



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Incursion

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

MR NASH'S CORNER

GRANDFRIENDS DAY

What a wonderful day was had by all. Community reports were all very positive, that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day visiting with students and teachers. It is wonderful way to share the learning with the special people in our children's lives. Thank you for making the time to come along and support the children and Oatley West Public School. Many thanks go to our teachers and especially Mrs Colbert and Ms Chalkiotis for their organisation of the day.

FIVE MINUTES WITH CARINA CAVALLARO



Years at OWPS: 1.5 years

Favourite thing about OWPS: The schools setting among the trees starts my day off in a positive way. The staff and students make OWPS an amazing place to work. I love being the OWPS Learning Support Teacher.

Favourite Book: I love to read. My passion is teaching students to read. A favourite book series of mine is Fly Guy.

Favourite Holiday: Disneyland— My travel goal is to visit all the Disneylands around the world.

Favourite Movie: Far too many to choose from but I love any Disney or Pixar movie. My all time favourite is "The Princess & the Frog" - I have even named my 2 daughters after the characters from this movie!

Favourite Music/Band:

Train - I have liked them for a very long time since High School! They are a rock band from San Francisco and I went to a concert at the Opera House.

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

CARE

Play safely.

Show concern for the wellbeing of others.
Be friendly and make others feel welcome.
Consider the needs of everyone.



Principal Nash continued

SPORTS AND SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Last Thursday took some massive organisation by Mrs Ferlazzo on behalf of sporting groups and extra-curricular groups throughout the school. This was her first time doing this at our school and it is a very large task indeed. Teachers assisted by organising their groups and Mrs Thieson supported on the day as well. Some of the groups included choirs, public speaking, chess, Years 1-6 SRC, junior dance, senior dance, bio-box technical team, training band, concert band, intermediate band, percussion power, recorder group, house captains and sporting groups including girls cricket, girls tee ball/softball, girls netball, girls Oz tag, girls soccer, girls basketball, mixed AFL, Sydney East Reps, District Athletics, District Cross Country, boys Oz tag, boys tee ball/softball, rugby league, boys basketball, boys cricket, boys soccer, mixed hockey, mixed Newcomb ball, District swimming, debating and a group Y6 photo.

I have listed these to highlight our extra curricular activities that require additional time by our staff. Oatley West Public School students are certainly very lucky to have this range of activities to choose from throughout the year. It was interesting to see students running from one group to another changing uniform on the run because they attended one or more activities during photo day.

This was the second photo shoot this year with class photos and some special groups taken earlier in the year.

STAFFING

We are currently looking at the formation of classes for 2019. This planning needs to take place now so that we can start back to school in the new year, ready to go with classes formed and teachers allocated. Enrolments have increased slightly for next year with 4 full Kindergarten classes firmed as per attendance at Kindergarten Orientation. Taking in numbers of students that we know are leaving and new enrolments, at the end of last week we were sitting on an enrolment of 600. We are fence sitting, but close to calling for an additional classroom.

Principal Nash continued

To assist us with planning, if you know any community person that may be 1) moving between now and the new year or 2) a new family that might have moved into the area, please inform the school or ask them to call the school.

DAME MARY GILMOUR ROAD

Close to completion. Again, thanks for your cooperation during these works. I know how annoying it has been to drive up to find the road closed. It's been worth it for an additional (approximately) 20 car spaces, footpaths both sides of the parking, entry into the school gate and pathway into the park. The intersection of Oatley Park Avenue and Dame Mary and entry into the park is certainly an improvement. It's been a long time coming but I thank Georges River Council for providing this upgrade for the community.



Paul Nash



Department of Education

Strategic Plan 2018-2022

Our Goals

'Our education system reduces the impact of disadvantage.'

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE & MUSICA VIVA

Artist in Residence - David Dunn

Students from Oatley West PS will be participating in the Artist in Residence program during the next two weeks. Aboriginal artist David Dunn will be working with all classes K-6 during normal lesson times. There will be no change to regular routine. Outcomes addressed by this incursion include Aboriginal Perspectives and aspects of the Creative and Practical Arts syllabus. *Students will need to bring a paint shirt in to school as they will be using acrylic paints.*

Mr Burr—*Incursion coordinator*

Musica Viva - Makukuhan

On Thursday 25th October students from Oatley West watched a performance by the group Makukuhan. It was greatly enjoyed by all students and staff, with feedback being that this was a popular favourite among our students. Musical items included Jatayu and Kong Kong Bolong. The musicians performed with great agility, humour and dexterity. We would like to thank them for performing for us.

