



# OATLEY WEST Lantern

## MR NASH'S CORNER

We have a very busy three weeks upon us to finish Term 4 and the school year. Two musical evenings this week, Year 6 Farewell the following week along with the K-2 Christmas Concert on the Friday. School picnic Monday 16th and Talent Quest on the Tuesday. A busy wrap up to the year!

Congratulations to Stage 3 for a very successful fete last week. Everyone had lots of fun and many and varied activities to choose from.

The works in front of the bike shed are coming along nicely with provision of seating and astro turf for students to use for a quiet chat and somewhere to move away from the main playground. Thanks to the SRC Seniors for this development as part of the Georges River *Leadership by the River Project*. Money from the games-a-thon provided the finance for this project—a big thank you!

I had the honour of announcing the results of the ballot for prefects and captains for 2020 on Friday. It was great to see the support amongst all the candidates; those who won and those who lost. Congratulations to all our candidates that got through to the final vote.

We had a bit of an issue on Friday with the opening of the school gates at end of day. We are very grateful for our cleaners who dutifully do this job every morning and afternoon. Unfortunately the afternoon cleaner was off sick and the gates were not opened. Thank you to the parents who notified the office (in no uncertain terms) to inform them that the gates were not open. The office had no knowledge that the cleaner was absent and therefore gates locked. The cleaners are contracted and do not come under the school organisation as such. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**3**  
DEC  
Helpers Morning Tea  
Musical Evening

**4**  
DEC  
PSSA Sports Assembly  
Musical Evening

**7**  
DEC  
School Gardening  
Working Bee

**10**  
DEC  
Presentation Day

**11**  
DEC  
Year 6 Farewell



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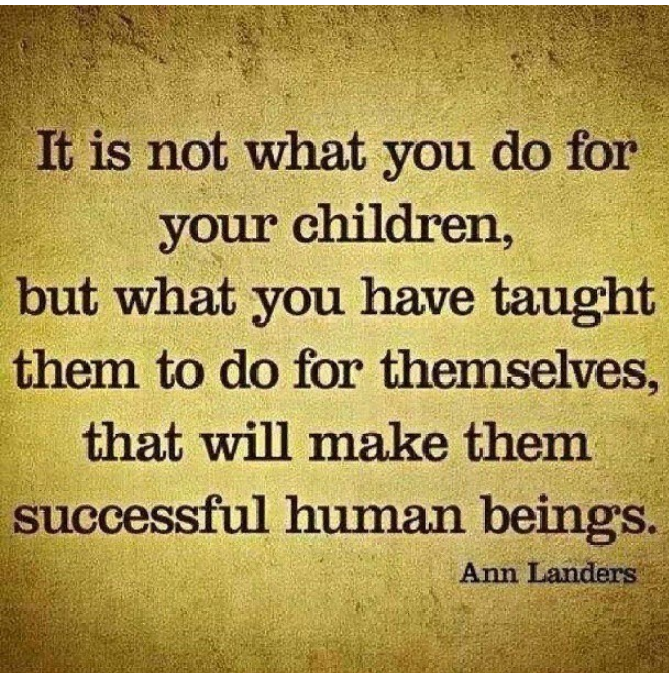
*The School by the park -  
Great Kids, Great Teachers, Great School!*

## School Values:

**Fairness/Integrity/Respect/Cooperation/  
Excellence/Participation/Care & Responsibility!**

Principal Nash continued

A little something from the internet that I feel worth sharing:



VALUE FOR THE WEEK

**EXCELLENCE**

Always try your personal best.  
Celebrate your achievements and the achievements of others.  
Be proud of your school.  
Enjoy learning.



ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT



The Diggers last week were able to do a brief session of weeding and harvesting. A working bee has been planned for Saturday 7th December.

At this event we aim to weed, remove all plants from the produce garden and sow summer cover crops for 2020. The native garden will also get some maintenance and a much needed water. The note is attached to this week's newsletter. So far, 3 families have indicated attendance, a couple more would allow us to cover the set tasks to ensure a quick start to gardening activities next year.

Happy gardening!

