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DATES FOR THE DIARY

21 FEB

Swimming Carnival
Carss Park



P & C Meeting 6:30pm Library



P & C Pizza & Trivia Night

MONDAY 12 FEB

TONIGHT!

Band Camp Information Evening: 7PM,

Multipurpose Room



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

Mr. Nash's Corner



DEAD DYING OR DANGEROUS? (The three Ds)

Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to two trees in our playground last week. During the holidays a very large branch dropped from the magnificent tree near the Quiet Area. Had someone been under this huge branch they would have surely been severely injured or even killed. I was very anxious when the Prime Minister stopped and asked for a photo in front of this tree, holding my breath that another branch didn't fall while we were under it! After calling the Arborist to check what we should do, he informed us that the loss of such a large branch had put the tree out of balance and caused other damage that was irreparable. Other branches were already dying. The sad fact was, that it had to come out sooner rather than later. While the Arborist was here he also noticed another dangerous tree that was leaning over the rocks near the Quiet Area, again which was barely holding on and was hollow within the trunk. Both these areas are places where people gather, walk and play. The Department of Education under its Work Health & Safety procedures has tight guidelines for schools and trees and requires an Arborist report yearly, and they deem what is necessary to keep the school safe. I didn't make the decision to build a school adjacent to Oatley Park but as Site Manager I must keep the area safe for all that come onto the site daily. Some seniors made the statement on Friday that we should replace the tree in our logo with a stump. Amusing, however misinformed. We will discuss the safety of our school playgrounds at the next assembly.

Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.



kidsmatterprimary.edu.au

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Equity: 'We ensure that every student has access to high-quality public education'.

From NSW Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Values





I don't really think this would make a 'good look' logo for our school.

As you can see we make adjustment when and where we can.

ELECTRONIC LOCK ON GATE

Our new electronic lock on the access gate at the Administration Block has received favorable comment. I don't know what I expected as it is protecting the safety and security of your children and our staff.

Some comment however has been levelled at the gate not being opened until 3.15pm. When our security fencing was first installed, gate closure times were 9.25 until 3.15pm. This was established with the P&C at the time. For many reasons these times have slipped a little but with the new lock installed we will be holding the opening of gates until 3.15pm each afternoon. Teachers have remarked how quiet the playgrounds and verandahs are in the afternoon with learning taking place right up to bell time. We thank you for your cooperation with this and will continue to ensure our school is safe and protected for the extremely valuable people inside.



TRANSITION TO CLASSES

Many thanks to our teachers for a great welcome to their new students and for getting classes up and running so smoothly. When I first arrived at Oatley West classes were formed around Week 4, so we certainly have improved, having classes in place at the end of the first week back. Some schools take even longer to form classes due to fluctuating numbers of students. I request many times during Term 4 the previous year, that people notify the school if they are leaving, or to let people know moving into the area that their local school is the best. This way we can be really organised to start the year. Numbers need to be into the Department of Education so that staffing and accommodation can be arranged ready for the start of the new school year.



NEW LETTER BOX STAND



To alleviate some of the congestion in our very small foyer, a new letterbox stand has been installed for the purpose of internal mail to P&C and its various sub-groups as well as school mail. Thanks to Mr. Eric and Mr. Steve our General Assistants, who installed this last week and is now ready for use. This system replicates the one we had in the foyer. The money 'chute' remains where it was for security reasons. There is no money to be placed in the new standing boxes.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA AND FACEBOOK

The use of electronic media certainly has a huge positive side, but unfortunately it can also have a complex negative side. Last year I received many notifications from distressed parents about the negativity that was doing the rounds of our school stage and grade pages. This was raised again at the recent P&C meeting. Unfortunately I can't control what is discussed on closed Facebook accounts but as I've said to parents that have raised this issue with me, it is up to them to reply to anything negative or of a personal nature themselves. In other words outdo the negative with either informed statements or at least counteract incorrect, negative information. The school strives to do its very best and for each step forward one negative comment takes us back ten steps.

We will be revamping the school Facebook page this year with positive 'good news' stories and we hope the community pages will reflect the great things that are happening at our school. Our children watch and listen and also reflect attitude and behaviours that they hear and see. Let's give them good role models for which to use electronic media for their futures.

