



OATLEY WEST Lantern

MR NASH'S CORNER

CATASTROPHIC FIRE DAY

Many thanks to everyone within the community for your support last week. The week started with contact from Mortdale Fire Station on Monday to see what the school was doing on the Tuesday. I was in touch with my Director Sunday afternoon and the Department Health & Safety Directorate first thing Tuesday morning. We are the only school designated as 'bushfire prone school' in our Georges River patch. Each year our grounds are checked by RFS just prior to the bushfire season. Our *Emergency Management Plan* has a *Bushfire Emergency and Evacuation Plan* within it to cover this type of incident. I am happy to say the plan worked very well. We are on the Sutherland RFS early warning system should a fire approach from that area with the possibility of fire jumping the river from the Illawong side. Our policy states that when a catastrophic day is forecast the school is non operational. We attend regular Sutherland RFS meetings at Woronora station. Not one person arrived at school last Tuesday which means our communication worked and we were all away from the area. Positive feedback from the community has been overwhelming. We are heading into another week of high fire danger and continue to be vigilant and will keep you informed. Please ensure you have your own fire safety plan in place and have discussed what to do if an emergency should happen.

Could I also add that one of the main issues we foresee is the traffic problem should we be caught at school with a fire. We have full evacuation plans and with early warning will be heading down to the Oatley Senior Campus. Please do not drive to the school in case of emergency clogging roads that will prevent the fire engines getting through to fight the fire. Again we will be in touch via Facebook, Skoolbag App and we have the capability of leaving a message on the phone system.

School Values:

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20
NOV

Value Leaf Assembly
2:20pm
Cake Day 3Blue/3Pink

26
NOV

SRC Election Assembly
12:10pm

29
NOV

Book Club Orders Due

3
DEC

Helpers Morning Tea
10:45 am

7
DEC

School Gardening
Working Bee



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

Principal Nash continued

Coincidentally Stage 3 were booked in for an incursion with Mortdale Fire Brigade last Thursday. This was very timely as they learnt about the impact of fire as part of a unit in Geography. Very timely!



Thanks to our teachers for joining in on the fund raiser to turn gold coins into hay for our drought affected farmers. Last Thursday raised over \$1000 towards the Buy a Bale campaign. Each class was photographed and appeared on the school's Facebook page. Thanks to Ms Farah and the SRC for organising this important fund-raiser.

SCHOOL MUSICAL EVENINGS

We are really looking forward to our two Musical Evening performances on Tuesday 3/12 and Wednesday 4/12. Both nights present a variety of talent by our children and showcase the performing arts available here at Oatley West Public School. We really aim to develop the whole child and the performing arts area is a tribute to programs on offer. A program for both evenings is attached to this newsletter with both concerts commencing at 7.00pm.

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

PARTICIPATION

- Join in and enjoy school activities.
- Support the activities at the school.
- Contribute ideas to improve our school.



ASK ME
 What am I learning?
 How will I learn it?
 Where to next?



Principal Nash continued



Paul Nash



SRC CAPTAINS & PREFECTS ELECTION

SRC CAPTAINS & PREFECTS ELECTION ASSEMBLY



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

You are cordially invited to attend the 2019 SRC Captains and Prefects Election Assembly. This is where students nominated for election will present their speeches to the Oatley West school community in the hope of being elected as an SRC Captain or Prefect for 2020.

Details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 26th November

Time: 12:10- 1:20

Venue: Assembly Hall

Mr Nash & Stage 3 Teachers

LIBRARY NEWS



STAGE 3 GEOGRAPHY

Last Thursday, Mortdale Fire Station crew spoke to our Stage 3 students as part of the Bushfire Mitigation unit in Geography. Two very important factors emerged, that can save lives : One – every house should have a working **SMOKE DETECTOR** and Two: **DO NOT BE COMPLACENT**, plan what your family needs to do if you have to evacuate due to a fire. The Rural Fire Service website has valuable life saving information. Please take the time to look at the website and discuss your plan with your family. **PLAN and PREPARE.**

Rural Fire Service

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare>

Rita Fitzpatrick and Holly Blake

FUNDRAISER FOR THE FARMERS

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously last Thursday. \$1225 was raised today for the farmers. It's being sent straight to Rural Aid so they can get support directly to the farmers who need it most. Annalise Farah and the SRC



Thank You

...for all the hard work and effort you have put in to support our farmers in Australia during this extremely tough time.

