



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Teaching Your Child to Read Workshop 2:30pm

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APR

Short & Sweet Concert 7pm

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Community Festival Information Night 7pm

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Fancy Hat Parade K-2 Last Day of Term

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MAY

Mother's Day Stall



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

MR NASH'S CORNER

QUIET AREA

This is a 'shout out' for board games, passive play equipment. Our Quiet Area is a place for students to go when they want time out from the playground, would like to play on the giant chess set, a board game, read or simply to have a chat with a friend. It is a passive (quiet) area away from the hustle and bustle of the main playgrounds. Thanks to the Louttit family a some years ago, we had 12 brilliant game sets in boxes for students to use. These all seem to have disappeared and the area is devoid of any sort of activity for students to occupy themselves. If you have any games that the family is not using any more and would like to donate them to our students we would be very appreciative. I will organise some storage for these in anticipation. Mr Mikhail has obtained funds donated to the P&C from Mark Coure to purchase table tennis tables that I would suggest go into this area as well. I have our GA's looking at the installation of a Writing Cupboard that will be stocked with pens, paper and writing/drawing supplies for children to access. Meanwhile some board games would be fabulous.

FIVE MINUTES WITH MRS GIDNEY



Favourite Thing about OWPS: The staff are beautiful and of course the children!

Favourite TV Show: "The Block" - I love renovating and seeing the finished product.

Favourite Food: Thai or anything Asian.

Office Staff—2 years at OWPS

Favourite movie: A Star is Born—I love Lady Gaga.

Favourite place to holiday: Bali—Its our annual family holiday.

Favourite Event at OWPS: Anything Christmas! Christmas Concerts and parties—I love that time of year.



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

Outdoors Writing Shed for the Quiet Area.



Full of a variety of baskets and tools including a range of paper, notebooks windy day clipboards and markers. This would compliment the chalkboards already in this area.

A writers dream!

STAFF TRAINING

Our school hosted a full training day at school on Saturday combined with staff from Penshurst West Public School. The topic was Visual Literacy. We had an excellent presenter from the CORWIN company who kept us all engaged from early morning right up until the late afternoon. Staff will be collaborating with this program throughout the year and beyond. It is always good to mix with other schools as it broadens our own perspective and helps to remind us that we are part of a bigger system than our own school.



Happy, happy Saturday training

Principal Nash continued



We occupied a double classroom with 70 teachers in attendance.

LUNCHTIME EATING

The expectation is that all children sit for 10 minutes to eat their lunch before playing. You might hear your child talk about changes but we are only reinforcing the plan that has always been in place. After the ten minute eating time you raise your hand and the teacher will dismiss you from your area. There has been no change other than students having been taking themselves away from their area before asking the teacher.

Many thanks to parents and students at the Year 6 BBQ and Cake Stall at the elections on Saturday. A great opportunity with ready made customers. Year 5 parents and students will be running a similar stall at the Federal elections in May.



Paul Nash



Principal Nash continued



Bullying No Way Program

Our wrist bands arrived today and we will continue our campaign for this week asking everyone to wear their bands at least across the week if possible.



Principal Nash continued



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews for 2019 are to be held from Monday 8th April – Thursday 11th April. Bookings for interviews are done online @ www.schoolinterviews.com.au code fufnd and will **open next Monday 1st April @ 6pm**. Please check next week's newsletter for further details. A skoolbag notification will also go out with the link to allow for bookings.

BLUE FOR A CURE

'Blue for a Cure' day was a huge success, raising \$1514.00 for Juvenile Diabetes. THANK YOU!! What a fantastic show of support from our OWPS community. A special thank you to School Club for donating over \$300 from their cake day towards the cause. Great teamwork from our school and class SRC leaders that made this day possible.



TEACHING YOUR CHILD TO READ



On Thursday 28th March at 2:30pm until 3:25 we will be holding a Parent Workshop in the Computer Room. This workshop is focused on how to assist your child with reading at home. It will focus on K—2, however all parents are welcome to attend.

Come and hear some great strategies to help your child!

Carina Cavallaro—Learning and Support Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Rewards 2018: \$3000

Thank you to our school community for supporting Scholastic Book Club in 2018. Due to your ongoing support, we were able to use our Library budget towards the purchase of new furniture, to create flexible learning spaces.

