



# OATLEY WEST Lantern

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**20**  
FEB

 Meet the Teacher  
Evenings

**23**  
FEB

 School Garden Work-  
ing Bee 10am

**25**  
FEB

The Fathering Project

**27**  
FEB

 Cake Day  
1 Blue/ 5/6 Red

**28**  
FEB

 School Swimming  
Carnival

Date for Future Diary!

 Friday 5 April—OWPS Trivia  
Night

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

## MR NASH'S CORNER

### TREE REMOVAL

Unfortunately we had to have a tree removed from the playground just outside the multi-purpose room. I don't take the removal of trees lightly and seek the advice of the Arborist that completes our Annual Tree Audit of the property. I also call on the Arborist from time to time when I am unsure about certain trees in the playground that look unsafe. I ran thorough the 'Three Ds' with the children at assembly last week i.e. for a tree to be removed from Oatley West Public School it must be either **D**ead, **D**ying or **D**angerous. This was the third large limb that had fallen from this tree and right where children sit or play during recess and lunch, particularly K-2 children. It fitted both Dying and Dangerous categories.

## FIVE MINUTES WITH MS ELDRIDGE



### Favourite TV Show:

My favourite show is Seinfeld—I watch the whole series 2/3 times a year—it always makes me laugh.

### Favourite place to Holiday:

I like travelling to Hawaii or New York City. I love the relaxing vibe in Hawaii but also the hustle and bustle in New York. Plus the shopping in both places is amazing.

### Years at OWPS:

4 Weeks!

### Favourite Thing About OWPS:

How friendly and warm the students, parents and teachers! I have instantly felt a part of the OWPS family.

### Favourite Book:

The Harry Potter series! I first read it when I was in Year 4 and I still love it!

### Favourite Moment at OWPS:

My favourite moment so far, has been meeting my class—4 Pink.



## Principal Nash continued

Our school was built in 1947 and is situated on the remnants of Oatley Park. The concern of parents and neighbours at the removal of trees, however commendable, do not reflect the safety aspects of keeping everyone within the school safe.



We have many trees that are quite unstable and drop branches for survival during drought times. We are ever mindful (and have been advised) to close the Caterpillar Playground on windy days. As a Health & Safety issue and as Site Manager I must maintain a safe school and take this role very seriously when it comes to our trees. I do not move on a tree without the professional opinion of the Arborist.



Luckily this happened over the weekend (no wind or storm), otherwise there may have been any number of children under this tangled mess of branches. Mrs. McDonald is looking into a suitable shade tree to replace this one and others that have been damaged or removed over time.

## Principal Nash continued



We have a beautiful environment for our children but it comes with a cost. We must be ever mindful of safety in and around the school.



Our Values Seekers will certainly stand out in the playground this year in their high viz jackets. This is a very important aspect of being in Year 6 each year. Mrs McDonald will outline this program further on in the newsletter.



Congratulations to the incoming SRC Seniors for 2019. They are certainly doing an excellent job displaying great leadership skills. We look forward to working with them over the coming year.



#### VALUE OF THE WEEK:



Play safely.  
Show concern for the wellbeing of others.  
Be friendly and make others feel welcome.  
Consider the needs of everyone.



*Paul Nash*



#### SKOOLBAG app



Our **SKOOLBAG** app is used extensively for urgent communication to our community.

We will use the EMERGENCY TAB should any crisis occur.

#### THE FATHERING PROJECT

##### Bangers and Bingo Night

##### RSVPs Due this Wednesday 20 February

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

## YEAR 6 VALUES SEEKERS

A Values Seeker is someone who wonders certain parts of the playground to help students who are lost, need help resolving issues, or need a friend. We also help the teacher on duty if they need something done.

All values seeking pairs will award a student a school Values Leaf if we notice them displaying our school values at lunchtime. Year 6 do this during the second half of lunch each day. We are easy to spot because we will be wearing our bright orange vests. On behalf of all of Year 6, we would like to thank Miss Benita and the Stage 3 teachers for giving us this opportunity.

