



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2
APR

Short & Sweet Concert
7pm

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APR

Community Festival In-
formation Night 7pm

5
APR

Trivia Night

9
APR

P & C Meeting 6:30pm

12
APR

Fancy Hat Parade K-2
Last Day of Term



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

MR NASH'S CORNER

WORKS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Many thanks for your cooperation, understanding and patience during the current works around the school. Our school is certainly looking good with the new paint bringing all buildings into line with colour. The asphalt being renewed at the front of the school and the path along from the playground to the back gate will certainly be a lot safer for everyone. The contractors are all Department of Education approved and aware of working in and around schools. During these works we must expect some inconvenience with the Short Street gate out of action and the occasional closure of the gates into the assembly hall. The contractors are mindful of movement of children and parents and planning their works around the busy drop off and pick up times.

FIVE MINUTES WITH MRS ROBERTSON



Favourite Language: French

Favourite place to holiday: Hong Kong & Europe

Favourite Movies: Big Fat Greek Wedding & Johnny English

Favourite Books: The 'Shopaholic' series by Sophie Kinsella

Office Staff— 5.5 years at OWPS

Favourite thing about OWPS: Working at OWPS is like working with family. We support each other. Every staff member is so friendly here.



VALUE FOR THE WEEK

COOPERATION

Working together to achieve common goals.
Helping each other to succeed.
Working together to peacefully resolve conflicts.
Listening to the views of others.



Principal Nash continued



COLLECTIVE EFFICACY

I spent three days training with St George principals last week in the area of *Collective Efficacy*. Collective teacher efficacy refers to Staff's shared belief that, through their combined efforts, they can positively influence student outcomes, including for those who are disengaged and/or disadvantaged. It is a shared sense of efficacy that matters the most in raising student achievement in schools.

Principal Nash continued

John Hattie's (2015) research, which synthesized major findings from over 1200 meta-analyses that examined factors influencing student achievement, demonstrated the magnitude and overall distribution of more than 150 000 effect sizes. He ranked collective teacher efficacy as the *number one influence* of all other factors, reporting an effect size of 1.57. According to Hattie's (2016) research, collective teacher efficacy is beyond three times more powerful and predictive of student achievement than socio-economic status. It is more than double the effect of prior achievement and more than triple the effect of home environment and parental involvement. It is also three times more predictive of student achievement than student motivation, concentration, persistence and engagement. Because of this very strong research from John Hattie and that collective efficacy beliefs are very powerful, the Executive Team have also been trained with Jenni Donohoo in the positive consequences of collective teacher efficacy. As an executive team we will ensure structures are in place for shared decision making and support for teacher collaboration focused on examining the impact of instruction of student outcomes and student learning.



ANZAC COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Oatley West Public School students will be attending the Commemoration Service at the Soldier's Memorial, Oatley Gardens on Sunday 14th April. The invitation is open to all Oatley West community to attend.

Students will assemble in Letitia Street outside the club at 1.45pm and move off at 2.00pm. to march behind the school banner. The service usually takes about one hour. Students attending the march should be in full school uniform.



Paul Nash



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

We will use the EMERGENCY TAB should any crisis occur.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews are held once a year and is an opportunity for teachers to get a better understanding of your child and to meet you. Reports are sent out at the end of Term 2 and 4 that outlines how your child is progressing. This year interviews are held from Monday 8th – Thursday 11th April. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes. If your interview requires more time, please arrange another meeting, as other parents will be waiting. K-4 interviews will be held in their own classrooms. Stage 3 interviews will be held in 5/6 Blue and Red rooms.

Interview times are booked online by going to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **fufnd**. The website will open @ 6pm on Monday 1st April.

Once in:

- Enter your details
- Select the teachers you wish to see
- Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe as you may need to refer back to it.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENT/S TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings

OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT



Last Monday the Diggers finished planting the final garden beds with a variety of vegetables. Today we will be putting mulch on the citrus trees, watering and weeding. Our Autumn crops are taking well and we will harvest some lettuce next week. We are watering in these new crops on Thursdays as well to help them establish.

Happy gardening!

