



# OATLEY WEST Lantern



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**4 DEC** Helpers Thank You Morning Tea  
BYOD Yr 4 5pm Library  
P & C Meeting 6:30pm

**4/5 DEC** Musical Evenings 7pm  
School Hall

**5 DEC** Final Values Assembly  
2:10pm

**12 DEC** Presentation Day Assembly Yr 3-6 10am

**12 DEC** Presentation Day Assembly K-2 2:10 pm

Last trading day for **Uniform Shop** is **Thursday 13th December**.

Canteen is **NOT OPEN** last week of term.



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

## MR NASH'S CORNER

### THE FATHERING PROJECT

Please note the following dates for our first two functions in 2019:

**Term 1 Monday 25th February 2019 and Term 2 Monday 27th May 2019.** Please put these dates into your diary now as we are really looking forward to this being a strong program at our school.

Storms and high winds kept us inside most of last week. Our Caterpillar playground remains closed until the arborist moves the three dead trees and clears the canopy of dead wood. There is also a fallen tree behind the demountable classrooms. He will be here next week. A large limb fell two weeks ago prompting me to realise how unstable this area is from the drought, the rain and then high winds.

## FIVE MINUTES WITH JENNY FERLAZZO AP



been my favourite event. It was amazing to see the excitement, build up and massive effort put in to make this event so successful. The support by families and community members was tremendous!

**Favourite moment at OWPS:** I am really looking forward to the K-2 Christmas Concert which I'm sure will be very memorable and special. The buzz of excitement is here!

**Favourite Food:** I really love cooking a lamb roast with baked veggies to share with my family!

**Favourite Holiday:** I visited New York which was an amazing experience—so much to see and do. This was part of a big overseas trip my family went on, creating wonderful memories.

**Years at OWPS:** I joined at the beginning of Term 2 this year.

**Favourite thing about OWPS:** I really have appreciated the warm welcome I have received this year by the staff, students and community members. I have been very lucky to have had the opportunity to be working in an Instructional Leader role which means that I get to regularly teach in about 12 classrooms each week. This has enabled me to get to know so many students and teachers in such a short time.

**Favourite Event at OWPS:** The Community Festival has certainly

## VALUE FOR THE WEEK

### EXCELLENCE

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



Principal Nash continued

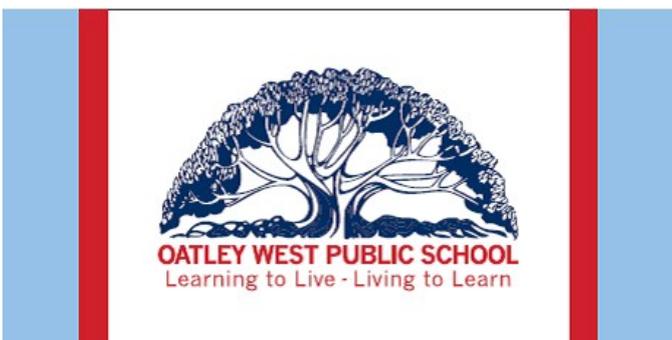
Reminds me of that beautiful poem 'I Love A Sunburnt Country'. We are very lucky that we have such beautiful playing areas like the Caterpillar playground, but it does come at a cost.

Congratulations to all of Stage 3 students and teachers for a wonderful afternoon of activities last week at the Y6 fete. Lots of fun was had by all including the teachers. Came just at the right time!

We are busy getting ready for the end of year; student reports, department reports, finalising staffing and room allocations for 2019, looking at the School Plan & Milestones, planning for the new school year—an endless list. We really need firm numbers to plan classes for next year. If you know anyone that has moved into the area or moving into the area please ask them to contact the school for enrolment as soon as possible. If you are leaving our school or considering leaving, likewise, we would also like to know as soon as possible.

As we are coming to the end of year it would be a good time to clear out all of our lost property. Over the next few weeks could you please check for lost property located in the Quiet Area near the Staffroom.

What an exciting end of year with Talent Quest, Musical Evenings, Christmas Concert, Year 6 Farewell to name a few. Please keep these times free to come and share in our end of year fun.



Principal Nash continued



Mark Coure MP

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Exciting news for Oatley West Public School-Official!!!

