



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR THE DIARY

21
FEB

Swimming Carnival
Carss Park

6
MAR

P & C Meeting
6:30pm Library

23
MAR

P & C Pizza & Trivia
Night

**MUSIC COUNCIL
MEETING TONIGHT
7PM**

**School Photo Day
Wed 14th March**



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

Mr. Nash's Corner

MICROSOFT TRAINING

The executive along with some of the teachers from the technology team spent Thursday in training with a Microsoft representative learning a new system called TEAMS. Time during the day was used to build a school specific program to help with school organisation and communication. We will go about changing systems gradually and by mid-year we should have all staff using the new system to coordinate stage/grade organisation, communication across the school and to streamline our paperwork trail. It is long overdue and necessary to cope with the size of the school and the intricate daily/weekly routines especially with communication.



Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.



kidsmatterprimary.edu.au

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2022

Accountability: 'We take responsibility for decisions and outcomes'.

From NSW Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Values

Speaking of the size of the school, it was brought to my attention that rumours abound that we have ‘blown out’ in student numbers and total now 770 students at our school. This is totally incorrect and goes to show how wrong social media and innuendo can become! Rumours can become real to the people who are perpetrating them.

Our student numbers on Friday were 580 in 23 classes. If you hear any incorrect statements or negative talk towards our school, please counteract them by relating how well we do at Oatley West Public School. One negative comment about the school can undo 10 good/great things we do at our school each and every day. We are calling this **‘the year of positivity’** please jump on board and join us and our students in recognising what a great school we all belong to.



SRC SENIORS INITIATIVE

How surprising what a length of rope and some imagination can bring! During a clean-up of the sports store under the hall, a large rope was discovered. I asked the SRC if they could think of a use for it in the Caterpillar playground. They have come up with an idea of balancing & climbing. Together with Steve our General Assistant they have laid parts of the rope on the ground for balancing and strung other sections of the rope between trees allowing for climbing. This activity was so popular on Friday that there was a constant line to have a go right through the lunch time break. They rethought the rope configuration after the excitement at lunch to allow for extra ‘goes’ and will be trialling this for the week to see how it progresses, especially the climbing. Well done to the SRC Seniors for an innovative plan to bring something different to this area. It certainly is clear that more is needed to occupy students in this area during playtime. Something I seriously need to look into. SRC will supervise with the teacher during the week.





CONGRATULATIONS TO LUCY DA SILVA

For those of you that may know Lucy or a teacher that taught her here at school we send her our congratulations for obtaining DUX of Port Hacking High School. I was counting up the years with Mrs Laurence on Friday and Lucy would be in Year 12 at Port Hacking. Being an ex-Port Hacking High student myself, I am proud of the school and the fact that they accept some of our students who always do Oatley West proud.

We have certainly hit the ground running this year which is not unusual for Oatley West Public School. We are certainly a dynamic and outstanding school described by our Prime Minister the other week as being a ***school of the future!***

I personally think we have our sights on the future and working towards presenting our students with as many experiences that will assist them to take their place in the new world that experts are telling us hasn't been invented yet. We work towards teaching the whole child to be able to empathise, understand and relate to each other as well as succeed in the academic, arts and sporting areas. Our students certainly couldn't give us any more than they do. They come to school each day ready and willing to learn, treat each other with dignity and certainly respect their school, teachers and staff that assist them every day. We are very lucky here at Oatley West Public School.

IGA OATLEY SUPPORTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Many thanks to the management of IGA Oatley for their support of the three local schools in Oatley. We thank them for their donation again this year.

Please be aware that procedures have changed to collect store purchases. Instead of the box system to put your vouchers in you will now need to request a card from the check-out to collect your points. We appreciate you supporting IGA Oatley and subsequently our school.

A LITTLE FOOD FOR THOUGHT –Something that came across on the internet recently

Being rude is easy.

It does not take any effort and is a sign of weakness and insecurity.

Kindness shows great self-discipline and strong self-esteem.

Being kind is not always easy when dealing with rude people.

Kindness is a sign of a person who has done a lot of personal work and has come to a great self-understanding and wisdom.

Choose to be kind over being right, and you'll be right every time because kindness is a sign of STRENGTH.

