



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12
NOV

NON OPERATIONAL
SCHOOL DAY
Music Council Meeting

13
NOV

BYOD

14
NOV

SRC Mufti Day Farm-
ers Fund Raising

28
NOV

Stage 3—Fete Day

N

3
NOV

Combined Scripture
Christmas Service



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

MR NASH'S CORNER

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Remembrance Day is held on the 11th of November – the 11th day of the 11th month of the year.

A two minute silence is always held at 11am to remember the millions who have died at war.

Remembrance Day was first held in 1919, one year after World War 1 ended. This day is also known as Armistice Day, which is the original name to mark the day World

War 1 ended. It is now known as Remembrance Day to remember all the people who have died since World War 1.

Poppies are worn on Remembrance Day because they are the flowers which grew all over the battlefields.

Many people wear a sprig of rosemary on Remembrance Day and on ANZAC Day. Since ancient times this aromatic herb has been recognised as a sign of remembrance and loyalty. For Australians, rosemary is even more significant as this plant grows wild on the Gallipoli peninsula, serving as another reminder of the ANZAC troops who lost their lives there.

On Remembrance Day, flags are flown at half-mast from 10.30am to 11.03am as a sign of mourning and respect.

The Unknown Soldier is intended to represent all men killed during war, especially those with no known resting place. The original Unknown Soldier was entombed at Westminster Abbey in London on Remembrance Day 1920. On the same day, France entombed an Unknown Soldier below the Arc de Triomphe.

School Values:

**Fairness/Integrity/Respect/Cooperation/
Excellence/Participation/Care & Responsibility!**

Principal Nash continued

It was not until Remembrance Day in 1993 that Australia laid to rest an Unknown Soldier in the Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. At his side was a bayonet and a golden sprig of wattle. The soldier was buried in a coffin made from Tasmanian Blackwood which was scattered with soil from the French battle-field, Pozières. The SRC Seniors and I visited this memorial a few weeks ago when we were in Canberra.



It is estimated that over 60,000 Australians died in the Great War, many of these have no known graves. This left the Western Front dotted with memorials and cemeteries commemorating the fallen. Many Australians travel to these locations, as well as others in Egypt and Turkey, to pay tribute to the events that occurred, and to remember all who served and fell there.

We must always remember these people who sacrificed their lives to make Australia the great country it is today, and also today, we stop to remember and to thank all those Australians that are still fighting in peacekeeping roles in many countries throughout the world.

Many thanks to Mr Waugh and Senior SRC representatives for presenting a very moving ceremony this morning.



VALUE FOR THE WEEK

FAIRNESS

Equal opportunity provided for all students.



Principal Nash continued



The Rural Fire Service have requested that our school will not operate tomorrow to ensure the safety of students and staff.

As our school has been identified as a school at increased risk if a bushfire were to break out based on 'Catastrophic Fire Danger' ratings for our area.

This means there will be no staff on site tomorrow and we would like you to please make appropriate arrangements for your child.

It is important that you have appropriate supervision in place and that children are not left at home alone in case there is fire activity in our local area.

Regular updates will be posted on the Department's website <https://education.nsw.gov.au> and our school website to advise the status of our school's operation.

We will commence operations on Wednesday 13th November unless advised.

Please contact the school on 9580 5048 if you would like any further information about this matter.

This could be an opportune time to review your own family fire plans especially if you are in the vicinity of Oatley Park.

SRC FUNDRAISER



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SRC Fundraiser – Help Our Farmers

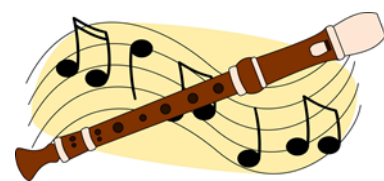
Thursday 14th November, 2019 (Week 5)

Australian farmers are the backbone of our country. Due to the drought they need our support to keep their cattle alive and food in our stomachs. We can help by donating a gold coin to get the farmers through this tough time.