Principal Paul Nash and the Band Coordinator, Carmel Sharples, are thrilled to receive \$25,000 to refurbish the school's musical band storage facility.

This is excellent news for the award winning school band! 🎹🥁🎸🎷🎤



Congratulations to Michelle Schafer for the successful application of a community grant from Mark Coure. The grant will be used to provide much needed storage for band equipment behind stage in the hall.

Five years ago Michelle applied and was awarded a similar grant that allowed refurbishment of the hall including extending the stage, addition of dressing rooms and a bio-box at the back of the hall. Percussion have since filled in under the bio-box for storage of their drumming equipment. The school has certainly grown and these projects have helped to keep pace with the expansion of these programs.

We are extremely lucky to have such dedicated parents to run these school extra curricular activities and can't thank you enough on behalf of staff and our kids for all that you do for the school.

**ORGANIC DIGGERS CLUB**



A massive 'thank you' to the families who attended our working bee on Saturday. Without community support it would be impossible to run the Organic Diggers program. The Bush Tucker Garden has had a tidy up and is ready to be used by classes. We removed all weeds from the site and mulched spots where it had worn away. We also moved cut logs up from storage to complete the yarning circle. The greenhouse received some organisation and is closer to being used as a propagation area in 2019.



Happy gardening!

Mr Burr *Organic Diggers coordinator*

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Library lessons will finish this week, as Stocktake begins in Week 9. Please return all Library books this week.

If you have not finished reading your book, keep reading and return the book as soon as possible.

**Scholastic Book Club**

Many thanks to our community for supporting Book Club.

The reward points that the school receives enables us to secure additional Quality Literature for your children, which we would otherwise not be able to do.

Rita Fitzpatrick and Holly Blake



## LEADERSHIP BY THE RIVER

On the 29th of November the SRC captains Emily and Samuel and the SRC prefects Chloe, Lachlan, Lydia and Goran went to Leadership by the River with Mrs Chappell. We went to Leadership by the River at the beginning of the year on the 29th of April. The main goal at this first meeting was to create an idea that will help our school in a positive and good way. We chose an outdoor amphitheater. We have started building this amphitheater in the dirt area. We can use the amphitheater to help make learning and being at school even better than it already is. It can be used for the school talent quest, outdoor learning and much more. Kids at school will really enjoy this new part of our school. It should be ready before the end of the year, which is amazing. At the second session we presented our amphitheater project to everyone else at the meeting. We did a great job and are very proud of what we have done. We listened to influential speeches and really helpful information. We hope that once the SRC captains and prefects leave for high school that the 2019 SRC seniors will continue what we have started. It will be amazing. This is a photo with Kate Hollywood, she is a two time Olympian gold medalist and a gold medalist at the Commonwealth Games for hockey and Jonny Shannon who is a motivational speaker that talked about Anti-Bullying, Cyber Safety, Mental Health and Grit.

Written by Emily Gyton and Lydia Allen SRC captains and prefects



## PRESENTATION DAY

Next Wednesday is our annual Presentation Day. This year we have combined Academic and Sports Assemblies and renamed this to reflect the cross section of achievements. This is an opportunity to recognise and award specific accomplishments. Invitations have been sent out and we look forward to seeing invited guests next Wednesday.

Neralie Chappell

Deputy Principal

## SPORTS NEWS

**District Carnival Certificates**

The district carnival certificates (swimming and athletics) are given to schools from the Georges River Primary Schools Sports Association. No schools, as of yet, in the Georges River have received these this certificates this year for any carnival.

Over the weekend, an email was received stating:

“After numerous enquiries, I am able to confirm that certificates for both P.S.S.A. Swimming and Athletics will be distributed at the final 2018 Georges River P.S.S.A. meeting to be held soon (Thursday 13th December)”.

**Sports Certificates – Presentation Day**

Most notes to parents informing of their child receiving an award were sent home last week. To accommodate for not having the aforementioned district certificates, which will be received after the OWPS Presentation Day, we will acknowledge students who have made a Georges River District Team and/or Sydney East Team in 2018. Students who made the District Swimming and/or Athletics team will be called up onto stage and acknowledged. They will receive their certificates once given to the school by the Georges River PSSA following their final meeting.

