



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13
FEB

Scholastic Book Club
Due

16
FEB

Prayer Group 3-5pm

20
FEB

Meet the Teacher
Evenings

23
FEB

School Garden Work-
ing Bee 10 am

25
FEB

The Fathering Project

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FEB

School Swimming Car-
nival

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APR

OWPS Trivia Night



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

MR NASH'S CORNER



I have concerns for the safety of our school community so early in the term. I have had reports from neighbours about parking across driveways, have experienced cars driving far too quickly particularly on Oatley Park Avenue and a near miss today of a parent that walked out in front of a car. Even the prescribed school zone speed of 40 km is way too fast to be driving in and around the school environment during the busy times of delivery and pick up of children. Oatley Park Avenue is the main road entrance to Oatley Park which brings additional traffic and visitors that do not know our area. Please be mindful to drive carefully around the school precinct. Young children do not have the peripheral vision or necessary experience to be called across the road to get into the car. Better to meet with them in the school grounds or out of the car each day.

FIVE MINUTES WITH MR BURR



Favourite Holiday: I love spending time in Northern NSW with my brother and his family in the holidays. I've taught in the UK for a number of years but didn't get to Germany, so that's on the to do list.

Favourite App: Headspace. It's helped me to start my days off on the right note.

8 Years at OWPS

Favourite Food: At the moment I'm enjoying lots of fresh summer greens from my garden at home.

Favourite Song: Changes very frequently, but at the moment it's "Kensington Blues" by Jack Rose.

Favourite TV show: I'm a big fan of most HBO shows.

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

INTEGRITY

Speak the truth.
Respect personal and school property.
Do what is right.



Principal Nash continued

FATHERING PROJECT

We have had a great response to the upcoming Bangers and Bingo night to be held on Monday 25th February from 6.00-8.00pm. Still plenty of places so please get your RSVP in as soon as you can, to allow for catering.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter is published weekly and contains news that relates to the week's events and upcoming events. It is available through our Skoolbag App, the school Facebook page and the school Website. Could I suggest that you have the Skoolbag app downloaded as this is our main way of contacting you, especially in an emergency. Our school is in a bushfire prone area and is on the early warning system from the Sutherland Command Fire Service. In the event of a bushfire warning we will evacuate or on a catastrophic fire warning day we will notify you of the school procedures for that day. The main contact with you will be via the Skoolbag App.



Paul Nash



LIBRARY NEWS



Share your favourite book with your family, this Feb 14.

Ask your children to read you their favourite story.

The theme for Library Lovers' Day 2019 is 'Library Love Stories'.

ALIA (Australian Library and Information Association) is running a 200 word flash fiction story competition. The story can be about anything, it just has to involve love and libraries and has the story prompt 'there was love to be found in the library'. The prize is a \$100 book voucher.

Are you a budding author? Anyone can enter.

<https://www.alia.org.au/libraryloversday>

Rita Fitzpatrick and Holly Blake

THE FATHERING PROJECT

The Fathering Project - Bangers and Bingo Night

Fathers and father-figures, you are invited to the Dads and kids' Bangers and Bingo Night.

When: Monday 25th February, 6pm-8pm.

Where: OWPS Hall

Cost: \$5 per person, includes a sausage sandwich, drink and 5x bingo cards.

RSVP: by 20th February.

Please return the slip at the end of the newsletter and payment to the school office.

Miss Benita – Wellbeing Officer

ORGANIC DIGGERS CLUB

Thank you to parents and all community members who have already volunteered to attend our School Garden Working Bee on Saturday 23rd February.

The information sheet for the Working Bee is attached to this newsletter.

Thank you.
Mr Burr

MEDICAL PLANS

This is a message for Children with Medical Action Plans.

We would like to remind all parents who have children with Asthma, Anaphylaxis or Allergic Reactions – could you please bring in your new Action Plans (2019) and also your new medications to the school office.

Thank you.

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Volunteers

The Canteen is seeking volunteers to assist in the Canteen. If you are available at any time and would like to assist please see Laronne in the Canteen.

Thank you.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



BOOK CLUB

OWPS proudly participates in the Scholastic Book Club program which offers our kids the chance to purchase award winning books, best sellers, as well as some old favourites, while earning Scholastic Rewards that directly boosts resources in our classrooms and school library.

Thank you to Sia Coehlo and her team of volunteer superstars for helping to coordinate last year's club which raised over \$3,000 in Scholastic Rewards.



Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



Issue 1 catalogues went home last week.

Orders are due by **Wednesday 13 February**.

SAVE THE DATE

OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

Organise your babysitters for Friday 5 April.

Join us for a night full of fun trivia, food, prizes and friends. All while raising money to directly benefit our school.

