



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Swimming Carnival at
Carrs Park



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

Mr. Nash's Corner

KINDERGARTEN DROPS IN FOR A VISIT



It was great to have Mrs. Bull's class up to visit on Friday afternoon. Everyone was very excited to visit the office and especially to see the principal. I am looking forward to meeting the other classes this week.

Particular thanks must go to Mrs. Hillsley for her efforts and preparation for Kindergarten Orientation and the transition into school on Friday for students and parents. A wonderful team of teachers supports her and I am sure this has set the scene for a fabulous year ahead in Kindergarten.



Parents saying goodbye as Kinders leave with their teacher

Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our
school nurture happy,
balanced kids.



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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Excellence: 'We have high expectations
and we continually seek to improve
ourselves and our work'.

From NSW Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Values



A thoughtful little package for parents on behalf of the Kindergarten teachers.

PRIME MINISTER VISITS OUR SCHOOL

I know you were inundated last week with photos, stories and media and I won't add too much more however I must congratulate our teachers and students. Their approach to Prime Minister Turnbull was respectful throughout his whole visit and I was so proud at the way our students talked easily with him as he visited the classrooms and engaged with students in the Library with reading and during question time with the SRC Seniors. The visit was organised extremely quickly after Mr Coleman asked me if this could be arranged, and up until late the afternoon before, we were not sure if the visit would be taking place. With a little more time, I would have been able to arrange an assembly where all the school could have taken part. Unfortunately, with the tight security arrangements the security team had to know exactly where he would be and requested a limited amount of people around him. I must thank Mrs. Azzopardi and Mrs. Hillsley for their prompt organisation of lessons for the Prime Minister to enjoy and to Ms Aravanopoulos for supporting and guiding the SRC Seniors and to Mrs. Fitzpatrick for 'priming' our reading students with the book we knew the PM would be discussing with them.



Question time with the SRC Seniors



The PM also took the time to discuss how important reading is especially to primary age children.



Mr Turnbull read quite a bit of Enid Blyton's novel and spoke to the kids about how he reads now to his grandchildren.



Mr Turnbull gave the SRC Seniors very valuable time to answer their questions and I must say our students did a wonderful job!



Signing the school Visitor's Book



Deep discussion about the problems and cures for The Great Barrier Reef





The PM stops by to talk to Mr Eric 'two great minds'.



Farewell Prime Minister Turnbull



I just couldn't leave this one out !!!!

WELCOME BACK MS MORGAN

We welcomed back Ms Morgan to school last week after a fabulous teaching exchange in Canada. We can't wait to hear of her exploits and the similarities and differences between our education systems.

LIFE SKILLS FOR K-2

Years 2-6 completed the Life Skills Course last year and Kindergarten to Year 2 commence this week.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICE

A special session will be held at school on **Thursday 8th March** to inform parents and the community about the many benefits of a restorative school. To be effective, restorative approaches must be in place across the school. This means that 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. There is good evidence that restorative practice delivers a wide range of benefits for schools. Could you please mark your diary for this session as a **must not miss** on Thursday 8th March. It would be great to have at least one representative from each family present on the night. This will support work done during the day with your children.

NEW GATE

Thanks for your patience with our new procedures for entering and exiting the school during school hours. The majority of comment has been **extremely positive**. In hindsight I should have waited until the Kindergarten Best Start testing was over as students and parents were coming and going at least every half hour prior to them starting full time on Friday. At least this way it had a thorough testing! It certainly is a lot quieter this week. We ask that you wait until 3.15 until the security lock is switched off. Please remember, this is for the security and safety of your child and staff within the school each day.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH

A form will be sent home this week to sign for approval to publish photos and articles involving your child. We are embarking on a publicity challenge this year to provide you with positive messages about our school and the programs we offer. Our slogan for the year is '*The Year of Positivity*'.

We would like to think that all children are involved in the sharing of success throughout the school year but fully understand that some family issues will prevent this. This will be a signature that approves all or nothing. It would be impossible to separate the various forms of media available to the school for this purpose.

We ask that all forms be returned to school no later than Friday 9th February.

TERM NOTES

Term notes will be going out next week (Week 3) and we hope to have all returned by Friday 2nd March (Week 5).

Teacher Conferences will be notified in next week's newsletter.

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.





