



OATLEY WEST Lantern

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

MR NASH'S CORNER

This is a reminder that Oatley West Public School has requested your feedback, using the *Excellence in School Customer Service 360 Reflection Tool*.

All children deserve to be educated in a school that delivers positive experiences - one where good customer service facilitates high-quality teaching and learning.

The staff of Oatley West Public School are making customer service a priority, guided by research that demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community engagement.

To assist staff, Oatley West Public School wants to gather feedback on the customer service behaviours exhibited to both internal and external customers.

Please help us provide anonymous feedback by completing the following surveys:

- Excellence in School Customer Service 360

PICTURES FROM THE PAST-Then & Now



Quiet Area under construction in August 2012. The brick retaining wall was built by a parent and the awning was installed using a Community Grant at a later date. Giant Chess Set was then added.

Principal Nash continued



EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY

Please join us this Wednesday 7th August. The third Fathering Project (BBQ Breakfast) will be held in the morning prior to education week activities commencing at 9.30. There will be a welcome whole school assembly at 9.30 followed by open classroom visits at 9.45 and then further activities until open day closes at 12.30. The theme for Education Week is 'Every Student, Every Voice' which fits nicely with our philosophy here at OWPS in developing the whole child along with their very capable academic and sporting pursuits!

All family and friends are invited.

We are very excited that our Concert Band have been invited to play at Education Week activities at the Parramatta Office of the Department of Education. We leave very early by bus to be at Parramatta by 9.00am.



ST GEORGE PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

We are really looking forward to the upcoming festival next week.

There are three concerts in the series to be held at the Hurstville Entertainment Centre on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th August. Although our school's involvement is on the Tuesday may I encourage you to attend any of the other performances as they are a very exciting showcase of our children's talents in the region.

Reminder that each concert has a matinee performance which is ideal for Grandparents, neighbours and working parents that can't make the evening performances.

I know the traffic & parking is an issue at an event such as this. Many parents in the past have used the train as an easy way of attending.

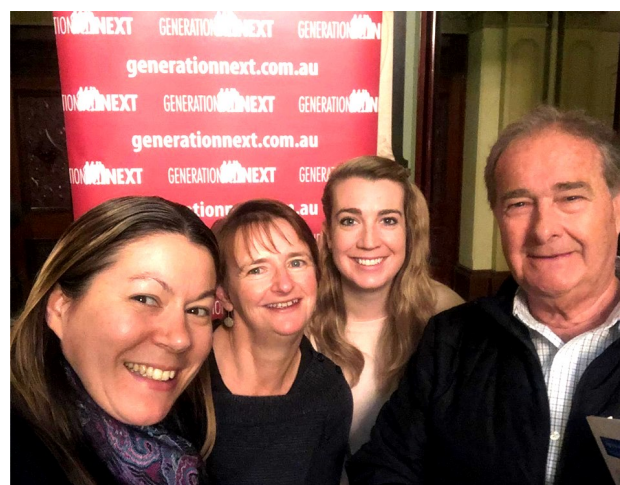
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

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 23rd 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.



I was privileged to attend this conference with Ms. Morgan, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs Ollerton last Friday. This is the 7th year that we have attended, and in fact the first conference was one of the drivers that initiated our school introducing a whole-child approach to educating our children and the implementation of us being a *Kids Matter School*. We are ever mindful that we need to maintain our excellent educational standards however all the research states that to educate the whole child prepares them for later life. Peaceful Kids is our latest initiative since Kids Matter merged with BeYou and Beyond Blue.



The conference program equips us with current information to help our students and community to maintain mental and emotional wellbeing and to achieve full potential.

Principal Nash continued

We were very close to the front this year and thoroughly enjoyed the input of Andrew Fuller.



The whole conference was geared towards the mental health & wellbeing of our young people. Exactly what our school is all about :)

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

FAIRNESS

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



Paul Nash



FATHERING PROJECT



The Fathering Project BBQ is now **FULL** and it closed for any further RSVPs **last Wednesday**. As this is a catered event we cannot accept any late orders, please note this message has been in the newsletter for the last month. For future events please get your order in early to avoid any disappointment.

For those coming, breakfast will be served from 8am with a paper plane competition from 8:30am.

Thank you.

Miss Benita

SCIENCE & MATHS EXPOSED EVENT

A reminder for all students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 attending the University excursion this Friday 9th August, need to be at school by **7:30am** as buses will be leaving school at 7:45am sharp.

We endeavour to be return to school by 3:25pm. Students must wear full school uniform and school hat. Please remember to bring recess, lunch and a bottle of water in a small bag. No electronic devices should be brought on the day.

Mrs Assad

CAKE DAY REMINDER

This is a reminder for Cake Day on Wednesday 7th August for our Education Day celebrations.

With thanks to the following classes who have been asked to supply cakes;

2 Green / 3 Red / 4 Purple

Thank you!

