



OATLEY WEST Lantern

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

MR NASH'S CORNER

The Annual Mulga Road Oatley Community Christmas Celebration is on Thursday evening the 29th of November from 6pm – 9pm
Come along for lots of family fun!

- **Fire Engine rides around the block;**
- **Photos with Santa;**
- **Face painting;**
- **A magician;**
- **Musical band with Christmas carols;**
- **Lots of food tasting and Store discounts**

Many thanks for your local support.

FIVE MINUTES WITH CLAIR BULL



Favourite Food:

I love Malaysian food so Mamak in Haymarket in Sydney is a family favourite.

Favourite Place to holiday:

Anywhere is great for a holiday but SE Asia is where we mostly like to visit—the people, food and culture. Fantastic.

Favourite Book:

I really enjoy reading and am just starting the new Jane Harper book called “The Last Man” so fingers crossed it is as good or better than her last novels.

Years at OWPS: 4

Favourite thing about OWPS:

Many things I love about OWPS! All my students make me smile every day and I love coming to work and watching them learn and grow.

Favourite Event:

It is only a few weeks away but the K-2 Christmas concert is a great event for the whole community. It is a great way to start the festive season!

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

PARTICIPATION

Join in and enjoy school activities.
Support the activities at the school.
Contribute ideas to improve our school.



Principal Nash continued

SCHOOL VALUES

Please continue to reinforce and uphold the OWPS values at home. We understand that students are tired and nearing the end of the year; however, programs are continuing and learning is continuing, so there is no excuse for anything more than positive attitudes and levels of engagement. Our expectations remain high right through to the last day of term. Attendance at end of year events may be jeopardised by the inability to uphold the OWPS values while onsite.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

The class roll is marked everyday, first thing in the morning prior to lesson commencement. If you are late to school please sign in at the office to obtain a 'late note' for the teacher. If your child arrives prior to the bell at 8.55 they are unsupervised and need to sit in the 'Quiet Area' until duty commences.

FEES

As we are winding up towards the end of the year we would appreciate all fees being finalised as soon as possible. Our financial year and rollover take place in December.

Principal Nash continued

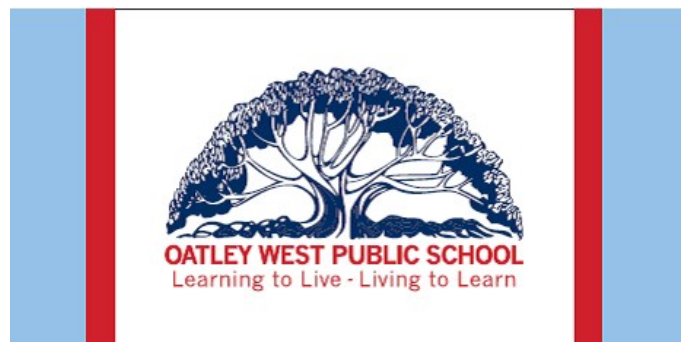
FATHERING PROJECT (reminder)

Dads of Oatley West Public School, please mark this 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.

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

Our Performance Measures

'increased proportion of students in the top two NAPLAN bands for reading and numeracy.'



Paul Nash



THE FATHERING PROJECT



Fathering Project Information Evening This Wednesday

Thank you to all those who have signed up to come along and hear more about the Fathering Project, this Wednesday 21st November.

Fathers, father-figures and mothers are all welcome to attend, we would like input from a range of people.

There is still time to RSVP to the office, please do so by tomorrow.

We will be meeting in the Multipurpose Room at 7pm.

Miss Benita - Wellbeing Officer.


IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIARY

- 4/5 Dec - Musical Evenings
- 12 Dec - Presentation Day Assembly 3-6 10 am
Academic Assembly K-2 2:10 pm
- 14 Dec - K—2 Christmas Concert 10am
- 17 Dec - School Picnic
- 19 Dec - Students Last Day
Year 6 Graduation Assembly 2:20pm

P & C NEWS

Tomorrow evening OWPS P&C will hold a General Meeting in our School Library at 6.30pm. We will be discussing the schools funding priorities for 2019, all welcome to come along.

Nic Portois
P&C President
oatleywestpublicschoolpc@outlook.com



Our SKOOLBAG app is used extensively for urgent communication to our community.

We will use the EMERGENCY TAB should any crisis occur.

UNIFORM SHOP

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 be wearing their Summer Uniform. All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.

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 for Years 3-6 (Year 2 students who can swim 50m and are turning 8 in 2019 can also participate). 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.

DID YOU KNOW?



All books purchased through Scholastic Book Club directly benefit our school.

Books make wonderful gifts. They're also a great way to keep the kids entertained over the holiday season (especially when travelling).

Issue 8 Book Club catalogues went home last week. Get your orders in using the Loop app before **Monday 26 November** to ensure delivery before the end of term.

Did you know that you can select **Gift Order** when ordering through the app? This will ensure the order comes directly to you so the kids don't see it! Follow up with your classroom teacher if you haven't received Issue 8.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP

for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

GET IT ON

Download on the

ORGANIC DIGGERS CLUB



Just a reminder for the

Organic Diggers Working Bee is on **Saturday 1st December** in our Bush Tucker garden.

We will begin at **10am and finish at 12 pm.**

The permission note is attached to this newsletter with reminders for WWCC—Working with Children Check.

We look forward to you joining us!

L. Burr

SCHOOL BANKING

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

FAQ's

Do you accept personal cheques?

Yes we do J

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>

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

Thursday is our school banking day!

PRAYER GROUP CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Please feel welcome to join us for our end of year prayer group meeting. We will chat, pray for our school, and enjoy some Christmas treats. Hope to see you there!

**PRAYER GROUP
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

TUESDAY | **27** | NOVEMBER

1 - 3 PM
22 OATLEY PARK AVENUE

Any enquiries please call Jill Allen on 0413 452367



Fathering Project



Dear OWPS Fathers and Father-figures,

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

When: Wednesday 21st 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 20th November

Mr Nash & Miss Benita
Principal Wellbeing Officer

I _____ will be attending the Fathering Project information session on Wednesday 21st November at 7pm.

Father/Father-figure of: _____

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

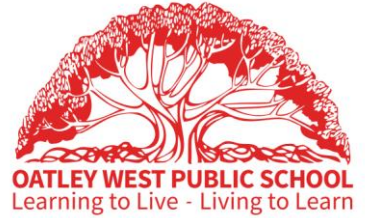
Please roster me:

- 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 😊



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05/11/2018

Organic Diggers Working Bee- Saturday 1st 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

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 30th November.

Many thanks

L Burr

Organic Diggers coordinator

Organic Diggers Working Bee- Saturday 1st 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: _____



*Oatley West Public
School presents*

K-2 Christmas Concert

December 14th @ 10am

In the School Hall