



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 Trash & Treasure
Drop Off

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 District Athletics—
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 Community Festival
Weekend

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 Stewart House Cloth-
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Father's Day Stall


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

MR NASH'S CORNER

What a wonderful turnout for our Open Day last Thursday. Education Week is certainly a highlight on our calendar and a special day to throw open our doors and share our day with you. Staff commented on the increased number of visitors to the school and especially the prevalence of Grandparents. This has been a steady trend over the last few years, especially the amount of people we see at Grandfriends day. All classrooms were vibrant and colourful with students excited to share their work. The school certainly showcased quality teaching and learning, future focused learning experiences in technology, performances from the band, choir, and dance groups, our new archaeological dig, veggie garden and student wellbeing programs. The school has a wonderful energy and this came across according to the extremely positive feedback from very appreciative parents, grandparents and community visitors.

FIVE MINUTES WITH MR GRIFFITHS



Favourite event at OWPS:

Without a doubt completing the MUD CHALLENGE with my class at the Great Aussie Bush Camp...despite the freezing water!

Favourite TV Show:

Tie between *The Simpsons* and *The Sopranos*

How long at OWPS?

Coming up to a year.

Favourite thing about OWPS:

The supportive and caring staff. Everyone is willing to help out each other.

Favourite movie: Hard to choose, but *Anchorman*, *Ghostbusters* and *Back to the Future* trilogy.

Favourite place to holiday: Vail, Colorado

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

CARE

Play safely.

Show concern for the wellbeing of others.

Be friendly and make others feel welcome.

Consider the needs of everyone.



Principal Nash continued

EXCURSION TO SCIENCE & MATHS EXPO

I really look forward to getting out and about with our students when I can. What a great excursion with Stage 3 to Western Sydney University, South Parramatta last Friday. Talk about future learning! It was a fun packed day commencing with two very hard hitting documentaries highlighting our planet and what we can do to care for the future. This included a brilliant laser show. We listened to the inspirational Eddie Woo from Cherrybrook High School, Fizzics Science Show and various stalls including slime, reptiles, biology, telescope and many more. Everyone enjoyed the day including the teachers!



Principal Nash continued

UNWELL CHILDREN

We are experiencing an increase in children coming to school quite ill. There is a virus across the school causing headaches and vomiting. Sick Bay is small and we are finding it hard to cope with the amount of children being sent to school sick. There is only one way for them to beat the virus, which is rest and care at home. Please contact your doctor if these symptoms occur with your children. Symptoms can be quite serious and escalate quickly.

ST GEORGE PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL (SPAF)

We have the festival on this week. Matinee and Evening performances take place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Our Band won the audition to open the Tuesday concert and our choirs will perform tomorrow. Our Junior Dance will perform Tuesday and Senior Dance and Senior Percussion Power is on Thursday. We have staff at the venue this week working as backstage crew and staff accompanying students.

If you have senior parents or friends that would like to see the performances, please think about the matinee performances which start at 12.15pm. Many seniors prefer to get out during the warmth of the day rather than cold night. Parking is also a lot easier and closer to the venue.

Ms CROSS LEAVING US

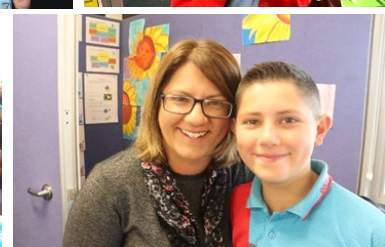
Ms Lauren Cross (Assistant Principal) has accepted a permanent position with NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). Ms Cross was successful in her application for the position through merit selection and has accepted this role on a full time basis. She has resigned as Assistant Principal with the Department of Education. I will commence the recruitment of a replacement Assistant Principal to take up the position at the beginning of the 2019 year.

Department of Education
Strategic Plan 2018-2022

Our Goals

2. *'Every student is known, valued and cared for in our schools.'*

SOME OPEN DAY HAPPY SNAPS



Paul Nash



LIBRARY NEWS

**DRESS UP FOR BOOK WEEK AUTHOR VISIT:**

Thursday 6th September

To celebrate Book Week, we would like our students to 'Find their Treasure', and come dressed up as their favourite character from a book. Please use what you have at home, and create a costume.

