



OATLEY WEST Lantern

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

MR NASH'S CORNER

I wish all of our students and teachers a great 3 days away at camp this week. The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens will hold a wonderful lot of activities which will create wonderful memories and friendships. It is great for your child to attend these excursions as they grow into young adulthood. A trip such as this is often the first time away from home for some, and having to share space, give and take and get along with people they usually don't have to. Some of the activities are challenging and it's nice to see them cheering each other along.

FIVE MINUTES WITH...Mrs Fitzpatrick



An interview with: Mrs Rita Fitzpatrick—Teacher / Librarian

Years at OWPS: 10 Years

Favourite thing about OWPS:

OWPS has such a supportive parent community. In all aspects of education, our community volunteers their time and expertise. This community and school partnership enhances our student learning, as we are all working towards the same educational goals.

Favourite Food:

Asian food is my favourite food. Just ask the parents which food stall I always volunteer to be on, during the Community Festival!

Favourite Place to Holiday:

I love travelling and like to visit new places each time. I especially enjoy learning about the history and culture of each place I visit. If there is a walking tour, I'm on it.

Favourite Book:

Really hard question. Needless to say I love reading. I read for enjoyment and I love research and learning new things. My all-time favourite children's book is *The Wind in the Willows*, so many brilliant characters, getting into so much trouble.

Favourite Event:

I really enjoy the end of year concerts. From the Talent Quest to Music nights. Watching our students perform is just wonderful. The expression on their faces and their sense of achievement is brilliant.

VALUE FOR THE WEEK FAIRNESS

Equal opportunity provided for all students.
Stand up for others who need help.
Play by the rules.

Principal Nash Continued

I am disappointed that I can't be there with them. I was to attend but unfortunately my mother is quite ill in Sutherland Hospital and I need to be close in case I'm needed. I wish all our students and teachers attending a good time and to look after each other.

EXTERNAL VALIDATION

The school has been chosen to go through the process of external validation by the Department of Education. Objectivity, transparency and consistency are important elements for ensuring a system-wide approach that supports schools in their continuing improvement. Even though improvement efforts are designed, driven and assessed on an ongoing basis by the school, an external process is important for providing an assurance to the school and system that the progress being made aligns with the expectations articulated in the School Excellence Framework.

The approach to school excellence involves validation of ongoing self-assessment practices, led by the school leadership team, which inform school planning and annual reporting.

Each year approximately 20% of schools are selected as a representative sample across the Operational Directorates. This will happen to schools every five years.

The validation is carried out by an independent panel comprising a Principal School Leadership (PSL), and a peer principal who consider the school's evidence using the standards articulated in the School Excellence Framework. Our Validation date is Thursday 23 August. Although assessment is ongoing, we will be working hard over the next few weeks to prepare by pulling together evidence to support our assessment processes for the meeting in August.

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

Our Values—Excellence

'We use and share evidence, research and data to underpin policy and practice.'

Principal Nash Continued

SKOOLBAG APP

Please note that the SkoolBag App has been upgraded. To continue to use this app you need to re-register on SkoolBag.

Click on the app, you will be asked to add your email address and create a password. The Skool Bag app will then be updated.

This is a function of the company not the school.



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

We will use the EMERGENCY TAB should any crisis occur.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the app.

UNIFORM SHOP HAS MOVED

Our uniform shop has had a new fit out and looks very professional with shelving and change rooms. You will find the shop at the end of G Block, one building over from where it is now. Stock is being moved over and should be in operation from next week. Good luck with the new venue!



Shelving will allow greater access to stock and help in maintaining stock levels during the different seasons.

Principal Nash continued



Two change rooms for fitting of uniforms will allow for a quicker turn around for parents purchasing uniforms.

This room has been a long time coming since the loss of the original Uniform Shop which was housed in the old Principal's Office and Reception area. This building was demolished to make way for the now N Block during the BER rebuild. The Uniform Shop was renamed the Uniform Cupboard. We can now go back to the original!

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair

Many thanks to our wonderful community for supporting our annual Book Fair. It was inspiring to see our students and families being excited about books and reading. We even had students coming in and finding a quiet corner to read some of the books. Thank you also to those families who donated books to our Library, they will be in our collection shortly. Thanks also to the parents, staff and Stage 3 students who helped during Book Fair, your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Rita Fitzpatrick and Holly Blake

ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT



The Diggers were busy planting snow peas, beans and beneficial flowers along our newly cleared trellises last week. Additionally, onion weed was removed from the swale garden and a healthy dose of water was applied to the perimeters of all beds.

Today we will harvest some kale leaves and spinach. Next week we will apply organic fertiliser to all production beds.

Happy gardening!

Mr Burr
Organic Diggers Co-ordinator



SPORTS REPORT

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all the students who participated in the District Cross Country last Thursday at Gannon's Park. All students represented the school with pride and are to be commended on their behaviour. Oatley West came a very close second place to Oatley Public School.

A special congratulations to the following students who have progressed to the Sydney East Cross Country Carnival – Madena, Georgia, Aurelia, Maddison, Olivia, Zain, Lachlan, Harry, Mohamed and Cameron.

We wish these students the best of luck for their carnival on Thursday 14th June at Miranda Park.

District Cross Country singlets need to be washed and returned to Miss Ross ASAP.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES DAY

A reminder that OWPS will be hosting our very own mini Commonwealth Games next Monday 4th June (Week 6), run by the company *Be Skilled Be Fit*.

All K-6 students have been allocated a country in the Commonwealth, who they will represent throughout the 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 that are age appropriate and aimed to achieve mass participation. Events will take place in the school grounds and at Oatley Park.