Attitude to Inspiration



Paul Nash



PHOTO DAY

The annual school photo day is **Wednesday 14th March**. All students are required to wear full school uniform. Photo envelopes will be sent out with the term note this week. Please **do not make any payments to the school online**, all payments to be made direct to The School Photographer using the payment envelope.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual Oatley West Public School Swimming Carnival will be held this Wednesday 21st February at Carrs Park Olympic Swimming Pool. Thank you for all the parents who have volunteered their time. We have had an overwhelming response by parents and carers wanting to help. We will not require assistance from everyone and notes have been distributed to those parents who have been selected to help.

A note to Year 2 students will be sent home today. A significant amount of Year 2 students have returned their Swimming Carnival permission note, indicating they are Non/Poor Swimmers. As indicated in the original permission note and in the school newsletter, there are very limited opportunities for Non/Poor swimmers at the carnival. Novelty events and the 25m assisted swim may be cancelled due to time constraints. Year 2 students who are 8 (or who are turning 8 this year) will only be able attend if they can confidently swim 50 metres unassisted and are wanting to compete competitively at the District level. If you have indicated your child is a Non/Poor swimmer, unfortunately they will be unable to attend the carnival.

If your child is interested in competing in the 200m medley at district level, please submit a qualifying time. Please note that this event is usually suited to experienced squad swimmers. Only the fastest 4 times from the entire District will compete at the district carnival. Please submit this to Miss Ross no later than Friday 23rd February. Entries submitted after this date will not be accepted.

Please see Miss Ross for any further information.

VALUE SEEKERS

Last Monday Year 6 were trained by Miss Benita (Wellbeing Officer) to be Value Seekers. The Values Seekers were shown how to use restorative questions, which comes in line with restorative justice. Value Seekers will be on the playground daily, 2nd half lunch on the look out for students showing the school values in the playground and helping out students if they are feeling lost or have no-one to play with. If you could remind your children that the Value Seekers can help them in the playground and that they are handing out Values stickers for showing the school values.

Miss Benita, Mrs McDonald & Miss Aravanopoulos.

ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT

Over the next few weeks, the Organic Diggers Club will begin to meet at lunchtime on a Monday. A note will go home today for children who are interested in joining. Prior to this, we will be holding a working bee to prepare the garden for learning in 2018. In it's current state the garden is looking overgrown after 6 weeks holidays. The working bee will take place on Saturday 3rd March between 10.00am - 12.00pm. All community members are encouraged to attend. As per DEC regulations, all adults attending must have a current Working with Children Check, which is free for volunteers. Without the support of community at working bees it would be impossible to run our garden program. All help is greatly appreciated by both students and staff. A note for those intending to participate is attached to this newsletter. Hope to see you there on Saturday 3rd March!

Happy gardening - Mr Burr

Organic Diggers Club

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Would you like to find out how to help your child at home with reading?

If so, come along on Wednesday 7th March at 9.30am to a reading information session with our schools Learning Support Teacher Carina Cavallaro.

This session will assist any parents or caregivers of students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 as well as parents of students in 3-6 who might need help. You'll learn how complex reading can be but easy ways to assist your child at home.

OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

We start meeting back for 2018 this week ! Please feel free to come and join us . All welcome.

Date : Tuesday 20th February 2018

Time : 2 - 3 pm

Where : Please call Jill Allen (0413 452367) for details

Hope to see you there.

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 Natalie H, Belinda P, Nicolas P, Hayley S and Jacqui T who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

Kindy Parents: A note was sent home with your children last week for you to pre-order winter uniform. All completed order forms are to be placed in Letterbox No 8 at the front entrance of the school. Please ensure pre-order forms are returned by Monday 26th February, to allow us sufficient time to order stock for your children.

Years 1 – 6: Winter uniform is not yet available for over the counter sales. We encourage all parents to place a separate order for winter uniform (marked WINTER), which will be filled and delivered in Term 2. Placing your order by Monday 26th February, will allow us time to order sufficient stock for your children.

NB: Accounts will not debited and cheques not presented until stock arrives and is ready for delivery.

Stock Update: Unfortunately, we are still waiting for Size 9-12 boy's socks to arrive. 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

Music Council Meeting – Tonight

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

Band Camp -Monday 30th April and Tuesday 1st May

Intermediate Band and Concert Band members should have received all the forms and information for Band Camp. Please complete the paperwork and return to Band mailbox opposite the office as soon as possible. Payment is due by 29th March.

Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 21st February

Reminder - there are NO band rehearsals this Wednesday due to swimming carnival. Training Band clarinets and saxophones will have a make up rehearsal on Tuesday 27th February (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

*Thank you for your
support and
participation at the
2018 Oatley West
Public School
Swimming Carnival*



OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

ANNUAL SWIMMING
CARNIVAL



Wednesday 21st February, 2018

KEEP PROTECTED FROM THE SUN

Children should ensure they are protected from the sun i.e. sun block, t-shirts, hats etc. Sunscreen should be applied on a regular basis throughout the day. T-shirts and hats must be worn when not competing and water needs to be consumed regularly.