Rita Fitzpatrick & Holly Blake

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL



Once again our school is collecting clothing that is clean and in good order, to donate to less fortunate children who visit Stewart House. A collection bag will be sent home with your child soon. The date of the pickup is **27th August 2018**. We had such a terrific response last time you donated, our office and hallway were overflowing with your generosity!

So please bring donations to school as close to the pick up date as possible.

Your kind donations help children feel comforted. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Ms McIntosh – SRC Coordinator

FATHER'S DAY STALL

On Thursday 30 August, School Club will be running the annual Father's Day Stall. The stall allows children to purchase gifts—All Gifts **MUST** be ordered and pre-paid by 11pm on 23 August. Please see note at the end of this newsletter for full information details.

MUSIC COUNCIL NEWS



NSW School Band Festival

Congratulations to Intermediate Band who received a Gold Award and Concert Band who received a Silver Award at the NSW School Band Festival yesterday. Both Bands played well in their respective events amongst other bands of an extremely high standard.

SPAF

Concert Band arrive at school at 8.00am tomorrow (Tuesday 14th August) ready for your performance. There will be no Concert Band rehearsal tomorrow.

Percussion Power

Senior Percussion Power (those 25 who have returned their notes for SPAF) arrive at 7.50am on Thursday 16th August and collect your instrument from the Hall to take on the bus to SPAF. Children will need to take the instrument home with them after the evening performance on Thursday and bring it back to school on Friday morning.

Percussion Power lessons will not be on for Senior Percussion only on Thursday 16th August. The 8.40am and 9.00am classes will still be on. Percussion Power will still be on on Friday 17th August.

Music Council



Only two more weeks to go! We've had a great response to callouts for volunteers, ride passes, opening night tickets and online art so far. Have you jumped online to book yourself in yet? Links are below.

Also thanks to you all we've already raised over \$3000 through the online Silent Auction! That's 7.5% of the total raised at the Festival last year and we're still two weeks away from the main event!

If you'd like to promote the event with your community, sporting groups or daycare there are some promo flyers at the Front Office. We'd love you to share the message!

FINAL TRASH & TREASURE DROP OFF THIS FRIDAY

Thank you to all those who've donated so far to our Trash and Treasure stall. 100% of profits from this stall go back to the school and it's always popular with festival-goers! One of our most popular areas is the book section so if you have any in good condition that you no longer need we'd love you to drop them off, along with other donations (we are unable to accept clothing, blankets, bedding, damaged items, etc) to:

Shade Sail area near Kindergarten rooms. This Friday 17th from 2.30 to 4pm

Any questions please contact Lisa Foy (deco1310@hotmail.com) or Kim Jepson (kimmybimbim@hotmail.com).

READY-SET-BAKE... CAKE STALL/ART CAFE NEEDS YOU!

Thinking of getting your MasterChef mojo on this year? Let us know what you'll be baking and when you'll be dropping off so we can provide you packaging and plan out our stall!

This year we'll have a food warmer so if you're more savoury than sweet why not nominate to donate some quiche, pastizzi or pastry?

Cake forms went home with the Festival Notepack last week but if yours mysteriously disappeared into the schoolbag Bermuda Triangle then contact Katarina Petkovski on 0415 580 133 or novamode@optusnet.com.au.

TICKETS PLEASE!

Tickets for Opening Night and Ride Passes are now available online (www.owpscommunityfestival.org/buy-now). Don't forget the All Weekend ride passes are only available online and the one day passes are cheaper if you pre-pay.

Have you already sold your Raffle Tickets? If so, GO YOU! If you need more get in touch with Jenny Nicol (picnicjenny55@gmail.com). Make sure you return ticket butts and money to the School Office by Monday 20 August to be in the draw.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Our volunteer spots are filling up fast so to get your first choice, jump online and nominate your spot. Head to www.owpscommunityfestival.org/volunteer

Silent Auction has hit the ground running with over \$3000 in bids already and climbing! Jump online to check out the amazing variety of items on offer and remember, this year some items are online only. Head to www.32auctions.com/owpsauction2018 to place your bid.

