



# OATLEY WEST Lantern

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**27**  
FEB

Organic Diggers Working Bee 3:30pm

**27**  
FEB

 Cake Day  
1 Blue/5/6 Red

**28**  
FEB

School Swimming Carnival

**5**  
MAR

 P & C General Meeting  
6:30pm

**2**  
APR

Short &amp; Sweet Concert Music

**5**  
APR

OWPS Trivia Night


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

## MR NASH'S CORNER — *Great kids, Great teachers, Great school*

We know our kids love coming to school each day. They tell us regularly. The playground is buzzing from early morning most days with tutoring in recorder, percussion band as well as beginning, intermediate and senior band and a strong Out of School Hours Care facility (OOSH). The playground may look full of students however each of the above are supervised by various parent volunteers that support each of the activities. OOSH has instructors caring for children that arrive early before school and for after school care.

If your child does not take part in any of the activities mentioned above they should not be in the school playground until 8.55 when teachers commence duty. Teachers attend three morning meetings each week and preparing for their busy day. Please do not send your child to school until 8.55am when supervision commences.

## FIVE MINUTES WITH MRS REILLY



**Years at Oatley West:** 4 weeks

**Favourite thing about O.W :** The warm welcome I received from the staff and many students when I arrived. Although, I especially love that Oatley West is close to home so I can ride my bike to school.

**Favourite song:** "Follow the Sun" by Xavier Rudd

**Favourite place to holiday:** We're really loving exploring Australia with our three boys these days. We've recently explored Tasmania, the Great Barrier Reef and Kakadu. This Easter we're driving from Alice Springs to Uluru and can't wait!

**Favourite T.V show:** "Outlander" - I feel like I've travelled back in time.

**Favourite Movie:** Avatar



## VALUE FOR THE WEEK

### FAIRNESS

Equal opportunity provided for all students.  
Stand up for others who need help.  
Play by the rules.



I am really pleased at the standard of students attending in full school uniform. Just a reminder that the full school uniform includes wearing black shoes. School Uniform Policy is laid out by the Parents & Citizens Association (our community) and we have a strong Uniform Shop that stocks uniform requirements.

A major focus of our school is to build independence and resilience within our children and our wellbeing program does just that. The power of home and school working together achieves so much.

At this time of the year, our teachers are working hard on increasing expectations in regards to behaviour, manners, work ethic, homework, resilience and working collaboratively in their current classes.

A reminder that all absences require an explanation, which is an expectation of the Department of Education. All absences are required to be explained within 7 days of the absence.

Our Skoolbag app can be used to notify the school of any absence and this used as the explanation. Likewise, a handwritten note to the teacher will be sufficient.



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

We will use the **EMERGENCY TAB** should any crisis occur.

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Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

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We create collaborative learning environments

We all play a part

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School Community Charter  
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Some of our wonderful teachers getting into the spirit of sport on Friday.

**GREAT TEACHERS, GREAT KIDS, GREAT SCHOOL**



*Paul Nash*



All volunteers of our school require a Working With Children Check.

It's a simple process.

[CLICK HERE >>](#)



## BANGERS & BINGO NIGHT

### Bangers and Bingo **TONIGHT**

Due to a great response to the Bangers and Bingo night we are relocating to the astro turf. Please bring a blanket to sit on. The event starts at 6pm, and finishes at 8pm. Thank you to all those who have RSVP'd, we look forward to seeing you to-night.

Miss Benita  
Wellbeing Officer.

## PSSA SPORT

Round 2 of PSSA will continue this Friday 1st March (Week 5). Please keep an eye on the SkoolBag App as well as the school Facebook page.

PSSA can often be cancelled early Friday morning and parents will be notified via these Apps. In the event of PSSA being cancelled, Tennis, School Sport and all Friday morning training sessions will also be cancelled.

Good luck to all the teams in their first game this week.

M. Ross

## P & C NEWS

Our next General Meeting will be held Tuesday 5th March at 6.30pm, in our School Library. All welcome to come along.

Nic Portois

P&C President

[oatleywestpublicschoolpc@outlook.com](mailto:oatleywestpublicschoolpc@outlook.com)



## GREEN GAZETTE

The Green Gazette has started up again for its fourth year!

The Green Gazette is a group of students from years 3-6 who get together every Wednesday lunch and write about our world and the environment. At the end of every year, we publish a newspaper with all of our articles. We sell the papers and donate the money to an environmentally friendly organisation.

The teachers who help us run the Green Gazette are Mrs McDonald and Miss Benita. Green Gazette is so much fun and we are already working hard on our first stories for the year. If you would like to join us, come along to Mrs McDonald's room at lunchtime on Wednesday. We hope to see you there!

Briean and Maya.