Mr Burr  
*Organic Diggers co-ordinator*



*Paul Nash*



## SPORTS REPORT

**Season 3 PSSA Sport Awards and Values Certificate Assembly**

There will be an assembly this Wednesday 4th December at 2:15 pm under the Cola to present the Season 3 PSSA certificates, as well as any final values certificates for the year. Notes were sent home to students receiving a PSSA award. Please check with your child's classroom teacher if you are unsure whether they will be receiving a values certificate. All are welcome to attend!



**PLAY LEAGUE STARS:**

WHEN: 12/2/2020 - 1/4/2020  
 TIME: Wednesdays 8:00am - 9:00am  
 WHERE: Oatley West Public School  
 Oatley Park Ave

ACTIVE KIDS

LEAGUE STARS

**League Stars Returns 2020**

In 2019 we started the League Stars before school rugby league program - with great success. Our numbers grew from 17 participants to over 60! The students who signed up for the program had a great time over the six weeks, being active and learning fundamental movement skills.

With such an overwhelming turn out, we are teaming up with Pamela and the NRL community to bring back League Stars for 2020 - this time, for eight weeks! This also means parents are able to use their Active Kids Vouchers to help pay for the program (for more information and application for the Active Kids Voucher, please visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher#eligibility>)

The League Stars program is a **non-contact** skill-based participation program. It provides the perfect introduction to Rugby League for Primary School children. The program is designed to cater for Primary School students all ages and ability levels. The program ensures all participants are highly engaged and finish each session sweating and smiling.

More information will be given towards the end of this year and early next year.

**Oatley Oval and Park Permission Note 2020**

This week, students will receive a permission note to give them permission to use Oatley Park and the oval next year. The note is going home this year as the school will be coordinating various activities (e.g PSSA trials, sport clinics) in the first week of Term 1. Please return the signed note to your child's current classroom teacher as soon as possible. Notes must be returned no later than Friday 13th December (Week 9).

## SPORTS REPORT

### Season 3 PSSA FINALS

Congratulations to the PSSA teams who have made the finals this week. Team coaches will notify parents if their teams have made the finals and important information for finals day will be distributed.

PSSA finals day differs from normal round games as it goes for the entire day. Both junior and senior teams attend the finals if one team was successful.

Parents no longer need to return a separate permission note for finals. The original PSSA permission note returned at the start of the season was amended this year to avoid double up on notes.

Tennis, Yoga & 3-6 School Sport DO NOT RUN ON FINALS DAY.

Teachers remaining at school (i.e school sport or coaches whose team did not make finals) stay with their normal class for the entire day. Coaches going to finals will have their class split across the school on the day and students remaining at school will be provided with work.

Good luck to all teams attending!

### PSSA Sport Jersey Return

Teams who hired a jersey in Season 3 PSSA will need to return their jersey next Tuesday 10th December (Week 9).

Jersey return will occur from 8:45am – 9.10am on this date. Jerseys **MUST** be returned on these days. Any students who do not return their jersey on this due date must speak to Miss Ross immediately.

Students are to:

- \* Ensure jersey is washed before returning;
- \* Meet Miss Ross in the computer room during allocated time.

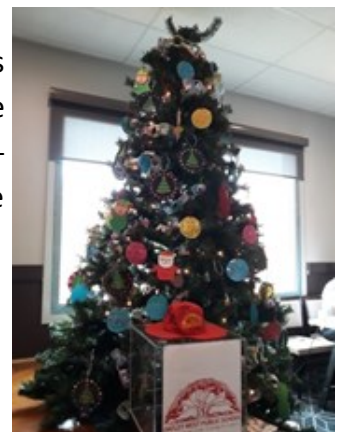
Students will have their money returned to be taken home to their parents/carers.

Mel Ross

## OATLEY RSL COMMUNITY TREE

### COMMUNI-TREE PROMOTION @ OATLEY RSL

Some of our Kindergarten children have created delicate handmade decorations to adorn our tree at Oatley RSL for the annual Communi-Tree promotion. We are hoping to take out first prize again this year - \$500 for our school! If you visit Oatley RSL, please vote for our tree! Thank you Mrs Tofohe for organising for the third year in a row.



## CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE

**Catholic Scripture**

**New Catholic Scripture Teacher Required in 2020:** One new Catholic scripture teacher is required at Oatley West Public School from late February next year. Being a scripture teacher is very rewarding. If you would like to join our friendly and committed team of scripture teachers in bringing the “Good News” to Catholic students at Oatley West Public for a 30 minute class on a Tuesday morning, please contact Michael Cummins (0413 586870 or [cumminsm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cumminsm@optusnet.com.au)) . Free training, resources and support are provided.

## TALENT QUEST



On Tuesday 17th December we have our annual Talent Quest at 10am in the School Hall.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend if your children are involved.

## LIBRARY NEWS



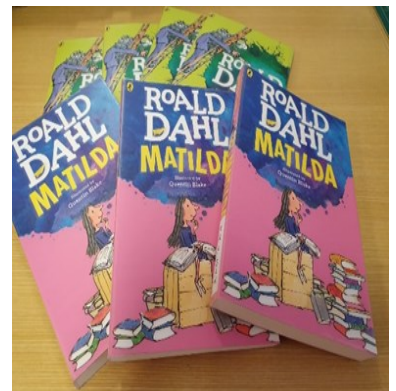
As we are approaching the end of the school year could we ask for all library books to be returned as soon as possible for our stocktake to commence in Week 9.

Thank you for your continued help in caring for our books and returning them on time.

Rita Fitzpatrick & Holly Blake

## BOOK CLUB

In Term 3 the Scholastic Book Club reward points enabled our Library to replace 30 much-loved copies of “The Twits” as well as being able to purchase 30 copies of “Matilda”. Both of these titles by Roald Dahl are used in class learning as part of the English syllabus.



Thank you to our OWPS community for purchasing your books through Book Club and supporting our school.

Thank you also to our wonderful team of volunteer parents who have helped make Scholastic Book Club possible at OWPS in 2019.

If you can help us pack and distribute orders in 2020 please contact Julie on 0400 498 696.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Manager – Sia Coelho Enquiries: [scoelho@iinet.net.au](mailto:scoelho@iinet.net.au)  
 The Uniform Shop is open for your convenience every Thursday from 9-10am at the end of G Block. This on-site service would not be available without our wonderful volunteers. **Our last trading day for the year is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We will be reopening Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2020** – please ensure you have all your uniform needs in preparation for next year. We do not open during school holidays and the Oatley West School Uniform cannot be purchased elsewhere.  
**Summer Uniform** – All students should be wearing their full Summer Uniform. All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.

**Thank You** – Many thanks to Belinda P who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week. **Exchanges:** Exchanges can only be made on Thursday when the shop is open. If you can't come in to see us when we are open, please leave your exchange at the school office in a bag, with your child's name and class noted as well as details for the exchange. If the error is ours, please contact us at [scoelho@iinet.net.au](mailto:scoelho@iinet.net.au)

**Volunteers wanted:** Currently, Uniform Shop only has a few regular volunteers who help. If you have a spare hour on Thursday mornings from 9-10am, please consider volunteering at the Uniform Shop. Whether it's once a fortnight, month or term, all help is greatly appreciated. **NB:** A free Volunteers Working with Children check will be required if you wish to volunteer.

**Plastic Bag Fee** – Although we are endeavouring to be plastic bag free, **orders will incur a \$0.25 charge where a plastic bag is required to deliver uniform to your child.** This fee will automatically be added to your payment. If payment is made by cash or cheque, please ensure this fee is added to your payment.

**Uniform Orders:** Order forms (dated July 2019) 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, provided they are received prior to 9.30am on Thursday.** 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, Angel D and Tina Y who volunteered to process School banking deposits last Thursday.

Last date to order school banking prizes will be **5<sup>th</sup> December 2019.**

School banking prizes ordered after this date will be **delivered 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

**What has my child learnt from school banking?** Be responsible for my bank deposit book. Learning to count coins and dollars each banking week (stage 1, 2 & 3 students) How to read a calendar, to find the date when filling out deposit slip (stage 1& 2 students)

Consistent saving is rewarded with a banking prize.

Realising how a little bit of money saved each week grows into a big amount after a few years of consistent saving. (stage 3)

What interest is and how it helps their savings (stg 3)

That banking at our school is also a fundraising opportunity for OWPS. This year, \$2120 has been raised so far through school banking.