Did you know that with Art Online you can virtually view each artwork in different room setting to get a feel for what it will look like in the space? Opening Night usually sees a flurry of sales so to avoid disappointment, if you see something love buy it online and you can pick it up at the end of the Festival. Go to 211.27.227.55/art/public/

UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP
Thursday 9 - 10am
In G Block

Manager – Sia Coelho

Enquiries: 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 now be in their winter uniform. All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.

Kindy 2019 – We have ordered stock for Kindergarten 2019. If you haven't already enrolled your child or know a family living in the catchment area who has a child starting Kindy at OWPS next year, please contact the office for an enrolment form. Enrolling your child now, will assist the Uniform Shop with ordering additional stock in time for orientation.

Raincoat SALE: \$10 – We have small and medium raincoats which are being discontinued, for sale. These raincoats are a hooded poncho, designed to fit over a child's schoolbag when worn. They are best suited to children in Years K-2.

Uniform Orders: Order forms (dated January, 2018) can be completed and dropped in to the school office. 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.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is back on this Thursday as normal. Here's a fun money lessons you can enjoy with your kids, even if maths is not their favourite subject. Maths is a subject that kids either love or hate. For some, maths comes naturally, but for others it can take a little work. Even if your child doesn't enjoy or excel in mathematics, there are steps you can take to ensure their financial literacy develops strongly with a fun money activity. Learning how to add coins can be tricky for children, in particular children who aren't confident with maths. Here's how to make it simpler and more memorable:

Counting Coins.

- Create a pile of coins, with as much variety in the denominations as possible
- Get your child to sort the coins into 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c piles
- Ask them to use several coins to make up a dollar in total value
- Then ask them to find other ways using the coins to make up a dollar in total value e.g. 2 x 50c, 5 x 20c, 10 x 10c.
- Learning to count by fives, tens, twenties and fifties helps to build their counting skills and improve their mental maths.

Remember Term 1, 2 & 3 prizes are only available to claim.

Please note Secret Scratch Pad no longer available.

<https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/youth/2018-01/school-banking-parent-pack-rewards-card-colour-0118.pdf>

Current turnaround time for prize claim is 2-3 weeks.

CAKE DAY—CHANGE OF DATE

Due to the Community Festival being on the weekend prior to the scheduled Cake Day our next Cake Day will now be Wednesday 5th September.

Many thanks to parents and carers of 2T and 4F who are providing the cakes that day.

As always we welcome any parents and carers to come along from 11.10am on the day to help sell the cakes.

Thankyou
School Club

Father's Day Stall

On **Thursday the 30th of August 2018** School Club will be running the annual Father's Day Stall. The Stall allows children to purchase a special gift for their Father and Grandfather while at the same time raising money for our school.

Gifts are \$15 and come in a beautiful gift bag.

Gifts MUST be ordered & pre-paid by 11pm on the 23rd of August.

We will not be providing or accepting any paper order forms or cash payments so please place your order online at: www.flexischools.com.au

This is a really fun event for the kids who look forward to "buying" their gifts for Dad & Grandpa from the stall and they would love to see you there.

Volunteers to help package gifts and man the stall are welcome in the hall from 930am on Thursday.

HAROLD MERCHANDISE



Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit organisation that relies on the support of the community to assist us in reaching our fundraising goals. Every Harold product purchased helps us visit more children in NSW.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports our overall fundraising activities and helps cover the gap between the cost of delivery and what parents and schools pay for our program. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. ***Please DO NOT make online payments to your school. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class.*** This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit. You can also check out our **NEW** product range online by visiting www.lifeeducation.org.au/shop



Name: _____ Class: _____

Product Description	Price Incl. GST	QTY	Product Description	Price Incl. GST	QTY
Tattoo	\$0.50		Large Harold Soft Toy	\$15.00	
Harold Post-it-note	\$1.50		Harold Stationery Set		
Harold Hand Ball	\$3.00		Harold Keyring		
Small Harold Soft Toy	\$8.00				
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NB Harold Products are subject to availability Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.



Help support Life Education

I would like to donate \$ _____ to Life Education NSW. Gifts of \$2.00 or over are tax deductible.



I would like to hear more from Life Education NSW

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Email: _____

Postcode: _____

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