



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 FEB P & C AGM
6:30pm School Library

13 FEB Scholastic Book Club
due date

16 FEB Organic Diggers
Working Bee 10am

25 FEB The Fathering Project
Event

28 FEB School Swimming
Carnival



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

MR NASH'S CORNER

Facebook has the power to be absolutely *destructive* or *constructive*. Whilst I appreciate parents need to belong to a stage/grade Facebook page I am disturbed at some of the content that is being reported to me by parents that have access to these pages. Please use these pages to support our school and the teachers that work extremely hard to bring the best education possible to your children.

Decisions are made to suit the social, emotional and academic needs of our students and every year a lot of thought and effort goes into preparation for classes and relevant teachers for these classes.

I thank those parents that have trust in our school and its professional teaching staff to make these decisions each year.

FIVE MINUTES WITH MRS DIMOVSKA



Time at OWPS: I am a new staff member for 2019. My two children, Antony and Samuel Dimovski attended OWPS and I feel very lucky to be part of the OWPS staff.

Favourite Thing About OWPS: The strong OWPS community (students, staff & parents) working together to provide programs for the students in various areas of learning. This year I look forward to being involved with these programs as a teacher.

Favourite Event: The Community Festival would be my favourite event. All the hard work of the community, teachers, and students coming together to showcase this amazing school and talented students.

Favourite Holiday: Last year I was able to travel with my family to Europe. We visited some amazing countries. Going to Macedonia was very special for my children. They were able to visit the country their grandparents were born in and really get an insightful experience of the Macedonian culture.

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

RESPECT

Be polite, cooperative and sensible.
Treat people as you would like to be treated.
Accept and celebrate our differences.



Principal Nash continued

2019 CLASSES

Kindergarten Blue	Ms Chalkiotis
Kindergarten Green	Ms Manuel
Kindergarten Orange	Mrs Tofohe AP
Kindergarten Pink	Mrs Heneghan/Mrs Colbert
1 Blue	Mr Waugh
1 Green	Ms Cacciotti
1 Red	Mr Ballantyne
1/2 Yellow	Ms Morgan
2 Blue	Mrs Ramsay
2 Green	Mrs Bull
2 Purple	Mrs Thieson
2 Red	Mrs McIntosh
3 Blue	Mrs Reilly
3 Pink	Ms Barca
3 Red	Mrs Hatzistergos/Mr Burr
3/4 Aqua	Mrs Dimovska AP
4 Pink	Mrs Eldridge
4 Purple	Ms Farah
5/6 Blue	Mrs Assad
5/6 Orange	Mrs McDonald
5/6 Pink	Ms Diwell
5/6 Purple	Ms Aravanopoulos AP
5/6 Red	Mr Griffiths
Instructional Leader	Mrs Ferlazzo AP
Teacher Librarians	Mrs Fitzpatrick/Mrs Blake
Learning Support (LaST)	Mrs Cavallaro
EAL/D Support teachers	Mr Mikhail/Mrs Kritikos
Welfare Officer	Mrs Ollerton
Release teachers	Ms Ross/Mrs Tracey
School Psychologist	Mrs Kazi
Support staff (SLSO)	Mrs Brown/Mrs Shannon/ Mrs Creagh/Mrs
Administrative Manager	Mrs Haavisto
Administrative Officer	Mrs Golledge
Administrative Officer	Mrs Fulker M,Tu [Lib],W
Administrative Officer	Mrs Robertson Th, F
Administrative Officer	Mrs Gidney Tu, W
General Assistant	Mr Flynn (Mr Eric) M, Tu, W
General Assistant	Mr Treble (Mr Geoff) Th, F



Principal Nash continued

SCHOOL BANKING

Please note, commencing this week all school banking will be conducted from the Hall Canteen area. This has the convenience of opening the shutters for students to bring their bank books and is under cover.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many thanks for the splendid effort in full school uniform being worn for the beginning of the school year. The school looked spectacular on assembly. Please note that black school shoes should be worn each day.

