



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Swimming Carnival
Carss Park Blakehurst
9:30 am

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

Mr. Nash's Corner

RESTORATIVE PRACTICE

Staff returned yesterday and enjoyed a full day training in Restorative Practice (Restorative Justice). This underpins and supports our very strong Values System. We were very lucky to have Mr Terry O'Connell, director of Real Justice Australia as our presenter and he certainly challenged us and the reason for the training. The restorative conference process has been in schools for many years. We in fact did our initial training some 9 years ago when we introduced our Values system. Many staff have since moved on and yesterday was a refresher for some of us and new learning for others. The day allowed us to all be on the same page to commence the year.

A restorative school is one which takes a restorative approach to resolving conflict and preventing harm. Restorative approaches enable those who have been harmed to convey the impact of the harm to those responsible, and for those responsible to acknowledge this impact and take steps to put it right.

Restorative approaches refer to a range of methods and strategies which can be used both to prevent relationship-damaging incidents from happening and to resolve them if they do happen.

A restorative school has many benefits, including increased attendance, reduced exclusions and improved achievement. It can also alleviate problems such as bullying, classroom disruption, truancy and poor attendance, antisocial behaviour, and disputes between students, their families and members of staff. One strategy, the use of 'circles' can also work towards the understanding of cyberbullying and its impact on students.

Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.



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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**"The way we communicate with others
and with ourselves ultimately
determines the quality of our lives"**

- Tony Robbins

To be effective, restorative approaches must be in place across the school. This means all students, staff (including non-teaching staff), management and the wider school community must understand what acting restoratively means and how they can do it. As a result our school adopts a whole-school approach to restorative methods.

There is good evidence that restorative practice delivers a wide range of benefits for schools.

All teaching staff and administration staff were trained yesterday including our General Assistants Mr Eric and Mr Steve.

Terry O'Connell will be returning on Thursday 8th March to work with the school executive, all students and a **special parent session** in the evening. Could I urge you to take advantage of this parent session as restorative practice can become a life-long skill and a good tool to use around the home. This will also support and enhance home/school relationships. Please put this date in your diary now!

FORMATION OF CLASSES

It was great to see everyone back this morning. Students remain in their 2017 classes and we are aiming to form 2018 classes by late Thursday afternoon.

We welcome two new permanent teachers to our school this year; Ms Elanna Diwell, and congratulations to Ms Angela Chalkotis who has been with us as a temporary casual for some years now and has been appointed as a permanent teacher to Oatley West this year. We also welcome back Ms Sarah Morgan who is returning from exchange teaching in Canada late today. Ms Kathleen Warren is on leave throughout 2018 to pursue teaching opportunities and travel. We wish her well.

SECURITY GATES

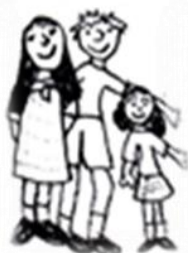
We are always conscious about security around our school. Being a fire prone school, our Work Health & Safety practices dictate that we be very aware of who is on the premises at any given time. Our security fence has been up for some time now and we use it wisely by closing all the main gates at 9.25 each morning and reopen them at 3.25 in the afternoon. The only way of entering and leaving the school is via the single gate near the administration office.

You will note a change to this gate. It has been installed with an automatic lock. When this gate is in use (switched on) you will need to buzz the office to be let in/out of the school. There is an intercom to speak to the office but as we all get used to using this facility you will find that the gate will just be opened for you to enter/exit. We can actually see who is standing at the gate on a screen in each of the offices.

Please remember, this is for the security and safety of your child and staff within the school each day.

Once again welcome back and I look forward to a great year of learning here at Oatley West Public School!





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.

Uniform Shop

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The Uniform Shop is open 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.

Swimming Carnival: The Swimming Carnival is quickly approaching. Support your Sports House by purchasing a swim cap in your House colour with School Logo. Purchases can be made "over the counter", alternatively you can place an order. Swim Caps are \$5.00 (cash payments only).



Price increase: From time to time, prices need to be increased to cover our costs for the supply of Uniform to continue from the school premises. Price increases only occur when prices from our suppliers have increased. Price changes are effective immediately with updated order forms dated January, 2018 available at the School Office, Uniform Shop, School Website and Skoolbag application.

School Banking Info Term 1 Week 1

Oatley West Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available

during 2018 are:

- Twister Power
- Secret Scratch Pad
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc



Handball

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School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Our School Banking day is **Thursday**.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. You can complete verification online at home.

New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 1 rewards with a Super Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

Twister Power Handball



Secret Scratch Pad



For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.