



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28
AUG

P & C Meeting 6:30pm
School Library

30
AUG

Father's Day Stall

5
SEP

Cake Day 2J & 4F

6
SEP

Book Week Author
Visit & Dress Up

10
SEP

Stage 3 Excursion to
Art Gallery NSW



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

MR NASH'S CORNER



Congratulations to all concerned in the organisation of the 2018 Community Festival. Each year the school is transformed, and by Monday morning you would not know anything had taken place over the weekend! To the Community Festival Committee, Volunteers, Staff and our Sponsors, I would like to thank you and let you know how grateful we are for your support this year. To Colin Foy who leads and coordinates the weekend festivities, a great big thank you to you as well. This is a mighty task and he certainly must have some influence in high places to have kept the weather at bay over the weekend. Without this community support the school would not be able to provide the additional teaching resources for classrooms or to provide some of the bigger infrastructure projects we have tackled as a community over the years.

FIVE MINUTES WITH MS ARAVANOPOULOS



Favourite Event:

Way too many to mention but a highlight would be the Paper Plane competition. We had a NSW distance champion and the school competition was such fun!

Favourite Place to Holiday:

Greece – I just had such an amazing time with family and friends – obviously a place close to my heart.

Favourite Food:

I just love Japanese and any Greek food!

Favourite Song:

Anything by Boyz II Men!

How long at OWPS?

8 years

Favourite thing about OWPS:

The staff! Some of my best friends are here and that makes work fun and helps to keep me smiling! Amazing students and families – I have learnt more than I could ever teach.

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

PARTICIPATION

Join in and enjoy school activities.
Support the activities at the school.



Principal Nash continued

Community input has been paramount to the school since it was established in 1947. Parents lobbied the government to have their own school at Oatley West and a small Infants School was founded and described as a 'small bush school'. The community spirit from these early days was evident last year at the school's 70th Birthday celebrations where we had some of the first students at the school present. The 'ethos' of the foundation of the school carries on today with more than three generations now attending.

Some of the major works that have been provided by the community include:

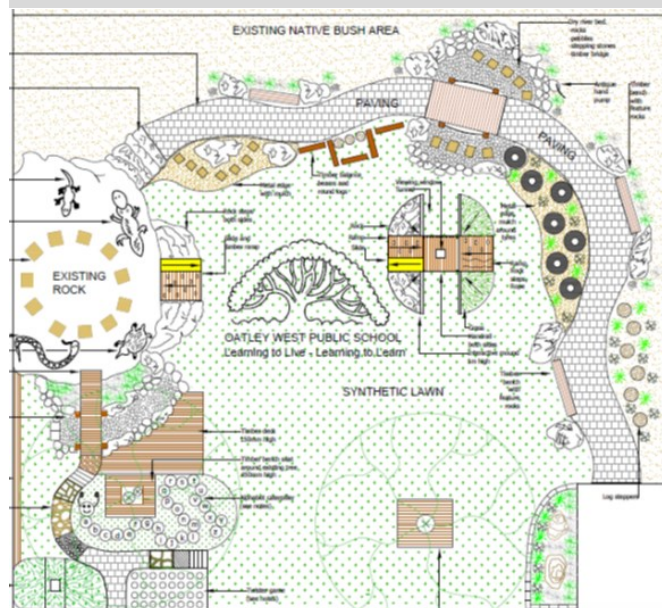
- Assembly Hall
- Library
- Large Awning over lower playground area
- Cabling of the school to provide technology to classrooms (computer backbone)
- Communications throughout the school for emergencies (phone/intercom system)
- Multi-purpose Room (computer network)
- Provision of electronic whiteboard & technology to classrooms
- Classroom supplies for teachers
- Refurbishment of assembly hall (extension of stage, lighting, sound equipment, bio-box)
- Playground markings and activities

The community has accessed the Department of Education program that provided 'dollar for dollar' for these major builds or obtained various grants. There are still many areas that P&C provide through its various committees.

This year we are very excited to be extending the Astro Turf Playground. Oatley West Public School's P&C have been successful in their application through a **Community Building Partnership** for a grant to create an **outdoor learning space**.

Working closely with the school and a local landscape gardener, a plan has been created to develop a natural space beyond the existing astro turf area. Stage 1 of the project will be underway soon. Additional stages need fundraising to help pay for them with a target of completing the project by May 2019.

Principal Nash continued



Our biggest fundraiser is the Community Festival held over the weekend and we appreciate all of our families and the community for supporting this event so strongly. Other P&C initiatives including our Trivia Night and School Banking are also contributing funds towards this project. A large scale plan of this new area is on display in the school office foyer. More wonderful ways to help with the project will be detailed over coming weeks. If you have any ideas as to how we can bring this project to fruition with funding please let me know or drop a line to P&C.

P&C have their next General Meeting tomorrow night, Tuesday 28th August @ 6.30pm in the School Library. All welcome!