STAFF TRAINING

Our teachers and ancillary staff have quite a lot of mandatory training to complete on behalf of the Department of Education. This is separate from Professional Learning that takes place in line with the school's Strategic Directions for the year. On Thursday we had 44 staff attend training for CPR and Anaphylaxis. This will be followed up throughout Term 1 with Child Protection, Code of Conduct, Bushfire Emergency and Anti-corruption training. Our emphasis across the school this year will be ongoing in Writing and training of staff will continue in this area across the year.







STAGE PLANNING MEETINGS



All stages met last week to organise the term and to arrange their curriculum areas and procedures. These are very valuable days for teachers to get together with quality time for professional

dialogue and to plan together.

Stage 3 teachers in the 'Board Room' in the new Resource Centre building.





Mrs Haavisto and Mrs Chappell relax in the foyer of our new Resource Centre building. This building now houses the Duplicating Room, two storerooms, a tea room, the board room and an office that houses our new School Psychologist/Counsellor (Sanober Kazi), School Wellness Officer (Chaplain Benita) and Administrative staff. It's great to see the building in full use now that school has returned.



Duplicating and Work Room



Office space





VALUE FOR THE WEEK:

Integrity

Speak the Truth.
Respect personal and school property.
Do what is right.







Chess Club Term 1 - 2018

Chess Club will commence on Monday 12th
February (Week 3) at lunchtimes in Miss Chalkiotis' 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 checkmates, 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 19th February (Week 4). No further enrolments will be accepted after this date.

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

<u>Please note:</u> New Kindergarten students <u>are not</u> able to join the Chess Club until Term 2.

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 placed in the box in Miss Chalkiotis' room and not left at the office if possible.

P & C News

OWPS P&C held its first meeting of the year last Tuesday. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the meeting. Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 6th March at 6.30pm in the School Library. A General Meeting will immediately follow the AGM.

SAVE THE DATE!!! OWPS P&C will be holding a "Friday before Good Friday Pizza & Trivia Night" on **Friday 23rd March** in the School Hall. Pop it in your diary and organise yourself a table of friends who would like to come along for a fun night out!

Our Uniform Shop has been operated by volunteers for many years. The Uniform Shop takes many hours each week to supply Uniforms for our School Community on site saving our families the hassle of buying from retail Uniform stores. This service to our School Community is one OWPS P&C is proud to operate for our families. Our Uniform Shop has grown along with our School and busy parents. OWPS P&C has taken the decision our Uniform Shop requires a paid position to continue to operate at our School in line with our Canteen which also has paid staff. Just like the Canteen, our Uniform Shop will still need continued support from Volunteers to help when the Uniform Shop is "open" on Thursday mornings and other scheduled times. If you are interested in applying for the Uniform Shop Manager position, please collect information from the School Front Office from Tuesday 13th February. Applications will be open until end of day, Tuesday 20th February 2018.

OWPS P&C recently endorsed a Sponsorship Policy that helps parents cover the costs involved when their children reach an elite level of PSSA or Performing Arts. If you wish to view the policy, or apply, information can be found on the School website under P&C.

Coles Sporting for Schools promotion is currently running. There is a collection box at Coles Oatley and in our School Foyer, if you collect any vouchers please place in one of these locations so we can exchange them for sporting equipment for our School.

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

Nic Portois
P&C President

Uniform Shop

Manager - Sia Coelho

e-mail: scoelho@iinet.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 Sarah C, Kathryn K, Belinda P, Rowena S, Hayley S, Jacqui T and Anh V who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

Swimming Carnival: The Swimming Carnival is being held on Wednesday 21st February, support your Sports House by purchasing a swim cap in your House colour. Swim Caps are \$5.00 (cash payments only). This week is the last opportunity to make a purchase prior to the carnival.



Stock Update: We are still waiting for Size 9-12 boy's socks to arrive. Boys socks are custom made and can take up to twelve weeks from ordering to delivery. Any orders for this item while stock is not available, will be placed on "backorder" and delivered to your child's class when stock arrives.

Unisex Sport Shorts: These shorts are currently being sold to all girls and Kindy students. Boys requiring Size 6 Sport Shorts will also be sold the new shorts. All other sizes in Boys Sport Shorts will continue to be sold until all stock is sold.

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.

Music Council News

Welcome back to Band and Percussion Power for 2018. All groups have started rehearsals with Mr Peter Sampson (Band Director) and Mr Chris Fields (Percussion Power Tutor).

<u>Band Camp Parent Information Evening – Tonight</u>

If you have any questions about Band Camp on Monday 30th April and Tuesday 1st May please attend meeting tonight Monday 12th February at 7pm in multi-purpose (computer) room.