Mr Burr

Musica Viva coordinator



ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT

After the rains of the last few weeks the garden is looking very green. There is a lovely display of cornflowers and sweet peas on the swale garden, as pictured this week. We will be winding the produce garden down over the next few weeks, removing plants and covering up the garden beds in preparation for the holidays. Plans are underway to come up with a permanent solution to the weeds the Diggers constantly battle in 2019. A working bee has been planned for December 1st in the Bush Tucker garden. The note is attached to this week's newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Mr Burr - *Organic Diggers coordinator*



YEAR 6 FAREWELL



This year's Year 6 Farewell will be held at St George Maso's on the 13th December, 2018. Year 6 parents who wish to dine at The Brasserie whilst their children are at the farewell will need to ring Maso's directly to make a booking by the 26th November. There will not be a general booking made for all the Year 6 parents this year.

Maria Hatzistergos
Classroom Teacher

THE FATHERING PROJECT

**Fathering Project – Information session**

OWPS is holding an information session for the Fathering Project on November 21 at 7pm. Fathers, father-figures and parents are invited to attend. A note will be coming home this week. Please return the RSVP to the office or classroom teacher.

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.

Benita Ollerton

COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

OWPS COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

Day: Tuesday 6 November

Time: 2-3pm

Venue: 22 Oatley Park Ave

Contact: Jill 0413 452 367 for more information or any enquiries

All welcome to join us in praying for our school and it's community.

Jill Allen and Glynnis Nelson

SCHOOL FETE



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. 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.

Mrs Assad and Miss Diwell
(Fete Organisers)

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.

Kindergarten Orientation Thank you: Many thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers, Natalie H, Mandy H, May L, Tara M, Hayley S, Kim P, Bee MB, and Kathy V who gave up their time to assist with a very busy Kindergarten orientation last Wednesday.

Kindy Orientation Volunteers – There is one more date for Kindy Orientation on Wednesday 7th November. If you are available to volunteer approximately two hours of your time on this date, please contact Sia Coelho at scoelho@iinet.net.au

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

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.

BANKING



Many thanks to our school banking Grand Parents and Mums, Faith S, Hazel S and Vicky G for being generous with their time and helping with school banking Thursday last term.

Royal Australian Mint is running a Willy Wonka-style competition to celebrate 35 years of the Australian dollar.

The anniversary coin looks just like your other \$1 coins, but there are hidden special marks on them – the number '35' and either an 'A', 'U' or 'S' privy mark.

Lots of prizes on offer and the first 50,000 people to register will receive a free coin collection folder!

Visit www.dollardiscovery.com.au to find out more.

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>

CANTEEN OUTSTANDING FEES

The Canteen has sent home reminder messages for outstanding fees. Could we request that these outstanding fees are paid as soon as possible as we are quickly approaching the end of term!

Would you please check your child's school bag or contact us if you are aware you have any outstanding amounts.

Thank you.

Fathering Project



Dear OWPS Fathers and Father-figures,

You are invited to attend an information session about the Fathering Project.

When: Wednesday 21st November 7pm

Where: OWPS Multipurpose Room

Why: Come along for a short meeting to hear more about the Fathering Project, how you can be involved in events and some ideas for 2019 events.

John Kirkland (Father, Teacher and Administration assistant for the Fathering Project) will be sharing his experience of the Fathering Project.

Light refreshments will be provided. For catering purposes please return the slip below to the school office or classroom teacher by Tuesday 20th November

Mr Nash & Miss Benita
Principal Wellbeing Officer

I _____ will be attending the Fathering Project information session on Wednesday 21st November at 7pm.

Father/Father-figure of: _____



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Organic Diggers Working Bee- Saturday 1st December 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

A community working bee will be taking place on Saturday 1st December in our Bush Tucker garden.

We will be weeding and mulching our native garden. Work will begin work 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

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 30th November.

Many thanks

L Burr

Organic Diggers coordinator

Organic Diggers Working Bee- Saturday 1st December 2018

I / we (names) _____ intend on participating in the Organic Diggers Working Bee on Saturday 1st December 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: _____