If you can, dress in mufti or dress like a farmer this Thursday 14th November, 2019 to support our farmers that need our help during this drought. Your class SRC representatives will collect your gold coin donation on the day.

Thank you so much,
Annalise Farah and the SRC.

RECORDER GROUP



Friendly reminder – there is no recorder group 8th or 15th November – see you all back on Friday 22nd November!

Mrs Bull



Paul Nash



SPORT-A-THON



The recent Sport-a-thon has raised \$6889.95 so far. The plans are underway to develop the area near the bike shed. Any cards that have not yet been returned are required, even if no money was collected. Thank you everyone who has contributed towards this SRC initiative. At our last assembly, students who raised the most money in each class received a prize and the three highest fundraisers across the school also received a prize.

N. Chappell

CLASSES FOR 2020

A note went home last Thursday asking about intentions to return in 2020 to all students K-5. We need this note returned from **every student** to ensure our class plans are well informed. Any issues about class placements should be made with class teachers.

N. Chappell

BYOD



A note went home last Wednesday to all students in Year 4 in regards to BYOD for 2020. Please refer to this information. An information session has been advertised for this Wednesday if there are any further questions for Year 4 parents.

N. Chappell

CHESS TOURNAMENT



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The OWPS chess tournament will be held here at school on Monday 2nd December. If you would like your child to attend, please collect a note from Mrs Assad. Money and note needs to be returned to the front office no later than Thursday 28th November. There will be trophies awarded for the highest 3 scores and medals presented as age prizes. Each player will also receive a participation certificate. Please note that students DO NOT need to have attended chess club in order to join the tournament.

Mrs Assad

ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT



NSW STATE SPELLING BEE FINAL



Congratulations to Aaron M. (3 Blue) who represented Oatley West Public School at the NSW State Spelling Bee Final at the ABC studios in Ultimo on Friday. Aaron made it through 7 rounds and came 27th in the State.

Congratulations Aaron!

With very high temperatures and smoky conditions over the last few weeks, the Diggers have had to temporarily postpone their activities in the garden. Today we are aiming to do a brief session of mulching if temperatures permit. A working bee has been planned for Saturday 7th September.

At this event we aim to weed, remove all plants from the produce garden and sow summer cover crops for 2020. The native garden will also get some maintenance and a much needed water. The note is attached to this weeks newsletter.

Happy gardening!
Mr Burr
Organic Diggers co-ordinator

TRASH 'N' TREASURE



Stage 3 will be holding a trash and treasure stall at our school fete on Thursday 28th November.

We would really appreciate it if you could bring in any useful items that you no longer need, which other children would love to buy at our stall!!! Some ideas include books, toys, games, dolls, ornaments and trinkets.

Please deliver to 5/6 Blue's classroom.

Mrs Assad and Miss Diwell

THE FATHERING PROJECT



Thank you to all the fathers, grand fathers and father-figures who attended last weeks Games and Play event with their children. It was great to see everyone having fun and dads meeting other dads. The rain came down, but we needed the rain, and that didn't stop the fun.

Thank you to everyone who has supported The Fathering Project over this year, it has been wonderful to have so many attend the different events.

It would be great to get your feedback. At the end of the OWL is the feedback form that some dads were able to fill out on the night, if you would like to fill one out too, please do so and return it to the front office by Wednesday 20th November.

Miss Benita
Wellbeing Officer

MUSIC INFORMATION

**Percussion Power (and attached document)**

As we wind down to the end of the year we are looking to lock in everybody keen to participate in Percussion Power 2020.

First we are looking at **Re-enrolments** for all existing participants. To do this, please complete the attached form and return it to us by **Friday 16th November**. You can either return the form by emailing a copy to percussion.owps@gmail.com or you can place the form in the percussion power mailbox near the administration office at the school.

In early December we will then open up the program to **NEW** members. Please be on the look-out for the enrolment form in the newsletter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!
Aishling & Alison

Music Council

There is a Music Council meeting at 7 pm on 12th November (tomorrow) at St George Masonic Club - please meet at reception point at 7pm. All are welcome.

