



OATLEY WEST Lantern

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24
AUG

Community Festival
Weekend

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AUG

District Carnival

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AUG

P & C Meeting 6:30pm
School Library

12
SEP

Author Visit
Book Week

25
SEP

Stage 3 Canberra

MR NASH'S CORNER



Next weekend!

I hope everyone can find some time over the weekend to come to school and enjoy the events planned for this year. This is the main P&C Fundraiser and your help & support goes a long way towards assisting students directly at the school.

P&C have supported the school with funding from last year along with a community grant, to install an extension to the existing Astro Turf in the form of an adventure playground. Please make your way down to the rides area to have a look at our new installation.

The Department of Education is supporting us to develop the Sail Area near the Kindergarten (H Block) rooms and I hope we might be able to put a similar installation in this area for our junior students in the near future.



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

Principal Nash continued

ST. GEORGE PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL



What a fabulous showcase of talent from our local schools in the St. George area and a great promotion of public education. The combined team effort from all the schools makes a large scale project such as this achievable and creates long lasting memories for our children.

I was extremely proud of our school at Tuesday performances with children in the combined choir, dance groups and our Concert Band leading the National Anthem and first choir item as well as their own pieces.

Our school is quite involved in this festival with Mrs. Bull coordinating between festival organisers and the school, Mr Ballantyne who takes over Stage Management across this week with Ms Aravanopoulos, Ms Farah and Mr Waugh supporting him as Backstage Crew. Our General Assistants Eric and Jeff assist Mr Ballantyne transporting large band instruments and the fill in flooring that covers the orchestra pit at Hurstville so that we can extend the stage for dance & other performances.

Mrs Chappell and I are extremely involved in the administration of the festival and in fact have already started planning for 2020!

Thanks go to Mrs Chappell who has designed electronic systems to gather information and to streamline the process throughout the year.

I hear you re the parking facilities in and around the theatre precinct. Not sure that we can do anything about this situation but open to any ideas :]

LOST PROPERTY

After a huge clean out and sort at the end of last term, this is the state of our lost property area. Our children need to become a bit more responsible for their belongings and Mr Mikhail spoke to everyone on assembly today about this issue.



We will endeavour to get all clothing and food/drink containers **with names** back to today however responsibility does fall directly on the owner.



VALUE FOR THE WEEK RESPONSIBILITY

Take responsibility for your choices.
Provide a good example for others.
Take care of school and personal property.
Be in the right place at the right time.



Principal Nash continued

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are open for 2020. School families with pre-schoolers turning 5 years by 31st July 2020 and are ready for school are eligible to enrol. If you have family, friends or neighbours interested in enrolling at Oatley West, please encourage them to enrol soon, so that plans for transition to Kindergarten can be developed.

Kindergarten Orientation information will be Wednesday 23th October, 30th October and 6th November at 10am.

Please be aware that all applications must be in area as per the distribution map on the school website and Department of Education website.



Paul Nash



P & C Meeting

P&C Meeting Tuesday 27 August in the school library at 6.30, all welcome.

FATHER'S DAY STALL



With Father's Day just around the corner don't forget to order your Father's Day and Grandfather's Day gifts through Flexischools.

All profits from the Father's Day stall go straight back into the school.

Orders Close Sunday 25th August 5:30pm with the stall being held on *Tuesday 27th August*. It's a great opportunity for your kids to choose something special for dad and or granddad.

OWPS COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

OWPS Prayer Group Coffee Catch Up

Day: Thursday 29 August 2019

Time: 9.30-10.30am

Venue: Edmonds and Greer

Contact: Glynnis 0425 256 252 or

Liz 0412 751 265 for more information or any enquiries

All welcome to join us for a cup of coffee and a chat. Please feel free to bring any pre-schoolers along.

Liz Moll and Glynnis Nelson

SPORTS NEWS

**District Boys Cricket**

Congratulations to Charlie S. on making the District Boys Cricket Team. Miss Ross

League Stars Clinics

Wow! What an overwhelming response to our League Stars program. Before our in school sessions last Monday, we had only 17 participants. Following these sessions, we now have 60 kids registered!

