



# OATLEY WEST Lantern

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**25**  
SeptP & C meeting  
6.30pm in Library**26**  
SeptSports Assembly 2.15  
In the hall**28**  
Sept

Last day term 3

**15**  
Oct

First day Term 4

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Great Kids, Great Teachers, Great School!*

## MR NASH'S CORNER

### DAME MARY GILMOUR PROJECT

I've been informed by Council that work will commence on this project during the school holidays. Footpaths will be installed on both sides with a gutter, and parking will be made available both sides of the street (approx. 20 cars). Substantial works are taking place to take some of the congestion away from the park entrance on the corner of Oatley Park Avenue and Dame Mary Gilmour. A path will be installed into the park for pedestrian traffic directly across from the single school gate that opens into Dame Mary Gilmour. This has been planned for a long time now. We have internal pathways behind the carpark and a gate ready for this project to give direct access into Oatley Park from the Caterpillar playground. This plan was put forward some eight years ago and it is great to see it coming to fruition.

## FIVE MINUTES WITH MRS PEARSE

### Years at OWPS?

On and off since 2014.

### Favourite thing about OWPS:

Our students, they are Wonderful!

### Favourite Event at OWPS:

Our amazing Community Festival.

### Favourite song:

Black Bird by

### Favourite Holiday Destination:

Fiji....Bula!

### Favourite Book:

I can't choose! I'd say the Harry Potter series, Pride and Prejudice and Dante's Divine Comedy.



## VALUE FOR THE WEEK

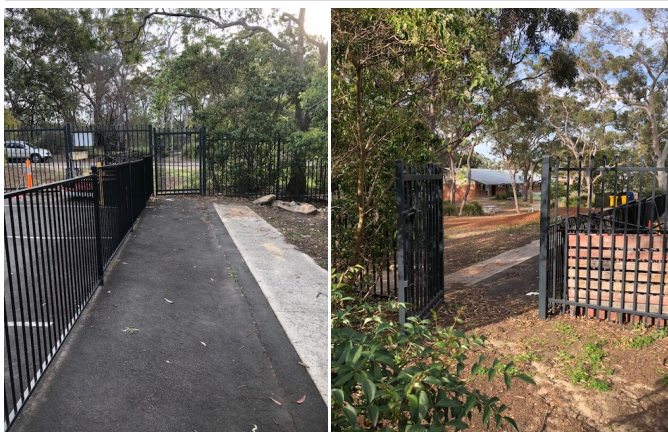
### COOPERATION

Work together to achieve common goals.  
Help each other to succeed.  
Work together to peacefully resolve conflict.  
Listen to the views of others.





## Principal Nash continued



*Gate leaving the school*

*Gate coming into the school  
Access to Dame Mary Gilmour Drive*



*Works to take place to alleviate congestion on this intersection and entry to Oatley Park*



*Footpaths both sides and parking alignment for approximately 20 cars.*

I'm told these works will take place over the upcoming holidays and should be completed by the time we return.

## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEYS

Many thanks to our parents that completed the survey after assembly last week and during the time put aside each afternoon in the computer room. It is much appreciated. These surveys are really important towards our forward planning and I appreciate the effort you are making to get these done. As these surveys are completed each year, the data sets are becoming stronger and more relevant. If you haven't completed the survey could I urge you to please take the time, approximately 15-20 minutes by clicking on the link below:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/538yq>

## OWPS SRC SCHOOL DISCO

What a great night with the Junior School (K-2) commencing at 5.30 and Senior School (3-6) coming in at 7.00pm. Congratulations to the SRC Seniors who worked hard all night to ensure that everything went so well. We had Julian who left us last year, come back to work the bio-box and we used the new disco ball which was the Y6 Gift to the school from 2017. Many thanks go to our teachers for being there on the night and for ensuring no one was left out of the dancing and fun times. I'm sure you've viewed all of the photos on the school Facebook page.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR FAMILIES

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments. So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

### **Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.**

If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.

### **It's the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.**

It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!

### **Click clack front 'n back every person for every trip.**

Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.

### **Talk to your child about being a safe road user.**

Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.