Get a team (of 8) together, and be ready to book a table. Tickets go on sale 1 March.

This is a school fundraiser that is only possible thanks to a small team of volunteers and generous sponsors. If you can volunteer or donate in any way, big or small, please contact Peter York 0419 169 907. We'd love to hear from you.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

FAQ's

What banking prizes are available to claim?

Select prizes from 2017, 2018 & 2019 are available to claim while stocks last.

Please see attachment below.

My oldest child has left for high school.**Can they still bank at OWPS?**

They can continue to bank if they have a younger sibling enrolled at Oatley West P S.

Just add their deposit books together each banking day.

They can also claim banking prizes once they reach +10 tokens.

My child has ordered a banking prize, how long does it take?

We don't keep banking prizes at school. All banking prizes are ordered online and are delivered to Oatley West P S. Expect 2 to 3 weeks.

I don't have a printer to print a prize claim form.

Claim forms are available at the front office, otherwise simply add the following details to a 'post it' note, Student banking number, class and name of prize they wish to claim. Then add it to your child's deposit book for processing next banking day. Please ensure your child has 10 or more tokens.

Not quite sure what my child's token balance is. How can I check?

Option 1

Download the 'CommBank Youth' app on any iOS 9+ device.

Your child can log on securely using their NetBank client number (which you'll receive when you open their account).

Got a Youth Saver but no NetBank client number? If you can see your child's account in your NetBank or CommBank app, you can [set this up online](#). Otherwise, we can set this up [in branch](#). You'll just need to bring along personal ID, like your driver's licence and child's birth certificate.

Option 2

Send a email to lowgenlee@gmail.com please include your child's name and their 3 digit student banking number and I can check for you.

Why should my child participate in school banking?

CBA has been teaching generations of young Australians the importance of good saving habits since 1931.

Your child will spend the next 7 years at OWPS and at 40 weeks per school year, that represents 280 banking opportunities. (7years X 40 weeks)

If your child banks \$10 per week from kindergarten, they can potentially save \$2800 by the time they are ready to start high school.

Colour Change Markers
Glow Light
Heat Reactor Pencils
Mighty Boom handball
Pencil Tech Case
Scented Stackable High Lighters
Slushie Maker Cup
Smiley Emoji Keyring
Snowy Origami Set
Sparkle Glitter Pens
Twister Power Handball
Volt Handball
Zoom Flying Disc

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS (cont)

SCHOOL BANKING DAY
Thursday

Deposit \$5 per week would save \$1400 after 7 years.

Deposit \$3 per week would save \$840 after 7 years.

Deposit \$2 per week would save \$560 after 7 years.

I've used simple maths to help illustrate the power of saving money each week and watching it grow over time.

Obviously with interest payments, actual money saved after 7 years would be even more!

School banking is also a fundraising opportunity for our school. Every 10 deposits your child makes, CBA donates \$5 to OWPS.

School banking generated **\$2950** for our school last year which was a record for OWPS.

Many thanks to parents, students and banking volunteers who support school banking!

Jason Low

School Banking Coordinator

P & C NEWS

OWPS P&C held its first meeting of the year last Tuesday. Thank you to the teachers and parents that contributed to the meeting. We are most fortunate to have filled so many roles within P&C and its sub-committees with supportive volunteers. The result of having such strong parent involvement are Music and Banking Programs, onsite Canteen and Uniform Shop and a committee of parents that consistently raise in excess of \$40,000 for our School each year through our Community Festival and Trivia Night events. Thank you to these passionate parents for giving their time to provide these programs and services at OWPS.

Last year, OWPS participated in the CommuniTree promotion at Oatley RSL. Mrs Tofofo's Kindergarten class made Christmas decorations in our School colours. After all the votes for best tree were counted, our OWPS tree won **1st place** and raised **\$500** for our School! Steven from Oatley RSL visited our School to present some of the KH students with their 1st prize winners cheque. Thank you to all those who voted, Mrs Tofofo, KH and Oatley RSL.

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

Nic Portois
P&C President



3-6 Sport Overview

Sport for Years 3-6 occurs on Friday mornings from 9.25am – 12.30pm. Students in 3-6 have the option of participating in one of two modes of school sports on a Friday morning:

- Georges River PSSA competition: Students from Years 3-6 have the opportunity to become involved in the primary schools sports association competition. This is an interschool sport competition which involves travelling to different venues and competing against other schools in such sports as netball, basketball, cricket, rugby league, afl, soccer, hockey tee-ball, softball and newcombe ball. Students will be required to attend training sessions for their chosen team sport and will be advised on up and coming PSSA sporting events, venues and associated costs.
- School Sport: Students from years 3-6 can participate in school sport where a variety of sports and skills based games are organised by teachers in 3-6 who do not take a PSSA team. Tennis, bushwalking and yoga may also be offered to students, however this will depend on the number of students showing interest in these options.

