



OATLEY WEST Lantern

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

MR NASH'S CORNER

This is the last newsletter for October. Next week's newsletter will come to you on 5th November. The year is certainly moving along!

I spent last Wednesday and Thursday in Bathurst as part of the team working through External Validation with the executive at Eglinton Public School. This is a brilliant form of Professional Learning for Principals and I find it a privilege to share in another schools journey and to discuss their work and the effort they have put into the validation process. The collegial discussion, sharing of ideas and professionalism as we sit side by side is so very powerful.

Dame Mary Gilmour Road is certainly coming along. There are trucks and workers everywhere today (Saturday) as I am sitting penning this newsletter. They have certainly moved along considering the rain over the last couple of weeks.

FIVE MINUTES WITH MISS BLAKE



Favourite Book: Mopoke by Philip Bunting. It's such a simple book but so funny. I love when I read it to a class and they all laugh.

Favourite Room in OWPS: The library! No surprises there. The students are so fortunate to have such a great collection of books at their fingertips. A lot of the time I get distracted by reading the books. I also love the little nooks around the library which can be used for reading.

Years at OWPS: Just over a year.

Favourite thing about OWPS: It would have to be the friendly community.

Favourite Food: Definitely Cadbury Chocolate. I eat way too much but I love it!

Favourite Movie: The Swan Princess. It's a must see!

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

INTEGRITY

Speak the truth.
Respect personal; and school property.
Do what is right.



Principal Nash continued



WORLD TEACHERS DAY

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work done by the teachers at Oatley West Public School. They truly are a team of professionals who spend many hours planning and preparing for their students, as well as being actively engaged in their own learning and refinement of their teaching practice. It is not unusual to see teachers at the school during the holidays or to find them busily working after hours and at weekends. I was away for World Teacher Appreciation Day last week so I would like to thank all our dedicated teachers. Many thanks to P&C for their provision of a 'yummy' lunch for staff last Friday.



Principal Nash continued

PLANNING FOR 2019

We are currently planning school organisation for 2019. This is a fairly intricate process and each year it is very difficult to predict school numbers and the nature of staffing which surrounds enrolments. It is therefore extremely important for us, to ascertain as closely as we possibly can, student numbers for next year. It would make this process easier for us if parents wherever possible, could indicate to us if students will not be returning to Oatley West PS from Day 1 in 2019. Each year we spend the first 3 to 5 days of the new school year ringing around to find out the whereabouts of students who have moved or are still on holidays, but will be returning. Our predicted enrolment for the beginning of next year is approximately 600, so each year this task grows more difficult. Similarly, if your child is commencing school in Kindergarten next year we seek this information as soon as possible. We are currently forming our Kindergarten classes for next year and it is important that we gather as much data and information about our new students as early as possible. As you can imagine, if we receive enrolments at the last minute, it makes it a difficult job to organise over 80+ new Kindergarten students already enrolled this year. If you know anyone moving into the area please let them know what a brilliant school they have just down the road :).

We are currently recruiting a new Assistant Principal replacing Ms Cross and three classroom teachers replacing Mrs Laurence, Mrs Innes and Mrs O'Reilly. These new teachers will commence the new school year in 2019.



Paul Nash



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Strategic Plan 2018-2022

Our Goals:

'Community confidence in public education is high.'

MRS CHAPPELL'S CHAT

Walkathon

To be considered for prizes, Walkathon money and cards are due back by this Friday 2nd November. Thank you for your support of this SRC initiative.

2019

Classes for 2019 are already being considered and once again, we close to needing an additional class. We are seeking information to make it a smooth transition into next year. If your child is leaving us, could you please let us know as soon as possible. If you have any concerns about class placement for your child, please discuss with your child's teacher. If it is something you would prefer to communicate to me, please do so in writing. Due to our numbers and classrooms we only take students who live "in area".

Before and After School Care Fund

Outside School Hours Care facilities have been upgraded to support our ever increasing numbers who access this service. This was possible with a \$30,000 grant we applied for and received. This will assist the kindergarten rooms expand where OOSH already use before and after school. We would like to thank DEMAC for their support in this upgrade to the space.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



STAGE 3 FETE

**Stage 3 Fete**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our School Fete Day will be held on **Tuesday 27th November, 2018.** There will be a variety of fun activities run by the Stage 3 students. The fete raises money for a Year 6 gift to the school and for playground improvements.

Included in these fun activities, we will be pre-selling **showbags.** **These bags WILL NOT be available on the day and must be pre-ordered.** The note for the showbags will be handed out to students this week.

Also on the day, there will be a **Trash and Treasure Stall.** Please look at home and bring in any useful items that you no longer need which other children would love to buy. Some ideas include toys, games, dolls, bags, sunglasses, jewellery, watches, ornaments and trinkets. Please deliver to 5D's classroom.

There will be more information to follow including a note about the sausage sizzle. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Assad and Miss Diwell
(Fete Organisers)

LIBRARY NEWS



Look who was caught reading in the library on Tuesday afternoon when all our students were at home. I've heard that he likes to have the library to himself so he can read any book he likes. The next time you're in the library, have a look around and you may just find another creature reading.

The Lego Book that was won at the Oatley Festival Lego competition is now ready to borrow from the library. We would just like to thank all the students who participated in the day. It's wonderful that everyone has a chance to borrow the book and create amazing things with their Lego.



SPORTS & SPECIAL PHOTO DAY

The School Photographer has been booked on Thursday 1 November to come and take Sport & Special Photos for 2018. You will be able to view and purchase the photos if you wish after the day. The information from the photographer is attached below.

Further information about the Photo Day will be sent home in a note very shortly to communicate specific details to help with organisation on the day.

