



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Organic Diggers Garden Working Bee

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Walk Safely to School Day

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National Simultaneous Reading Day
Book Fair 3 Days

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District Cross Country Carnival

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JUNE

School Commonwealth Games Day



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

MR NASH'S CORNER

Congratulations to the *P&C Grants Team* for securing a Community Grant from David Coleman's office (Federal) to build the covered awning over the wheelchair access to the hall. This awning replaces a very old pull out awning that had been damaged during a fierce storm some years back.

FIVE MINUTES WITH MS BARCA



Favourite Place for a Holiday:

My favourite place for a holiday is Hawaii—I love the sun and the water.

Favourite Food:

My favourite food is zucchini pesto to pasta with olives! Yum!

Favourite Movie:

My favourite movie is "Fast & Furious"

An interview with: Ms Jessica Barca

Years at OWPS: 3 terms

Favourite thing about OWPS: The tight parent, staff and student community. Everyone is so friendly and lovely ever since my first day at the school.

Favourite Moment at OWPS:

I loved singing at the Short & Sweet Concert and raising money for an amazing cause The Cancer Council.

Our kids matter.

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VALUE FOR THE WEEK

INTEGRITY

Speak the truth.

Respect personal and school property.

Do what is right.

Principal Nash continued

Thanks to P&C for financing the additional money to complete this project. The grant was provided in the knowledge that the community would go 'dollar for dollar' to complete the project.



It certainly provides practical cover for access to the ramp at the side of the hall for the community and protects our children lining up to go into the hall.

We are always on the lookout to improve our school infrastructure. If you know of any suitable grants that could assist, please contact P&C Grants Team or drop me a line at school.

NEW INITIATIVE

At the end of each year the School Representative Council Senior Captains present to the P&C and provide an outline of their activities for the Annual School Report. It was decided this year that two (or more) representatives would attend each P&C meeting to get an idea of how this level of school governance operates.



Mark Coure our State Member was in attendance at the meeting and commented how articulate Emily and Chloe were with their presentation.



SHORT & SWEET CONCERT

What a wonderful showcase of talent not only students but teachers too!

Alfred provided our pre-show entertainment and is a very talented young man. Many thanks go to Mr Peter Sampson our Band Director who has reinvigorated the band and taken it in new directions since starting at our school.



Our band is unique in that it is run by a very committed parent body and has done so for many years, providing a higher focus for our students. A very grateful thank you to all our parents that put their time into making this program work like clockwork each week and to the parents that supported their children by attending last Thursday. The hall was full.

I congratulate each and every one of our band students for their commitment to their music, their instrument and to their dedication to practice each week which is getting slightly harder as we head into winter; cold dark mornings! This program certainly builds character in our young people.

Thanks also to our guest artists:



Mr Burr and Ms Barca

St George Brass Band Ensemble



Parent Ensemble

Recorder Group



Congratulations to the Training Band, Intermediate Band and Concert Band who have all come a long way since the beginning of the year.

I'm very proud of the way they conduct themselves representing our school when they are performing in public. Well done everyone!



NAPLAN

NAPLAN (*National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy*) has been used as a benchmark in Literacy & Numeracy for student performance against national averages since 2008. The tests cover reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is not a test that children can prepare for in the same way they might prepare for an end of term test. NAPLAN tests skills that develop and improve over time. These are skills that should be continuously developed throughout the year and not just in the lead-up to NAPLAN. At our school we do not believe in the value of excessive preparation for NAPLAN beyond teaching the curriculum and familiarising students with the NAPLAN process.

NAPLAN Advice for parents:

- Encourage confidence—'a can do attitude' and 'do your personal best attitude'.
- Prepare your child by encouraging them to go to bed early, having breakfast, have their water bottle and a nutritional lunch and snacks prepared; try to keep minimal stress levels at home; arrive at school on time.
- Keep perspective—This is just a test in time; just one form of assessment; success is not determined by a test.

Best of luck to our Years 3 and 5 participating in NAPLAN 15th-17th May. There is a catch up day on Friday 18th May.



Department of Education

Strategic Plan 2018-2022

Our Values—Integrity

'We communicate clear expectations.'

SCHOOL & DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students on their participation in the OWPS Cross Country Carnival last Tuesday. All students demonstrated outstanding values throughout the entire carnival.

There will be a Cross Country ribbon presentation assembly on Wednesday 27th June (Week 9). Students who came first, second, third and fourth will be receiving their ribbon. Parents and guests are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to all the students who have been selected to represent OWPS at the Georges River District Carnival.

The district carnival will be held on Thursday 24th May (Week 4). The carnival will commence at 8:45am and conclude at 12:15pm. Students will walk the course at 9:00 am sharp. All students must walk the course at this time if they are participating in the District Cross Country. A canteen will be available on the day for the purchasing of food and drinks.

Students attending received their permission note last Thursday. Please return the note to Miss Ross as soon as possible.

