



# OATLEY WEST Lantern

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**27**  
FEB BEAR Training

**28**  
FEB Meet Your Teacher

**28**  
FEB Cake Day

**6**  
MAR P&C Meeting

**8**  
MAR Restorative Practice Parent Evening

**14**  
MAR School Photos

**23**  
MAR Trivia & Pizza Night



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

### RESTORATIVE PRACTICE

Restorative Practice seeks to foster healthy behaviours and stronger relationships. This is best achieved when Teachers, students and parents learn to engage with one another in restorative ways.

Our recent Staff Development Day was spent introducing and refreshing Teachers to the practice.

Students will also be involved in a workshop at school as part of their school day on Thursday 8 March. A Restorative Practice Workshop for parents will be held on Thursday 8 March at 7pm. Please mark this date in your diary. A letter with further information will be sent home this week.

Restorative Practice is an integral part of our Wellness Policy.

### WRITING EMPHASIS



#### 7 STEPS PROGRAM

Our emphasis across our school this year is on the writing process. Mrs Chappell and Mr Nash attended training in 2017 and our Executive Team attended the same training last week.

All stages will be working through the program, as well as school-based initiatives in the classroom.

We look forward to an increased presence of student writing and publishing in the coming weeks.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Many thanks to organising staff, Teachers and volunteers in attendance last Wednesday at the school swimming carnival.

The weather held off and by all accounts everyone had a great day.

Photographs and article  
in next week's newsletter

### DID YOU KNOW



Our SKOOLBAG app is used extensively for urgent communication to our community

We will use the EMERGENCY TAB should any crisis occur

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Last week we referred to the promotion at IGA OATLEY. If you frequent this store and would like to redeem points to help support our school, you will need to request a card at the checkout so that points can be gathered.

We are also part of the COLES OATLEY Sports For Schools program so please ask for your vouchers at the checkout and drop them in the box at Coles Oatley West, or in the designated box in our school office.




Please let your extended family know that they can help our school by supporting both of these promotions.


## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

SCHOOL PHOTOS  
Wednesday  
14 March

All students are required to wear full school (summer) uniform and big smiles.

Photos will include the class photos, prefects and the whole school photo. They will commence at 9:30 in the hall.

 PHOTO ENVELOPES: to be returned to your classroom teacher on the day of school photos (not before).

 SIBLING ENVELOPES: to be returned to the school office prior to the day of school photos.

## BEING EXCITED ABOUT READING



WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE?

Being Excited About Reading (BEAR) is a proven program that not only improves reading, but more importantly the confidence in students. Often these students are the ones that have the most need and this can turn their lives around.

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 1.5 hour training session and commitment to 10 weeks of the program. If you could volunteer, **even just for 30 minutes** per week to support this program please come to the school office on **Tuesday 27 February at 10:00am**.



TRAINING SESSION  
Tuesday 27 February  
10:00am

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.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

P&C AGM  
Tuesday 6 March  
6:30pm

OWPS P&C will hold our Annual General Meeting at 6.30pm in the School Library on Tuesday 6 March. A General meeting will immediately follow the AGM. P&C meetings welcome all parents & citizens of OWPS to come along.

## MEET YOUR TEACHER

Join us this week for the opportunity to meet your Teachers

### Early Stage 1

Wednesday 28 February  
4:00pm - 4:30pm  
KH/KB rooms

### Stage 2

Wednesday 28 February  
5:30pm - 6:00pm  
Hall

### Stage 3

Wednesday 28 February  
6:15pm - 6:45pm  
Multipurpose Room

### Stage 1

Monday 26 February  
1J in own room  
4:45pm - 5:15pm

Tuesday 27 February  
2KC in own room  
4:45pm - 5:15pm

Wednesday 28 February  
1B, 1VK, 1W, 1M in own room  
2T, 2J, 2M in Multipurpose Room  
4:45pm - 5:15pm

## CAKE DAY: FEBRUARY



The classes kindly supplying the cakes and yummy treats for our first Cake Day of 2018 are **1VK** and **6M**. All cakes are 50 cents and sold at recess.



As always helpers are required to sell the cakes, so if you are free from 11.15am please come along, the kids love seeing you there.

As soon as the other dates are confirmed we will send out the list of future cake days.