Students who represented the Georges River district in other sports (e.g softball, rugby league etc), as well as Cross Country, will be presented with school generated certificates on the Presentation Day assembly. Students who represented Sydney East for any sport will also be presented with a school generated certificate on Presentation Day. Notes will be sent home early this week to those who have not already received an invitation.

Please note, these certificates **are not** for students who attended the district carnivals or the district trials as a representative of the school.

## SPORTS NEWS

These certificates are for students who **made the Georges River District Team** and/or **made the Sydney East Team**. For example, if your child went to the district swimming carnival as a representative of OWPS, however did not make it any further, they will not be receiving a certificate. Similarly, if they went to the district trials for example for touch football and were not selected, they will not be receiving a certificate. Sports awards/certificates will be given to students for the following areas:

- Georges River District Representative – *Other Sports & Cross Country*
- Sydney East Representative – All Sports
- Students who have broken school records
- Junior Boys/Girls School Athletics Champion
- 11 Years Boys/Girls School Athletics Champion
- Senior Boys/Girls School Athletics Champion
- Overall Boys/Girls School Athletics Champion
- Junior Boys/Girls School Swimming Champion
- 11 Years Boys/Girls School Swimming Champion
- Senior Boys/Girls School Swimming Champion
- Overall Boys/Girls School Swimming Champion
- Junior Boys/Girls School Cross Country Champion
- 11 Years Boys/Girls School Cross Country Champion
- Senior Boys/Girls School Cross Country Champion
- Overall Boys/Girls School Cross Country Champion
- Overall Boys/Girls Sports Champion

We thank you for your understanding as this is a very busy time of the year. If there are any questions please contact the school as soon as possible. It is very difficult to make changes or address concerns in a timely manner closer to the date or even on the Presentation Day. We look forward to celebrating the success of our students at OWPS.

M. Ross—Teacher

## FATHERING PROJECT



## Save the Date

We have locked in two dates for Fathering Project events. Please save the dates:

Term 1 - 25th Feb

Term 2 - 27th May

They are both Monday evenings starting at 6pm.

More information will come for Term 1 early next year.

Miss Benita

Wellbeing Officer

## P &amp; C NEWS

Tomorrow evening, OWPS P & C will hold a Special Meeting in our School Quiet Area at 6:30 pm.

At this meeting, OWPS P&C will be voting on funding initiatives that require decisions prior to the 2019 School year commencing. While voting will be done by P&C members, all School Community members are welcome to attend. This meeting will be finished prior to the Musical Evening which begins at 7pm in our School Hall.

Nic Portois

P&C President

[oatleywestpublicschoolpc@outlook.com](mailto:oatleywestpublicschoolpc@outlook.com)

## BYOD MEETING

There will be a meeting at **5pm in the library** on Tuesday afternoon, **4th December**.

This is for Bringing Your Own Device, for all **Year 4 parents/carers** are invited.

A note concerning information about BYOD went home last week.

Thank you.

## HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Christmas and the New Year can be a particularly challenging time for people who are homeless or struggling financially. I'd like to ask for your help.

The Oatley West Public School community can support those in need by donating:

men's clothing - jeans, shorts, tracksuits,

shirts, shoes and hoodies

pillows, sleeping bags and blankets

non perishable food items (packets and cans)

The items donated do not need to be new, just in good condition.

All items that you donate will be given directly to the homeless and disadvantaged on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Please drop off anything you wish to donate to the front office up until the last day of school.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mr Mikhail

## VALUES LEAF ASSEMBLY



We have rescheduled last week's Value Leaf Assembly to this Wednesday at 2:10pm.

This will be our last one for the year—all parents and carer's are welcome to join us in the School Hall at 2:10pm.

Thank you.

Miss Aravanopoulos

## 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.

Last Trading Day 2018 – The last trading day for the Uniform Shop this year is Thursday 13th December.

Thank you – Many thanks to Jo G and Natalia H who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

Boys Sport Shorts SALE – \$15.00 (RRP \$26.00). Size 6 sold out.