Note: Due to new regulations, children will not be permitted to dive off the starting blocks because of the height above the water. They will have to dive from the edge of the pool. At the shallow end, diving will not be permitted at all. Children will be standing in the pool before they start swimming.

1	All Age Freestyle	100m
2	8 Years Freestyle	50m
3	9 Years Freestyle	50m
4	10 Years Freestyle	50m
5	11 Years Freestyle	50m
6	12 Years Freestyle	50m
7	13 Years Freestyle	50m
Recess (10 minutes)		
8	Junior Years Freestyle	25m
9	Senior Years Freestyle	25m
10	Junior Backstroke	50m
11	11 Years Backstroke	50m
12	12 & 13 Years Backstroke	50m
13	Junior Breaststroke	50m
14	11 Years Breaststroke	50m
15	12 & 13 Years Breaststroke	50m
16	Junior Butterfly	50m
17	11 Years Butterfly	50m
18	12 & 13 Years Butterfly	50m
Lunch (20 minutes)		
20	Finals of 50m Freestyle	
21	Junior Relay	
22	Senior Relay	
23	25m Assisted Swim - for students who have not participated in a 50m swim	

Your age event is the age you are turning this year.

Juniors are 8, 9 and 10 years old.

Seniors are 11, 12 and 13 years old.

Heat Points

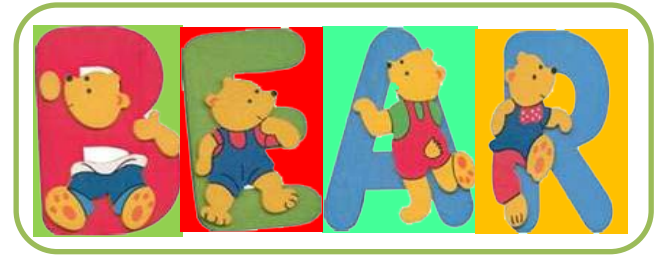
First 4 points
 Second 3 points
 Third 2 points
 Fourth 1 point

Finals

8 points
 6 points
 4 points
 2 points

Oatley West PS Records					
Boys			Girls		
All Age 100m Freestyle					
K. Robertson	1.13.00	2017	V Lin	01:10.4	2015
8 Years 50m Freestyle					
K. Watson	48.00	2017	E Gyton	56.34	2015
9 Years 50m Freestyle					
C Brooks	49.34	2015	P Lin	44.06	2015
10 Years 50m Freestyle					
K Robertson	41.47	2015	C. Shi	39.85	2017
11 Years 50m Freestyle					
M. Langley	37.86	2017	V Lin	31.79	2015
12/13 Years 50m Freestyle					
K. Robertson	37.16	2017	A Campbell	38.31	2015
Junior 50m Backstroke					
K Robertson	53.56	2015	C Shi	50.10	2017
11 Years 50m Backstroke					
M. Langley	44.00	2017	V Lin	40.72	2015
Senior 50m Backstroke					
K Robertson	43.93	2017	A Campbell	46.69	2015
Junior 50m Breaststroke					
K Robertson	58.06	2015	C. Shi	54.25	2017
11 Years 50m Breaststroke					
K Robertson	55:87	2016	V Lin	50.03	2015
Senior 50m Breaststroke					
K. Robertson	49.81	2017	L. Stock	51.75	2017
Junior 50m Butterfly					
K Robertson	53.63	2015	C. Shi	51.47	2017
11 Years 50m Butterfly					
M. Langley	43.28	2017	V Lin	35.79	2015
Senior 50m Butterfly					
K. Robertson	38.75	2017	A Campbell	46.22	2015

BEING EXCITED ABOUT READING



Parent Helpers Needed

This program is aimed at accelerating the reading skills of students (in Year 1 and 2) who would benefit from additional reading support.



This project involves a one and a half hour training session and commitment to 10 weeks of the program.

If you could volunteer, **even just half an hour** per week to support this program. Please come on **Tuesday 27th February at 10:00am.**

This session will take approximately 1½ hours and we will meet at the office to show you where to go. 😊 If you are unable to attend the information session but would like to volunteer please contact the office with your name and phone number so we can arrange another suitable time to show you the program.