The order of events for the carnival are as follows:
2000m events

- Event 1: 8/9 Year Old Boys
- Event 2: 8/9 Year Old Girls
- Event 3: 10 Year Old boys
- Event 4: 10 Year Old girls

3000m events

- Event 5: 11 Year Old Boys
- Event 6: 11 Year Old Girls
- Event 7: 12/13 Year Old Boys
- Event 8: 12/13 Year Old Girls

The first six place getters in each age group will go through to the Area carnival, which will be held at Miranda Park, Thursday 14th June, 2018.

Miss Ross

SCHOOL COMMONWEALTH GAMES DAY

To celebrate the 2018 Commonwealth Games, our school will be hosting their very own mini Commonwealth Games Day on **Monday 4th June (Week 6)**. All K-6 students have been allocated, by their teacher, a country of the Commonwealth, who they will be representing throughout the day. Students are encouraged to wear a shirt/jumper with the colours of their country on this day. During the Opening and Closing Ceremonies the K-2 and 3-6 students representing the same country will march together.

The events are a wide range of sports games, drills and activities age appropriate and aimed to achieve mass participation. A number of the events will be scored or timed throughout the rotation with these results then added together for each K-2 and 3-6 group for each Country. The results for each event and the overall winning Country will then be announced at the Closing Ceremony.

9:40 - 10:10am	Opening Ceremony
10:10 – 11.20am	(75mins) K-2 Events
11:25 – 11:50am	Recess (as normal)
12:00 – 1:20pm	(80mins) 3-6 Events
1:20 - 2:10pm	Lunch (as normal)
2:15 - 2:45pm	Closing Ceremony

The aims of the day are:

To give students a real taste of the Commonwealth Games by participating in the Opening & Closing Ceremonies.

To give students a greater understanding of the Commonwealth Games Ideals. "Humanity, Equality & Destiny"

To have all students participating and enjoying a wide variety of athletic games and events in a comfortable and friendly environment.

Permission notes will be distributed this week and are to be returned to your child's classroom teacher. There will be a cost of \$4.50 per student which will be included on the Term 2 Fees note.

We are looking forward to bringing the Commonwealth Games to Oatley West Public School.

Miss Ross

ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT



The Diggers successfully planted out the remaining garden bed with lettuce, spinach and edible flowers last week. In addition we moved the compost bins and put tarpaulins down to smother out onion grass on one badly affected bed. Today we will run general maintenance on the swale and produce gardens. Our Working Bee will be on this Thursday afternoon between 3.30 - 4.30pm. All are welcome. If you'd like to attend, the note is attached to this newsletter. Alternately, see Mr Burr for a printed copy.

Happy gardening!
Mr Burr

RECORDER GROUP



Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of taking 12 students to the city for their Advanced Recorder Group Rehearsal. These students have been meeting every Friday morning at 8am to learn and practice for their performance which is taking place in June at the Sydney Opera House. The students played beautifully and it was lovely to see many schools from all over Sydney performing to such a high standard. Well done girls. Mrs Clair Bull

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



The Premier's Reading Challenge is in full force now and it is wonderful to see so many students borrowing PRC books from our library. Stage 2 and 3 should be entering their books into their online reading record. Miss Blake will be entering it online for all kindergarten and Stage 1 students, as we read the PRC books in the library and in class.

Congratulations to the following students on completing the PRC:

Anabelle L- 5D

Abigail P- 3K

Hannah-Lee P- 2J

Leya R- 4F

Keep up the great reading everyone!

WANTED



Do you have some spare plastic bags at home that you would like reused? They are used as spares when library bags don't quite make it to school. Just drop them off in the library.

Thank you.

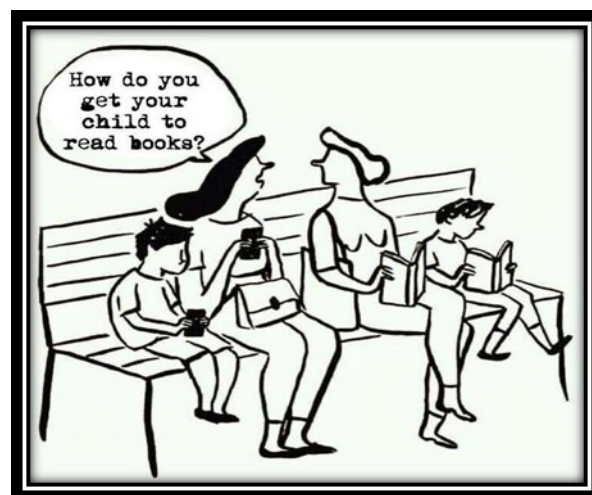
LIBRARY NEWS



BOOK FAIR:

Our annual OWPS Book Fair is on again from Wed 23rd May to Friday 25th May, 2018. The books are supplied by Carnival Books an Australian owned and operated company. Books are sourced from a variety of publishers. There will be a great selection of Fiction and Non Fiction books at discounted prices to choose from.