Mr Burr *Organic Diggers coordinator*

MUSICA VIVA WORKSHOP



On Friday 12th April, Musica Viva will be onsite developing a new unit of work with 12 Oatley West students. Entry to the workshop will be decided by a draw. Children from years 3-6 are eligible to enter if they do not have an existing commitment to PSSA sport. Attendance at the workshop is optional and is up to parental discretion. If you would like your child to enter, please read the note attached to this newsletter thoroughly and return the slip to the Musica Viva box at the front office.

Mr Burr

Musica Viva Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

The PRC is underway! Well done to students who have begun adding books onto their online Reading Record. All students 3-6 have been taught how to do this, and always, if there's any questions ask Miss Blake or Mrs Fitzpatrick.

Students do not need permission to participate in the PRC anymore as names are not printed online upon completion of the PRC. Students who complete the challenge and do have permission to publish, will be featured in the OWPS newsletter, how rewarding!

Here is the list of number of books required to be read and logged online to complete the PRC:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

K-2 students will be completing the PRC during Library class and in the classroom.

Happy reading! Miss Blake and Mrs Fitzpatrick



ANZAC SERVICE



ANZAC COMMEMORATION SERVICE – SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2019

Oatley West Public School has been invited to attend the ANZAC Commemoration Service at the Soldier's Memorial, Oatley Gardens on Sunday, 14th April 2019. It would be fantastic to see all SRC representatives attend as well as any other Oatley West students.

Students will assemble in Letitia Street outside the Club at 1.45pm and move off at 2.00pm. The service will commence at 2.15pm and usually takes about one hour. Please be advised that students are in the care of parents at this event.

Following the service, you are invited to attend the RSL and Community Club for afternoon tea and refreshments.

Please ensure all students are wearing full school uniform.

Mr Waugh

P & C NEWS

There will be a P&C meeting next Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 6.30pm in our School Library. We will be discussing funding the Outdoor Learning Area that we won a grant for to help us create an interactive play and learn space at our School. All welcome to come along and join in the conversation!

Nic Portois

OWPS P&C President

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.

OWPS TRIVIA NIGHT

OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL



Get ready to paint the town red this Friday at our OWPS Trivia Night. Some helpful housekeeping hints for those of you lucky enough to be attending:

- ◆ Get into the theme of things and wear something (or everything red). There will be a best-dressed prize on the night.
- ◆ Put your thinking caps on and come up with a great team name.
- ◆ Bring some gold coins so you can participate in fun games and win some great prizes. There'll be raffle tickets for sale too!
- ◆ Bring your printed ticket or have your smart phone at the ready.
- ◆ Enter via Oatley Park Avenue. Ramp side of hall.
- ◆ This is an 18+ years event. Please do not bring your own beverages. There will be a variety of drinks available at the bar for purchase.

See you at 6.30pm

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

Volunteers wanted: Currently, 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). Please consider your winter uniform needs in advance and place your order ASAP. **Orders received, 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 Letter-box 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

Thank you to Faith S, Tina Y, Annie H and Angel L for being generous with your time and helping with school banking last week!

We need banking volunteers!

Unfortunately, we have lost a few banking helpers this year already and are desperately seeking new parents to help with banking.

If I want to help, what will I be doing?

Processing deposits, ordering and issuing banking prizes and counting money.

How long does banking take to complete?

Many hands make work light!

With 3-4 parents helping, everything should be done within 2 hours.

I want to help but can only commit once a month. Is that OK?

We are appreciative of any help whether it's once a week, once a fortnight or once a month.

Feel free to visit us at the old canteen in the hall on a Thursday, our banking day just after the morning bell.

What prizes are available to claim?

Glow light

Heat Reactor Pencils

Mighty Boom handball

Pencil Tech Case

Scented Stackable High Lighters

Slushie Maker Cup

Snowy Origami Set

Sparkle Glitter Pens

Twister Power Handball

Volt Handball

Zoom Flying Disc

Prize claim forms are available at the school office.

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

Thursday is our banking day!

MUSIC COUNCIL NEWS



Come and join us tomorrow evening for the "Short & Sweet" Concert in the School Hall!

A wonderful selection from our Training , Intermediate and Concert bands with our Recorder Group and special guest appearances!