Intermediate Band

On Friday the Intermediate Band visited Minooka for their annual performance. The preschoolers loved watching the kids play and learning about their instruments.

The band played very well and the kids had a great time.

Thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped to make the afternoon run so smoothly and to Mrs Dimovska and Mrs Hatzi for walking with the kids.

Kylie Archer

UNIFORM SHOP

Manager – Sia Coelho Enquiries: scoelho@iinet.net.au
The Uniform Shop is open for your convenience every Thursday from 9-10am at the end of G Block. This on-site service would not be available without our wonderful volunteers.

All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.

Summer Uniform – All students should now be wearing their full Summer Uniform.

Orientation Thank You – Another huge thanks to our volunteers Jodie A, Bec L and Belinda P who assisted at the Uniform Shop at another very busy orientation. We would not have been successful without your assistance and appreciate your help.

Exchanges: Exchanges can only be made on Thursday when the shop is open. If you can't come in to see us when we are open, please leave your exchange at the school office in a bag, with your child's name and class noted as well as details for the exchange. If the error is ours, please contact us at scoelho@iinet.net.au

Volunteers wanted: Currently, Uniform Shop only has a few regular volunteers who help. If you have a spare hour on Thursday mornings from 9-10am, please consider volunteering at the Uniform Shop. Whether it's once a fortnight, month or term, all help is greatly appreciated. **NB:** A free Volunteers Working with Children check will be required if you wish to volunteer.

Plastic Bag Fee – Although we are endeavouring to be plastic bag free, **orders will incur a \$0.25 charge where a plastic bag is required to deliver uniform to your child.** This fee will automatically be added to your payment. If payment is made by cash or cheque, please ensure this fee is added to your payment.

Uniform Orders: Order forms (dated July 2019) can be completed and dropped in to Letterbox 8 located in the front courtyard. Please note, **orders are not accepted via e-mail.** All orders will be delivered to your child's classroom on Thursday when the shop is open, provided they are received prior to 9.30am on Thursday. The preferred payment method for orders is by Credit Card or Cheque as we cannot be held accountable for lost cash/orders. Cards are generally debited one day prior to delivery.

We take great pride in the appearance of the children at Oatley West Public School and encourage all students to wear the correct school uniform.

SCHOOL BANKING

Many thanks to the wonderful parents, Faith S, Vicky G and Tina Y who volunteered to process School banking deposits last Thursday.

Would you like to help out?

Feel free to drop every Thursday morning at the old canteen in the school hall.

How much money has school banking generated for OWPS this year?

Students banking at OWPS have raised **\$2120.00** for 2019 and we still have one more payment pending in December.

Who and where did this money come from?

It's called the Regular Saver's Contribution Payment, an incentive payment rewarding consistent savers, paid by the Commonwealth Bank to our school.

CBA pays OWPS \$5 every time a student makes 10 deposits regardless of the amount deposited.

That's a total payment from CBA of \$20 to every student, who deposits their pocket money every week for the year!

What other benefits does school banking offer?

Learning to save when they are young can empower them for success in the future by seeing their savings grow over time!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Thursday.

Please note the Yeti Fluffy note pad is no longer available due to nil stock.

2019 prizes

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

The following prizes from previous years are available

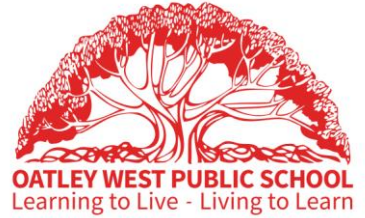
- Zoom Flying Disc
- Twister Power Handball
- Glow light
- Heat Reactor Pencil set
- Icicle slap band ruler
- Mighty boom hand ball
- Sparkle Glitter pens, Qty 4.

Any questions?

Contact owpsschoolbanking@gmail.com

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

Thursday is our banking day!