If you love reading, or have a special occasion coming up, or would like to donate a book to the school, come along to Book Fair and see the magic of books and reading. Your support helps buy resources for our school.



National Simultaneous Storytelling Day: Wednesday, May 23rd at 11 am

National Simultaneous Storytelling Day is an annual event that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. OWPS students will be joining many groups around Australia reading "Hickory, Dickory Dash at 11am.



OWPS BOOK FAIR - GET CAUGHT READING



DAY	BEFORE SCHOOL	2ND HALF LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL
WED. 23rd May		1.45pm – 2.05pm	3.25 – 3.45pm
THURS. 24 th May	8.55am – 9.25am	1.45pm – 2.05pm	3.25 – 3.45pm
FRI. 25 th May	8.55am – 9.25am	1.45pm – 2.05pm	
CASH AND EFTPOS SALES		PARENT HELP APPRECIATED: Please pop in to help at these times	

UNIFORM SHOP

Manager – Sia Coelho

e-mail: scoelho@iinet.net.au

The Uniform Shop is managed and run by volunteers and is open for your convenience every Thursday from 9-10am near the COLA outside C Block.

All students should now be wearing their winter uniform. All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.

Thank you: Many thanks to Joanne G, Belinda P, Nic P and Hayley S who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

Winter Tights: It is important to teach your daughter how to put her tights on (particularly after going to the bathroom). If there is any bagginess around the gusset, they have not been put on correctly or your child is wearing the wrong size. Please ensure your daughter does not pull the tights from the top as this will more than likely tear them. It is best to gradually roll them up until there is no bagginess in the gusset. Also, consider having your child wear a pair of netball knickers or boyleg underwear over the top of her tights to keep them from riding down.

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

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.

BAND NEWS

Short & Sweet Concert

Thanks to all the performers and volunteers at the Short & Sweet Concert last Thursday. We've raised \$1,072.65 for the Cancer Council so far which is an amazing effort! Thank you to everyone for their donations.

SPAF Audition

Concert Band will be auditioning for SPAF next Tuesday 22nd May. Please be on time to rehearsal.

Engadine Bandfest

Intermediate Band and Concert Band will be performing at the Engadine Bandfest on Tuesday 26th June at the St George Bank Auditorium, Kogarah. Details and permission notes will be emailed to parents.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL—THANK YOU

Mother's Day Stall - Thank You

A HUGE thank you to all the Mums & Dad that came to help out at the Mother's Day stall on Wednesday morning. Kristy G, Mandy H, Sia, Belinda L, Bridget, H, Rebecca, L Kathy D, Jodi A, Wendy Y, Katarina P & the rose among the thorns Clint W. To get all 23 classes to "shop" before recess took some superhuman effort!

We hope you like your gifts and that you all had a very Happy Mother's day.

Some Mums would have received a spoon sparrow in their gifts, we realise they did not come with instructions so here's a pic of what they are for:



P&C NEWS

Our P&C are proud to report on the success of the following initiatives:



Stronger Communities Grant

We applied for a Stronger Communities Grant in 2017 to be used on a project that would benefit our wider community. Under this community-based guideline we applied to cover the accessibility entrance on the southern side of the school hall. The grant was won for 50% of the project cost with the P&C donating the balance.

School Banking

Did you know... in the first quarter this year School Banking has raised \$820 for our school. The CBA donates approximately \$300 to our school annually for having 200 - 300 student bankers. CBA then donates a further \$5 for every 10 deposits per banker each quarter to encourage regular contributions. Thank you to the 104 students who banked 10 times last term to earn our school an additional \$520.



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Ab, core & balance test
Lower & upper limb test
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Golden Agers:
Tues 22 May & Thurs 24 May @ 10:45am
T-Rex Typers:
Wed 23 May @ 12pm

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1st Oatley Bay Sea Scouts
AJ2019 Jamboree Fund Raiser

Family BUSH DANCE

SAT 19 MAY
Oatley West
Public School
6.00 - 10.00pm

The Bell Bird Bush
Band will be playing

Food & Drinks for Sale

Entry - Families \$50, Singles \$15
Book your tickets at
Oatleybaybushdance@gmail.com
www.Oatleyscouts.org.au



Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2018!

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07/05/2018

School Garden Working Bee- Thursday 17th May 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Please note rescheduled date due to clash with Cross Country.

A community Working Bee will be taking place on Thursday 17th May in our school garden.

We will be weeding, mulching and preparing our produce garden. Work will begin work at 3.30pm and finish at 4.30pm. All adults attending must have a current Working with Children Check.

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 or Mrs Hatzistergos by Wednesday 16th May.

Many thanks

L Burr

Organic Diggers Co-ordinator

I / we (names) _____ intend on participating in the **Organic Diggers Working Bee on Thursday 17th May 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: _____

