



OATLEY WEST Lantern

MR NASH'S CORNER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4

Sept

Cake Day

11

Sept

Book Club orders due

12

Sept

Book Week Parade

15

Sept

Band Festival at UNSW

17

Sept

Music Council AGM

Spring



A kind word is like a Spring Day.



2008 parking bay.
Now our existing bus stop
and before security
Fencing.



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

Principal Nash continued

OWPS SCHOOL BAND

I had a discussion last week with parents that volunteer to make sure the band program runs so efficiently each year. This program has been running for some 37 years. The Percussion Power program has been running for over 15 years. These programs have become an integral part of the school year and continue to win awards and accolades whenever they perform. The majority of the current Music Council members have school children entering their last year at OWPS in 2020. Without an influx of new parent volunteers to follow up these programs they could easily cease. I know volunteers from all walks of life are hard to recruit, from sporting clubs, churches and community groups. Life has become hectic and people just can't find the time. The commitment to band, if there are plenty of volunteers, doesn't have to be arduous or time consuming with many of the jobs able to be done from home. With email & texts today communication is easy and even meetings can be done via a conference call.

If you have not considered volunteering for the band I urge you to consider, as many of our children participate in this activity. If you would like to know more about what roles are available please contact Carmel Sharples:
carmensharples1@optusnet.com.au

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.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS****PLEASE NOTE:**

UNDER A NEW DEPARTMENT POLICY FOR ENROLMENT INTO A DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL, AT OUR SCHOOL, SIBLINGS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AS A CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR OUT OF AREA ENROLMENTS. IF YOU ARE IN THIS CATEGORY, YOU HAVE UNTIL THE END OF THIS TERM TO ENROL YOUR CHILD AT OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2019
1st – 7th September
PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

**Key Messages**

- Children do best when life is on an even keel and their parents have the support they need.
- By being kind to parents, supporting family-friendly policies, and building connected communities, we're all helping to give Australia's children the best start in life.
- National Child Protection Week is all about celebrating the many ways—big and small—that everyone in the community can make a difference in the life of a child.
- Most importantly, we need to recognise that parenting is like a sailing boat; it takes skill and practice, anyone can encounter rough waters from time to time, and we can all do our bit to help build the safe harbours and lighthouses that all families need.

Principal Nash continued



This National Child Protection Week (1-7 September), we're making it easier than ever for everyone to get involved in creating better lives for children.

To get started, visit <https://www.napcan.org.au>.

The aim of the week is to engage all members of the community to 'Play a Part' in improving child wellbeing and keep children safe in Australia.



Paul Nash



SPORT

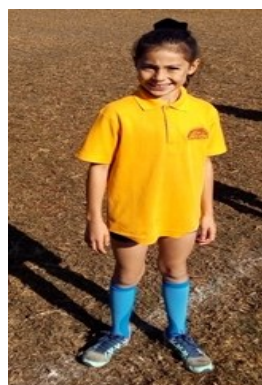
DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (TRACK) 26TH AUGUST

Congratulations to all students who participated at the Georges River District Athletics Carnival last Monday. In very chilly (and drizzling) conditions, our students performed exceptionally well.



A special congratulations to Madena M and Dylan L who made it to Sydney East!

Mr Griffiths
District Athletics Coordinator



SPORTS CONTINUED

PSSA Season 3 Trial Reminder

Due to the wet weather we experienced last week, the first trial for Season 3 was postponed. The first trial will now occur this Wednesday, 4th of September during the afternoon session, with the second trial to follow on Friday, 6th of September.

A reminder that the available sports are:

- Boys Basketball - Mr Griffiths
- Mixed Hockey - Mrs Assad
- Girls Touch Football - Mrs Reilly
- Girls T-Ball and Softball - Miss Ross/Ms Eldridge
- Boys Cricket - Miss Diwell
- Tennis
- Yoga
- School Sport

The key dates for the Season are as follows:

Season Start Date: 13/09/19 (Term 3 Week 8)

Season End Date: 22/11/19 (Term 4 Week 6)

Finals Date: 29/11/19 (Term 4 Week 7)

Please have a think about what you would like to do this season. Good luck to all students trialing for a sport.

Jersey Hire and Return

Jersey Hire and return will occur next Tuesday, 10th September from 8:55am. If your child has not yet returned their jersey for Season 2, they will be able to do so on this date. Students are not to return jerseys to coaches/teachers at any other time.

For teams hiring a jersey for season 3, more information will be given directly to students when teams are finalised.

Ms Eldridge

SCHOOL BANKING

Many thanks to the wonderful parents Vicky G, Angel D, Lily P and Tina Y who volunteer as our School Banking Co-ordinators 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.

Completing your deposit slip for School Banking day.

Please ensure your child's deposit slip is correctly filled out before banking with School Banking. The below example indicates the fields that are required to be completed.

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

Did you Know?

Every month that you make at least one deposit and don't take any money out of your Youthsaver account, you'll earn "bonus Interest.

Bonus interest is extra money the bank gives you as reward for saving.