NEW TURF

A new improvement to our school facilities has been the turfing of the area outside the resource centre and canteen. This project was made possible through the generosity of the Kenny family in conjunction with the school general assistants. Thanks to Naila and Gartrell for their insight to complete this area with the new turf.



It is perceived that this area will be utilised as a passive recreation area where the children can sit and enjoy a picnic lunch or recess or teachers to utilise for group exercises or reading groups. We might refer to this area as the 'Village Green'.

Thanks also to our General Assistants Eric, Steve and Geoff for looking after this area during the hot weather over the Christmas Break. We may very well have lost this new grass to the heat!

Principal Nash continued

MINDFUL MINUTES

The staff at Oatley West Public School are very aware that stress and anxiety are issues which can affect all of our community. Both Resilient Youth and Tell Them From Me data collected at our school over the past two years indicated that an increasing number of students are experiencing anxious moments and are in need of resilience techniques to help them manage these feelings.

With this in mind, last year several groups of students from across the school had the benefit of attending sessions with Peaceful Kids facilitators. 'Peaceful Kids' is a Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program designed to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children from Kinder to Year 12. It gives children the skills, practice and support to utilise coping strategies that decrease the symptoms of anxiety and stress. This program helps children to build their emotional resilience, so they are better equipped to deal with the day to day stresses that life brings them.

Peaceful Kids proved to be so beneficial that two Oatley West teachers (Miss Morgan and Mrs McDonald) have now been officially trained as facilitators and will be able to run the program with other groups of students throughout the year.

Furthermore, our facilitators will be attending additional training in the Peaceful Parents Program, so that we can also help our parents to learn strategies to lessen stress and build resilience in their children.

However, to reach all of our students, staff have also decided to implement Mindful Minutes across the entire school. Each day for the first three minutes after lunch, all students and their teachers will stop, relax and practice mindful breathing. Teachers have been given training and resources in conducting these sessions. We hope these Mindful Minutes will enable students and staff to feel more relaxed and prepared for learning.

We are committed to helping our community become more confident, resilient learners, and look forward to including you on our journey.

HEADING

Everyone who
remembers his own
education remembers
teachers, not methods
and techniques. The
teacher is the heart of
the educational
system.

Sidney Hook

Research tells us that most single, important aspect of learning for children in the classroom is the teacher. The child's relationship with their teacher is pivotal in learning and growing. All of our teachers are university trained professionals and I look at them as I would a doctor practising in their own clinic. A teachers practice is their classroom, their approaches may vary but their goal is to teach the stage appropriate content from the Department of Education syllabus.

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) is a one year study. Stage 1 (years 1&2), Stage 2 (years 3&4) and Stage 3 (years 5&6) are all two years of study. The stages are set in learning years not chronological years. A teacher will differentiate their lessons to cater to the ability of every student in their class from the gifted student to the student that may struggle with some of the concepts being taught. I'm very proud of the standard of teaching at Oatley West Public School and have the utmost faith and trust that each and every teacher under my care are working towards educating the whole child which is my personal teaching philosophy!



OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Paul Nash



LIBRARY NEWS



Welcome back to Library 2019. Library is part of learning at Oatley West. Each week students attend Library lessons and are expected to bring their Library bags and borrow. We look forward to working with your children, exploring quality literature and developing their research skills.
Rita Fitzpatrick and Holly Blake

ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT

Community support has always been the foundation of our garden. At this stage of the year we need to call on students and parents to help us prepare for another 12 months of sustainability education. After large rain events in the holidays, various weeds have taken deep root and overrun the garden space.

We will be holding a community working bee on Saturday 23rd February between 10am-12pm. All are welcome. If you are able to attend, please fill out the participation note and return to the 3 Red classroom (Mr. Burr and Mrs Hatzistergos)

Happy gardening!