Congratulations to our brave teachers Ms Farah, Mrs. Kritikos, Mrs. Pearce and Ms. Hillsley for being **SO** brave for taking part in the Big Splash event!!

Principal Nash continued

EXTERNAL VALIDATION

Schools regularly self-assess their improvement efforts using evidence to support their reflections. An external validation panel considers the school's evidence, providing assurance to the school and the system that the process being made either through the school plan or as part of their ongoing school focus, aligns with the standards articulated in the School Excellence Framework. Our panel meeting was held last Thursday and our school's self-assessment in the domains of Learning, Teaching and Leading were consistent with the evidence presented and we were validated against the School Excellence Framework. The panel were very appreciative of our high quality submission and the professionalism displayed.

The external validation process has illuminated areas for development and has resulted in a greater common understanding of how OWPS will continue its learning journey, with high expectations in the pursuit of continuous improvement. The process will come around again in five years time (2023).

Department of Education

Strategic Plan 2018-2022

Our Goals

'4. Every student is engaged and challenged to continue to learn.'



Paul Nash



THANK YOU

A big thank you to the following parents who have volunteered a lot of time to ensure the success of the weekend.

Coordinator	Name
Overall convenor	Colin Foy
Art	Amanda Harper Janine Robertson
Art Café	Katarina Petkovski
BBQ	Brett Massingham
Designer	Sarah Christensen
Flavours of Asia	Cat Tai
Gelato	Alia Karaman
Keys to the Cellar	Hayley Smith Kristy Grasso
Kids Adventure Trail	Karen Branch
Kids Art	Hayley Smith Julie Schofield
Jewellery	Vanessa Louttit
Market Stalls	Belinda Pekert
Marketing / Volunteers	Sarah Cummings
Opening Night	Lea Pracy
Opening Night Bar	Rob Allan
Outdoor Entertainment Stage	Glenn Schwarzel
Outdoor Games	Tanya Harper
Plaster Funhouse	Vinh & Belinda Lien
Raffle	Jenny Nicol
Rides	Jen Nicolaou
Silent Auction / Outdoor Entertainment	Julianne Kennard
Sponsorship	Michelle Brewin
Sugar Rush	Leah Rule Julianne Kennard
Trash and Treasure	Lisa Foy Kim Jepson
Treasury	David Wilkinson



Well the OWPS Community Festival is finished for 2018! Thank you to all in the community who joined us for another great weekend and thanks to the rain gods for holding off until Sunday night!

It certainly looked like everyone was enjoying themselves and we've again raised a lot for the school. We'll update with final numbers once we have them. This year most of the funds will go towards the new landscaped play area the school and P&C are working on.

Watch the video!

In the meantime one of our clever parents, Glenn C, has put together a great video with highlights from Saturday. You can check it out on our facebook page or www.owpscommunityfestival.org. We'll also be putting together a slideshow with photos and info from the weekend so if you have anything you'd like to share please email owpsfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com (remember if you include images of others ensure you have their approval to publish).

Fun facts from the weekend:

- Over 1700 ride tickets sold!
- BBQ cooked 900 sausages, 300 Portuguese chicken sandwiches and 160 bacon and egg rolls!
- 130 keys were sold on Opening Night, raising over \$1,000 but only 1 unlocks the cellar!
- Over 100 local and metro businesses contributed vouchers or items to Silent Auction almost passing last year's mark of \$6,000 before the Festival weekend began!
- More than 850 lollies, chocolates and prizes were won at our newest stall, Sugar Rush!
- Four very brave teachers and one courageous student stepped up to be dunked, raising over \$200!

Thanks from your Festival Committee!

A special thanks to all the OWPS families, teachers and staff who volunteered, the local businesses who contributed to our raffle, silent auction, outdoor entertainment and market stalls and of course to our Sponsors. Many support us year after year and we are all so grateful for your contributions. The benefits to our school are there for all to see in the facilities that have been funded by the Festival over the years.

Finally, this year we tried a new idea - Dunk the Teacher! A huge thank you to Mrs Pearce, Ms Hillsley, Mrs Kritikos and Ms Farah for braving the cold. It was an absolute hit with the kids and we'll definitely be running it again next year. Also a massive thanks to Madison Harper who stepped up on Sunday and again drew the crowds (we think her sister had the most fun taking a turn!)

MARKETS *Jewellery*
TRASH AND TREASURE RIDES
ENTERTAINMENT FOOD

Sat & Sun 10am-4pm
24-26 AUGUST

ART SHOW
 Opening night Fri 24 @ 7pm



SPORTS REPORT

**OATLEY WEST SENIOR GIRLS: PSSA CHAMPIONS!**

Congratulations to the Senior Girls soccer team, defeating Oatley 1-0 last Friday. After a nerve-wracking semi final against Mortdale, the girls made it to the GF thanks to their 2nd place finish and some super saves from our goalie, Mia V.

In the grand final, it was a back and fourth battle, with Tiana V finally putting away the winning goal after a cracking penalty kick. This is the first time Oatley West have WON the senior girls soccer championship since 2009! Well done girls!