Some areas of **Australia** are now in their **eighth year of drought**. In NSW, the entire state is considered **100% drought declared**. There are 8-year-old children, 4 hours out of Sydney who have never seen rain!!!

Whether it's the leather in your school shoes or the paper you write on today, a farmer is involved somewhere along the process.

Consider the contents of your lunchbox...

- The **bread** for your sandwich ... grains grown by our **crop farmers**;
- The **butter** and **cheese** ... produced by our **dairy farmers**;
- The **lettuce, tomato** and **carrots** ... grown by our **vegetable farmers**;
- The **ham** or **chicken** ... produced by our **pig and poultry farmers**;
- The **popper juice** ... contains fruit grown by **orchard farmers**;
- Even your **LCM** or **muesli bar** ... contains ingredients from an array of **farmers**; and the list goes on.

The money you raised will be spent on:

- Drinking water** - some farmers will now buy in drinking water and stop drinking bore water.
- Food** - Farmers tend to ensure their animals have the food they need before their own personal needs. You help feed them.
- Bills** - Everyday bills such as electricity and fuel can be addressed.
- Hay, fodder & feeds** - Farmers will also use it to feed their animals.

INTERESTING FACTS:

DID YOU KNOW

how much water is needed for...

- HOW MUCH WATER TO GROW ONE AVOCADO? Approx 320 litres
- HOW MUCH WATER TO GROW STRAWBERRIES? 1 to 2 inches of water weekly
- HOW MUCH WATER TO PRODUCE ONE EGG? An average of 200.6 litres
- HOW MUCH WATER TO RAISE A COW? One pound of beef = 6809 litres
- HOW MUCH MILK DO DAIRY COWS PRODUCE? 28 litres per day over 10 months
- HOW MUCH WATER DO CHICKENS DRINK? Half to one litre per day
- HOW LONG CAN HORSES GO WITHOUT WATER? Three to four days only
- HOW LONG CAN COWS GO WITHOUT WATER? Around 11 to 13 litres per day
- HOW LONG CAN COWS GO WITHOUT WATER? Cattle survive for seven days

ADOPT A FARMER PROGRAM

Your effort means so much:

Your efforts are not just about the money. It is about support. It is about saying, "We have your back" to Australian farmers. "We appreciate what you do and are here for you now when you need us most. Keep going and we will get through this together".

So thanks to each of you. Rural Aid will ensure your efforts reach the farmers. Great Job!

adoptafarmer.com.au | 1300 327 624

RURAL AID INITIATIVE



CHESS TOURNAMENT



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Chess Tournament

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

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

ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT



A working bee has been planned for Saturday 7th December. 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

CAKE DAY



Last cake day of the year is this Wednesday 20th November with 3 Blue and 3 Pink supplying the cakes.

School Club would like to thank everyone for supporting cake day. If it was by making, buying, coming to help sell or by purchasing cakes every bit helps. We have raised over \$2000 this year with money going towards PSSA uniforms, learning and support, new home readers and maths equipment for all stages.

Thank you - School Club

OATLEY LIONS FARMERS CHRISTMAS



The Town of Geurie—one of the towns that will receive our gifts!

We are supporting our local Oatley Lions Club for a Christmas fund raiser. We are asking all children for a donation of a suitable new toy or game to give to the farming families from western NSW. Could these please be dropped by the school office area and they will be placed under our tree. We ask for the gifts to be unwrapped but children may elect to put their first name & class on the gift.

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL RESULTS



OWPS Community Festival 2019 results

We are excited to announce that this year’s OWPS Community Festival raised \$41,203! This is an amazing result for our school and we would again like to thank everyone who contributed, volunteered and came along to enjoy the fun-filled weekend. As the entire festival is run by volunteers, it can take a little while to get the final numbers so thanks for your

patience!