Due to the overwhelming response and registrations, the Astro-Turf at school is too small to run the sessions. It has been decided to run the program on Oatley Reserve (the park at the end of Oatley Park Reserve). Please bring your joggers and a drink bottle for the sessions. The NRL staff, Pamela and Miss Ross will walk the participants back to school before the start of their school day. Miss Ross

Season 2 PSSA FINALS

Congratulations to the PSSA teams who have made the finals this week. Team coaches will notify parents if their teams have made the finals and important information for finals day such as timing, draws etc. will be distributed.

PSSA finals day differs from normal round games as it goes for the entire day. Both junior and senior teams attend the finals if one team was successful. *For example, the junior boys soccer team made the finals. The senior boys soccer team, although not making the finals, would also attend the finals day.*

Parents no longer need to return a separate permission note for finals. The original PSSA permission note returned at the start of the season was amended this year to avoid double up on notes. Tennis, Yoga & 3-6 School Sport DO NOT RUN ON FINALS DAY.

Teachers remaining at school (i.e school sport or coaches whose team did not make finals) stay with their normal class for the entire day. Coaches going to finals will have their class split across the school on the day and students remaining at school will be provided with work.

Miss Ross

Jersey Return

Teams who hired a jersey in the Season 2 PSSA competition (Boys Rugby League and Girls Netball) will need to return their jersey next week, Tuesday 26th August (Week 6), following finals. Jerseys need to be returned on this date, unless otherwise discussed with Miss Ross. Please do not return your jersey anywhere else or on any other day. It makes it very difficult to track where jerseys have been returned to and return money to students when not done on the jersey return day. Jersey return will occur from 8:45am – 9.10 am next Tuesday. Jerseys must be returned on these days. Any students who are unable to return their jersey on this date must speak to Miss Ross immediately.

Students are to:

- Ensure their jersey is washed before returning;
- Meet Miss Ross in the computer room during allocated time.

Students will have their money returned and are responsible for taking this home to their parents/carers. Miss Ross

Season 3 3-6 PSSA TRIALS

Season 3 of the Georges River PSSA competition will be starting on Friday 13th September (Term 3 Week 8) with the last round match to be played on Friday 22nd November (Term 4 Week 6). Finals will be played on Friday 29th November (Term 4 Week 7).

A reminder that we will be starting our 3-6 PSSA trials for Season 3 next week. The second trial will occur on Friday 6th September (Week 7).

The sports available are:

- Girls T-ball/Softball
- Girls Touch Football
- Boys Basketball
- Boys Cricket
- Mixed Hockey

SPORTS NEWS

3-6 PSSA Trials Overview

Thank you to all the coaches who have volunteered to trial and take PSSA teams for Season 3. It is because of this dedication we are able to provide a number of sporting opportunities for our children.

- When selecting students during trials, consideration will be given to those who display:
- Ability and strong skill level;
- Sportsmanship;
- Cooperation and attitude; and
- Selections will be held over two sessions (minimum)
- Where there are two children of equal ability the child from the higher school grade will be selected.
- Children do not have to participate in this sport out of school to be eligible to try out for the team.
- The selections will be made according to performance solely on selection sessions.
- If a child is absent for one of the selection days, due to illness or other school commitments i.e. Zone sports or Selective High School Tests, then another training session will be held to determine if he/she is worthy of being selected. A medical certificate is to be provided in case of illness
- All teams will be selected by two teachers/selectors;
- Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.

Miss Ross

3-6 PSSA Code of Conduct

The behaviour and attitude of our students while in the community reflect on our school and effect the safety and wellbeing of all participants. It is, therefore, essential that all students leaving the school grounds understand our expectations and abide by our Code of Conduct. Students will be provided with a PSSA Code of Conduct upon making a team.

Please discuss and co – sign the Code of Conduct with your child to ensure a common understanding between students, staff and parents of Oatley West Public School. Participation in this activity is dependent on this Code being signed and adhered to.

A Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct will also be sent home. Students participate in PSSA during school hours and under the care and supervision of volunteer teachers. Parents and family members may attend sporting venues if they wish, but need to observe the Code of Conduct and follow the values of Oatley West Public School at all time.

Miss Ross

Season 3 3-6 School Sport

Students in Years 3-6 who do not wish to participate in the 3-6 PSSA competition have the following options to choose from in Season 3:

Tennis: Students will travel to Peakhurst Tennis Courts. Here they will participate in coaching sessions, teaching them valuable skills in tennis. Get your notes in fast for this one as spots fill up quickly!

School Sport: Students from years 3-6 can participate in school sport where a variety of sports and skills based games are organised by teachers in 3-6 who do not take a PSSA team. We often apply for and receive special funding which we allocate to organising external sports organisations, such as Golf Australia, to come in and run personalised clinics for the students.

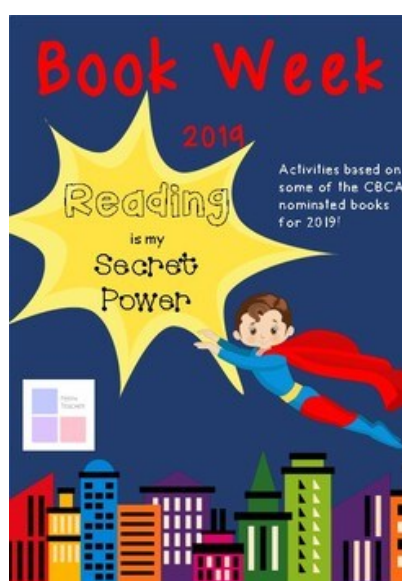
Yoga: Experienced teachers run a yoga group this season. Unfortunately the group is already full and there are no more spaces available. Students do not require a mat this season as they will be on carpet.

Miss Ross

LIBRARY NEWS

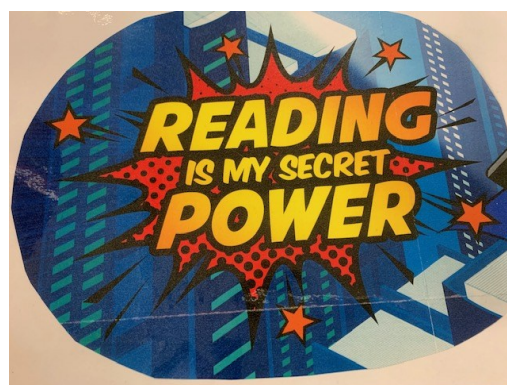
BOOK WEEK AUTHOR VISIT AND PARADE – THURSDAY SEPT 12TH AUTHOR VISIT

Our visiting author for the day is Christopher Cheng. His latest book, *One Tree* aligns with the Geography and English syllabus. Christopher will be speaking to each stage across the day. The cost of the incursion is \$2 and is included in the Term Note. Please return your permission notes to your classroom teacher by Friday 6th September.



BOOK WEEK PARADE: THURSDAY SEPT 12TH – 9.30 am – 10am

Parents are invited to attend the Book Week Parade on Thursday morning. Students are to dress up for the theme of Book Week, **READING IS MY SECRET POWER**. Our focus is on students coming dressed up as a character they have read about and their secret power **OR** where students have read a book to gain a skill or knowledge. We have been investigating characters who have the Power of friendship, courage, respect etc. Their power is not always obvious.



Rita Fitzpatrick and Holly Blake

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL



It's almost time! This Friday Opening Night kicks off a weekend of fun and entertainment for the whole family! Then it's onto the main event from 10am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday. Make sure you have a look at the Checklist note which will go home with all students this week (or sneak a peek at the end of the newsletter) to get ready for a big weekend.

WE NEED YOU! VOLUNTEER TODAY

Thanks to all parents, carers and teachers who've jumped on to nominate their volunteer spots. We still need more to make sure that the Festival runs smoothly. There's no experience necessary and most spots are just 2 hours so if you are heading to the Festival why not spend some of your time keeping the engine running. Your kids will also love to buy their sausage sandwich or raffle ticket from you! If you have applied for your Working With Children check but not yet received confirmation, please include your application number.