DEADLY KIDS DOING WELL AWARD

This event was developed to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Aboriginal students across the primary and high schools in the Metropolitan South Operational Directorate. The Deadly Kids Awards was held on Friday 2 August at the University of Technology's Great Hall and we congratulate Trey for being the recipient of this award for 2019.



DEBATING TEAM

Today, Monday 5 August, the debating team visited Oatley Public School to compete against them with the topic 'All schools should reward students with high grades with a McDonald's or KFC voucher. We were the negative. The affirmative team put up some strong arguments. After some fierce debating Oatley West came out on top. Congratulations to the team. They are improving with their rebuttals.



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY PROJECT

As a combined effort with P&C, a community project has been applied for. Funding is decided by the public voting for their favourite project. Voting closes on 15 August. Please see below for eligibility to vote and the flyer for our project. We thank you for your ongoing support.
<https://static.nsw.gov.au/nsw-gov-au/1561417005/MCP-Voter-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

MY COMMUNITY PROJECT
 Made possible by the NSW Generations Fund

It's your chance to pick your favourite projects

You'll need a MyServiceNSW Account and your Medicare card to vote

VOTE NOW

MCP19-04490, Building Stronger Connections Between Kids and their Dad

mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au
 or visit your nearest Service NSW centre

For more information call 13 77 88

NSW GOVERNMENT

ADVANCED RECORDER GROUP

Last Monday night the 29th July 2019, the OWPS Advanced Recorder Group performed at the Opera House as part of the Festival of Instrumental Music. The Festival provides students from NSW public schools the opportunity to learn and play three repertoires, combined with string instruments.

The students' effort finally paid off in this memorable experience. We thank Fiona McNamara for her assistance and taking the time to be a part of a very special event. Also a big thank you to the parents for their support.

Mrs Clair Bull & Mr Paul Nash



SPORTS NEWS



Thank you School Club!

Our girls and boys basketball teams have received brand new uniforms. These new uniforms were kindly donated by the School Club. On behalf of the girls and boys basketball teams (and future teams!) THANK YOU!

Mr Griffiths - Boys & Girls Basketball Coach

State Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to Madena (3 Pink) who for the second year now has made the State Cross Country Team. Madena came 4th at Sydney East Cross Country. She successfully gained a position to be part of the Sydney East team to participate at the State Cross Country Carnival on Friday the 26th July 2019 at Eastern Creek.

Madena ran in the girls 8/9 age group and out of 78 girls, came 27th. She was the only Student representing Oatley West PS.

What a great accomplishment for Madena to make it to state level representation at such a young age for the second year.



LIBRARY NEWS



There is less than a month to go until the PRC finishes, on the 30th of August. There is still plenty of time to read PRC books to complete the Challenge.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the PRC:

Zoe D
Arnold S
Emily D
Miranda G
Lily J
Charlie S
Mackenzie W
Claire W
Annette C
Sinead H
Isabelle M
Nicholas T

Miss Blake and Mrs Fitzpatrick



Help Needed—Covering!

We need help covering Readers that were purchased for Stages 2 and 3. If you are able to take some books home to be covered, please come and pick up a bag from the Library. The books will be ready for you to take home for covering on Tuesday. We greatly appreciate your assistance.

STAGE 3 HISTORY TALKS



Last Thursday, students in 5/6 Blue and 5/6 Purple were lucky enough to have a visit from Dr Shayne Williams. Uncle Shayne is from the Aboriginal community in La Perouse. He came to speak to us about his Great Grandfather, King Burruga of Salt Pan Creek. King Burruga (Joe Anderson) was one of the first Aboriginal men to use film and the cinema to demand recognition for his people. He was filmed delivering a message to the people of Australia, standing on the banks of the Georges River in 1933.

We all learnt so much about life for Aboriginal people in the late 1800s and early 1900s. History is much more meaningful when it is told by those who lived it and knew it first hand. The students were amazed that so much of this history took place in their neighbourhood.

We are grateful to Uncle Shayne and also to Aaron Hughes from the Burruga Foundation for kindly donating their time. A short excerpt from King Burruga's speech can be viewed here <https://www.burruga.org/about>

Jennifer McDonald

Stage 3 History Teacher



Less than three weeks to go before OWPS's biggest fundraiser kicks off! Here's what is happening.

PARENT NOTES

There is a lot going on and we know it can get confusing with all the messages you receive so you will shortly receive a Community Festival Parent Note. This has everything you need to know about the big weekend as well as details on how to buy ride passes, bid on the silent auction and get your Opening Night tickets. Stay tuned!

RAFFLE TICKETS COMING SOON

Join in the fun! Get your tickets in the 2019 OWPS Community Festival Raffle. The following amazing prizes are on offer.

1ST PRIZE Framed photographic artwork 'Three's a Crowd' by OWPS parent Andrew Nicolaou. \$1,000 RRP. Donated by Andrew Nicolaou of Light Trap Photography.

2ND PRIZE Jewellery \$850 RRP. Donated by Aurea Designs, Frederick Street, Oatley.