15/02/2018

School Garden Working Bee- Saturday 3rd March 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

A community Working Bee will be taking place on Saturday 3rd March in our school garden.

We will be weeding, mulching and preparing our produce garden for the 2018 learning year.

We will begin work at 10.00am and finish at 12pm. 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 or Mrs Hatzistergos by Friday 2nd March.

Many thanks

L Burr

Organic Diggers Co-ordinator

I / we (names) _____ intend on participating in the **Organic Diggers Working Bee on Saturday 3rd March**. 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: _____



PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS OVER 18/ THE CHALLENGE IS ON

First Annual

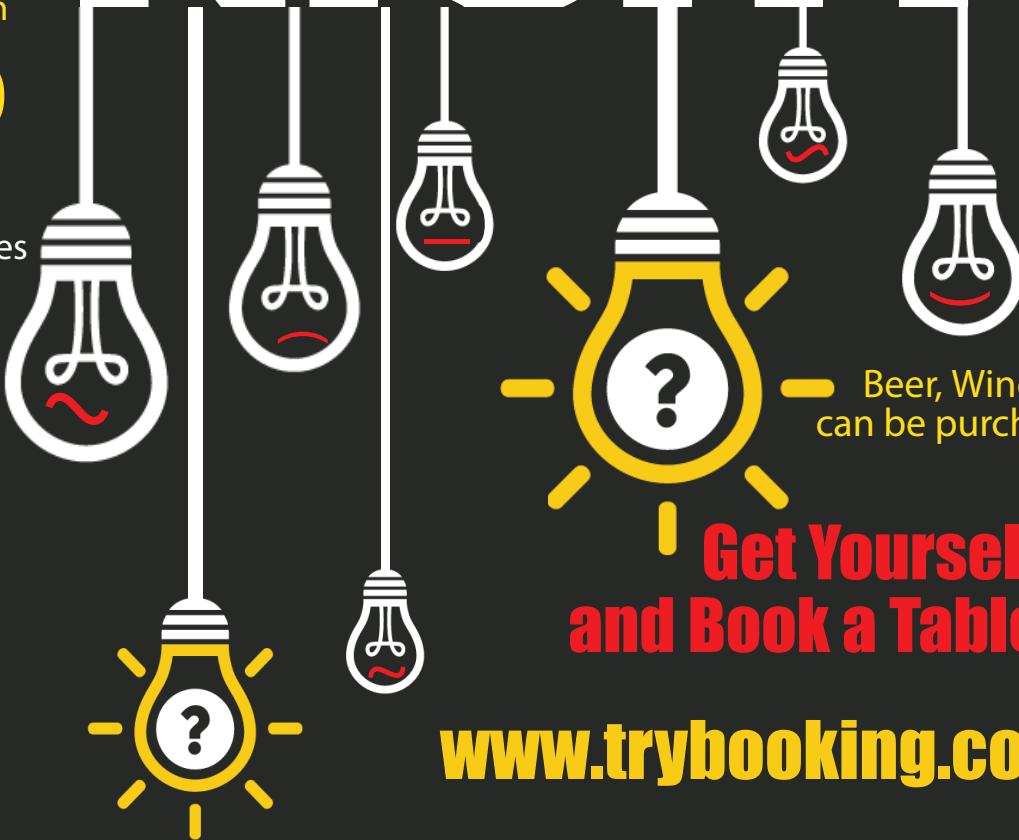
THE OWPS FRIDAY BEFORE GOOD FRIDAY TRIVIA NIGHT

**AND
PIZZA**

TICKETS
\$30
per person

\$240
Table of 8

Price Includes
Pizza and
2 Bottles
of Wine
(per table)



Beer, Wine and Softdrink
can be purchased on the night

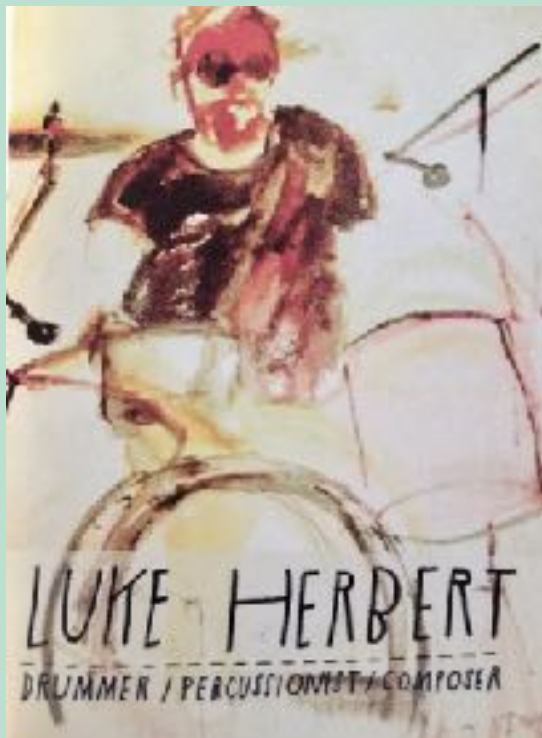
**Get Yourself a Team
and Book a Table NOW**