Time/Schedule:

9:40 - 10:10am Opening Ceremony

10:10 – 11.20am K-2 Events

11:25 – 11:50am Recess (as normal)

12:00 – 1:20pm 3-6 Events

1:20 - 2:10pm Lunch (as normal)

2:15 - 2:45pm Closing Ceremony

Students are to wear their school sports uniform. Students can also choose to wear shirt and/or jacket in the colours of the country they are representing. They must wear a hat when participating in the events.

Please ensure permission notes have been returned to your child's classroom teacher. Students who do not return their note will be unable to participate.

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

Miss Ross

SPORTS REPORT

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FIELD EVENT HEATS

Oatley West Public School are having their annual Athletics Carnival on Monday 6th August 2018 (Term 3, Week 3) at The Ridge Athletics Track. To assist with process of all students aged 8-12, participating in their heats and events, we will be having a heat day where the students will be involved in all field events. The students will participate in Shot Put, Long Jump, Discus and High Jump.

This day is to ensure all students have their three attempts at all field activities. As Oatley West is increasing with students, it is difficult to have all students, partake in all events on the one-day. As a school we have scheduled two days to run the Athletics field qualifying events.

On Monday 2nd July (Week 10, Term 2), students who are turning 8 and 9 years will participate in their field events. On Tuesday 3rd July (Week 10, Term 2) students who are turning 10 and 11 years will participate in their field events. All 12's (boys & girls) can compete on the Athletics Carnival day at The Ridge Athletics Track due to low numbers.

Students who are turning (or have already turned) 8 and 9 years will need to wear sports uniform on **Monday 2nd July** to be involved in field events. Students who are turning (or have already turned) 10 and 11 years will need to wear sports uniform on **Tuesday 3rd July** to be involved in their field events. This day will consist of students rotating around the school and Oatley Park to participate in each field event.

All students aged 8-12 will have the opportunity to participate in the 100m, 200m and 800m events, which will be held on the athletics carnival day at The Ridge Athletics Track.

We require parent volunteers to assist on each of the "Heat" days at school this term. If you could assist, please complete the volunteer form sent home this week and return it to Miss Ross as soon as possible. Please be aware that you will need to have a current Working With Children Check that has been handed into the office or acquire one prior to volunteering your services and returning the note. Thank you in advance for volunteering your time.

Miss Ross

UNIFORM SHOP

Manager – Sia Coelho

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The Uniform Shop is open for your convenience **every Thursday from 9-10am** near the COLA outside C Block. This onsite service would not be available without our wonderful volunteers.

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

Thank you: Many thanks to Sarah C, Belinda P, Rowena S and Hayley S who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

Stock Update: Size 10 Zip Jackets are currently out of stock and Size 12 Zip Jackets are running extremely low. Additional stock has been ordered and should be available within two weeks.

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.

P & C MEETING

P & C will hold a General Meeting in our School Library on Tuesday 5th June at 6.30pm, all welcome to come along.

SCHOOL BANKING

Thursday is our banking day! Thank you to Annie H, Hazel S, Jesny L, Wendy Y, Faith S and Grace L for being generous with your time and helping with school banking last week.

For students with 10 or more tokens, the following prizes are available to claim.

See link below for 2017 prizes.

Please note, Cyber handball and 3D chalk set are nil Stock & unavailable.

<https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank/personal/apply-online/download-printed-forms/school-banking-parent-pack-rewards-card-mono.pdf?ei=bl3-tl-download-reward-card>

See link below for 2018 prizes,

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

<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 weeks. Prizes ordered on the 5th of April have been delayed due to processing error from CBA end. We hope to receive delivery of these prizes this week. This year, School Banking is running a Super Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker and their family of up to two adults and three children to Hawaii. The trip includes:

Return economy flights to Honolulu, Hawaii plus airport transfers

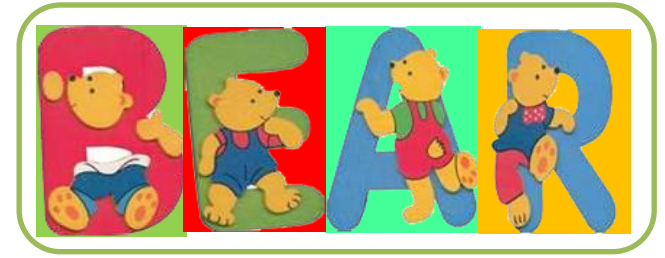
7 nights accommodation at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel staying in a Luxury Ocean Room, with beach views and breakfast included

AU\$2,000 spending money.

How to enter: Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018 to automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.



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 10 week program involves a one and a half hour training session.

If you could volunteer, **even just half an hour** per week to support this program, let Mrs Chappell know and come to the office on

Tuesday 5 June at 9:30am.

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.

You are invited to attend the

Stage 3

Invention Convention

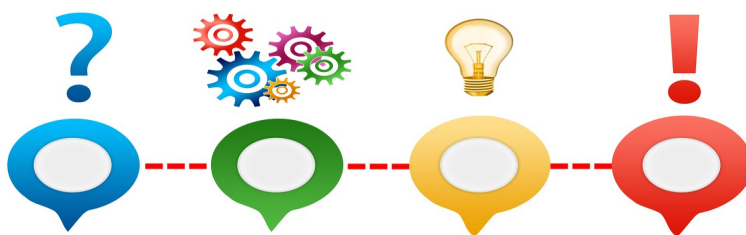
With special guest judge
Professor Andrew Brown

*Professor and Head ,School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences,
UNSW*

Wednesday 6th June

3:00-3:25

School Hall



Come along and see how students are solving
problems to make our school a better place