**How do I claim a banking prize?**

Option 1, Prize claim forms are available at front office

Option 2, Use a 'Post it Note' with your child's name, class, three digit student number and the prize they would like to claim.

Option 3, Click on link, print and fill in details

<https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/school-banking/2019-01/bts-rewards-card-a4.pdf>

**Not sure how many tokens I have. How can I check?** Simply email us at [owpsschoolbanking@gmail.com](mailto:owpsschoolbanking@gmail.com) and we can check for you.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Thursday. **Please note the Yeti Fluffy note pad is no longer available due nil stock.** Prizes from previous years are still available include

- Zoom Flying Disc
- Twister Power Handball
- Glow light
- Heat Reactor Pencil set
- Icicle slap band ruler
- Mighty boom hand ball
- Sparkle Glitter pens, Qty 4.

Any questions?

Contact [owpsschoolbanking@gmail.com](mailto:owpsschoolbanking@gmail.com) <https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/school-banking/2019-01/bts-rewards-card-a4.pdf>



**Oatley West Public School Helpers  
are invited to attend the OWPS**



*'Thank You Morning Tea'*

**The staff of Oatley West Public School would officially like to thank all of our wonderful community teachers and helpers this year.**

**If you have assisted us at school in 2019, in the running of events, classroom help, scripture, excursions, administration, BEAR program, canteen, gardening, sports events, band or in any other way...**

**You are invited to attend our**

*'Thank You Morning Tea'*

**At 10:45am**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the Library**

**Please note: This is a Scripture, Ethics and Helper function only.  
No students will be allowed in the library for this event.**



# *Presentation Day 2019*



**Tuesday 10 December**

*3-6 Presentation Day*

*10am in the hall*

*K-2 Presentation Day*

*2:10pm in the hall*

Parents of students receiving awards this year will be notified by phone.  
Students have not been informed that they will be receiving an award.  
Please help keep this a surprise for the day.



# Musical Evening - Tuesday 3/12/19



Starts 7:00pm in the school hall

1. **Welcome and introduce compares**

2. **Acknowledgement to Country**

3. **Year 2 Choir**

*National Anthem*

Conducted by Miss Manuel



4. **Kindergarten Dance Group**

*Move Your Feet*

Ms Ashley – Dance Teacher

Mrs Tofofoe – Organising Teacher

5. **Stage 3 Dance Group**

*Let's Get Loud!*

Ms Ashley – Dance Teacher

Miss Diwell – Organising Teacher



6. **Training Band**

*Power Rock*

*Stadium Rock*

*Star Wars*

Conducted by Mr Peter Sampson

7. **Year 2 Choir**

*This Is Me*

*You Can Count on Me*

Conducted by Miss Manuel

8. **Intermediate Band**

*Pirates of the Caribbean*

*Cedar Canyon Roundup*

*Dance Birdy Dance*

Conducted by Mr Peter Sampson



9. **Concert Band**

*Danger Zone accompanied by Levi Burr*

*A Tribute to Rogers and Hammerstein*

*It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas accompanied by Charmaine Gibbs and Peter Sampson*

Conducted by Mr Peter Sampson

9. **Music Council Awards**

With special thanks to all the teachers, parents and children who came together to make this performance evening a success.

Note: Students will be informed by the item teachers and Mr Ballantyne where and what time to meet, what to come dressed in and what to bring.



# Musical Evening - Wednesday 4/12/19



Starts 7:00pm in the school hall

1. **Welcome and introduce compares**

2. **Acknowledgement to Country**

3. **Junior Percussion Group**  
*Tumba*  
Conducted by Mr Chris Fields



4. **Stage 1 Dance Group**  
*Faith*  
Ms Ashley – Dance Teacher  
Miss Morgan & Miss Cacciotti – Organising Teachers

5. **Intermediate Percussion Group**  
*Yambu*  
Conducted by Mr Chris Fields



6. **Year 1-2 Boys Hip Hop Dance Group**  
*Peanut Butter Jelly*  
Mrs Davis – Dance Teacher  
Mrs Thieson– Organising Teacher