- School Club

## CANTEEN NEWS

OUR CANTEEN IS LOOKING FOR A TREASURER



This rewarding task takes approximately 1 hour a week with training available to anyone willing to adopt this important role.

Sadly, without a Treasurer our canteen will be unable to operate.

Please email [otleywestpublicschoolpc@outlook.com](mailto:otleywestpublicschoolpc@outlook.com) for further information about this opportunity.

- P&C

UNIFORM SHOP 

Our Uniform Shop is managed and run by volunteers and is open for your convenience every

**Thursday 9 - 10am**  
near the COLA  
outside C Block

All students should be wearing their summer uniform. All uniform requirements are outlined on our school website. [CLICK HERE](#)



**Thank you:** Many thanks to Jo G, Kathryn K, Belinda P, Nicolas P and Hayley S who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

**Winter Uniform:** Winter Uniform is not yet available for over the counter sales and is not worn until the day after Mother's Day (14<sup>th</sup> May). In the interim, we are encouraging all parents to place a separate order for winter uniform. Orders placed will be given priority prior to winter uniform going on sale over the counter.

At this stage, only 5% of pre-winter orders have been received. With almost 600 students at the school, Uniform Shop cannot guarantee stock availability if your order is not placed in advance. Some stock items can take between 8-12 weeks to arrive.

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

**Stock Update:** We are still waiting for Boys Size 9-12 boy's socks to arrive. Orders for this item 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.

– Sia Coelho, Manager  
scoelho@iinet.net.au

SCHOOL BANKING 



School Banking is 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.

**SCHOOL BANKING DAY**  
Thursday

SCHOOL BANKING INFORMATION SESSION

1 March 2018  
9.00am  
Infants side

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

**Going online:** [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

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

**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. You will need to bring your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate.

**Existing Youthsaver:** If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their Dollarmites deposit wallet.



Thank you to Mel L, Annie T, Jazz D, Faith S, Tina Y, Grace L and Erin S for helping with school banking last week. Your help is greatly appreciated.

- Jason Low  
OWPS Banking Co coordinator

DID YOU KNOW? 

School Banking raised over  
**\$2000**  
for our school in 2017

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR



SINGING BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN YOUR CHILD

The Australian Youth Choir benefits boys and girls from 7 years of age upwards to discover their vocal talent, learn to sing, develop their musicianship and performance skills, and make new friends.

Singing in a choir stimulates the mind and imagination, with research showing it has a profound effect on a child's general learning of literacy and numeracy as well as health and wellbeing. Our programme consists of weekly rehearsals in school term, workshops and 2 concerts a year.

Call us  
**1300 761 039**  
 Or visit our website  
**www.niypaa.com.au**  
 to talk about joining now

ORGANIC DIGGERS CLUB



**WORKING BEE**  
 Saturday 3 March  
 10.00am - 12.00pm

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

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

All adults attending need a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). There is no cost involved for the WWCC for volunteer applicants. See link below.

Please return the permission note attached to this newsletter to Mr Burr or Mrs Hatzistergos by Friday 2 March.

- Mr Burr

All volunteers of our school require a Working With Children Check. It's a simple process.  
[CLICK HERE >>](#)



**OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL'S  
 THE FRIDAY BEFORE GOOD FRIDAY**

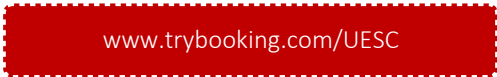


FRIDAY 23 MARCH 2018

6.30pm

Oatley West Public School Hall, Short St, Oatley

Parents, teachers, friends the challenge is on - grab yourself a team and book a table now!



[www.trybooking.com/UESC](http://www.trybooking.com/UESC)

Tickets \$30pp or \$240 for a table of 8  
 Limited seating, so hurry and book your tickets now!

Price includes trivia, nibbles, pizza, and 2 bottles of wine per table. Beer, wine and soft drink can also be purchased on the night. Note: this is an event for 18+

- This is a P&C Initiative



15/02/2018

**School Garden Working Bee- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

Dear Parents / Carers,

A community Working Bee will be taking place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Many thanks

L Burr

*Organic Diggers Co-ordinator*

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I / we (names) \_\_\_\_\_ intend on participating in the **Organic Diggers Working Bee on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

