



# OATLEY WEST Lantern

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**17**  
OCT SRC Walkathon

**18**  
OCT Peaceful Kids

**23**  
OCT P & C Meeting  
6:30pm

**24**  
OCT Kinder Orientation  
10 am

**29**  
OCT Grandparents Day



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

### MR NASH'S CORNER

Welcome back to Term Four. I am looking forward to a very positive and settled term. End of year for students is 19th December. We have a busy 10 weeks with assessments and reporting to be completed for Semester 2, and all the exciting end of year activities such as Talent Night, Junior School Christmas Concert, School Picnic, Musical evening/s, Year 6 Fete & Farewell & the various awards assemblies. I am also looking forward to the upcoming **Kindergarten Orientation Program** where we welcome our new parents and students for 2019. These sessions are to be held on **Wednesday 24th & 31st October and Wednesday 7th November all commencing at 10.00am**. At this stage we have enough students to form 4 Kinder classes again next year. If you know of anyone local that has not enrolled yet or a new neighbour building or moving into the area please let them know what a great school they have in Oatley West.

### FIVE MINUTES WITH KAREN BROWN



**Years at OWPS:** 9

**Favourite thing about OWPS:**  
We have great staff and children. There is always laughter!

**Favourite Event:**  
There are many favourite events! Just to name a few— The Community Festival and the School Picnic is a fun day with both students and staff in a relaxed atmosphere away from school grounds.

**Favourite Food:**

I like Thai, Indian and Chinese are my favourite.

**Favourite TV Show:**

Suits—Mari Hatzistergos told me about this show and I was hooked after the first episode.

**Favourite Place to Holiday:**

Never really travelled, but thoroughly enjoyed driving through USA—California, Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Universal Studios and San Diego Sea World—a great adventure!

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

**RESPECT**

Be polite, cooperative and sensible. Treat people as you would like to be treated.



Principal Nash continued

**DAME MARY GILMOUR**

It is great to see work under way with the changes to Dame Mary Gilmour Road. Council contractors were hoping to be finished by the time we were due back at school however are running a bit behind due to the rain.



Council were first approached about this project not long after I first started at OWPS as Principal in 2008. I approached the parking situation again some years later as the school was increasing in numbers and parking around the school was getting quite heavy during the busy pick up and drop off times. There has also been a noticeable increase in the use of Oatley Park during this time.



There should be parking for around another 20 cars, improvements to the intersection into Oatley Park and a pathway into the park which will allow the staff and students to get to the park via our back gate. It's great to see this project nearing completion.

Principal Nash continued

**REMINDERS**

A few reminders to 'kick off' the term:

- All teaching staff 'entry on duty' is from 8.55am. Morning duty commences at this time.
- It is a requirement that your child should be at school every school day. If absences occur, the Home School Liaison Officer may contact you. Holidays during school time are not encouraged by the department and overseas trips need to be approved by the principal.
- Your classroom teacher should be the first person contacted if you have concerns about your child. This can be escalated to the Stage Supervisor (Assistant Principal), if you feel you have not had your question answered.
- Teachers are very busy people. We have three timetabled school morning meetings each week. Individual Stages have other meetings at various times. If you need to see a teacher please ring the office to make an appointment. They will ensure you are connected with your teacher at the earliest convenience. It is good practice to let the secretary have a summary of the meeting you require so that the teacher can be prepared for you.
- We are very conscious of security and our gates are closed (approximately) at 9.25am as the children head off to class. The gates are re-opened again at 3.15pm. These are approximate times. Entry and exit to the school is then via the single gate at the administration building in Oatley Park Avenue. You will need to buzz the intercom for entry or exit. On assembly days the gate will be opened once in time for you to make your way to the school hall, once all students have been seated. We thank you for your patience in this matter.



*Paul Nash*



**Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018-2022**  
Our Goals

*'Our school infrastructure meets the needs of a growing population and enables future-focused learning and teaching.'*

PEACEFUL KIDS

Thanks to all the parents who have returned their permission notes for the Peaceful Kids Program, we have had a great response. Please ensure the GP Plans have been completed as soon as possible. We are due to start the program this Thursday. Kind Regards,  
 Neralie Chappell  
 Deputy Principal

PUBLIC SPEAKING



Congratulations to Emma S., Christopher P., Leya R., Aurelia G. who will represent Oatley West Public School at the Georges River Network Public Speaking Competition next week.

Good luck.

Mrs Bull & Mrs Hatzistergos

P & C Meeting

There will be a General Meeting for P & C next Tuesday 23 October at 6:30pm in our School Library.

SRC WALKATHON

The SRC leaders' initiative Walkathon is due to go ahead this Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30am – 11.00am. Students will need to bring their sponsorship cards to school on the day (without money) for stamping. A permission note and sponsorship card went home last term explaining the details. Please ask at the office or classroom teacher if you do not have a copy.

PLEASE NOTE if Oatley Park is too wet to access, the 3-6 will have alternative routes around the school block and if the weather is not conducive for the event, an alternative time and/or date will be set.

Highest fundraisers in each grade will earn a prize, with K-2 receiving a Plasma Car and 3-6 an Orbit Tennis set.



Thank you for your support in this SRC initiative to raise money for an ampitheatre in the playground for students to use.

**BAND NEWS**

**Oatley Lions Festival**



Concert Band and Intermediate Band will be performing together at the Oatley Lions Festival.

Date: Saturday 20th October

Where: South Stage, Oatley Memorial Park

Arrival time: 9.15am

Performance time: 9.30am-10.00am

Wear: black dress pants, black shoes and black socks with yellow school sports shirt (year 6 yellow shirt is fine)

Bring: Instrument, music folder and music stand

Essential: Music Stand

Parents will be needed to help set up and pack up after the performance.

There will be a combined rehearsal for Intermediate Band and Concert Band on Thursday 18th October. Please arrive at school at 7.50am.


**SCHOOL BANKING**

Many thanks to our school banking Grand Parents and Mums, Faith S, Hazel S, Angel D and Tina Y for being generous with their time and helping with school banking Thursday last term.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY  
Thursday

Term 4 Saving Reward Items are now available to claim.

**Zoom Flying Disc**  
Released Term 4 2018



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**Slushie Maker Cup**  
Released Term 4 2018



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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>

**Did you know?**

Every month that you make at least one deposit and don't take any money out of your Youthsaver account, you'll earn 'bonus interest'.

Bonus interest is extra money the bank gives you as a reward for saving!

As of 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2018

Youthsaver Account*			
Balance	Standard rate	Bonus interest*	With bonus interest
Up to \$50,000	0.50% p.a.	1.80% p.a.	2.30% p.a.
Above \$50,000	0.50% p.a.	0.00% p.a.	0.50% p.a.

\* Youthsaver available for children under 18 years of age.  
\* Interest is paid on the portion of the balance within each balance band.

Many thanks for support school banking at OWPS  
Thursday is our school banking day!