PSSA Sport Overview – Dates & Sports for 2019 PSSA Seasons are as follows;

Season	Sports Offered	Start	End	Finals Date
1	Girls Basketball Girls Cricket Boys Touch Football Boys T-ball/Softball Girls & Boys AFL	Friday 22nd February (Term 1 Week 4)	Friday 3rd May (Term 2 Week 1)	Friday 10th May (Term 2 Week 2)
2	Girls Netball Girls Soccer Boys Rugby League Boys Soccer Mixed Newcombe Ball	Friday 31st May (Term 2 Week 5)	Friday 16th August (Term 3 Week 4)	Friday 23rd August (Term 3 Week 5)
3	Girls T-ball/Softball Girls Touch Football Boys Cricket Boys Basketball Mixed Hockey	Friday 13th September (Term 3 Week 8)	Friday 22nd November (Term 4 Week 6)	Friday 29 th November (Term 4 Week 7)

Please note, these dates are subject to change due to weather and/or unforeseen circumstances.

3-6 Tennis Notes

If your child has chosen to participate in Tennis this season for sport, please ensure their note has been returned to Miss Farah. Places are filling up fast, so get your note in to secure your spot!

PSSA Sport Trials - Season 1

The second trials for season one PSSA will continue this Friday 15th February (Week 3). Good luck to all students!

PSSA Team Jersey Hire

Due to a significant number of sports jerseys being misplaced and/or not returned, Oatley West Public School will be implementing a jersey hire fee. This is for students representing the school in either PSSA or representative sport and are borrowing a school jersey.

Team jerseys will be hired by students at a fee of \$20. This is to ensure jerseys are returned at the end of the season. Students will receive their money back upon returning the jersey in an acceptable condition.

Jersey hire/return dates for district carnival representatives will be organised closer to the event.

Refunds will not be provided for students if the following occurs:

- Jerseys are lost or misplaced
- Jerseys are ruined
- Jerseys are not returned by the allocated date unless discussed with Miss Ross.

The money will then be used to purchase replacement jerseys.

What happens on Jersey Hire Day?

Jersey hire will occur from 8.55am – 9.20am Tuesday mornings the week before the PSSA season commences. Jerseys **must** be hired on these days. This will occur in the Computer Room. Students are to:

- Bring the Jersey Hire Form (*Please do not place this in the envelope*);
- Bring the exact amount (\$20) enclosed in an envelope. Change will not be given;
- Write on the envelope the following:
 - Student Name
 - Class
 - PSSA Sport/Season Number
- Meet Miss Ross in the computer room;
- Students will have their names marked off on a list to record their payment;
- Students will select their jersey and are to put it safely away.

What happens on Jersey Return Day?

Jersey return will occur from 8.55am – 9.20am Tuesday mornings the week following the end of the PSSA season. Jerseys **must** be returned on these days.

Students are to:

- Ensure jersey is washed before returning;
- Meet Miss Ross in the computer room during allocated time;
- Students will have their money returned to be taken home to their parents/carers.

Jersey Hire/Representation for District Representation/Carnivals

Information regarding hiring of jerseys for district carnival representatives will be provided to students prior to carnival.

Unfortunately we do not have jerseys for every team. If there is not a jersey for your child's PSSA team, you will not be required to hire a jersey.

If your child's PSSA team has a jersey available, your child will be given a note upon their selection in a PSSA team with further information.

The dates for Season 1 PSSA Jersey Hire/Return are as follows:

Hire Date: Tuesday 19th February, 2019 (Term 1 Week 4)

Return Date: Tuesday 14th May, 2019 (Term 2 Week 3)

Georges River District Team Trials

Teams are also formed to represent the Georges River District. Weekly announcements will be made for students who wish to be selected to go for the Georges River trials. Notices will also be placed in the weekly newsletter regarding upcoming trials. Students must show outstanding and exceptional skills in a particular sport (often playing in a high grade or in rep teams on the weekend) to be able to go to the trials and only two students per school are able to attend a trial. Students need to listen out for announcements and attend lunch time trials in order to be eligible for selection. Please note, the school trial does not mean your child has made it into the Georges River District team. If they are one of the two successful students chosen, this means that they have been selected to attend the Georges River trial.

Students may then be selected in a Georges River team that will compete at a Sydney East Regional Carnival or be a part of a Georges River group that move on to trial for the Sydney East team. During a Sydney East carnival students may then be selected in a NSW state team.

