been designed with students to be placed in the Bush Tucker Garden when completed. More photos and further details to come in next week's newsletter.

Mr Burr  
*Incursion coordinator*



## STAGE 3 FETE DAY



Our School Fete Day will be held on **Tuesday 27 November, 2018**. There will be a variety of fun activities run by the Stage 3 students. The fete raises money for a Year 6 gift to the school and for playground improvements. There will be a **Trash and Treasure Stall**. Please look at home and bring in any useful items that you no longer need which other children would love to buy. Some ideas include toys, games, dolls, bags, sunglasses, jewellery, watches, ornaments and trinkets. Please deliver to 5D's classroom.

Please return your order and money for the sausage sizzle to your class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Assad and Miss Diwell



Book Club



**A little bit of help with Book Club can make a big difference.**

Last Friday, a working bee was held to collate, pack and deliver Book Club orders. This is a huge undertaking, with many hands making light work.

Thank you to Jayne G, May L, Glynnis N, Wendy P, Jazz P, Mel R, Julie S and Catherine T who volunteered their time to assist with our working bee.

**A huge thank you also to Julie S who has volunteered to take over the role of coordinator. Book Club would not have continued to be available to the children at Oatley West had Julie not generously volunteered her time to take on this role.**

If you're able to help during our working bees, which are held twice a term, please contact Sia Coelho ([scoelho@iinet.net.au](mailto:scoelho@iinet.net.au)). **Let's raise readers!!**

## MUSIC COUNCIL NEWS



Performances at Minooka Pre-School this week  
Intermediate Band will be performing for Minooka Pre-School tomorrow (Tuesday 13th April). Please wear normal school summer uniform (including hat) and remember to bring your instruments, music stand and music folders.

Training Band will be performing for Minooka Pre-School on Friday 16th November. Please wear sports uniform and remember to bring your instruments, music stand and music.

If you haven't already done so, please return permission notes to the Band Letterbox opposite the office ASAP.

Selwyn Donges Awards

Applications for the Selwyn Donges Encouragement Award (for Intermediate Band) and Achievement Award (for year 6 student in Concert Band) are due this Friday 16th November. Please return application forms (previously emailed to parents) to the Band Letterbox.

Training Band 2019

We are now formulating next year's Training Band. Children currently in years 2,3,4 and 5 may apply. Information for Parents and an Expression of Interest Form may be found on the school's website. If interested, please return EOI forms ASAP to the Band Letterbox opposite the office.

Any enquiries e: [carmel-sharple1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:carmel-sharple1@optusnet.com.au)

Music Council

## SCHOOL BANKING

Many thanks to our school banking Grand Parents and Mums, Faith S, Hazel S and Jennifer L for helping with school banking last Thursday. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

## FAQ's

**Still waiting for my prize. It's been 2 weeks....**

We don't keep school banking prizes at OWPS. They are ordered online and sent via post to our school. As we near Christmas, Aus Post becomes very busy and we are seeing prizes arriving 3 to 4 weeks after making the initial order.

**My eldest is leaving OWPS at the end of this year but wants to continue with school banking....**

As long as your child has a younger sibling at OWPS, then yes, they can continue to bank at this school. Just add their bank deposit book together with their brothers or sisters bank book each Thursday's as usual.

Also works the other way, if you have a younger child that hasn't started school but their brother or sister has and they want to start banking.

**How can I check to see if my child's money has been banked?**

If you don't want to wait 6 months to review all deposit made from your child's statement, then I suggest downloading the 'CommBank' app.

As a parent and signatory to your child's account, your able to view, move money into and out of your child's account.

All you need is a NetBank client number.

Generally it takes 24 hours before money deposited at school banking shows up on the app/account.

**2018 Prize claim form PDF link, <https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/youth/2018-01/school-banking-parent-pack-rewards-card-colour-0118.pdf>**

## UNIFORM SHOP

Manager – Sia Coelho - Enquiries:

[scoelho@iinet.net.au](mailto:scoelho@iinet.net.au) 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 students should be wearing their Summer Uniform. All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.**

**Kindergarten Orientation Thank you:** Many thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers, Mandy H, Belinda P and Kim P who generously gave up their time to assist with our final Kindergarten orientation date last Wednesday. **Thank you** – Many thanks to Bee MB who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

**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.

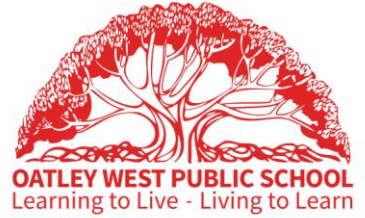


**Uniform Orders:** Order forms (dated Jan. 2018) can be completed and dropped in to Letterbox 8 located in the front courtyard. Please note, orders are not accepted via e-mail. Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom on Thursday when the shop is open. The preferred payment method for orders 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.**

## CANTEEN NEWS

We would like to kindly request all outstanding fees be settled up with our canteen as soon as possible. This is would appreciated as we often provide lunches for anyone who has forgotten their lunch. Please also see attached form for Volunteers for 2019. Thank you.