Band Camp is for Intermediate Band and Concert Band only.

Music Council Meeting - Monday 19th February

There will be a Music Council Meeting next Monday 19th February at 7pm in multi-purpose room. All welcome.

Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 21st February

There are NO band rehearsals next Wednesday 21st February due to swimming carnival.

Training Band clarinets and saxophones will have a make up rehearsal on Tuesday 27th February at 9am (please arrive at 8.50am to set up).

Short & Sweet Concert – Thursday 12th April

All Bands will be performing at the Short & Sweet Concert on Thursday 12th April at 7pm. Please mark the date in your diary.

Thank you

Music Council

Mind Quest 2018

On Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 April 2018 the 87th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from Years 1 -6 at St George Girls HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$200 (including GST).

Brochures are available at the school office or call Shelagh Poray 4959 7148 Closing date is Friday 9 March

Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

Educational Benefits of Chess:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- · Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds







Term 1	Cost: \$72	12th Feb - 9th Apr*
Term 2	Cost: \$72	7th May - 2nd Jul**
Term 3	Cost: \$81	30th Jul - 24th Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$81	15th Oct - 10th Dec

*Term 1 - No chess on 2nd April (Easter Monday)

**Term 2 - No chess on 11th June (Public Holiday)

TO ENROL:

Please collect a form from the school office.



Sydney Academy of Chess Pty Ltd

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Oatley West Public School Chess Classes – 2018

Classes will take place on Mondays from 1:20PM - 2:10PM.

To enrol, please tick the appropriate boxes below:

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery)				
Term 1 – Cost: \$72 [12th Feb - 9th Apr*]	Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30 [Beginner / Rookie]	Chess clock – Cost: \$76 [DGT Easy Gametimer]		
*No chess on 2nd Apr (Easter Monday)	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30 [Intermediate]	Chess set – Cost: \$33 [Roll-up chess board + pieces]		
Term 2 – Cost: \$72 [7th May - 2nd Jul**] **No chess on 11th Jun (Public Holiday)	Workbooks 1&2 – Cost: \$45 [SPECIAL OFFER]	Advanced Book – Cost: \$41 [Exploration in Chess Beauty]		
Term 3 – Cost: \$81 [30th Jul - 24th Sep]	<u>Delivery Information</u> Name:			
Term 4 – Cost: \$81 [15th Oct - 10th Dec]	Postal address:			
Cheques	are to be made payable to Oatle	ey West Public School.		
• • •	I by the day of the first lesson, you dents who miss classes during the	ur child cannot take part in the class. he term.		
	Total amount paid: \$			
playing ability in the boxes below	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	please indicate your child's approximate dents will be divided into groups according ach level.		
Rookie: Children who know the and can play a game of chess	nderstand opening principles, how	es of chess ecial rules, check, checkmate, stalemate v to finish off the game, positional elements		
Beginner Level	Rookie Level	Intermediate Level		
If you are interested in your child taking part in this activity, please fill in this form and return it to the school office, along with payment for the appropriate term. Please ensure that you place the permission slip and payment inside a sealed envelope with your child's name and class clearly written on the front.				
Student's Name:		Date of Birth: / /		
Class: Parent	's Name:			
Contact Numbers: (Home) _	(Work)	(Mobile)		
Email:				
Relevant medical conditions	/ allergies:			
Signed:		Date: / /		



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School Banking Update Week 3

Many thanks to the following parents & Grandparents who have helped with school banking week, Grace Lee,
Faith Sharma, Boris Sinikoski and Tina Yeh
Your continued support is much appreciated.



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Q & A's

Where is your banking office?

We have recently moved to the new demountable located next to the admin office behind the quiet area. Feel free to visit us every Thursday after the school morning bell if you have any questions regarding banking.

How much can I deposit?

There is no limit to how much students can deposit and yes you can deposit 5 cents if you like.

Do you accept cheques?

Yes, we do!

I've opened my child's 'Youth saver" account online. What do I do now?

Once you have applied online, you can write your child's name and account number on the back of an envelope with money inside and get them to drop it into the class banking bag on Thursdays, our banking day.

We can then issue them their own student number, process their deposit and provide their own deposit book and cover.

Can my child continue to bank here at OWPS if they have left for high school?

If your child has a younger brother or sister still enrolled at OWPS then yes. Just add their deposit book with the younger siblings on Thursday's bank day.