### **Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments.**

This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, carparks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

### **The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.**

### **Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out and about.**

### **Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.**

## RUOK DAY AND MANILLA CENTRAL SCHOOL

All classes used RUOK Day to work towards making the students at Manilla Central School feel better about their situation and to help them cheer up during this terrible time of drought. The request came via City Country Direct and we look forward to Mrs Jan Dawkins to visit our assembly today to present the school a certificate for their efforts.

## LOCKDOWN DRILL READY FOR BUSHFIRE SEASON

We had a lockdown practice in preparation for bushfire season on Thursday. I ran the lockdown during the busy second half lunch period and I'm glad to say we were all safe with Junior School in H Block (Double Kindy rooms) and Senior School bunkered down in the Assembly Hall within just under two minutes. I was very pleased with this result as I gave no warning. I know we are very good at evacuation but was not quite sure about the school being scattered and having to all head for one place at the one time. Our children are very sensible and know the 'drill'.

## P&C TUESDAY NIGHT @ 6.30PM

Tomorrow evening we have the last P&C meeting for Term Three in the Library. All welcome. The strength of the P&C comes from you and the support the group give to the school. Hope to see you there!

## Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018-2022

Our Goals

*'Education is a great place to work and our workforce is of the highest calibre.'*



*Paul Nash*





## FROM MRS CHAPPELL

## PEACEFUL KIDS PROGRAM

We have an opportunity to run a program on Thursdays to teach students how to be mindful and positive. A parent information session was run last week and information packs were sent home. If you would like to find out more information, please ask at the office.

## SPORTS NEWS

## Sports Assembly

A reminder that this Wednesday 26th September there will be an Athletics and Season 2 PSSA Presentation. This assembly will be at 2:15pm, parents are welcome but seating is limited. The gates will be opened at 2.15. Parents of the Award winners from Season 2 have been notified by the coaches. The top three placegetters in the following boys and girls categories will be receiving an Athletics ribbon:

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## 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, next to 1M. This onsite service would not be available without our wonderful volunteers.

**All students should now be wearing their Summer Uniform. All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.**

**Thank you:** Many thanks to Jo G and Bee M-B who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

**Kindy 2019** – We have ordered stock for Kindergarten 2019. If you have a child starting Kindy next year, please consider purchasing their uniform prior to orientation. If you are placing an order, please mark the form with KIN-DY 2019.

**Kindy Orientation Volunteers** – Uniform Shop is looking for volunteers to help with Kindy Orientation on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:scoelho@iinet.net.au)

**Boys Sport Shorts SALE** – Boys sport shorts are on sale for \$15. With the introduction of Unisex sport shorts, Uniform Shop is clearing the existing stock of boys sport shorts as we phase them out over the next two years. Available sizes are: 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, Small and Medium

**Plastic Bags** – In line with looking after our environment, the Uniform Shop is progressively phasing out single-use plastic bags from the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018. We encourage parents to bring their own reusable bags or alternatively we will be selling Enviro Bags for \$3.50, 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

**SCHOOL BANKING DAY**  
Thursday

Many thanks to our school banking Grand Parents and Mums, Faith S, Hazel S, Jennifer L and Tina Y for being generous with their time and helping with school banking last Thursday. <https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/youth/2018-01/school-banking-parent-pack-rewards-card-colour-0118.pdf> **Completing your deposit slip for School Banking day.**

Please ensure your child's deposit slip is correctly filled out before banking with School Banking. The below example indicates the fields that are required to be completed.

## Did you know?

Every month that you make at least one deposit and don't take any money out of your Youthsaver account, you'll earn 'bonus interest'.

Bonus interest is extra money the bank gives you as a reward for saving!

As of 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2018,

### Youthsaver Account\*

Balance	Standard rate	Bonus interest#	With bonus interest
Up to \$50,000	0.50% p.a.	1.80% p.a.	2.30% p.a.
Above \$50,000	0.50% p.a.	0.00% p.a.	0.50% p.a.

\* Youthsaver available for children under 18 years of age.

# Interest is paid on the portion of the balance within each balance band.

Many thanks for support school banking at OWPS

## WELLNESS NEWS

**October is Mental Health Month**

It's hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner. Earlier this month we recognised RU OK Day? and when school returns for Term 4 we will be part way through Mental Health Month. We exercise and eat well to look after our physical health, but our mental health is just as important. This October, let me encourage you to "Share the Journey" and make an effort to connect with others, whether it be that friend we see weekly, or someone we haven't spoken to for a long while, connect with them, have a cuppa, ask the questions "How are you going?" and "Is there a journey I can share with you?" Let's continue to care for each other!