Youthsaver Account*

Balance	Standard rate	Bonus interest*	With bonus interest
Up to \$50,000	0.50% p.a.	1.80% p.a.	2.30% p.a.
Above \$50,000	0.50% p.a.	0.00% p.a.	0.50% p.a.

* Youthsaver available for children under 18 years of age.

* Interest is paid on the portion of the balance within each balance band.

SCHOOL BANKING continued

2019 prizes

The following prizes are available

Zoom Flying Disc
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

Thursday is our school banking day!

Any questions?

Contact owpsschoolbanking@gmail.com.au

ORGANIC DIGGERS CLUB

Organic Diggers Report

Windy conditions once again prevented the Diggers from working in the garden last week. Today the forecast is much more positive with kale, spring onions and lettuces ready to be harvested. We will be winding activities in the garden down with term 4 and hot conditions approaching. A working bee is planned for the afternoon of Wednesday 25th September. The note is attached to this newsletter. Happy gardening!

Mr Burr

Organic Diggers co-ordinator

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

In week 10, Stage 3 students from our school will be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Thank you!

MUSIC NEWS

Music Council**Community Festival**

Thanks to all the children who performed and the many parents who helped with the Band and Percussion Power performances on Saturday.

Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival (ASBOF)

Intermediate Band and Concert Band will be performing at the ASBOF on **Sunday 15th September** at Leighton Hall, University of NSW, Kensington. Intermediate Band arrive at 10.45am and Concert Band at 11.30am.

Further details will be emailed to parents this week.

Volunteers Needed

To ensure the continuation of the Band and Percussion Power programs, Music Council needs volunteers to take on the various roles whilst current members are at the school for advice and support. If interested please come to Music Council AGM on **Tuesday 17th September** at 7pm in Multi-purpose (Computer) room. See flyer at the end of the newsletter. For further information please email carmel-sharples1@optusnet.com.au

Music Council

NEWS

The artist David Dunn is back at Oatley West PS for another residency and will be working with all classes K-6. We are delighted to have him back. After numerous requests last year, a 'Meet the Artist' session is planned for Wednesday 4th September from 3.30 - 4.30pm. During this time community members will have the opportunity to meet David in addition to viewing and purchasing some of his artwork. David is an internationally renowned artist, so do not miss this opportunity!

Mr Burr

Residency co-ordinator

BOOK WEEK– LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK AUTHOR VISIT AND PARADE – THURSDAY SEPT 12TH

AUTHOR VISIT

Our visiting author for the day is Christopher Cheng. 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

LIBRARY DOOR COMPETITION

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Library door competition.

Stage 3: Leya, Stage 2: Abigail and Stage 1: Tiffany. ES1 will be creating their own artwork for their door.

Thank you to everyone who entered, it was a difficult decision to pick the winners. We have so many creative students at our school.

Rita Fitzpatrick and Deanna Cacciotti

BOOK CLUB

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Scholastic Book Club is run by a team of volunteer superstars who help to package and distribute book orders each issue.



CAN YOU HELP?

It only takes 1-2 hours of your time, twice per term. If you can help us out please contact Julie Schofield on 0400 498 696.

Issue 6 catalogues went home last week.
Orders are due by Wednesday 11 September.

02/09/2019

School Garden Working Bee - Wednesday 25th September 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

A community Working Bee will be taking place on Wednesday 25th September in our school garden.

We will be weeding, mulching and preparing our produce garden. *Work will begin at 3.30pm and finish at 4.30pm.* 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 by Tuesday 24th September.

Many thanks

L Burr

Organic Diggers Co-ordinator

School Garden Working Bee - Wednesday 25th September

I / we (names) _____ intend on participating in the **Organic Diggers Working Bee on Wednesday 25th September 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: _____

OWPS P&C MUSIC COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The OWPS P&C Music Council needs volunteers to ensure the continuation of the music program at OWPS. The Band program has been an integral part of the school for over 35 years. The Percussion Power program has been running for over 15 years.

All positions on the Music Council will come up for election at the AGM on **Tuesday 17 September 2019**.

Positions include:

- President
- Vice-President/Playout Coordinator
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Percussion Power Coordinator
- Concert Band Coordinator
- Intermediate Band Coordinator
- Training Band Coordinator
- Instrument Coordinator
- Uniform Coordinator
- Music Librarians
- Band Camp Coordinator

Why?

The majority of current Music Council members have school children entering their last year at OWPS in 2020. This is a great opportunity to take on one of these roles and take advantage of current members availability for advice and instruction over the next year.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Most roles require 1-2 hours a week whilst the Band Camp Coordinator role is intensive across Term 1 and the first 2 days of Term 2.

Role descriptions are available. Current members are happy to talk about each role.

WHAT IF NO ONE VOLUNTEERS?

No training band will be formed for 2020. All other programs will be wrapped up by December 2020.

WHERE DO I SIGN UP?

Come along to the **Music Council AGM on Tuesday 17 September at 7pm** in the Multipurpose (Computer) room.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact: Carmel Sharples (President) @ carmelsharples1@optusnet.com.au for current role descriptions and to register your interest in attending the AGM.