So what will we do with all this money? Well the CommFest Committee is a sub-committee of the OWPS P&C so all our profits go into the P&C funding pool. Last year’s profits helped to build the new adventure playgroup that got a good test run on the Festival weekend and is now a lunchtime favourite with the kids.

Some of the other projects covered are included below. If you’d like to have your say on how funds are used, come along to the P&C meetings. Dates are included in the newsletter and term notes and all are welcome.

Projects CommFest has funded include:

- Air-conditioners in classrooms
- Providing cover for ramp access to the hall
- Additional power to outdoor areas, extending flexible learning options
- Learning Support Teacher (additional hours)
- Teachers’ classroom hampers
- Library equipment
- Interactive whiteboards in all classrooms
- Wifi technology
- A new projector for the hall
- New appliances for the canteen
- Outdoor roofing structure (COLA)
- Sporting equipment

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 be wearing their full Summer Uniform.

Thank You – Many thanks to Jo G who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

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, Vicky G, Anne H, Lily P 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.

FAQ's How many tokens do I need before I can claim a banking prize?

10 tokens (every deposit you make earns you one Dollar-omite token when deposits are made at school)

During school holidays can I still bank my pocket money at a CBA Branch?

Yes. But unfortunately, deposit made outside of school does not earn you a token. A Dollarmite token can only be earned when deposits are made at school.

How do I claim a banking prize?

- 1, Prize claim forms are available at front office
- 2, Use a 'Post it Note' with students name, class, three digit student number and the prize they would like to claim.
- 3, Click on link

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

Not sure how many tokens I have. How can I check? To check how many tokens you have, simply email us at owpss-schoolbanking@gmail.com and we can check for you.

For IOS users you can download the 'Combank Youth App' where you can check your balance, transaction history, set saving goals and track your tokens.

School banking is a great program to get your kids thinking about money! After a few years of regular banking your child will realise just how much a little bit of money they deposit each week grows into a large amount over time.

The power of compound interest helping your money grow at a faster rate than simple interest!

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 nil stock. Prizes from previous years are still available include

- 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

Musical Evening - Tuesday 3/12/19



Starts 7:00pm in the school hall

1. **Welcome and introduce compares**

2. **Acknowledgement to Country**

3. **Year 2 Choir**

National Anthem

Conducted by Miss Manuel



4. **Kindergarten Dance Group**

Move Your Feet

Ms Ashley – Dance Teacher

Mrs Tofofoe – Organising Teacher

5. **Stage 3 Dance Group**

Let's Get Loud!

Ms Ashley – Dance Teacher

Miss Diwell – Organising Teacher



6. **Training Band**

Power Rock

Stadium Rock

Star Wars

Conducted by Mr Peter Sampson

7. **Year 2 Choir**

This Is Me

You Can Count on Me

Conducted by Miss Manuel

8. **Intermediate Band**

Pirates of the Caribbean

Cedar Canyon Roundup

Dance Birdy Dance

Conducted by Mr Peter Sampson



9. **Concert Band**

Danger Zone accompanied by Levi Burr

A Tribute to Rogers and Hammerstein

It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas accompanied by Charmaine Gibbs and Peter Sampson

Conducted by Mr Peter Sampson

9. **Music Council Awards**

With special thanks to all the teachers, parents and children who came together to make this performance evening a success.

Note: Students will be informed by the item teachers and Mr Ballantyne where and what time to meet, what to come dressed in and what to bring.



Musical Evening - Wednesday 4/12/19



Starts 7:00pm in the school hall

1. **Welcome and introduce compares**

2. **Acknowledgement to Country**

3. **Junior Percussion Group**
Tumba
Conducted by Mr Chris Fields



4. **Stage 1 Dance Group**
Faith
Ms Ashley – Dance Teacher
Miss Morgan & Miss Cacciotti – Organising Teachers

5. **Intermediate Percussion Group**
Yambu
Conducted by Mr Chris Fields



6. **Year 1-2 Boys Hip Hop Dance Group**
Peanut Butter Jelly
Mrs Davis – Dance Teacher
Mrs Thieson– Organising Teacher

7. **Stage 2 Dance Group**
Calling All Hearts
Ms Ashley – Dance Teacher
Mrs Kritikos & Mrs Tracey – Organising Teachers

8. **Year 3-6 Boys Hip Hop Dance Group**
Wild Wild West
Mrs Davis – Dance Teacher
Miss Chalkiotis – Organising Teacher

9. **Senior Percussion Group**
Batucada
Conducted by Mr Chris Fields



10. **Music Council Awards**

11. **Combined Percussion Power Group**
Samba Mundo
Conducted by Chris Fields

With special thanks to all the teachers, parents and children who came together to make this performance evening a success.