Mr Burr

Organic Diggers Coordinator

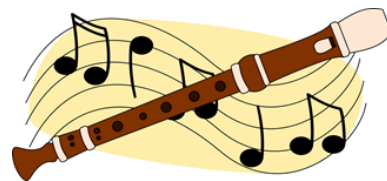
BANGERS & BINGO—SAVE THE DATE

The first Fathering Project event is happening on February 25th at 6pm-8pm. We will be hosting a Dads and Kids Bangers and Bingo night at OWPS. Notes will be coming home soon with more information, but please put this event in your calendar. \$5 per person.

You may have seen in the news over the holidays that the Federal Government has rolled out funding over the next 3 years towards the Fathering Project. It's great that OWPS is on board with this project and is one of the first schools in the St George District to roll it out in 2019.

Miss Benita
Wellbeing Officer.

RECORDER GROUP



Recorder returns this Friday, 8th February. The Advanced Recorder group will meet at 8am and Beginners will commence at 8:30am. Please meet in Mrs Bull's classroom, Year 2 Green.
Thank you.

CHESS CLUB



Any children interested in participating in Chess, please see the form at the end of this newsletter. There are forms also available at the school office.

Chess will commence on Monday 11 February at lunch time with Mrs Assad.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Mrs Assad

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.

All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.

Thank you – Many thanks to Jo G, Kathryn K and Bee MB who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

Price Increase: Library/Excursion Bags and Chair Tidy's have increased from \$14 to \$15. New PSSA Sport Socks have increased from \$10 to \$12.

From time to time prices need to be marginally increased to cover our costs. These increases allow for the supply of uniform to continue from the school premises. Price increases only occur when prices from our suppliers have increased. Price changes are effective immediately with updated order forms dated January, 2019 available at the School Office, Uniform Shop, School Website and Skoolbag.

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 28th February. Support your Sports House by purchasing a swim cap in your House colour with school logo. If you wish to order a swim cap, please place your order form in Letterbox 8 located in the front courtyard.

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. 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.



31/01/2019

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: _____



Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

Educational Benefits of Chess:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

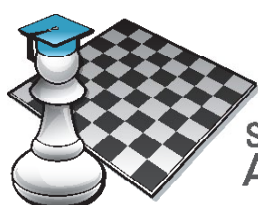


**Combines
learning
with fun!**

Oatley West Public School Chess Classes, 2019 Mondays 1:20PM - 2:10PM

Term 1	Cost: \$85.50	11th Feb - 8th Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$76	6th May - 1st Jul*
Term 3	Cost: \$85.50	29th Jul - 23rd Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$85.50	14th Oct - 9th Dec

*Term 2 - No chess on 10th June (Public Holiday)



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ACADEMY OF CHESS**

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TO ENROL:
Please collect a form
from the school office.



Oatley West Public School Chess Classes – 2019

Classes will take place on **Mondays** from **1:20PM – 2:10PM**.

To enrol, please tick the appropriate boxes below:

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery)			
Term 1 – Cost: \$85.50 <input type="checkbox"/> [11th Feb - 8th Apr]	Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> [Beginner / Rookie]	Chess clock – Cost: \$76 <input type="checkbox"/> [DGT Easy Gametimer]	
Term 2 – Cost: \$76 <input type="checkbox"/> [6th May - 1st Jul*] <small>*No chess on 10th Jun (Public Holiday)</small>	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> [Intermediate]	Chess set – Cost: \$33 <input type="checkbox"/> [Roll-up chess board + pieces]	
Term 3 – Cost: \$85.50 <input type="checkbox"/> [29th Jul - 23rd Sep]	Workbooks 1&2 – Cost: \$45 <input type="checkbox"/> [SPECIAL OFFER]	Advanced Book – Cost: \$41 <input type="checkbox"/> [Exploration in Chess Beauty]	
Term 4 – Cost: \$85.50 <input type="checkbox"/> [14th Oct - 9th Dec]			

Delivery Information

Name: _____
Postal address: _____
Suburb: _____
State: _____ Postcode: _____

Cheques are to be made payable to *Oatley West Public School*.