Tuesday 2 April

"Short & Sweet Concert"

7 pm—8:30pm

OWPS School Hall



SHORT & SWEET CONCERT

7PM TUESDAY 2 APRIL

This Tuesday evening in the school Hall Oatley West kids will be showcasing their musical talents and you're invited. Bring the family along to enjoy the Training, Intermediate and Concert Bands perform along with our Recorder Group and some special guests.

As the name suggests, the concert is short and sweet, starting at 7pm and finishing around 8.30pm.

If your child is thinking of joining band next year this is a great opportunity to check out what it's all about. You'll be amazed at just how quickly the Training Band goes from 'ow' to 'wow'!

Performers need to be at school by 6.40pm and parents should have received info via email about where to go and what to wear. If you are unsure please contact your group coordinator by Monday.

Hope to see you there!



**Australian Children's
Music Foundation**

**THIS YEAR WE ASK YOU TO
MAKE A GOLD COIN DONATION
ON THE NIGHT.**

All funds raised will be donated to AMCF, a wonderful charity that inspires creativity and imagination by providing weekly music education classes and instruments to disadvantaged children and youth at risk throughout Australia.



25/03/2019

Musica Viva: Topology Workshop - 12/04/2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

On Friday 12th April, musicians from Topology and a film crew from Musica Viva will be onsite developing a new unit of work with a dozen Oatley West students. The workshop will run from 9.25am - 3.25pm.

You can find out more about Topology at: www.topologymusic.com The unit that is being created will be taught across Australian schools in forthcoming years.

Entry to the workshop is open for years 3-6 and will be decided by ballot. PSSA team members are not eligible on this occasion as the workshop is held on a Friday. Participation is optional and is up to parental discretion. Children will be filmed and may appear in Musica Viva promotional material.

Your child has indicated an interest in attending this workshop. If you give consent and your child is successful in attaining a place in the workshop, Permission to Publish and a legal waiver must be signed.

The workshop is linked directly to the creative and practical arts curriculum.

Many Thanks

L Burr

Musica Viva Co-ordinator

Musica Viva: Topology Workshop - 12/04/2019

I give permission for my son / daughter / ward _____ of class _____ to enter the ballot for the Topology Workshop on Friday 12th April 2019. I understand that if my child is successful in attaining a position in the workshop that a Musica Viva Permission to Publish form and waiver must be completed.

(Parent/Carer)

(Date)





**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.**

Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin



Mandarin Stars
Language Clubs
for schools

Free Trial
Class!



mandarin stars



fun mandarin for kids

FUN Mandarin Language Club at Oatley West Public School!

The Mandarin Stars program offers:

- Specialist Mandarin programs for both native and second language learners of Mandarin.
- An engaging program that will inspire a love for learning Chinese.
- An immersion based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin.
- The discovery of Chinese history, culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

Classes are held as follows:

Tuesday Afternoons

3.30- 4.30: Kindy to Year 2/3

4.30- 5.30: Year 3 to Year 6

To book a FREE trial class please email or contact:
sanny@mandarinstars.com.au or call
call 0451625611 for more details.

OWPS TERM 2 2019 French Classes



French Classes are continuing in TERM 2

Bonjour à tous (Hello Everyone),

I am pleased to announce that **French Classes are continuing in TERM 2** at Oatley West Public School.

We had a great start in TERM 1 with the **intermediate and advanced students** (Level 2) : we revised presentations (how to introduce oneself and talk about one's family, pets...) and the alphabet. We learned the days of the week, the months, the seasons, the weather, numbers, vocabulary of objects and instructions in the classroom. We also had lots of fun with songs and games. We enjoyed playing bingo!

Many thanks to the new teacher Christelle for her involvement and enthusiasm!

In TERM 2, a new Class will start for **beginners students (K to Y2)**, subject to a minimum of 6 students to open the class.

In TERM 2, lessons will continue on a weekly basis:

- LEVEL 1 (Beginners students) (Kindy to Y2): **Fridays - 8 am to 9.15 am**
- LEVEL 2 (Intermediate & Advanced students): **Tuesdays - 8 am to 9.15 am**

TERM 2 is starting on Friday May 3th (LEVEL 1), on Tuesday April 30th (LEVEL 2).

For New students (LEVEL 1 or LEVEL 2), please confirm your interest to the School administrator or the Laurence (ldmaisonhaute@gmail.com / 0481 564 571). You will receive more information and a registration form.

A bientôt !