Paul Nash

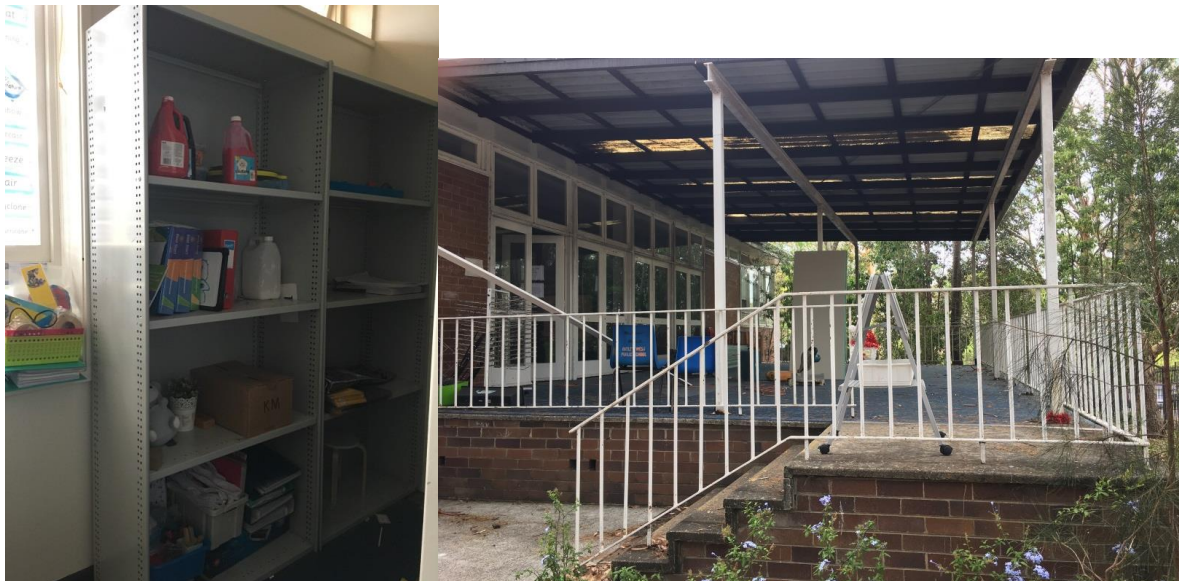


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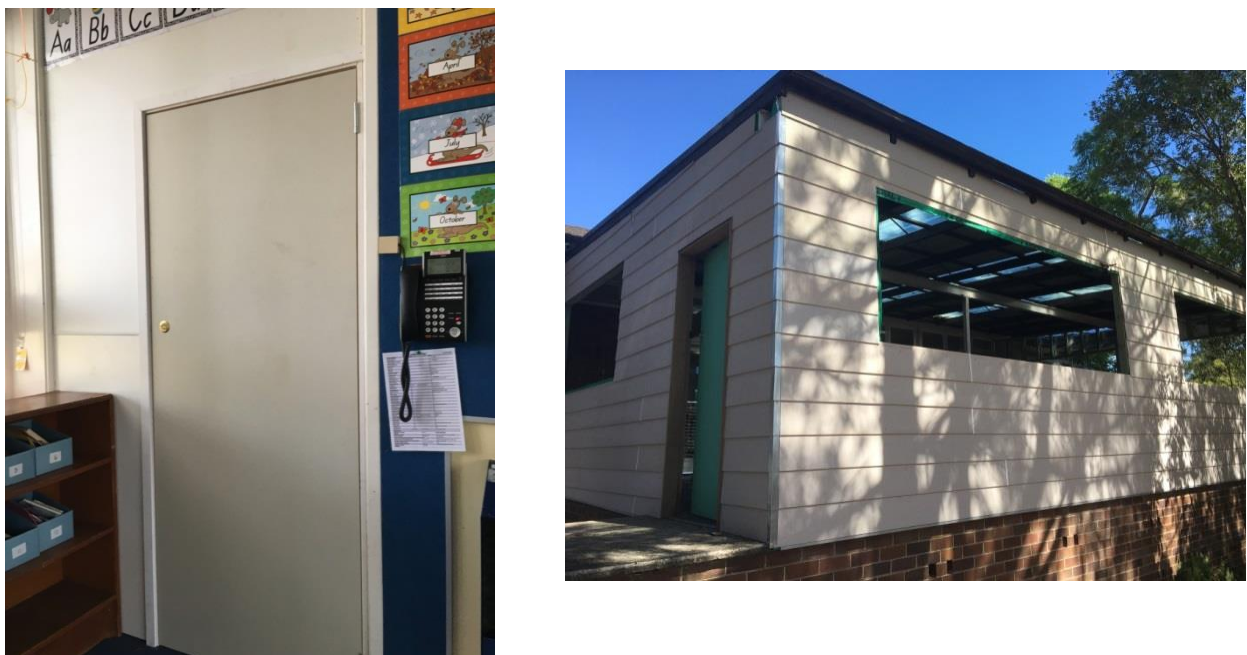
BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE FUND GRANT

We applied for a Before and After School Care Fund grant that we received. This \$30 000 was to go towards better facilities for the OOSH. We have spent this money to enclose the verandah and create a storage area for the kindergarten classroom teachers whose rooms are used by OOSH. This is Phase 1 and we look forward to finishing off these works in a second phase.