[Head to signup.com/go/xfWfyjG](http://signup.com/go/xfWfyjG)

Here are a few examples of how you can get involved:

- Opening night waitstaff: a great way to combine catching up with everyone with some volunteering
- Rides ticket sales: you'll be everyone's favourite person selling ride passes and this is a great one to do as a pair, have a chat while you volunteer
- BBQ and Flavours of Asia: whether you want to sell, cook or serve jump onto a BBQ or Flavours of Asia shift – no-one wants the crowds to get hungry!
- Outdoor games, cake stall and entertainment: a chance for your older kids to get involved either helping the games organisers or acting as MC for our entertainment stage - adults are also welcome and depending on children's age will need to supervise.

BYO BAGS

Don't forget to bring your own bags for all of your purchases and if you have any spare, Trash and Treasure would love to use them for you – drop off at the office or to the stall over the weekend (next to the COLA).

YEAR 3-6 ART DUE TUESDAY

If your child has entered a piece in the Year 3-6 youth art display, it needs to be dropped to the hall Tuesday morning before school so that the team have time to get it all up on display. Please be aware that band will be rehearsing during this time so use the Short St hall entrance and keep noise to a minimum.

RAFFLE TICKETS DUE BACK WEDNESDAY

Ticket butts and money from sold raffle tickets are due back in the office Wednesday. Make sure you get yours in to be in the draw. Please also return unsold tickets as we sell them over the weekend.

CAKE STALL DONATIONS

If your kids are hooked on all of those baking shows, why not get them to whip up some sweets for our cake stall. Let us know by Thursday what you plan to bring and when. Cake forms are with the Parent Note or available from the office. This year we'll have packaging available as we sell all the yummy treats so bring yours in on a disposable tray or in a container marked with your child's name and class to make sure we can get it back to you. Any questions call Rebecca on 0402 568 747.

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

**KEYS TO THE CELLAR DROP-OFF TODAY AND WEDNESDAY**

Drop-off points for a bottle of wine over \$20 are open today and Wednesday during school pickup or get in touch with Milly Starkey (ameliastarkey@hotmail.com) or Lea Pracy (lpracy@gmail.com) if you can't make it.

BUY NOW

Buy unlimited rides passes • Visit our popular online Silent Auction and start bidding • Buy tickets to Opening Night • Check out art gallery pieces and purchase

All in one convenient place: owpscommunityfestival.org/buy-now

All rides are again included in the passes and this year they are Cup and Saucer, Chair O Plane, Kanga Bounce, Gladiator Dual, Horizontal Bungee, Jumping Castles

A FEW THANK YOUS FROM THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Your Festival Committee starts planning in February to organise this Festival Weekend. It's a lot of fun but there is much to be done and it wouldn't be possible without the support of our amazing and generous community. Because of your support, we have raised over \$200,000 for our school in the last 5 years alone!

Thank you to the many local families and businesses who volunteer, donate items for Trash & Treasure, the raffle and silent auction, book a market stall or help promote the event.

To Paul, Neralie and all of the teachers and staff at OWPS, thank you! Your ongoing support and patience providing logistical support, access to spaces throughout the year, sharing updates with children and their families and of course getting involved in the Festival itself is very much appreciated. In particular a huge shout out to Carol who organises all our newsletter entries, printing and more!

Finally, thank you to all our amazing sponsors, some who've been with us for many years and some who've come on board more recently. Without their financial support we would not be able to put on such a strong event so please consider supporting them.

