

OATLEY WEST Lantern

MR NASH'S CORNER

I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break and spent a great time with family and friends. It's hard to imagine we only have two weeks until the end of Term 1.

Across the next two weeks teachers will be working through a stage day planning session together and we will see a few substitute teachers around the school.

Reminder that the Parents and Citizens meeting will held tonight in the School Library commencing at 6.30pm. Please come along and support our school.



FIVE MINUTES WITH...



Favourite TV Show: One of my childhood memories is the book and TV series, Anne of Green Gables. Netflix has brought out a series called Anne with an "E" which is based on this. It is about a young, strong willed orphan girl living in the 19th century who transforms lives of people she encounters.

Favourite holiday: My favourite holiday destination would have to be my home country, Egypt, where I was born. The last time I visited was in 2003 when both my children were quite young. One day I hope to go back and explore more of this beautiful country. The most memorable and exciting attractions would have to be the pyramids in Giza and the Nile Cruise to Luxor.

Favourite book: Although I have read many books, my favourite book would have to be "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. It is an all-time classic book during the Great Depression primarily about growing up under extraordinary circumstances in the 1930's.

An interview with: Nermine Assad
Years at OWPS: 1

Favourite thing about OWPS: After being at the same school for 20 years and making long life friendships, I felt as though I was leaving my family. On my first day here at OWPS, the wonderful staff and parents were so friendly and welcoming which made the transition so much easier. I haven't regretted my decision one little bit. Thank you to everyone!

Favourite food: I love all types of food, however, I especially love Vietnamese food. If I could eat this every day, I would!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3
APR

P & C Meeting 6:30pm
School Library

4
APR

Teddy Bear Breakfast
8 AM

5
APR

Community Festival
7PM Multipurpose
Room

11
APR

Cake Day 1M & 5D

13
APR

Last Day Term 1

8
MAY

Organic Gardeners
Club Working Bee



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

Principal Nash continued**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

Strategic Plan 2018—2022

Department of Education

Our Values—Equity

We respect diversity and the views and contributions of others.

Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.



kidsmatterprimary.edu.au

LEADERSHIP BY LACHLAN YEAR 6

Leadership means to be the person with the voice when people don't have one. It also means to be the brains when people can't think. You need to be the muscle when people are weak, you need to be bright when people are dark. You are the soul as people are the heart and you are the person that lead people through hard times. You are the vision when people can't see. You help people when they're lost and you are the ears when people can't hear. You are committed to the job and get it done.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Next week, parent teacher interviews will be occurring. Please book your time using the online booking system www.schoolinterviews.com.au with code mr5vr. More details are found in a flyer later in the newsletter. Note on the website there are now some additional days available.

Mrs Chappell

LEADERSHIP BY THE RIVER**Leadership By The River**

Last Thursday the SRC leaders and I went to Kyle on the Bay for a conference. It is a student leadership initiative where students collaborate on a project. Our school will be working with GRC Hurstville Boys. The day was very productive and the students had the opportunity to hear inspiring stories from Benjamin Levi, founder of Code Camp and Allana Fergusson, Jillaroo, Cronulla Football Player and TV presenter.

We look forward to working on a project that will benefit the school community.

Mrs Chappell



SRC PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Oatley West was pleased to welcome Mr Mark Coure, local member for Oatley, to present at our SRC Presentation Assembly held on the 28th of March.

Many proud visitors watched as 40 classroom representatives, and six Leadership Team members received their badges and certificates.

Emily, Chloe and Lidia from our Leadership Team ran the assembly very efficiently and confidently.

Our school is looking forward to liaising with this wonderful group of students as they fulfil their role as a voice for their peers throughout 2018.

Ms McIntosh

SRC Coordinator



YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER



A special thank you to all the students and parents who supported the year 6 fundraiser at the Fancy Hat Parade. The Easter raffle and hot cross bun sales raised over \$600.00.

Stephanie Aravanopoulos

Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 3

CHESS CLUB TERM 2—2018

Chess Club for Term 2 will commence on **Monday 7th May (Week 2)** at lunchtimes in Mrs Kritikos' room. The chess club is run by the **Sydney Academy of Chess** who provides weekly tutoring to students at all different levels of ability in chess. The club is run on a term by term basis but some parents prefer to pay for the whole year upfront. There is also the opportunity to purchase workbooks at different levels while chess clocks and chess sets are also available. The cost for Term 1 is **\$72.00**.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making check-mates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Forms will be given out to interested students this week and there is one in this newsletter. They will be due back **no later than Monday 7th May (Week 2)**. **No further enrolments will be accepted after this date.**

Please also ensure you indicate on the form the **skill level of your child**.

It would be appreciated if, due to our new accounting system, chess fees could be paid online (see note attached to forms given out at school). It is also important that the forms be given directly to Mrs Kritikos and not left at the office if possible.

ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT



Over the past few weeks the Diggers have been busy in the garden, removing the remaining weeds and planting a selection of edible flowers. Some fantastic onion grass kills have been made with students pulling up 4 tubers at a time! Next week we will plant cover crops on

several beds in addition to planting comfrey, nasturtiums and warrigal greens. Next term, a short working bee has been planned for Tuesday 8th May between 3.30-4.30pm. Please return the attached note (at the end of the newsletter) if you are able to attend.

Happy gardening!
Mr Burr

IGA LOYALTY PROGRAM

Oatley IGA now has a loyalty program they use to support our school. If you use the Oatley IGA and are interested in supporting the school, please see the Rewards Card Activation Form at the end of the newsletter. Further information and form is also available on www.iga.com.au

TEDDY BEAR BREAKFAST TOMORROW



Helpers needed!

Teddy Bear's breakfast is on tomorrow from 8am to 9:15am on the Astroturf. Bring your Teddy's and join the fun.

All are welcome to attend. There will be a limited number of extra breakfast packs available for purchase on the morning. All pre-ordered packs will be available for pick up from 8am onwards outside the canteen.

Anyone who is available to come and help would be most welcome from 7:30am at the canteen – we know it's early but we'd really appreciate the help.

BAND NEWS

Short & Sweet Concert

Due to family reasons, our Band Director, Peter Sampson, is unable to attend the Short & Sweet Concert next week. Therefore the Concert will be postponed until next term.

Band Rehearsals

We are attempting to get a replacement conductor for the remainder of the term. We will let parents know via email what is happening with each rehearsal.

Music Council

BOOK CLUB



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

We are seeking volunteers willing to help with Scholastic Book Club. Last weeks' request for volunteers only produced one response.

Last year, **our school earned \$3,450 in Scholastic Rewards** which would not have been possible without our volunteers. These rewards go a long way in boosting resources in your children's classrooms and in our school library.

As a volunteer you would be required to be involved in the following:

- Distributing the Book Club Catalogue, up to twice a term
- Collating student orders on receipt from Book Club and distributing ordered books to students, up to twice a term.

If you're able to participate in providing this valuable service to the children and families at our school, please contact Sia Coelho (scoelho@iinet.net.au). **Let's raise readers!!**

UNIFORM SHOP

Manager – Sia Coelho

e-mail: scoelho@inet.net.au

The Uniform Shop is managed and run by volunteers and is open for your convenience every Thursday from 9-10am near the COLA outside C Block.

All students should be wearing their 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.

Winter Uniform: Winter Uniform is NOT yet available for over the counter sales and is not worn until after Mother's Day (14th May). In the interim, please place a separate order for winter uniform.

NB: **Winter Uniform** stock has been trickling in and we have been filling orders ready for delivery. Orders are being prioritised based on when they were received and whether all stock is available to complete the order. **Delivery will progressively start taking place this week and will continue over the coming weeks.**

NO EXCHANGES for winter uniform will be made until all orders have been filled.

Accounts will begin to be debited and cheques presented when your order is finalised, so please be prepared for this to happen.

Uniform Orders: Order forms (dated January, 2018) can be completed and dropped in to the school office. 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.

P & C



P&C General Meeting

Tuesday 3rd April 2018

6.30pm in our School Library

Meeting Tonight! OWPS P&C General Meeting is on tonight, Tuesday 3rd April at 6.30pm in our School Library. At our meetings you can find about the latest events from our Principal and discuss current issues or raise new ones. All parents and carers are most welcome to join us!

Last Day for Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers! Coles ends its promotion today, please return any vouchers you have to the collection box in our School Foyer by the end of this week so we can start claiming new sporting equipment for our School!

Oatley RSL Last week Steven from Oatley RSL delivered a cheque for \$250 to our School leaders as part of their Community Tree promotion held in December 2017. We thank Oatley RSL for supporting our School.

Community Festival Information Night OWPS P&C will hold its biggest fundraiser 24, 25, 26 August 2018 and it's time to get planning! This Thursday 5th April at 7pm an Information Night will be held in our School's Multipurpose room. Come along and meet a great bunch of people while finding out what our Festival is all about.

If you would like to get in touch with P&C, please email oatleywestpublicschoolpc@outlook.com.

Nic Portois
P&C President





Parent/Carer information evening (with pizza!)

Come along and find out what's happening 'behind the scenes' as we prepare for the 2018 Community Festival.

From 7pm this Thursday 5 April in the Multipurpose Room

Planning for this year's Community Festival is ramping up. This Thursday is your opportunity to find out more, make your own suggestions and see how you can get involved, whilst meeting other parents and carers and enjoying some pizza and refreshments.