From the Mental Health Month website <http://mentalhealthmonth.wayahead.org.au/>

This year's theme for Mental Health Month is "Share the Journey" -The main message is to encourage individuals and communities to connect with others and recognise how important this is for our mental health and wellbeing. Good social connections are important for our health and survival – they help us with our journey to better mental health and our ability to cope with life's struggles. They not only improve our overall wellbeing, they also build our resilience. Nearly half of all Australians (45%) will experience some form of mental illness during their lifetime, and those that don't will most likely know someone that does. But there's still a lot of stigma and confusion around the topic and that's where learning and growing comes in.

It's important to make sure that as many people as possible know what mental illness looks like and what can be done to treat it – even if it's not an issue for you right now, it might be one day, either for you or someone you know.

The theme also encourages everyone to learn new and exciting things, as the very act of learning can have many positive outcomes on our mental health and wellbeing – no matter what you choose to learn about.

Miss Benita

## WELLNESS NEWS CONT.



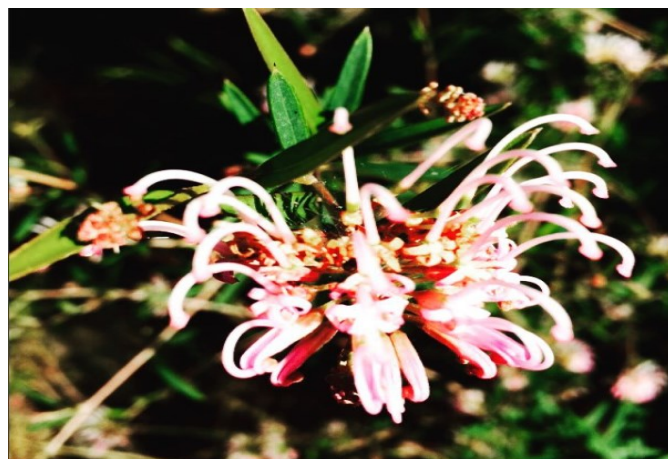
## ORGANIC DIGGERS

**Organic Diggers Report**

A productive session was had by the Diggers last Monday with clearing continuing on the second swale. Parsley, kale and lettuce were harvested and taken home. Tuesday's working bee has been postponed until next term, stay tuned for the upcoming announcement. The spider flowers in this week's photo are in bloom at the back of the school, they look amazing!

Happy gardening!

Mr Burr





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Woolworths Cricket Blast is a fun and fast program for kids of all abilities to learn new skills and play Australia's favourite sport.

Buzzing with the energy of Big Bash cricket, Woolworths Cricket Blast teaches kids how to bat, bowl, field and catch in programs of six weeks or more - all while making new friends.

Every child that registers will receive their own fully customised Blasters Pack complete with everything needed to give your child their first great cricket experience.

All Blasters Packs will be delivered directly to your home.

## PROGRAM FEATURES

Delivered nationally at over 2000 centres.  
For girls and boys of all abilities.  
A focus on having fun and developing basic movement skills.  
A safe and inclusive introduction to cricket.



### JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS

- Learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork
- Make new friends or organise a group to learn together
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in a personalised t-shirt
- All equipment supplied, parents join the fun

**SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR JUNIOR BLASTERS PACK!**

Includes t-shirt with your name on it and bucket hat in your choice of Australian or Big Bash team colour, bat & ball, personalised bat sticker sheet & progression tracker.



### MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS

- For kids with basic cricket skills
- Every kid gets a chance to bat, bowl and field
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in your choice of coloured player cap
- Make new friends or organise a group to play together
- All equipment supplied, parents join the fun

**SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR MASTER BLASTERS PACK!**

Includes player cap in your choice of Australian or Big Bash team colour & progression tracker.

If you can bowl with a straight arm over 16m, you might be ready for Stage 1 Junior Cricket!

Be the first to register for the brand new Official Kids Program of Cricket Australia; Blast sessions and Junior Cricket are starting now across Australia.

**FIND YOUR LOCAL CENTRE**

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