Note: Students will be informed by the item teachers and Mr Ballantyne where and what time to meet, what to come dressed in and what to bring.

Stage 3 Fete Day

Thursday 28th of
November @ 1pm



What to do:

- Send any Trash n Treasure to 5/6 Blue's classroom before Week 7
- Remind students that there will be **no canteen** on the day. They must pre-order the sausage sizzle if they would like one.
- Allocate yourself to a stall (list in the staffroom). Some areas will require more than 1 teacher to supervise/take turns in supervising.
- Take your class for a walk around the school to look at the stall posters.
- Remind your students to bring their cash for the day in a labelled wallet, their hats and water bottles.
- Remind students that it is a MUFTI day

Wet Weather - if this happens, we may reschedule the fete day, however, sausage sizzle will still go ahead.

Schedule:

9:25 -11:00

Normal class proceedings

RECESS:

11:00-11:20

DUTIES THE SAME

SET UP

11:20-12:30

Stage 3 to begin setting up their activity. Thank you to the teachers who have allowed their classroom to be utilised. During this time, the kids will need to set up.

LUNCH:

1st Half - 12:30-12:45

2nd Half - 12:45-1:00

DUTIES THE SAME - NO CANTEEN Sausage Sizzle orders
Class order TBC

FETE BEGINS

1:00

Announcement will be made

Distribute show bags

Teachers to go to their allocated areas for supervision. If you have RFF - please take it.

FETE CONCLUDES

2:30

STAGE 3 CLEAN UP

2:30 - 3:25

Stage 3 students to clean up ALL areas.
All students to return to their class teacher

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 6th 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 Helpers
are invited to attend the OWPS**



'Thank You Morning Tea'

The staff of Oatley West Public School would officially like to thank all of our wonderful community teachers and helpers this year.

If you have assisted us at school in 2019, in the running of events, classroom help, scripture, excursions, administration, BEAR program, canteen, gardening, sports events, band or in any other way...

You are invited to attend our

'Thank You Morning Tea'

At 10:45am

Tuesday 3rd December in the Library

**Please note: This is a Scripture, Ethics and Helper function only.
No students will be allowed in the library for this event.**





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:

Oatley Lions - Farmer's Christmas Bush Bask Project –December 2019

(A Lions 201N5 Disaster Relief Project)

It is not necessary to explain why Oatley Lions and many other community organisations are fundraising to assist our farming communities.



Oatley Lions has, so far, as result of its fundraising efforts distributed in excess of \$40,000 to our farmers to help them through this disastrous drought, however, our commitment to continuing this fight **is far from over.**

Briefly, our current project is:

- To seek, from local school-children, donation of a suitable NEW toy or game to give to the children of farming families from NSW western Districts.
- To collect non-perishable food/toiletry items collection at Oatley IGA on 9/10th November which will provide much needed provisions.
- Fundraising to purchase food, fuel vouchers and bottled water for distribution to farming families.
- Some Oatley Lions will distribute the 'goodies' from a fellow Lion's property in Gollan, Western NSW on 14 December where we expect some 70/80 families in need will attend from Dubbo, Wellington, Bogan Gate, Gulgong, Geurie, Twelve Mile, Warren, Narromine, Mudgee, Hill End, Trangie, Forbes, Tooraweenah, Eumungerie, Parkes and Gulargambone areas.
- We also plan to, on that day, to conduct a Lions BBQ to feed the farmers and their families and offer them some encouragement to fight on.

How can you help and support this project.

A donation of a new toys, ranging for all ages, will be much appreciated.

We trust it will help our farmers and their families know that the community care and "they are not forgotten."

Please be guided by your school regarding 'toy collection' dates.

Thank you.