Zarah and Charlotte Stage 3 Students

## SCHOOL CLUB—CAKE DAY

Our first Cake Day of the year will be on Wednesday 27th February.

Classes kindly supplying the cakes and yummy treats are 1 Blue and 5/6 Red.

All cakes are 50 cents and sold at recess, under the cola and in the quiet area. As always helpers are required to sell the cakes so if you are free from 11.10am come along, the kids love seeing you there.

As soon as the other dates are confirmed we will send out a list of future cake days.

Thankyou.

## OWPS COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

Day: Tuesday 19 February 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](mailto: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.

**All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.**

**Thank you** – Many thanks to Jo G, Natalie H, Kathryn K, Bee M-B and Belinda P who volunteered at the Uniform Shop over the past two weeks.

**Uniform Orders: Please ensure you nominate your child's full class name on the order form e.g. 5/6 Pink not 5/6P. We have Pink and Purple in both years 4 and 5/6 and the full class name allows us to be able to find your child's class for easier delivery.**

**Plastic Bags** – We are plastic bag free. Please bring your own reusable bag or alternatively we will be selling Enviro Bags for \$3.00, with all proceeds supporting the Year 6 end of year Fundraiser.

**Swimming Carnival** – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Support your Sports House by purchasing a swim cap in your House colour with school logo.



**Uniform Orders:** Order forms (dated January, 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.**

## BANKING NEWS—FAQ's

**What banking prizes are available to claim?**

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

**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 an email to [lowgenlee@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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 Co-ordinator

## **Sports News**

### **PSSA Sport Notes**

Congratulations to all students who made it into a PSSA team for season 1. Please ensure your permission note, code of conduct and any necessary medical forms are handed in to your coach before this Thursday.

A reminder of key dates for Season 1 PSSA sport:

- Start: Friday 22nd February (Term 1 Week 4)
- End: Friday 3rd May (Term 2 Week 1)
- Finals: Friday 10th May (Term 2 Week 2)

### **PSSA Sport Coaches/Venues**

Below is a list of the PSSA sports for this season, coaches and playing venues.

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Girls Basketball	Mr Griffiths	Various schools - refer to draw
Girls Cricket	Miss Diwell	Gannons Park
Boys T-ball & Softball	Miss Ross	Gannons Park
Boys Touch Football	Miss Barca	Peakhurst Park
Boys & Girls AFL	Miss Eldridge	Olds Park

### **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 Boys Football (Soccer) team, Girls Football (Soccer Team) and/or Rugby League team are to see Miss Ross first half lunch in the computer room this Monday Lunch time (18/2/19 Week 4) .

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.

### **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:*

**Sports Relevant:** Senior Girls Rugby League & AFL

**Hire Date:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 (Term 1 Week 4)

**Return Date:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 (Term 2 Week 3)

M. Ross

## Student Representative Council (SRC)

Congratulations to the following students on being elected as their class SRC this year. Badges for class SRC leaders will be presented at the whole school assembly on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019** (Week 4) starting at 2:10pm in the hall. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Thank you,  
Ms Annalise Farah (4 Purple)

Class	SRC Leaders
1 Blue Mr Waugh	Akina T Jacob C
1 Green Ms Cacciotti	Ari W Eleanor Z
1 Red Mr Ballantyne	Fletcher B Maeve O
1/2 Yellow Ms Morgan	Emma S Marko V
2 Blue Mrs Ramsay	Lilya Z Novak P
2 Green Mrs Bull	Eva J Wilber Y
2 Purple Mrs Thieson	Ewan Y Paige M
2 Red Ms McIntosh	Evan V Jesy R
3 Blue Mrs Reilly	Cristopher J Jemma P
3 Pink Ms Barca	Ayden N Emily C
3 Red Mrs Hatzistergos and Mr Burr	Emma M Travis K
3/4 Aqua Mrs Dimovska	Hamish B Nina G
4 Pink Ms Eldridge	Nate R Sofia P
4 Purple Ms Farah	Hugh R Phoebe B
5/6 Blue Mrs Assad	Dylan K Lily S
5/6 Orange Mrs McDonald	Lucas B Maya H
5/6 Pink Ms Diwell	Jarrold C Zarah B
5/6 Purple Ms Aravanopoulos	Noah N Tiana A
5/6 Red Mr Griffiths	Isabella V Joshua H