7. **Stage 2 Dance Group**  
*Calling All Hearts*  
Ms Ashley – Dance Teacher  
Mrs Kritikos & Mrs Tracey – Organising Teachers

8. **Year 3-6 Boys Hip Hop Dance Group**  
*Wild Wild West*  
Mrs Davis – Dance Teacher  
Miss Chalkiotis – Organising Teacher

9. **Senior Percussion Group**  
*Batucada*  
Conducted by Mr Chris Fields



10. **Music Council Awards**

11. **Combined Percussion Power Group**  
*Samba Mundo*  
Conducted by Chris Fields

With special thanks to all the teachers, parents and children who came together to make this performance evening a success.

Note: Students will be informed by the item teachers and Mr Ballantyne where and what time to meet, what to come dressed in and what to bring.



*Oatley West Public  
School presents*

# K-2 Christmas Concert

December 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ 10am

In the School Hall

11/11/2019

**School Garden Working Bee - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Dear Parents / Carers,

A community Working Bee will be taking place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December in our school gardens.

We will be weeding, mulching and preparing our produce garden.

Additionally we will run maintenance of the native garden.

Work will begin 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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Many thanks

L Burr

*Organic Diggers Co-ordinator*

**School Garden Working Bee - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

I / we (names) \_\_\_\_\_ intend on participating in the **Organic Diggers Working Bee** on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019**. 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Percussion Power

### Application for New Enrollments 2020



Our Music Council runs a percussion power program at Oatley West School. The percussion power program allows kids to learn music in a fun and collaborative way with a focus on teamwork. Percussion lessons are managed by Chris Fields who is an experienced drummer and percussionist and who has run the program at Oatley West for many years. Classes run on Thursday and Friday mornings before school.

We are now open for new enrollments. If you are interested in your child joining the program please submit the below e-form to express your interest.

[Percussion Power 2020 - Expressions of Interest](#)

Expressions of interest are open for children in year 1 and above. Places are limited and will be assigned on a first come basis. **Applications will close on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

If your child is accepted into the program, you will receive a formal offer and acceptance to be signed before the end of this school year. You will also be notified if your child does not get offered a place in the 2020 program.

If you have any questions on the program or enrollment process, please contact us at [percussion.owps@gmail.com](mailto:percussion.owps@gmail.com)

Aishling & Alison

# *Oatley Lions - Farmer's Christmas Bush Bask Project –December 2019*

(A Lions 201N5 Disaster Relief Project)

**It is not necessary to explain why Oatley Lions and many other community organisations are fundraising to assist our farming communities.**



Oatley Lions has, so far, as result of its fundraising efforts distributed in excess of \$40,000 to our farmers to help them through this disastrous drought, however, our commitment to continuing this fight **is far from over.**

**Briefly, our current project is:**

- To seek, from local school-children, donation of a suitable NEW toy or game to give to the children of farming families from NSW western Districts.
- To collect non-perishable food/toiletry items collection at Oatley IGA on 9/10th November which will provide much needed provisions.
- Fundraising to purchase food, fuel vouchers and bottled water for distribution to farming families.
- Some Oatley Lions will distribute the 'goodies' from a fellow Lion's property in Gollan, Western NSW on 14 December where we expect some 70/80 families in need will attend from Dubbo, Wellington, Bogan Gate, Gulgong, Geurie, Twelve Mile, Warren, Narromine, Mudgee, Hill End, Trangie, Forbes, Tooraweenah, Eumungerie, Parkes and Gulargambone areas.
- We also plan to, on that day, to conduct a Lions BBQ to feed the farmers and their families and offer them some encouragement to fight on.

*How can you help and support this project.*

*A donation of a new toys, ranging for all ages, will be much appreciated.*

*We trust it will help our farmers and their families know that the community care and "they are not forgotten."*

*Please be guided by your school regarding 'toy collection' dates.*

*Thank you.*





Mortdale-Oatley Baptist Church and Family Fun present

# Family Fun Christmas

A free family crafts afternoon

12:30-3pm, 7th December

1-5 Woronora Pde, Oatley

Free for all ages

BBQ dinner provided



RSVP at  
[mobic.org.au/craft](http://mobic.org.au/craft)