If your payment is not received by the day of the first lesson, your child cannot take part in the class. There will be no refunds for students who miss classes during the term.

Total amount paid: \$ _____

Grading of Students

To give our chess coach an idea of the skill level of the group, please indicate your child's approximate playing ability in the boxes below. If numbers are sufficient, students will be divided into groups according to their level. If you are unsure, here is a brief explanation of each level.

Beginner: Children who can't play or only know a few of the rules of chess

Rookie: Children who know the rules of chess, movements, special rules, check, checkmate, stalemate and can play a game of chess

Intermediate: Children who understand opening principles, how to finish off the game, positional elements and tactics, and compete in tournaments.

Beginner Level

Rookie Level

Intermediate Level

If you are interested in your child taking part in this activity, please fill in this form and return it to the school office, along with payment for the appropriate term. Please ensure that you place the permission slip and payment inside a sealed envelope with your child's name and class clearly written on the front.

Student's Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** __ / __ / ____

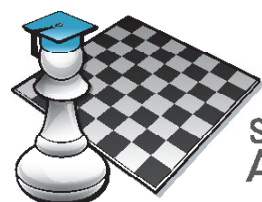
Class: _____ **Parent's Name:** _____

Contact Numbers: (Home) _____ **(Work)** _____ **(Mobile)** _____

Email: _____

Relevant medical conditions / allergies: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** __ / __ / ____



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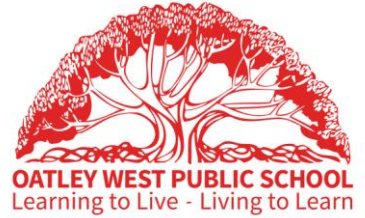
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1st February 2019

DANCE GROUP INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

Our school will be offering students the opportunity to be part of a dance group for 2019. This extra-curricular activity is not only a fun and exciting experience but also develops skills and confidence. A professional dance teacher has been employed to teach a series of dance lessons throughout the year.

Several dance groups will be offered to maximize student involvement. There are a number of opportunities throughout the year at which the dance groups will perform. Once groups have been selected, the dancers are responsible to turn up for all practices on time and ensure that they are able to make any night time or special performances.

Interested students will need to audition to be part of each dance group as spaces are limited to a maximum of 25 students per group. Auditions will be run in Week 3 starting on Tuesday 12th February. The dance teacher will teach a sequence of choreography as part of the audition and several other teachers will support the selection process. All interested students are encouraged to audition no matter what previous experience they may have had. Timing, coordination, movement skills, stage presence and commitment will be considered.

Once selected, there is a financial commitment of \$90 per student for 30 dance lessons with the professional dance teacher and these dance lessons will run weekly. Also there will be a separate fee for the dance costume once sourced to be worn for all performances. Additional transport costs will occur when attending performances off school grounds.

If you would like your child to audition to be part of a dance group for 2019, please return the permission note to the School Office before Tuesday 12th February.

With thanks,

Mrs Ferlazzo
Assistant Principal

Mr Nash
Principal

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Interested in Dance Groups - 2019

My child _____ (name) of class _____ would like to audition to be part of a dance group for 2019.

(Please tick box below)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 1 Dance Group – Girls in Years 1 & 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hip Hop Dance Group – Boys in Years 3-6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 2 Dance Group – Girls in Years 3 & 4 | <i>(This group will run only if enough boys are interested)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 3 Dance Group – Girls in Years 5 & 6 | |

Signed: _____ Parent

Date: _____

Get involved in the School Banking program.

Oatley West Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2019 are:

- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Snowy Origami Set
- Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Yeti Fluffly Notepad
- Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring
- Scratch Art Cards
- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](https://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is **Thursday**.

Each week you need to ask your child to place their deposit book together with their banking money into their class banking bag. Parents volunteering to help process the deposits will do the rest.

Link to 2019 Prize Reward Claim Forms,

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