The Scholastic Rewards program enabled us to purchase recreational reading and curriculum linked reading for our students during the year.

In 2019, the Scholastic Rewards will be used for resources for Stage 2 students in support of reading for enjoyment and curriculum resources.

Parent Assistance: Book Covering

If you are able to take a bag of books home to cover, we would greatly appreciate your help. We have purchased a number of Guided Readers/Home Readers for Stages 1 and 2 that need covering. If you are able to assist, please come to the Library, to pick up a bag.

Rita Fitzpatrick and Holly Blake



SPORTS NEWS

District Touch Football

Congratulations to Madena, Zain and Georgia who were successful in moving forward to the combined trial with Georges River and Botany Bay for touch football. We wish them all the best for their trial/



Georges River/Botany Bay Girls Soccer Trial

Well done to Maddison and Tiana who both attended the Georges River/Botany soccer trial. They successfully made it through the district level initially to attend this trial. They are to be commended for their efforts and achievements.



Sydney East Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of our students who represented the district at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.



Sports News continued

PSSA Venue Change - Boys Teeball/Softball & Girls Cricket

Unfortunately Gannons Park is unavailable for PSSA on 29th March 2019 (Term 1, Week 9). All games on this date have been moved to Evatt Park (Cricket) and Lugarno Public School back oval (Teeball/Softball).
Miss Ross

ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT



Last week the Diggers were active in the garden: planting, weeding and mulching. Five out of the eight beds are now planted out and weather permitting we are hoping to plant the rest today. Pak choi, baby spinach and marigolds are some of the plants going in. Happy gardening!
Mr Burr *Organic Diggers Coordinator*

PEACEFUL KIDS

We began our first round of sessions for Peaceful Kids here at school last week. Mr Nash has now also been trained as a facilitator, and is taking a group of his own each Wednesday. Any student who returned an expression of interest from who did not begin in a group last week is on the waiting list to attend later this year. We also look forward to working with our parents in the Peaceful parent program in the future.

Mr Nash, Miss Morgan and Mrs McDonald

Peaceful Kids Facilitators



2019 COMMUNITY FESTIVAL



2019 OWPS Community Festival Information Night – Wed 3rd April from 7pm

Each year, OWPS holds a 2½ day Community Festival as a way to raise funds for the school as well as providing a great opportunity to connect with our wonderful community. Last year, almost \$42,000 was raised!

This year the Festival will run from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th August. It is run entirely by volunteers and is a fun way for parents and carers to get to know others in the school and give back to OWPS. The Festival is always evolving so if you have an idea for an activity/section that's new or are interested in getting involved in one of the current areas, we'd like to invite you to attend our Information Evening on Wednesday 3rd April from 7pm at the Oatley Hotel. We'll provide some history on the Festival, our current ideas for this year and information on the roles currently vacant. Then it's over to you for questions and ideas.

Don't worry, there will be no pressure on the night to sign up – this year, the evening is purely informational (and tasty as we'll provide the pizza!). If you'd like to come along, let us know by emailing owpscommunityfestival@gmail.com or message Sarah Cummings on 0412 669 880.

MUSIC COUNCIL NEWS

Short & Short Concert

The Short & Sweet Concert will be held next **Tuesday 2nd April** starting at 7pm in the Hall. Everyone is invited to hear all the Bands play and some other special guest performances. Please ensure children have the correct uniform. Arrival time is 6.40pm, holding rooms to be advised. If you are able to volunteer to help on the night please contact your Band co-ordinators. We'll be asking for a gold coin donation at the door in support of the **Australian Children's Music Foundation**. The ACMF is a not-for-profit organisation inspiring creativity and imagination by providing weekly music education classes and instruments to disadvantaged children and youth at risk throughout Australia.

Band Camp

Intermediate Band and Concert Band will be attending Band Camp at the TOPS Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April. Please register and pay as soon as possible.

Music Council

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to all the parents for getting on board and ordering your kids lunches online at Flexschools. It's quite simple and will make your busy lives much easier.

- 1 If you haven't already registered for a Flexschools account then please see below for instructions.
- 2 To register your account follow the steps below:
- 3 Go to flexschools.com.au, select the 'Register' button and enter your email address.
 1. You will be sent a registration email with a link to the registration page.
 2. Follow the instructions in the email to set up your account.
 3. Once your account is set up, add your student/s and select their school and class.