PRINCIPAL: Ray White Oatley

PLATINUM: Abode Renovations

GOLD: Mortdale Automotive Services, Crayons Kindy, Steve Bennett Plumbing

SILVER: Oatley Hotel, Light Trap, Bresnahans, Dalliance Hair, Aurea Designs, Raw Energy Productions

BRONZE: Oatley Physiotherapy, Oatley Music on Parade, Oatley Optical, Verdeflore, Crayons, O'Connor's Pharmacy, Erica Massingham Photography,

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 on-site service would not be available without our wonderful volunteers. **All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.** **Winter Uniform** - All students should be wearing their Winter Uniform

Exchanges: Exchanges can only be made on Thursday when the shop is open. If you can't come in to see us when we are open, please leave your exchange at the school office in a bag, with your child's name and class noted as well as details for the exchange. If the error is ours, please contact us at scoelho@iinet.net.au

Thank you – Many thanks to Bee M-B & Jo G. who volunteered at the "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's once a fortnight, month or term, all help is greatly appreciated. **NB:** A Volunteers (Free) Working with Children check will be required if you wish to volunteer.

Plastic Bag Fee – Although we are endeavouring to be plastic bag free, **orders will 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 July 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 the wonderful parents Faith S, Angel D, Lily P and Tina Y who volunteer as our School Banking Coordinators and process our banking every week.

Would you like to help out?

Feel free to drop in each Thursday morning at the old canteen in the school hall.

School Banking tokens – what you need to know.



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 for more 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.

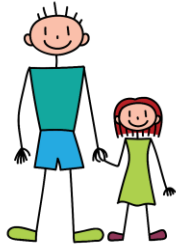
HOW TO REDEEM YOUR TOKENS FOR A REWARD ITEM

To redeem your reward item from School Banking:

- Complete a Rewards Card slip by writing in your details and ticking the item you would like to redeem
- 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.

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

On Tuesday 27th August 2019 School Club will be holding the
annual



FATHER'S DAY STALL



The Stall allows children to purchase a special gift for their DAD and or GRANDAD 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 Sunday 25th August 2019 at 5:30pm.

We encourage orders for both Dads & Grandads 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.

OWPS' biggest fundraising event is this weekend!

Now's the time to:

PICK YOUR TIME TO VOLUNTEER

Did you know over 25% of parents volunteer a few hours over the weekend, making this event possible

owpscommunityfestival.org/volunteer

BUY YOUR RIDE PASSES

We have some favourites back this year, all included in the ride passes:

Super Slide, Cup and Saucer, Chair O Plane, Gladiator Dual, Horizontal Bungee and Jumping Castles

owpscommunityfestival.org/buy-now

SPREAD THE NEWS

Our Festival has always been popular with locals and is a great day out for families. Make sure you tell your friends and family so they can come and enjoy the fun!

Last year we raised over \$40,000 for the school.

FESTIVAL CHECKLIST:

- ☐ **Buy Discounted Rides Passes** - Go online now to buy Saturday or Sunday (\$25) and Weekend (\$40) (discounted) rides passes at trybooking.com/BEMTK Over the weekend only single ride (\$5) and Saturday or Sunday (\$30) will be available.
- ☐ **Volunteer** - This event is only possible with the help of parent and carer volunteers. This year we have added opportunities for Year 5 & 6 OWPS students as well. Go online and book a shift or two from one of the event areas listed signup.com/go/xfWfyjG
- ☐ **Buy Opening Night tickets** - Join us for a great evening of art, food, wine and live music on Fri, 23 August* from 7pm in the school hall! Buy tickets online at: trybooking.com/BEIXF
*attendees must be 18 yrs and over
- ☐ **Do some shopping online!** - Go online to shop the amazing Silent Auction and Online Art Gallery. Go to: 32auctions.com/OWPS19 and 211.27.227.55/art/public/
- ☐ **Ready, Steady, Bake** - Help the Cake Stall by providing your home-baked goods. The donation form was sent out in the Notepack. Please return forms to the Cake Stall box in the office ASAP (additional cake donation forms available from the school office).
- ☐ **Raffle Tickets** - Please ensure all sold ticket butts, money and any unsold tickets are handed in to the office by 3.30pm this Wednesday. You've got to be in it to win!
- ☐ **Connect on Facebook** - Keep up to date with all the action and share your pics with us [@OWPScommunityfestival](https://www.facebook.com/OWPScommunityfestival)

Come for the fundraising, stay for the fun!