Classes for 2020

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11 November 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are in the process of planning for 2020.

We need to track our student numbers carefully so that we can settle students into their classes as soon as possible next year. We are currently on the verge of creating an additional class for next year but need to consider students who are leaving before this can be determined.

It is important that we have the completed information below for every child to make sure class allocations are correct. If we have incorrect information, it can mean we have to recreate classes, which is disruptive for everyone, so we are seeking your support in this process.

We need the information below returned for **ALL students**. Please complete by ticking the option that applies to your child and return to your class teacher as soon as possible. If circumstances change, please notify the office immediately.

My child _____ of class _____

- will be returning to Oatley West Public School on Wednesday 29th January 2020.
- will be returning to Oatley West Public School after the start of 2020. My child will return on __ / __ / 2020. (If your child is returning 10 days or more after Wednesday 29th January 2020, an application for Extended Leave will need to be completed before the end of the school year. These are readily available at the front office.)
- will be attending OC (opportunity class) at _____ Public School.
- will not be returning to Oatley West Public School. They will be going to _____

I know a child starting at Oatley West Public School. Their full name is _____

and they will be going into _____ (year, eg kindergarten).

Parent signature

Wear Mufti
- Or -
Dress Like
a Farmer!!



Our school is turning
gold coins into hay
for our drought affected
farmers



OUR

SCHOOL

CARES



**GOLD COIN
DAY AT**

Oatley West Public School

IS COIN

Thursday 14/11/19 (Week 5)

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RURAL AID
INITIATIVE

11/11/2019

School Garden Working Bee - Saturday 7th December 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

A community Working Bee will be taking place on Saturday 7th December in our school gardens.

We will be weeding, mulching and preparing our produce garden.

Additionally we will run maintenance of the native garden.

Work will begin at 10.00am and finish at 12.00pm. 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 by Friday 8th December.

Many thanks

L Burr

Organic Diggers Co-ordinator

School Garden Working Bee - Saturday 7th December 2019

I / we (names) _____ intend on participating in the **Organic Diggers Working Bee on Saturday 7th December 2019**. 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: _____





*Oatley West Public
School presents*

K-2 Christmas Concert

December 13th 2019 @ 10am

In the School Hall



The Fathering Project Feedback

Best day of the week (please circle): Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Best starting time: before school straight after school evening other:

Event ideas for next year:

Would you like to be help organise events and promote our group?

If yes please leave your name and contact email below:



Percussion Power 2020

Re-enrolment Form

To **secure** a place in Percussion Power next year, please complete the form below and return it to the Percussion Box (9) in the office by **Friday 16 November 2019**.

After this date, enrolment will be open to new students.

Classes are held either every Thursday or Friday morning during term.

Percussion Power is part of the Oatley West Music Council and is a great way to ignite a passion for music and to learn whilst having fun!

We currently have six percussion groups and have a wide variety of instruments to train and perform with.

Please note that this music program depends upon parents to help with supervision. Parents are needed to help approximately once a term for approximately 40 minutes.

Students and parents will be notified of their acceptance before the end of the term.

Any questions, please call Aishling O’Brien 0410 030 733 or Alison Crealy 0404 755 260.

My child in class would like to re-enrol for a place in Percussion Power in 2020.

I understand that there will be band fees and that my child is expected to attend weekly rehearsals and performances throughout the year.

I **agree to help with supervision once a term** (approximately 40 minutes) (signature)

Parents name (print) **Date**

Contact (home) (mobile)

Email (please print clearly)

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Mortdale-Oatley Baptist Church presents...

Gingerbread House Night



Saturday 30th November · 6-8pm

Christmas fun for all the family supporting the homeless through BaptistCare HopeStreet.

1 Ticket - \$35

Includes...



1 gingerbread house kit



Entry for 2 people



Supper



A donation to HopeStreet

Extra Person - \$5

Includes...



Entry for 1 person



Supper



A donation to HopeStreet



Tickets on sale now at
mobic.org.au/gingerbread

