



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31
JAN

Uniform Shop Open

5
FEB

P & C AGM
6:30pm School Library

16
FEB

Organic Diggers
Working Bee 10am

25
FEB

The Fathering Project
Event

28
FEB

School Swimming
Carnival



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

MR NASH'S CORNER

Just a short note to welcome you back to the new school year. I trust everyone had a restful school vacation and ready for a positive year ahead. Staff commenced yesterday in professional learning and planning for Term 1.

We welcome to our school Mrs Julia Dimovska who is the Assistant Principal replacing Ms Cross and two classroom teachers Mrs. Tara Eldridge and Mrs Jennifer Reilly. I'm sure you will all join me in a warm Oatley West welcome as well as any new students/families to our school this year.

We will take this week to establish student numbers and hopefully form classes by Friday afternoon. If you know of any new families that have moved into the area over the holidays or homes being built near you, please mention to enrol any children in the school as soon as they can AND before Friday if possible.

On assembly this morning I spoke about my expectations and goals for the year which included:

Welcome Back Assembly

- *Hot weather – pace yourself at recess and lunch – no pool or siesta time to have a rest :) Drink plenty of water!*
- *Reminder: Uniform (full uniform as set down by the parent body including black shoes), – Manners – Using our Values – Restorative Practice - General Good Manners and behaviour every day.*
- *Movement around the school – be mindful of others, their games and especially the younger children in the playground –IMPORTANT AS WE HAVE GROWN IN NUMBERS – TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER. New extension to the playground will be my first priority at the start the year!*

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

RESPECT

Be polite, cooperative and sensible.
Treat people as you would like to be treated.
Accept and celebrate our differences.



Principal Nash continued

- *Look after any new children at the school and especially our new kindergarten students when they arrive.*
- *Get involved in everything we have to offer at school: chess club, band, percussion power, dance, choir, recorder, sport and many more*
- *Remember to set some personal goals you'd like to achieve this year, write them down and work towards them – teachers will help!*
- *New Grass in front of Resource Centre Building – will take time to grow, especially during the drought and heat. Please be mindful of keeping off this area giving the grass time to embed and grow. Thanks to Mr Eric, Mr Steve and Mr Geoff our General Assistants for their care of this area during the hot summer holidays.*
- *Some new teachers to our school this year:*
 Welcome: Mrs. Dimovska
 Mrs Eldridge
 Mrs Reilly

Please make them welcome to our school and introduce yourself when you see them in class or on the playground.



Principal Nash continued

Staff involved in CPR and Anaphylaxis training yesterday.



Paul Nash



ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT

Welcome back to term 1 2019! Organic Diggers permission notes will be going home this week for interested students from years 3-6. Community support has always been the foundation of our garden. Even in the high temperatures of last December a dedicated band of parents and teachers gave our Bush Tucker garden a much needed clearing and update. At this early stage of the year we need to call on community support to help us prepare for another 12 months in the garden. After large rain events in the holidays, various weeds have taken deep root and overrun the garden space. We will be holding a community working bee on Saturday 16th February between 10am-12pm. All are welcome. If you are able to attend, please fill out the participation note and return to the 3/4HB classroom.

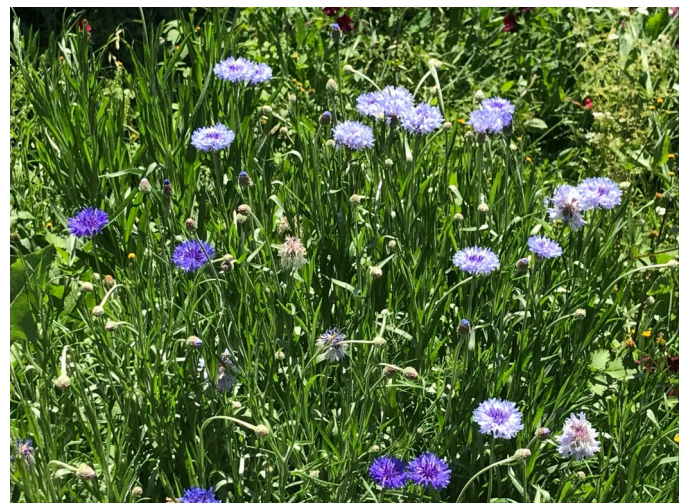
Happy gardening!

Mr Burr

Organic Diggers coordinator



ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT continued



UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will return for business as usual—Thursday 31 January 9am!

All new order forms are also at the office counter for any orders. Thank you.

P & C

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 2019! A warm welcome to our new teachers, students and families just beginning with us and welcome back to all our returning Oatley West Public School families.

P&C meetings are where you can contribute ideas and 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 Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday 5th February 2018 at 6.30pm in our School Library. A General Meeting will follow immediately after the AGM.

Thank you to all the families that each Thursday filled out their school bank books in 2018. Your efforts and the many hours volunteered by our school banking team led by Jason Low, Tina Y, Grace L, Faith S, Boris S, Angel D, Wendy Y, Hazel S, Jesny L, Annie H, Vicky G, Ling D and Stella H, raised \$2,950 for Oatley West Public School! This is a tremendous result and sets a record for the most OWPS families have ever raised. If you would like your child to participate in School Banking, please visit a Commonwealth Bank branch. If you have some time to spare on Thursday mornings to assist with school banking, please email Jason.lowgenlee@gmail.com.

P & C continued

OWPS P&C will be holding a Trivia Night, our first fundraiser of the year, during Term 1 in our School Hall. If you would like to be involved in the planning or have any suggestions please email oatleywestpublicschoolpc@outlook.com. It's not too early to start getting your tables together; the date will be advised in the newsletter in the next few weeks!

This year P&C have already committed over \$28,000 to School Initiatives for 2018. These include support for our Learning and Support Teacher, Wellbeing Officer and The Fathering Project. We look forward to seeing work beginning in our Outdoor Learning Area past the Astroturf. OWPS P&C won a grant to support this project and the planning stage is almost complete! Plans of the development are available in the School Foyer. If you have any suggestions for other areas you would like P&C to support, you are most welcome to let us know.

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

Nic Portois
P&C President



Get involved in the School Banking program.

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 2019 are:

- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Snowy Origami Set
- Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Yeti Fluffly Notepad
- Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring
- Scratch Art Cards
- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers



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.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](https://www.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.

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.

School Banking day is **Thursday**.

Each week you need to ask your child to place their deposit book together with their banking money into their class banking bag. Parents volunteering to help process the deposits will do the rest.

Link to 2019 Prize Reward Claim Forms,

<https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/school-banking/2019-01/bts-rewards-card-a4.pdf>