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## Classes for 2019

12 November 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are in the process of planning for 2019.

We need to track our student numbers carefully so that we can settle students into their 2019 classes as soon as possible next year. We are currently on the verge of creating an additional class for next year but need to consider students who are leaving before this can be determined.

It is important that we have the completed information below for every child to make sure class allocations are correct. If we have incorrect information, it can mean we have to recreate classes, which is disruptive for everyone, so we are seeking your support in this process.

We need the information below returned for ALL students. Please complete by ticking the option that applies to your child and return to your class teacher as soon as possible. If circumstances change, please notify the office immediately.

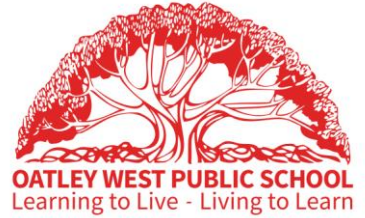
My child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

- Will be returning to Oatley West Public School on Wednesday 30th January 2019.
- Will be returning to Oatley West Public School after the start of 2019. My child will return on \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / 2019. (If your child is returning 10 days or more after Wednesday 30th January 2019, an application for Extended Leave will need to be completed before the end of the school year. These are readily available at the front office.
- Will be attending OC (opportunity class) at \_\_\_\_\_ Public School.
- Will not be returning to Oatley West Public School. They will be going to \_\_\_\_\_

I know a child starting at Oatley West Public School. Their full name is \_\_\_\_\_

and they will be going into \_\_\_\_\_ (year, eg kindergarten).





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05/11/2018

## Organic Diggers Working Bee- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

A community working bee will be taking place on Saturday 1st December in our Bush Tucker garden.

We will be weeding and mulching our native garden. Work will begin work at 10.00am and finish at 12.00pm. All adults attending must have a current Working with Children Check. [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check)

There is no cost involved for the WWCC for volunteer applicants. No adults are permitted on site without a current WWCC.

Please return the slip below to Mr Burr by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Many thanks

L Burr

*Organic Diggers coordinator*

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## Organic Diggers Working Bee- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018

I / we (names) \_\_\_\_\_ intend on participating in the Organic Diggers Working Bee on Saturday 1st December 2018. My child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ from class(es) \_\_\_\_\_ are attending.

There will be \_\_\_\_\_ children with us.

### **Working with Children Check**

I / we are already on the school system.

I /we have a current Working with Children Check(s).

Clearance Number(s): # \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fathering Project



Dear OWPS Fathers and Father-figures,

You are invited to attend an information session about the Fathering Project.

**When:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7pm

**Where:** OWPS Multipurpose Room

**Why:** Come along for a short meeting to hear more about the Fathering Project, how you can be involved in events and some ideas for 2019 events.

John Kirkland (Father, Teacher and Administration assistant for the Fathering Project) will be sharing his experience of the Fathering Project.

Light refreshments will be provided. For catering purposes please return the slip below to the school office or classroom teacher by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Mr Nash            &            Miss Benita  
Principal                      Wellbeing Officer

I \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the Fathering Project information session on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm.

Father/Father-figure of: \_\_\_\_\_





*Oatley West Public  
School presents*

K-2 Christmas Concert

December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

In the School Hall

OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

**CANTEEN VOLUNTEER**

**ROSTER 2018/2019**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Working With Children (WWC) Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Childs Name and Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help out during the following times:

- 9.30am – 12.00pm       12.00pm – 2.30pm       All Day
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

I am available:

- Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Please roster me:

- Once a fortnight       Once a month       Once a term
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED TO ENABLE THE CANTEEN TO CONTINUE TO RUN**

Please ask Mums, Dads, Aunties, Uncles, Grandparents and friends if they are available to help out.

Thank you for your help! Your children and school appreciates it 😊