You are now ready to place your order

Also don't forget that the Canteen is always looking for new volunteers. We urgently need help on Wednesday and Thursdays so if you have any time to spare, please fill out the attached Volunteers Form and return it to the Canteen or come in and book in your time today.

Laronne and Anh

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 Bee M-B who volunteered at the Uniform Shop last week.

Volunteers wanted: At the moment, 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 be once a fortnight, month or term, all help is greatly appreciated. Please note, a Volunteers Working with Children check will be required if you wish to volunteer.

Winter Uniform: Winter Uniform is not yet available for over the counter sales and is not worn until the day after Mother's Day (13th May). In the interim, we encourage all parents to place a separate order for winter uniform. **Orders placed, will be given priority,** prior to winter uniform going on sale over the counter. **Uniform Shop cannot guarantee stock availability if your order is not placed in advance as some stock can take between 8 to 12 weeks to arrive.**

Plastic Bag Fee – Although we are endeavouring to be plastic bag free, **orders will now 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 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 Tina Y, Annie H, Angel D, Faith S who helped with school banking last Thursday.

Please help us process your child's deposit by ensuring they have filled out their deposit slips correctly.

This is your record of your child's deposit.

Below is an example of what needs to be filled out.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124		Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124		Save regularly and reach your goals		Deposit	
Teller		Name	John Argyros	Student ID	1 2 3 4 5	Number of cheques	5
Previous balance	\$ 107.50	Notes	\$ 5.00	Date	01 04 15	Coin	\$.
Add this deposit	\$ 5.00	BSS	1 2 3 4 5 6	Cheques	\$.	Total	\$ 106.50
Subtract withdrawal	\$.	Account number	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8				
Current balance	\$ 106.50						

FAQ's

Can I deposit foreign coins via school banking?

Nooooooo! We can only accept Australian denominations.

How can I get my child started in school banking?

Visit any CBA branch and ask about opening a 'Youthsaver' account for your child.

Is there any account keeping fees?

There are no monthly account or withdrawal fees on our Youthsaver account.

Can I use an app to manage and check my child's account?

Yes via 'Commbank' App.

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

Please find below links to reward prizes that are available to claim for students with 10 or more banking tokens.

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

[HTTPS://WWW.COMMBANK.COM.AU/CONTENT/DAM/COMMBANK-ASSETS/BANKING/SCHOOL-BANKING/2019-01/REWARD-REDEMPTION-SLIP.PDF](https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/school-banking/2019-01/reward-redemption-slip.pdf)

[HTTPS://WWW.COMMBANK.COM.AU/CONTENT/DAM/COMMBANK-ASSETS/BANKING/YOUTH/2018-12/SCHOOL-BANKING-REWARDS-WALLET-INSERT-COLOUR.PDF](https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/youth/2018-12/school-banking-rewards-wallet-insert-colour.pdf)



**On Tuesday 7th May 2019 School Club
will be holding the annual**

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Stall allows children to purchase a special gift for their mother and or grandmother while at the same time raising money for our school.

Gifts are \$15.50 each with a RRP of considerably more and come in a gift bag.

**Gifts MUST be pre-ordered & paid by Flexischools!
There will be NO cash or cheque orders, please go to www.flexischools.com.au to order. You do not need to create an account you can order as a guest. Flexischools orders will close Friday 3rd of May at 12 noon.**

We encourage orders for both Mothers & Grandmothers as gifts will suit both.

Children will have the opportunity to swap their gift if their sibling has purchased the same one.

We will need volunteers to help on the day with packing and selling gifts. Please meet in the hall at 9:30am - we hope to have all gift selection done by recess at 11:15am.

OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER ROSTER 2019

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Working With Children (WWC) Number: _____

Childs Name and Class: _____

I can help out during the following times:

- 9.30am – 12.00pm 12.00pm – 2.30pm All Day
 Other _____

I am available:

- Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Please roster me:

- Once a fortnight Once a month Once a term
 Other _____

**VOLUNTEERS ARE VITAL TO ENABLE THE CANTEEN TO CONTINUE
TO RUN**

Please ask Mums, Dads, Aunties, Uncles, Grandparents and friends if they are available to help out.

Thank you for your help! Your children and school appreciate it 😊