The junior girls soccer team also represented OWPS with pride, finishing 4th overall. Good job juniors! Well done to both teams!

Mr Griffiths

Girls soccer coach

FATHER'S DAY STALL



The Father's Day stall orders have extended the deadline until **TUESDAY** (tomorrow)! Please order before Tuesday night at 11pm on Flexischools.com. 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 Gifts are \$15 and come in a beautiful gift bag.

The stall will be held this **Thursday 30 August**. All parent helpers will be warmly welcomed from 9:15am in the hall.

Thank you. School Club

LIBRARY NEWS

**Premier's Reading Challenge: Adding books to the PRC Years K - 2**

Miss Blake will add the books for all K - 2 classes

Premier's Reading Challenge: Adding books to the PRC Years 3 - 6**PRC CLOSES 31 AUGUST****1. Books you have read****If you can't remember what you have read:**

Log into your student portal and go to - Oliver Library - Orbit - My Library - Loan History

You will be able to see all the books you have borrowed from the Library.

2. Premier's Reading Challenge

Log into the PRC using your school user name and password

Go to Book Lists - Challenge level by title

The books are listed in alphabetical order by title. Find your title and click add.

The book will be automatically added to your list.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

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 and Holly Blake

P&C GENERAL MEETING

P&C General Meeting is being held tomorrow evening, Tuesday 28th August, at 6.30pm in our School Library, all welcome! A huge thank you to the Community Festival committee lead by Colin Foy, all our wonderful families who donated items and their time, the school for supporting the event and our wider community for attending OWPS Community Festival. It was a wonderful weekend and raised an amazing amount of money for our School. We are very lucky to have a community so willing to contribute to our School and our kids education.

ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT



The Diggers had a productive day in the garden last Monday harvesting kale, broccoli and lettuce. We have been continuing to remove nutgrass and you can see some fabulous strings of tubers in this week's pictures. Due to damp and muddy conditions the club is postponed for this week and resume next week. A working bee is planned for an afternoon in week 10 - keep your eyes peeled in next weeks newsletter for the note and further details.

Happy gardening

Mr Burr

Organic Diggers Co-ordinator

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.

SUMMER UNIFORM is worn from the first Monday after Father's Day. All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.

Thank you: Many thanks to Bee M-B and Belinda P who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

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.

Enviro Bags – Oatley West Enviro Bags will be available for sale at the Uniform Shop for \$3.50. All proceeds will go towards the Year 6 fundraiser.

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

Many thanks to the wonderful parents, Faith S, Tina Y, Annie H and Hazel S who volunteer as our School Banking Co-ordinators to help process our banking last Thursday.

School Banking Tokens

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TOKENS



One silver Dollarmites token will be issued for every School Banking deposit made (maximum of one per week). You need to have made 10 School Banking deposits to redeem a reward. Tokens do not expire. If you don't have enough tokens at the end of any year, you can save them for the next year, until you have 10 tokens to redeem for a reward item. Tokens cannot be pooled between, or given to, siblings or friends to get rewards faster. The School Banking rewards program is designed to reward individual savings. All rewards are available to order from the term listed and are offered only while stocks last. Your deposit/token count is electronically tracked by School Banking so it doesn't matter if you lose your Silver Dollarmites tokens. You can also track your tokens on our new, fun, easy to use CommBank Youth App (visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking for more details). If you forget to put your School Banking in one week, you are unable to make 2 deposits the following week for 2 tokens. Maximum of one deposit/one token per week.

HOW TO REDEEM TOKENS FOR A REWARD ITEM

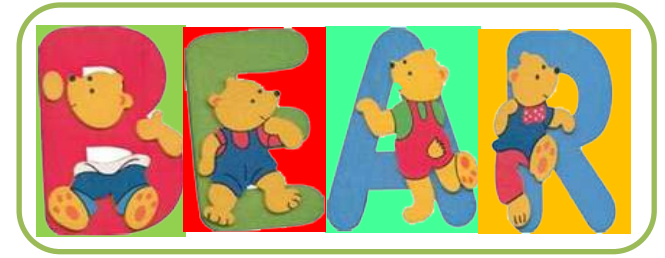
Place the slip in your yellow Dollarmites wallet with your 10 Silver Dollarmites tokens; Hand it in with your School Banking Deposit on School Banking Day.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every **Thursday**. Remember, only Term 1, 2 & 3 prizes are 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.

BEING EXCITED ABOUT READING



Parent Helpers Needed

This program is aimed at accelerating the reading skills of students (in Year 1 and 2) who would benefit from additional reading support.



This project involves a one hour training session and commitment to 10 weeks of the program.

If you could volunteer, **even just half an hour** per week to support this program. Please come on **Tuesday 4th September at 9:45am.**

This session will take approximately 1 hour and we will meet at the office to show you where to go. ☺ If you are unable to attend the information session but would like to volunteer please contact the office with your name and phone number so we can arrange another suitable time to show you the program. Mrs Tracey