Before



After



Community Festival Clean Up

As part of our upgrade of storage across the school, the Community Festival is now storing all their equipment in one location. Over the years there have been an increased number of items that have also mixed in with school equipment. Today four lovely mothers from the committee have begun the onerous task of going through all these supplies and I wish to thank them sincerely for their efforts as this will make locating resources more efficient.



Swimming Carnival

The annual Oatley West Public School Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 21st February (Week 4) at Carrs Park Olympic Swimming Pool. The carnival is for all students in Years 3-6, as well as Year 2 students who are 8 years old or who are turning 8 this year. Due to the very limited opportunities for non and poor swimmers at the carnival, it is recommended that Year 2 students who are 8 (or who are turning 8 this year) only attend if they can confidently swim 50 metres unassisted.

A permission note for students will be distributed this week. Please return this to your child's classroom teacher.

We also require volunteers to assist in various jobs on the day. Volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check that has been provided to the school office. A volunteer note will also be distributed this week and can be returned to your child's classroom teacher.

Please see Miss Ross for any further information.

Miss Ross

Library News

What an exciting start to the school year for our students. Thank you to Scarlett, Ella, Luca and James for reading with Mr Turnbull in our Library.



Library Borrowing

Many thanks to those students who found their Library books during the school holidays and returned them last week. There are a number of students who have overdue loans from last year. Overdue notices were sent out at the end of 2017 and will be sent out again this week. Please return your books as soon as possible, as you will not be able to borrow this year until the books have been returned. Accounting for all loans is an audit requirement.

Rita Fitzpatrick and Holly Blake

P & C News

Happy New Year to all our families and staff at OWPS, we hope everyone had a safe and happy break and are excited to get back to School for 2018! A warm welcome to all our new students and families just beginning with us and welcome back to all our returning Oatley West Public School students and families.

P&C meetings are where you can contribute ideas and ask questions in regards to the everyday running of the school and to have the opportunity to know our Principal and Deputy in a less formal setting. P&C meetings are held Tuesday evenings in Weeks 2, 6 and 10 of each School Term. You will find these dates advertised in our school newsletter as they are approaching. Our next General Meeting will be held tomorrow evening, Tuesday 6th February 2018, at 6.30pm in the School Library.

OWPS P&C through various sub-committees support our School and community by providing opportunities for our students and conveniences for families. Some sub-committees raise money, with the help of your contributions; much needed funds are allocated to different areas of the school. Every dollar is poured back into the school, which in turn benefits your child at some stage of their schooling life. We encourage our School community to get involved in any capacity that suits; helping in our library, doing a Canteen shift, listening to reading in your child's class, helping with School banking, coming along to assist with gardening on the School grounds, selling Uniforms, going on excursions... the ways to be involved are endless and so are the rewards!

OWPS P&C major fundraiser each year is our OWPS Community Festival. This year it will be held 24, 25 & 26 August 2018. Last year's event raised \$43,000! This is an amazing amount of money for our School and along the way lots of fun with a great bunch of people! Pop the dates in your diary and look out for ways to be involved over the coming months.

This year P&C have already committed over \$50,000 to School Initiatives for 2018. These include support for our Learning and Support Teacher, Canteen alfresco area, our Library and Chaplaincy program. If you have any suggestions for other areas you would like P&C to support, you are most welcome to let us know.

Over the Christmas break, OWPS had a tree decorated by Miss Hillsley's Kindergarten class at Oatley RSL. Many votes were counted for the best tree; OWPS tree has raised \$250 for our School! Thank you to all those who voted for OWPS, KW for their handmade decorations and Oatley RSL for running the promotion for local schools.

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

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The Uniform Shop is 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 Joanne Garnham, Kathryn Kattis, Belinda Pekert, Hayley Smith and Jacqui Thompson 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 with School Logo. Purchases can be made “over the counter”, alternatively you can place an order. Swim Caps are \$5.00 (cash payments only).



Stock Update: We are currently waiting for the following stock to arrive - Size 9-12 boy's socks. Boys socks are custom made and can take up to twelve weeks from ordering to delivery. We anticipate delivery to arrive within the next 2-3 weeks. 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.