Where is my reward prize?!

Rewards are not handed out on the day that they are requested, as much as it would be nice if they were! The reward items are not stored at school. They are ordered online as part of the School Banking process on the School Banking Day. Rewards can take 2 weeks to arrive at school, so please be patient.

What is my bank balance?

The School Banking Coordinators do not have access to this information - please go in to a branch to find out your balance or download the CBA "CommBank Youth" app.

HELP! I've lost my bankbook and all my tokens!!! What do I do??

The School Banking Coordinators have spare bankbooks and tokens and can replace these for you.

I'm up to the last page of my bankbook. How do I get a new one?

The School Banking Coordinators have a supply of bankbooks and will put a new one in the class satchel for you when you need it.

Where can I get a prize claim form?

Prize claim forms are available at the school office.

They have also been attached to various OWPS newsletters this year. Please download and print at your leisure.

Epic Ear Phones 2017 Available Available Pencil Tech Case 2017 3D Chalk set 2017 Nil stock Colour Change Markers 2017 Available Outback Pat Bag Tag 2015 Available Tablet Case 2016 Available Available Volt hand ball 2016 Smiley Emoji Keyring 2016 Available Nil Stock Cyber Hand Ball

A call out for Mum's, Dad's and Grandparents who would like to join the School Banking Team! School banking is run by parents and Grandparents who volunteer to help process deposits. If you have a couple of hours free on Thursdays please come in and say hello!

Our volunteers use 'Sign Up' to select the days their willing to help @ http://signup.com/go/foZRdnT

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

Time: 8.30am

Date: 1st March 2018 Location: Infants side

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can do so by:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

3. At School

On the above date, a School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

Many thanks and happy banking! Jason Low OWPS Banking Co coordinator.

Rewards Card. Start saving for the Super Savers rewards.

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How to redeem a reward item

- 1. Make 10 School Banking deposits (you'll receive one silver Dollarmites token each time you make a deposit maximum one per week).
- 2. Choose one of the below reward items and fill in your details on the corresponding reward coupon.
- 3. Take the reward coupon, along with your 10 silver Dollarmites tokens, to school in your Dollarmites deposit wallet on School Banking day.

Rules of the program

- To reward individual saving, no pooling of Dollarmites tokens with other students or siblings is allowed.
- All rewards are available to redeem from the term listed, while stocks last.



SAVING

Twister Power Handball

Released Term 1 2018



Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

Sparkle Glitter Pens

Released Term 2 2018



Name: _

Class: ___

Student ID: ____

Mighty Boom Handball

Released Term 3 2018



Name:

Class:

Student ID: _____

Slushie Maker Cup

Released Term 4 2018



Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

Secret Scratch Notepad

Released Term 1 2018



Name: _____

Class:

Student ID: _____

Glow Light

Released Term 2 2018



Name: _____

Class:

Student ID: _____

Heat Reactor Pencils

Released Term 3 2018



Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

Zoom Flying Disc

Released Term 4 2018



Name: _____

Class:

Student ID: _____

Gear up with these Future Savers rewards.



Make 10 School Banking deposits and choose an item from this Rewards Card to redeem.

To redeem your reward, simply complete and take the reward coupon, along with your 10 silver Dollarmites tokens, to school in your Dollarmites deposit wallet.

- To reward individual saving, no pooling of tokens is allowed.
- One silver Dollarmites token will be issued for every School Banking deposit made (maximum one per week).
- You need to have made 10 School Banking deposits to redeem a reward.
- Students cannot redeem more than one of each reward item.
- · All rewards are available to order from the term listed, and are offered only while stocks last.

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Released in Term 1, 2017



Name:		

Class:

Student ID: _____

3D Chalk Set

Released in Term 2, 2017



Name:_____

Class:

Student ID: _____

Smiley Emoji Keyring

Released in Term 3, 2017



Name:_____

Class:

Student ID:

Pencil + Tech Case

Released in Term 4, 2017



Name:_____

Class:____

Student ID:

Colour Change Markers

Released in Term 1, 2017



Name:

Class:

Student ID: _____

Tablet Case

Released in Term 2, 2017



W 18cm H 25cm

Name:_____

Class:_____

Student ID: _____

Volt Handball

Released in Term 3, 2017



Name:

Class:

Student ID:

Epic Earphones

Released in Term 4, 2017

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Name:		

Class:

Student ID: _____