With thanks,

Mrs Ferlazzo

Assistant Principal



The School Photographer

Sports & Special Photo Day – Thursday 1 November 2018

REORDER DETAILS - The photo prices are:

\$16.00 each, 2 for **\$30.00**, 3 for **\$42.00**, 4 for **\$52.00** or 5 for **\$60.00**.

Sports Booklet (with all photos) for \$30.00

Any additional photographs are **\$10.00** each. This discount is only available per family order.

The photos will be available to view and purchase online only at least **three weeks after photo day**.

Please visit www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

An online order code will be provided to the school with reorder envelopes with delivery of the photographs. In which you can pay by cash or visit our site and pay online.

THE FATHERING PROJECT



The Fathering Project

We are looking at partnering with The Fathering Project at OWPS. Many local schools are successfully implementing this project to improve child development outcomes by inspiring and equipping fathers and father figures to engage positively with their kids.

The Fathering Project is an organisation that is focused on increasing the engagement of fathers within the school. The Fathering Project creates opportunities for not only father and child activities, but also for fathers from the school to meet socially and discuss school, parenting and life in general. The benefits of this engagement between fathers/significant male role models and their children are immense.

We recognise that a primary male influence may not be present in a child's life or may not necessarily be their actual father, and as such it may be a step-dad, uncle, grandfather or someone otherwise connected with their family. We encourage anyone who sees themselves as a 'father figure' in any context to become involved with The Fathering Project. Have a look at The Fathering Project website at <http://thefatheringproject.org/>

We will be holding an information session for The Fathering Project at OWPS in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to the OWL next week.

Miss Benita

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2020



Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website closes on **12 November 2018**. **You must apply before the closing date.**

There are no paper application forms, and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Mr Griffiths
Year 5 Teacher

MUSIC COUNCIL NEWS



It's a very busy week this week for Band. We are now starting recruitment for Training Band 2019. Refer details below.

Monday 29th October

Intermediate Band and Concert Band have been invited by Mark Coure to perform at his St George Community Awards at Club Central Hurstville tonight. Please wear yellow sports shirt (with black dress pants, black shoes and socks) and arrive by 5.45pm with instruments, music and **music stand**.

Tuesday 30th October

Training Band are performing for K-2 children in the hall at 10am. Please remember your instruments and music. Following this performance, Year 2 children will be given an opportunity to try out band instruments and think about joining Training Band next year.

Wednesday 31st October

Concert Band are performing at the Kindergarten Orientation at 10am in the hall. Please wear normal school uniform and remember to bring your instruments and music.

Thursday 1st November

All Band and Percussion Power photos will be taken starting at 9am. All Band children need to be at school at 9.00am with their instruments and wearing their band uniforms. Please bring school uniform to change into after band photos and any other clothes needed for other special group photos.

Training Band 2019

Attention all year 2 parents. There will be a Parent Information evening this Thursday 1st November at 7pm in the hall to find out about joining Training Band next year. In addition to the usual band instruments, our Band Director, Mr Sampson, is happy to accept violin, viola, cello and oboe players.

Any enquiries please email:

carmsharples1@optusnet.com.au

Music Council



Book Club



A little bit of help with Book Club can make a big difference.

Thank you to the parents who have been volunteering their time to assist with packing and distributing Book Club orders, your continued support is appreciated.

We are looking for a new coordinator to manage Book Club. Without a coordinator and volunteers, Book Club will not be available for your children's enjoyment next year.

Without an Organiser or team, it's unlikely a school would regularly run Book Clubs and as a result children and families miss out on having access to age-appropriate books at affordable prices. Another benefit of running a Book Club is the Scholastic Rewards program, which enables our school to purchase additional learning and literacy resources for classrooms at discounted prices.

If anyone is interested in taking over the role of Book Club coordinator, please contact Sia Coelho at scoelho@iinet.net.au

Duties include:

- Establishing teachers and classes online at the beginning of the new school year
- Organising login details for new teachers at the school
- Book Club brochure distribution to teachers and order collation twice a term
- Coordinating volunteers to assist with packing and distributing orders received
- Liaising with Book Club
- Process rewards to Library

Last year, our school earned \$3,450 in Scholastic Rewards. These rewards have gone a long way in boosting resources in your children's classrooms and in our school library.

This is a valuable service to the children and families at our school. **Let's raise readers!!**

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 our wonderful parent volunteers, Natalie H, Mandy H, May L, Tara M, Belinda P, Hayley S and Anh V who gave up their time to assist with Kindergarten orientation last Wednesday.

Kindy Orientation Volunteers – There are two more dates for Kindy Orientation on Wednesday 31st October and Wednesday 7th November. If you are available to volunteer approximately two hours of your time on any of these dates, please contact Sia Coelho at scoelho@iinet.net.au

Boys Sport Shorts SALE – Boys sport shorts are on sale for \$15.00 (RRP \$26.00).

Plastic Bags – In line with looking after our environment, the Uniform Shop has now phased out single-use plastic bags. We encourage parents to bring their own reusable bags or alternatively we will be selling Enviro Bags for \$3.00, with all proceeds supporting the Year 6 Fundraiser.

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

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: _____

Remember, **Thursday is School Banking day** and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement

2018 Prize claim form PDF link, <https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/youth/2018-01/>

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Mortdale-Oatley Baptist Church presents...

Gingerbread House Night



Friday 7th December ~ 6-8pm

Christmas fun for all the family supporting the homeless through BaptistCare HopeStreet.

1 Ticket - \$30

Includes...



1 gingerbread house kit



Entry for 2 people



Supper



A donation to HopeStreet

Extra Person - \$5

Includes...



Entry for 1 person



Supper



A donation to HopeStreet



Tickets on sale now at
mobc.org.au/gingerbread



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