3RD PRIZE Family photography package. \$750 RRP. Donated by OWPS parent Erica Massingham of Erica Massingham Photography

4TH PRIZE Outdoor adventure pack filled with fun for the whole family. \$500 RRP. Donated by OWPS parent Rene Gibb of Crayons.

A booklet of raffle tickets will be sent home with the eldest child of each family in the coming weeks. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10, or a booklet of 6 tickets for \$20. All proceeds of this raffle go directly to Oatley West Public School. For further details contact Jenny Nicol, picnicjenny55@gmail.com or 0410 720 032.

SUGAR RUSH PRIZE WHEEL DONATIONS

There's still time for Years 3-6 to donate to the Sugar Rush Prize Wheel! Collection boxes will be in classrooms for the next two weeks. If every family donates just one bag of lollies or a family size bar of chocolate, we'll have enough prizes for the whole weekend! Please note we can't accept donations containing nuts or sour lollies.

KIDS ART

Don't forget K-2 Art canvases are due back next Monday 12 August and Year 3-6 artworks are due back Tuesday 20 August.

TRASH & TREASURE DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has already donated. We definitely have some great treasures to be sold at the Festival. Our next and final collection day will be Friday 16th August from 3.15 to 3.45pm. In the meantime, please direct any enquiries to Lisa (Deco1310@hotmail.com) or Kim (kimmybimbim@hotmail.com).

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS AND DONORS

Many local businesses very generously donate to us so check them out next time you're looking for a local supplier. If you use one of our sponsors or donors, it would be great if you could let them know you are an OWPS parent – seeing their sponsorship turn into customers really helps when we ask them for support next year!

Thanks for all of your support across the Festival! This is a major fundraiser for our school so all of your contributions go directly back to supporting your kids.

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 Jo G and Bee M-B 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 who volunteer as our School Banking Co-ordinators and process our banking every week.

A big thank you to Faith S and Tina Y for helping with school banking the last week.

Would you like to help out?

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

Rewards Program update
In Term 3, two new reward items from our Polar Savers range become available to redeem: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring and Scratch Art Cards.



2019 prizes;

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

The following prizes are still available

- Zoom Flying Disc
- Volt handball
- Twister Power Handball
- Glow light
- Heat Reactor Pencil set
- Icicle slap band ruler
- Mighty boom hand ball
- Pencil Tech Case
- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Snowy Origami Set
- Sparkle Glitter pens

Simply add the name, class, student number and type of prize to a 'Post it Note' and we will order it in.

Prizes can take up to three weeks to arrive.

Any questions?

Contact owpsschoolbanking@gmail.com

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

Thursday is our banking day!

Oatley West Public School

Celebrates

Education Week

2019

All family and friends are invited to join us for:

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 7th August

Fathering Project BBQ Breakfast 8:00am - 9:00am

Whole School Assembly 9:30am - 9:40am

Open Classroom Visits 9:45am -10:30am

Morning Tea 10:30am -11:00am

Performances & Activities 11:00am -12:30pm



Education Week is a very important opportunity for schools, parents and the wider community to celebrate student achievement and commitment to their learning.

The theme for Education Week 2019 is

'Every Student, Every Voice'.

It is a celebration of student empowerment and how the NSW Public Education System gives students the skills they need in order to have and express a voice during their own educational journey and as engaged global citizens.

OPEN DAY ACTIVITIES

The Fathering Project BBQ: 8:00am-9:00am

Fathers, father-figures & children are invited to enjoy a BBQ breakfast (\$5 per person) & then be involved in a paper plane flying event.

Whole School Assembly: 9:30am-9:40am

Welcome to parents, family and friends.

Open Classrooms: 9:45am-10:30am

Parents, family and friends are invited into classrooms to see the children's quality work and visual arts displays around the school.

Morning Tea: 10:30am-11:00am

Tea and coffee will be served in the Quiet Area.

Year 6 will be selling cupcakes for \$1 and Oatley West Enviro Bags for \$2.50 as a fundraiser on the day.

Enjoy morning tea and a picnic on the Astro Turf with your children.

Performances & Activities: 11am-12:30pm

The students at Oatley West Public School enjoy many extra-curricular activities. See pop up performances and special activities around the school showcasing our talented and dedicated students.



	Astro Turf	Hall	Computer Room	Library	Garden	Quiet Area
11:00am	Stage 2 Dance			iPads/ Literature	Interactive Garden Group	Chess
11:05am	Yr3-6 Boys Hip Hop					
11:10am	Yr 2 Choir					
11:15am	Stage 1 Dance					
11:20am	Yr1-2 Boys Hip Hop					
11:25am	Yr3-6 Choir					
11:30am	Kindy Dance		Robotics	iPads/ Literature	Archaeologist Dig	
11:35am	Stage 3 Dance					
11:50am		Training Band				
12:00pm		Intermediate Band				
12:10pm		Recorder Group				
12:20pm		Concert Band				