



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26
NOV SRC Election 12:10pm
P & C Meeting 6:30pm

28
NOV Stage 3 Fete Day

29
NOV Book Club Orders Due

2
DEC Chess Tournament

3
DEC Helpers Morning Tea
Musical Evening



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

MR NASH'S CORNER

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 27TH
6pm - 9pm**

- FACE PAINTING
- A FIRE ENGINE
- PHOTOS WITH SANTA
- CHRISTMAS BAND
- SHOPPING
- FOOD TASTINGS &
- MORE!

MULGA ROAD CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Annual Mulga Road Oatley Community Christmas Celebration will be held next Wednesday November 27th. The shopkeepers along Mulga Road will be hosting the night which is for families to come to together and get into the spirit of the Festive Season. Festivities commence at 6pm—9pm.

Come along for lots of family fun!

FIRE ENGINE, PHOTOS WITH SANTA, FACE PAINTING, A BALLOON TWISTING MAGICIAN, MUSICAL BAND WITH CAROLLERS, LOTS OF FOOD TASTINGS AND STORE DISCOUNTS.

School Values:

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

Principal Nash continued

ST GEORGE COMMUNITY AWARDS

The member for Oatley Mark Coure MP hosted the ninth annual St George Community Awards last Monday night. He awarded many passionate and generous people who sacrifice their time and energy to assist others. The award recipients were acknowledged for their service and commitment to our local community.



Carmel Sharples was awarded an Individual Volunteer Achievement Award for her long commitment, hard work and dedication to our school band. She has been the president for many years and has helped support our outstanding school band program of

over 160 students. The OWPS Music Council received a Community Group Achievement Award recognising the work of a dedicated group of volunteers that run the school's music program.



The OWPS Music Council have enabled this program to grow to its large capacity. It has not only provided training for our students but the opportunity to compete in various competitions across Sydney, perform at local preschools and community fairs. The staff of OWPS are very grateful for their consistent hard work in making the program so successful for our students.



ABORIGINAL ARTWORK



Thanks Mr Jeff for installing our fantastic Aboriginal artworks which have also tidied up our gas box at the front of the school. These artworks were commissioned during the *artist in residence program* last term. David Dunn is very talented and our students enjoyed their programs in discovering Aboriginal art and painting their own didgeridoos. In the future we hope to continue our Bush Tucker Garden across and into this area.

SMOKY COUPLE OF WEEKS



This photo was taken when I arrived at school at 8.00am last Friday. Over the last couple of weeks we have kept everyone indoors where possible. Surprisingly, on quite a few of the days a slight wind has cleared the air just before we were due to come out at lunch and recess. Warnings have been given not to run around too much and for asthma sufferers to sit in the quiet area or to find a cool spot in the shade somewhere in the playground. Our new Adventure Playground has been a big hit during this bout of hot weather!

Principal Nash continued

TREE REMOVAL

Our annual tree audit was completed last week. We have three trees that need immediate removal and quite a lot of work trimming and removing dead branches in the canopy of just about every other tree on the property. Due to being designated a bush fire prone school, the result of the drought and for general safety in the playgrounds this work must be completed as soon as possible. My Mantra with staff and students is the three 'Ds'. That a tree must be DEAD, DYING or DANGEROUS before removal. I am guided by the Arborist as to what needs doing in and around the school.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT DRIVE

Last week we were addressed by a member of Oatley Lions club requesting support for their *Farmer's Christmas Bush Bash Project*. One of their programs is working with local schools asking students to donate a suitable NEW toy or game to give to the children of farming families from NSW western districts. Toys are to be unwrapped but student name and a message would be great if they would like to write something. Toys started coming in last week. These can be placed under the Christmas tree in the office.

Oatley Lions will distribute the 'goodies' from a fellow Lion's property in Gollan, Western NSW on 14th December where they 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. On that day Lions will hold a BBQ to encourage farmers and their families and offer them some encouragement to fight on.

In our small way we can help our farmers and their families know that the community care and they are not forgotten.



VALUE FOR THE WEEK

RESPONSIBILITY

- Take responsibility for your choices.
- Provide a good example for others.
- Take care of school and personal property.
- Be in the right place at the right time.



Paul Nash



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our SRC Leaders attended a Student Leadership Conference at ‘The Kyle Bay on Georges River’ on Thursday 21st November. They had the opportunity to further refine their leadership skills and share their leadership journey, the successes and lessons learnt from their ‘Where is the green sheep?’ project. They were inspired by Kal Glaznig and his journey at such a young age to make a difference. The Leaders look forward to realising their projects completion that should be achieved by the end of the year.

Mrs Chappell



SRC CAPTAINS & PREFECTS ELECTION

SRC Captains and Prefects Election Assembly

Parents and caregivers 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.

Date: Tuesday 26th November

Time: 12:10- 1:20

Venue: Assembly Hall

Mr Nash & Stage 3 Teachers



ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT



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 weeding and harvesting if temperatures permit. 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

P & C MEETING

The final P & C Meeting for the year is tomorrow night at 6:30pm in our school Library.

We look forward to seeing you there.

CHESS TOURNAMENT



VectorStock

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

BOOK CLUB

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

ISSUE 8 DON'T MISS OUT

Last Book Club
for **2019!**

Don't forget to place your Issue 8 order

before **Friday 29 November**

OWPS COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

OWPS COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

Day: Tuesday 3rd December 2019

Time: 2-3pm

Venue: 22 Oatley Park Ave

Contact: Glynnis 0425 256 252 or Liz 0412 751

265 for more information or any enquiries

All welcome to join us in praying for our school and it's community.

Liz Moll and Glynnis Nelson

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 onsite service would not be available without our wonderful volunteers.

Summer Uniform – All students should be wearing their full Summer Uniform. All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.

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, Faith S, Angel D, 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 Dollarmite token when deposits are made at school)

Where's my banking prize? Banking prizes are delivered to our school. This can take up to 3 weeks.

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

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

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.

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.**



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.





*Oatley West Public
School presents*

K-2 Christmas Concert

December 13th 2019 @ 10am

In the School Hall

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