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## Being Excited About Reading (B.E.A.R.) Program

### Adult Helpers Required

Dear Parents,

We are seeking any adult helpers who can assist with the following exciting reading project! We have run this program for the last few years with fantastic results. We would like to provide more students with the opportunity to access this program.

*Description:* This 10 week program is aimed at accelerating the reading skills of students (in Year 1 and 2) who would benefit from additional reading support. The school provides all training and materials to support this wonderful program.

*This project involves:*

- a one and a half hour tutor training session
- commitment to 10 weeks of the program. Each lesson takes ½ hour with a clear step by step guide to follow and all resources are prepared for each student (students require at least 3 lessons a week, but can have more than 1 tutor).

If you are interested in volunteering some time, **even just half an hour** per week, please come along to the next tutor training session this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 9.30am. If you know of another adult, such as a grandparent, who would like to be a part of this B.E.A.R. tutor program, please let them know about the tutor session.

We will be offering tutor training on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 9:30 am**. This session will take approximately 1½ hours and we will meet at the office to show you where to go.

We will be making up a timetable to commence immediately after this session. We ask you to come with the times you are available to assist with this program to the training session and your Working with Children's Check.

If you are unable to make this session and are interested in the program, please contact the office.

If you have previously attended a training session, been a tutor and are available to tutor again this year, please let the office or Mrs Cavallaro know of your availability. You are welcome to attend the session again if you would like a refresher.

If you require any further information or have any questions, please contact Mrs Cavallaro via the office.

Thank you,  
Carina Cavallaro  
Oatley West Public School B.E.A.R. Co-ordinator

31/01/2019

**School Garden Working Bee- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**

Dear Parents / Carers,

A community Working Bee will be taking place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Many thanks

L Burr

*Organic Diggers Co-ordinator*

**School Garden Working Bee- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**

I / we (names) \_\_\_\_\_ intend on participating in the **Organic Diggers Working Bee on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

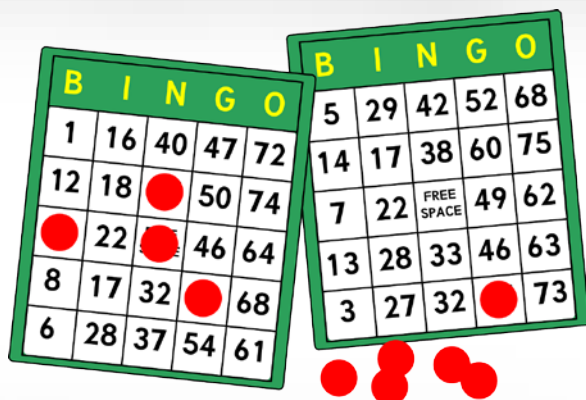




Oatley West Public School *in partnership with* The Fathering Project  
invites you to our

Dads and kids' event

# Bangers and Bingo Night



**Who:** Dad or Father-figure and school aged children  
**When:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

# TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

6:30 PM SCHOOL HALL

## TICKETS

**\$35**  
PER PERSON

**\$280**  
TABLE OF 8

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES: ENTRY,  
TRIVIA, FOOD, DRINK VOUCHER

BEER, WINE & SOFT DRINK CAN  
BE PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT

RAFFLES, PRIZES, GIVEAWAYS  
& MORE

**THEME: WEAR SOME RED INSTEAD**

TICKETS ON SALE 1 MARCH

THIS IS AN ADULTS ONLY (18+ YEARS) FUNDRAISING EVENT