Plastic Bags – We are plastic bag free. Please bring your own reusable bag or alternatively we will be selling Enviro Bags for \$3.00, with all proceeds supporting the Year 6 Fundraiser.



Swimming Carnival – The swimming carnival is usually held in the second week of Term 1 for Years 3-6 (Year 2 students who can swim 50m and are turning 8 in 2019 can also participate). Support your Sports House by purchasing a swim cap in your House colour with school logo. If you wish to order a swim cap, please place \$5,00 in an envelope with your child's name, class and house colour on it and drop it into Letterbox 8 in the courtyard of the school.

**Uniform Orders:** Order forms (dated January, 2018) 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. 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.**

## BANKING

Many thanks to our school banking Grandparents & Mums, Faith S, Angela D, Jennifer L, Ling D and Tina Y for helping with school banking last Thursday. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Cut-off date, 30th November 2018 for prize redemption.

**Cut – off date for bank prizes has now passed.** Any saving reward prizes that are placed after 30th of November will be sent in the New Year.

Also, a message from CBA, "School banking rewards are experiencing delivery delays of up to 10 days. We are sorry and are working hard to fix this. From the Commbank School Banking Team"

We will be working hard to process student prizes as soon as they arrive at the school.

Recently, to reduce disruptions, we have been placing class banking bags into teachers respective 'classroom boxes' for the teachers to pick up and return to class.

If your child has not received their bankbooks, there's a good chance it's in the class banking bag. Please ask your teacher first.

2018 Prize claim form PDF link, <https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/youth/2018-01/school-banking-parent-pack-rewards-card-colour-0118.pdf>

Please note, we do not store banking prizes at the school. All prizes have to be ordered and then delivered. This can take between 2 to 3 weeks.

Many thanks for support school banking at OWPS.

**Thursday is our school banking day!**

# Musical Evening - Tuesday 4/12/18

Starts 7:00pm in the school hall

1. Welcome and introduce compares

2. Acknowledgement to Country

3. **Junior Percussion Power**  
Bombo  
Conducted by Chris Fields



4. **Junior Dance**  
Roar  
Choreographed by Miss Morgan and Miss Matthews

5. **Intermediate Percussion Power**  
Bata Rumba  
Conducted by Chris Fields



6. **3-6 Dance**  
Move Your Body  
Choreographed by Miss Leeanne Ashley



7. **Senior Percussion Power**  
Shake Dance  
Conducted by Chris Fields

8. **Percussion Power Awards** and Thankyous

9. **Combined Percussion Power**  
Southside Samba  
Conducted by Chris Fields



With special thanks to all the teachers, parents and children who came together  
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Thanks Mr Ballantyne

# Musical Evening - Wednesday 5/12/18

Starts 7:00pm in the school hall

1. Welcome and to introduce compares
2. Acknowledgement To Country
3. **3-6 Choir and Concert Band**  
National Anthem  
Conducted by Miss Barca and Peter Sampson



4. **3-6 Choir and Concert Band**  
We Know The Way
5. **Training Band**  
Power Rock  
Stadium Rock  
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious  
Star Wars  
Conducted by Peter Sampson

6. **Poetry Group**
7. **Etude OP 25 no. 12 – Ocean bb Chopin**  
Alfred

8. **Intermediate Band**  
The Pink Panther  
Apollo 13  
Louie Louie featuring Mr Burr  
Conducted by Peter Sampson



9. **3-6 Choir**  
Until We Sing Again  
Conducted by Miss Barca
10. **Duet**  
Love Is An Open Door  
Peter Sampson and Charmaine Gibbs



11. **Concert Band**  
Fanfare & Jubilee  
The Incredibles  
Conducted by Peter Sampson

12. **Music Council Awards and Thankyous**  
With special thanks to all the teachers, parents and children who came together to make this performance evening a success.

PS. Your children 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.

Thanks Mr Ballantyne





**Oatley West Public School Helpers**  
**are invited to attend a**  
*'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 2018 in the running of events, classroom help, scripture, excursions, administration, BEAR program, sports events or in any other way...**



**You are invited to attend our**  
*'Thank You Morning Tea'*



**At 10:45am**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</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.**



*Oatley West Public  
School presents*

**K-2 Christmas Concert**

December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

In the School Hall