For more information regarding GRPSSA district trials please see Miss Ross. Dates are available at <http://georgesriver.sessazones.com/>

Upcoming District Team Trials (School based to select students going to District trials)

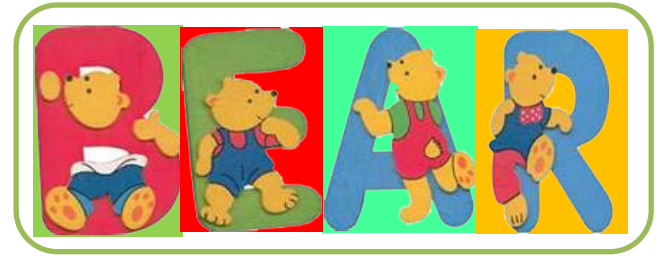
Any students in 3-6 wanting to trial for the Georges River District Girls and Boys AFL team and/or the Georges River District Boys Basketball team are to see Miss Ross this Wednesday (13/2/19 Week 3) first half lunch in the computer room.

School trials to select the two students who will attend the Georges River trials will be on the following days:

- Girls & Boys AFL - this Thursday (14/2/19 - Week 3) first half lunch on the basketball court.
- Boys Basketball - this Friday (15/2/19 - Week 3) first half lunch on the basketball court.

A reminder: Students must show outstanding and exceptional skills in a particular sport (often playing in a high grade or in rep teams on the weekend) to be able to go to the trials and only two students per school are able to attend a trial.

BEING EXCITED ABOUT READING



Adult Helpers Needed

This program is aimed at accelerating the reading skills of students (in Year 1 and 2) who would benefit from additional reading support.



This project involves a one and a half hour training session and commitment to 10 weeks of the program.

If you could volunteer, **even just half an hour** per week to support this program. Please come on **Thursday 21st February at 9:30am.**

This session will take approximately 1½ hours and we will meet at the office to show you where to go. 😊 If you are unable to attend the information session but would like to volunteer, please contact the office with your name and phone number so we can arrange another suitable time to show you the program.

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School Garden Working Bee- Saturday 23rd February 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

A community Working Bee will be taking place on Saturday 23rd February in our school garden.

We will be weeding, mulching and preparing our produce garden. Work will begin work 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 or Mrs Hatzistergos by Friday 22nd February.

Many thanks

L Burr

Organic Diggers Co-ordinator

School Garden Working Bee- Saturday 23rd February 2019

I / we (names) _____ intend on participating in the **Organic Diggers Working Bee on Saturday 23rd February 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: _____

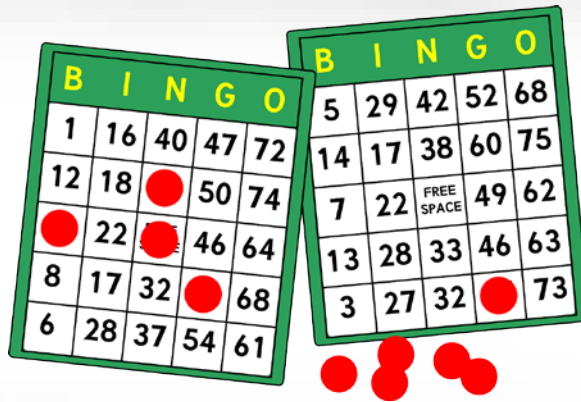




Oatley West Public School *in partnership with* The Fathering Project invites you to our

Dads and kids' event

Bangers and Bingo Night



- Who:** Dad or Father-figure and school aged children
When: Monday 25th February 2019
Time: 6pm-8pm
Where: School Hall Oatley West Public School
Cost: \$5 per person (sausage sandwich, drink and 5x bingo cards
Payment: Please return the slip below and cash payment by Wednesday 20th Feb to the school office

OWPS Bangers and Bingo Night RSVP

Payment Form - Please complete and return to the school office

Family Name: _____ Class/es: _____

Number of people coming: _____

Cash payments, in an envelope, can be made via the money chute.

FOUR CAMPUSES ONE COLLEGE



HURSTVILLE BOYS CAMPUS

Open Night - Wednesday 27 February
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Principal - Frank Abas (Relieving)
Ph: 9587 3199
www.hurstvillb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

PEAKHURST CAMPUS

Open Night - Monday 4 March
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Principal - Terry Vallis
Ph: 9153 9966
www.peakhurst-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

OATLEY SENIOR CAMPUS

Open Night - Tuesday 5 March
6.00pm - 8:00pm
Principal - Anna Girginis
Ph: 8567 3700
www.oatleysnr-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

PENSHURST GIRLS CAMPUS

Open Night - Tuesday 26 February
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Principal - Noeline Ross
Ph: 9580 3141
www.penshurstg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