For those who are new to the school, the Community Festival is one of our major fundraisers, contributing over \$41,000 last year. It is a full weekend of art, rides, food and fun for OWPS families and our community. It wouldn't happen without the amazing efforts of OWPS families and there are lots of ways to get involved both in the lead up and on the weekend itself.

RSVPs to Sarah (0412 669 880) will help us with catering and all are welcome. We hope to see you there.

Committee positions available

As well as volunteering over the Festival weekend, there are opportunities to get involved with the Committee and help shape the Festival. This year we have four Committee positions available. All can be done by an individual or group (many hands make light work!)

The previous Coordinators for each role are available to provide guidance and there is already a process and documentation in place (although of course the new Coordinators are welcome to make it their own).

Sponsorship Coordinator:

This role is central to managing positive relationships between the Festival and the local and broader business community. The main tasks include reviewing the sponsorship offerings, seeking support from prior sponsors (many of whom renew each year), maintaining communication with sponsors, and ensuring that sponsorship agreements are adhered to. This role works closely with the Marketing team who does all the graphic design etc. The Sponsorship role works in close association with the Silent Auction role.

This role can be done in your own time and from home. Work ramps up from the end of Term 1 in late April. Would require approximately 3 - 5 hrs a week (some weeks more / some weeks less).

Outgoing Sponsorship Coordinator: Julianne Kennard 0402 871 172 (who will continue to manage Silent Auction)

Volunteer Roster Coordinator

This role coordinates the volunteer rosters for all the divisions of the community festival. For example if the cake stall needs 4 additional volunteers to help them run the stall then you need to put forward a roster with shifts of a minimum of 3 hours, eg 4 x 3hr shifts from 8.30am - 10.30am and then 4 more from 10.30am - 12.30pm and then 4 more from 12.30pm to 3.30pm etc etc.

Once a roster for each division has been confirmed with the respective coordinator then you need to update the volunteer roster website to reflect this. Regularly check the volunteer roster emails for any requests and update the website accordingly. This usually only takes up time in the last 2 weeks prior to the festival and can be done with allocating 2hrs per night (while watching TV).

Outgoing Coordinator: Jacqui DeMoria

Cake Stall Coordinator

Each year parents and carers donate cakes, biscuits and other goodies to be sold at the cake stall. The Coordinator works closely with the Marketing team to encourage donations and the Volunteer Roster Coordinator for servers. On the Festival weekend the coordinator organises receipt and positioning of all the goodies and supervises the volunteers.

Traditionally Kindergarten parents and carers have been asked to donate to the Cake Stall (although all others are welcome as well) so this role would be ideal to share with a group of Kindy parents/carers. The main effort for this role is in the fortnight leading up to the Festival as well as the weekend itself.

Outgoing Coordinator: Sarah Jones

Entertainment Coordinator

One of the highlights of the Festival each year is seeing local groups perform on the stage. The Entertainment Coordinator is responsible getting in touch with community groups and then putting together a roster of performers as well as managing the performers on the Festival weekend.

Many performers come back each year and the previous roster along with contacts is available. This role can be done in your own time and from home. Work ramps up from Term 2 in late April. Would require approximately 1-2 hrs a week (some weeks more / some weeks less).

Outgoing Coordinator: Rebecca Ruiz



Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held **Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th April**. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting at another time. **Bookings open this Thursday 29th March at 4pm.**

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code mr5vr



Enter your details



Select the teacher/s you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by Monday 9th April at 4pm

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

03/04/2018

School Garden Working Bee- Tuesday 8th May 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

A community Working Bee will be taking place on Tuesday 8th May in our school garden.

We will be weeding, mulching and preparing our produce garden. Work will begin work at 3.30pm and finish at 4.30pm. 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 or Mrs Hatzistergos by Monday 7th May.

Many thanks

L Burr

Organic Diggers Co-ordinator

I / we (names) _____ intend on participating in the **Organic Diggers Working Bee on Tuesday 8th May 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: _____



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REWARDS CARD ACTIVATION FORM

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	
MOBILE:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
PASSWORD (to access the rewards websits, min 8 characters):	
SECRET QUESTION (e.g. Mothers maiden name):	
SECRET ANSWER:	
PIN NUMBER (to redeem points at the register, 4 numbers):	

☐ I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE EMAILS AND SMS/MMS REGARDING SPECIAL AND PROMOTIONS

YOUR REWARD POINTS CAN BE USED TO HELP ONE OF THE LOCAL SCHOOLS. PLEASE TICK IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE SOME OR ALL OF YOUR POINTS TO ONE OF THE SCHOOLS BELOW

☐ NO, I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP MY REWARDS POINTS

☐ YES, I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE _____%

☐ OATLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

☐ ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

☐ OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

☐ ARNDU ST PAULS PRESCHOOL

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