www.trybooking.com/UESC

FRIDAY 23rd MARCH 2018

LOCATION: OWPS Hall, Short Street, Oatley West. TIME: 6.30pm. EMAIL: owpstrivia@gmail.com

Drum and percussion Lessons at OWPS Hall.



Fridays after school, few spots still available!

Friday lessons starting this week! Learn drums and or percussion tuned and untuned with Luke after school at OWPS hall.

www.lukeherbert.com

0402 693 362

CALL ASAP to reserve a spot can start this week!

School Banking Update Week 4

Many thanks to the following parents & Grandparents who have helped with school banking week, Vicky Gao, Faith Sharma, Stella Hayes, Annie Hu and Grace Lee. Your continued support is much appreciated.



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Benefits of school banking

Children engaged in school banking learn a very important life skill.

Saving their pocket money each week and watching their balance grow is a very rewarding experience that will follow them well after their time at OWPS.

The Dollarmites program teaches children through regular savings the patience that's required when saving for a goal. For every 10 deposits made, they are rewarded by qualifying for a bank prize. Every term there are two new prizes to choose from.

Do you plan to have your child use a mobile phone when they start high school?

If yes then encourage them to start saving now. If your child is in Kindy then saving for a phone will only require \$5 per week (40 weeks in NSW school year X 7 years in primary school)

By the end of Year 6 they will have saved \$1400. Enough to buy a decent phone and cover!

A child in year 6 with no savings will need to save \$35 per week to save \$1400.00

Enhance the School Banking experience with the CommBank Youth app

The CommBank Youth app provides a hands-on experience, teaching your child to earn, save and spend their money responsibly.

With the CommBank Youth app, you or your child can;

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect
- Set up savings goals and track progress
- Create a list of chores/jobs they can do to earn pocket money.



Get Started:

1. Download the CommBank Youth app on any iOS 9+ device. (Android version coming soon)
2. Your child can securely log on to the CommBank Youth app using their NetBank client number. If your child hasn't got a NetBank client number, you can set this up by visiting your nearest CommBank branch with your driver licence and child's birth certificate.

As of Monday, 19th of February, the following prizes are available

Secret Scratch Pad 2018	Available
Twister Power Ball 2018	Available
Epic Ear Phones 2017	Available
Pencil Tech Case 2017	Available
3D Chalk set 2017	Nil stock
Colour Change Markers 2017	Available
Outback Pat Bag Tag 2015	Available
Tablet Case 2016	Available
Volt hand ball 2016	Available
Smiley Emoji Keyring 2016	Available

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.



'the place to succeed'

THE JANNALI HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT 2018

Sutherland Road, Jannali 2226

www.jannalihs.nsw.edu.au



Wednesday, 21st February 2018
6:00pm – 8:00pm, beginning in the School Auditorium

*Come along to our Open Night and find out more about what
The Jannali High School has to offer your child in 2019 and beyond.*

We believe your child deserves a school that displays:

- ✓ a commitment to continuous learning and academic excellence;
- ✓ strong instructional practice with an emphasis on quality teaching;
- ✓ effective communication and a collaborative school culture;
- ✓ accountability that values honest feedback;
- ✓ high expectations and a strong moral purpose; and
- ✓ a high level of community participation.

Entertainment will be provided by the school band and dance ensemble from 5.30pm

On the night you will:

- hear about the excellent education, extensive curriculum options, BYOiPad initiative and extra-curricula programs our school provides
- talk to teachers and students about their experience of our school
- engage in science experiments, work with wood, see hospitality students in action (and taste their cuisine!), hear our school musicians and vocal ensemble and watch drama students perform
- visit our state-of-the-art dance studio and see our dance ensemble students perform

*A Year 12 fundraising BBQ will be available between
5:00pm – 5:45pm for families who wish to enjoy something to eat.*