## ORGANIC DIGGERS CLUB

What a fantastic show of OWPS community spirit at Saturday's working bee! Despite the inclement weather, a dedicated band of parents, students and teachers worked together to get our garden ready for 2019. We removed all of the overgrown weeds and plants from the garden and put a layer of mulch across the site to continue improving soil. A massive thank you to all who battled the elements for our students! Organic Diggers club will begin today. We will be holding a short working bee this Wednesday after school to distribute the last of the mulch and tidy up in front of and behind the bike sheds. The attendance note is attached to this newsletter. Happy gardening!

Mr Burr

*Organic Diggers co-ordinator*



## UNIFORM SHOP

Manager – Sia Coelho

Enquiries: [scoelho@inet.net.au](mailto:scoelho@inet.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 Bee M-B and Belinda P who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

**Kindy Parents/Caregivers:** A note was sent home with your children last week for you to pre-order your child's Winter Uniform. The Uniform Shop will be displaying the winter uniform from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March (9am – 9.30am) for you to try on your child. Please ensure all pre-order forms are returned by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, to allow sufficient time to order stock for your children.

**Years 1 to 6:** Please start considering your winter uniform requirements. We encourage all parents to place a order for winter uniform (marked WINTER), which will be filled and delivered as stock becomes available. Placing your order prior to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, will allow time for sufficient stock to be ordered for your children's needs as some stock can take between 8 to 12 weeks to arrive.

**Class Names:** 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.

**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.**

## SCHOOL BANKING

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers Faith S, Tina Y, and Annie H who helped process our banking last Thursday.



## School Banking Tokens

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TOKENS

One silver Dollarmites token will be issued for every School Banking deposit made (maximum of one per week).

You need to have made 10 School Banking deposits to redeem a reward.

Tokens do not expire. If you don't have enough tokens at the end of any year, you can save them for the next year, until you have 10 tokens to redeem for a reward item.

Tokens cannot be pooled between, or given to, siblings or friends to get rewards faster. The School Banking rewards program is designed to reward individual savings.

All rewards are available to order from the term listed and are offered only while stocks last.

Your deposit/token count is electronically tracked by School Banking so it doesn't matter if you lose your Silver Dollarmites tokens.

You can also track your tokens on our new, fun, easy to use CommBank Youth App (visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) for details).

If you forget to put your School Banking in one week, you are unable to make 2 deposits the following week for 2 tokens. Maximum of one deposit/one token per week.

## HOW TO REDEEM YOUR TOKENS FOR A REWARD ITEM

To redeem your reward item from School Banking:

Place the slip in your yellow Dollarmites wallet with your 10 Silver Dollarmites tokens;

Hand it in with your School Banking Deposit on School Banking Day.

Turnaround time for claiming prizes can take 2 to 3 weeks.

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

<https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/youth/2018-01/school-banking-parent-pack-rewards-card-colour-0118.pdf>

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## MUSIC COUNCIL NEWS

Short & Sweet Concert

Short & Sweet Concert will be held on Tuesday 2nd April (week 10). All Bands will be performing as well as some special guests! Parents please mark the date in your diaries. Correct Band Uniforms will need to be worn. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

Swimming Carnival

Concert Band rehearsal is cancelled this Thursday 28th February due to the Swimming Carnival.

Training Band

Small group rehearsals have now finished. Full Training Band rehearsals are now on Mondays and Wednesdays. Children please arrive at 8.35am.

Band and Percussion Power Fees

All Band and Percussion Power have been issued. Prompt payment would be appreciated.  
Music Council

## TRIVIA NIGHT: FRIDAY 5 APRIL

## SPECIAL OFFER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

Trivia Night tickets are open for pre-sale now for our OWP School Community.

Buy your tickets early before ticket sales are open to the general public this Friday.

Tables are limited, so get in quick.

[CLICK HERE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS](#)

Or refer to the poster attached to this newsletter.

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 [owpstrivia@gmail.com](mailto:owpstrivia@gmail.com)

## LIBRARY NEWS

This is a reminder that all library books need to be returned each week, however they can be reborrowed if you haven't finished!

All library books must be borrowed using a plastic bag or our school library bag.

Thank you!

Mrs Fitzpatrick & Miss Blake



25/02/2019

**School Garden Working Bee- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Dear Parents / Carers,

A community Working Bee will be taking place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February in our school garden.

We will be weeding, mulching and preparing our produce garden. Work will begin work at 3.30pm. 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 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Many thanks

L Burr

*Organic Diggers Co-ordinator*

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I / we (names) \_\_\_\_\_ intend on participating in the **Organic Diggers Working Bee** on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</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: \_\_\_\_\_





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# TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

6:30 PM SCHOOL HALL

## TICKETS

**\$35**  
PER PERSON

**\$280**  
TABLE OF 8

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

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

RAFFLES, PRIZES, GIVEAWAYS  
& MORE

**THEME: WEAR SOME RED INSTEAD**

BUY TICKETS ONLINE

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OWPSTRIVIA@GMAIL.COM

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