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.

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Paws Up!

USE THE ACTIVE REBATE VOUCHER (ARV) & SAVE \$100.00

Register for ARV from 31/1/18—Visit: <http://bit.ly/zt1BCV5>

Panthers Registration Day
Sat 10th February Time: 10am - 2pm
 Where: Olds Park, Forest Road Penshurst

Or Register Online NOW:

- Kids 4-8 Years go to: www.auskick.com.au
- Kids 9-17 Years go to: www.penshurstpanthers.com.au (Not Boken)

* Sign up * Have a Kick * Enjoy a sausage sizzle *

Any questions email: panthersrego@gmail.com



www.penshurstpanthers.com.au @Penshurst RSL Panthers Junior AFL Club

When kids ask "the" questions... Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 90 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Date: Thursday, 15th March 2018

Session 1: Where did I come from?

1-hour session: Years 3-6

Time: 6.00pm

Session 2: Preparing for puberty

1-hour session: Years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Time: 7.15pm

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
 Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.

Organised by OWPS P&C Committee

All enquiries to be directed to:

 **interrelate**
 relationship experts since 1926



Oatley West Public School Canteen Menu 2018



• SNACKS

- Fresh Fruit.....\$0.50
- Cookie.....\$0.50
- Popcorn.....\$0.50
- Jumpys (*chicken, Salt & Vinegar*).....\$1.20
- Mamee Rice Sticks.....\$1.20
- Ovalteenies.....\$1.00
- Nutrigrain bag.....\$0.20

- Pretzels.....\$1.20

FROZEN TREATS

- Moosies Milk treat\$1
- Twisted frozen yoghurt\$2
- Icecream cups (*Vanilla*)\$1.20
- Quelch ice blocks.....\$0.50
- Frozen Jelly Sticks.....\$0.20
- Lemonade Iceblock.....\$1
- Frozen Juice Cups.....\$1
 - Slushy (*99% Fruit Juice*)Full \$2.20
Half \$1.50

• DRINKS

- KIK (*Apple & Raspberry/ Apple & Blackcurrant/ Apple, Mango & Banana*).....\$2.20
- Nippys Milk
(*Chocolate/Straw*).....\$2.20
- Focus Sports Water
(*lemonade/ Fruit Tingle*)\$2.20
- Plain Water.....\$2.00
- Chilled Ice Tea(*Peach/Raspberry*).....\$2.20



SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

Sandwiches, Rolls & Wraps

- Add 50c for Roll or Wrap
- Chicken Breast.....\$3.50
- Ham (*from Jumbucks Oatley*).....\$3.50
- Tuna.....\$3.50
- Egg (*free range*).....\$3.20
- Cheese.....\$2.50
- Tomato.....\$2.30
- Avocado.....\$2.50
- Vegemite/Jam/honey.....\$1.50
- Salad\$4.00

• SANDWICH ADD ON

- Cheese.....\$0.50
- Tomato.....\$0.30
- Avocado.....\$1.30
- Lettuce or carrot.....\$0.30
- Sauce (*tomato/ bbq/ sweet chilli*) ...\$0.30
- Mayo.....\$0.30
- Brown Paper Bag.....\$0.10



HOT FOOD

Salads & Hot Food

- **Oatley Village Pies**
Plain Mince meat
Mini\$3.50
Large.....\$5.20
- **Cheese Burger** \$5.50
(Beef ,cheese,sauce)
- **Ozzie beef burger**\$5.50
(beef,lett,tom & beetroot)
- **Chicken Burger** (*chick, Lett,& Mayo*).... \$5.50
- **Sausage Roll**.....\$4.50
- **Mamee Noodles- Chicken or Beef**...\$2.50
(*Must come to canteen to pick up*)
- **Spring Rolls** -Vegetable
(4).....\$2.50 (8).....\$5.00
- **Tomato/ BBQ/ Sweet chilli
sauce**.....\$0.30
- **Quiche** (*Ham& Cheese*).....\$4.50

• SALADS

- **Garden Salad** (*Lett, Tom,Cue, caps*).....\$6.00
- **Greek Salad** (*Lett,Cherry Tom,Cue,Red
Onion,Olives,Fetta Cheese*)\$6.50

School Banking Information Session.

Oatley West Public 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 Handball
- Secret Scratch Pad
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc



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.

School Banking day is **Thursday**. Each week you need to bring your **banking book to your class and place in the School Banking Bag**.

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.

4. Existing Youthsaver

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.