



# OATLEY WEST Lantern

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**17**  
Sep

Music Council AGM

**18**  
Sep

Sports Assembly

**19**  
Sep

School Disco

**25**  
Sep

Working Bee

**27**  
Sep

Last day Term 3



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

## MR NASH'S CORNER

### OATLEY PARK ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Congratulations to Georges River Council for an excellent installation in our park. The concept was designed in collaboration with the community which is the real Oatley West way. Preliminary concepts for the design were collated and used by the designers to prepare the final design in association with Council. Landscaping and nature-based play elements have been carefully designed to work with the park's bushland setting. The official opening took place on Saturday. I'm sure our school will be able to take great advantage of this new park. We use the oval regularly and some feel it's 'just like our own backyard!' We will look at the feasibility of using this new adventure playground perhaps as a sport activity, but not before risk-assessments are done and we ensure our Health & Safety procedures are followed to travel to and from the park.



Mayor Kevin Greene & Mark Coure MP at the official opening on Saturday.



## Principal Nash continued

**NAPLAN**

Student results for this year's NAPLAN should be arriving at school next week and will be distributed to parents after that. If you have any questions about your child's results you need to make an appointment to talk to your child's class teacher.

A preliminary glance at our school results are very pleasing. I will give a more in depth analysis when all results are received.

**STUDENT ABSENCES**

Please remember to contact the school or send in a note (via Skoolbag or written note) to explain your child's absences. If you are planning a holiday you must apply for a certificate of extended leave prior to your holiday.

**BOOKWEEK PARADE**

It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents visiting the school last week for our parade. It goes to show that the book and libraries are not dead in this age of technology. There will always be that special place for a good book with a good story and illustrations that take us on a journey, transport us to another time or stimulate our imagination and fantasy. Our Library certainly caters for all ages and is always busy.

**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.**



I'm not sure who had the most fun on the day, teachers or the kids? I was certainly declared healthy by Dr. ?????



## Principal Nash continued

### VISIBLE LITERACY TRAINING



Our staff, combined with Penshurst West Public School met on Saturday in the second day of training in Visible Learning. Both schools are on a journey of building capacity in our teachers through structured self-reflective practices which encompasses and promotes student agency. Student agency is developing students to act as the director in their learning. It is important that students feel valued, have ownership to engage in relevant learning and develop the skills and strategies and become comfortable to take risks. Visible Learning means that students know what they need to learn, how to learn it, and how to evaluate their own progress. Using the Visible Learning approach, teachers become evaluators of their own impact on student learning. The combination causes students to drive their own learning. Learning must be seen as obvious, not assumed. Learning intentions and success criteria contribute significantly to *teacher clarity*, which John Hattie's research shows, can double or triple student learning.

## ASK ME

**What am I learning?**

**How will I learn it?**

**Where to next?**



## VALUE FOR THE WEEK

### RESPECT

Be polite, cooperative and sensible.

Treat people as you would like to be treated.

Accept and celebrate our differences.



## TERM DATES

Our last day for Term 3 is Friday 27th September.

Term 4 resumes on Monday 14th October 2019.



*Paul Nash*



## STAFF ABSENCES

This term has proven to be a difficult term with a number of staff absences. There has been a considerable amount of illness not only with students, but staff as well. There have been times when we have had issues ensuring enough staff to cover classes but we always do our best to cover classes and maintain consistency. We have also had quite a number of activities that have included students and staff in extracurricular activities. These are important as we believe in education the whole child and these experiences cannot happen without the support of staff. There has also been some days with planning where staff are looking at new programs that are being introduced in the school and training is required. Staff are also entitled to leave and once again, we have done our utmost to ensure classes are covered with the best personnel and programs are followed.

Please be assured, we always do our best to make sure our students are the focus of what we are doing and to do the best by them. We appreciate your support and understanding.

Mrs Chappell

## WHOOPING COUGH ALERT

A reported case of whooping cough (Pertussis) has been reported in Stage 3.

We have been informed that the child had been immunised.

If you have any concerns please go to the NSW Health Department information website

[www.schoolatoz.com.au](http://www.schoolatoz.com.au)

## PUBLIC SPEAKING-STAGE 2

As our class and grade Public Speaking draws to a close, we would like to congratulate Oliver (3 Blue), Chris (3 Red), Emma (3 Red), Claire (4 Purple), Alfie (4 Purple) and Eva (4 Pink) for progressing to the Stage 2 Public Speaking final to be held on Wednesday, 18th Sept at 9.30am in the school hall. One successful speaker from this talented group will represent Stage 2 at the Georges River Network Public Speaking Final. Good luck!

Parents are welcome to attend.

Mrs Hatzistergos

## SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Matthew T, Selina C, Aaron M and Chelsea L who represented Oatley West Public School at the Regional Spelling Bee at Peakhurst South on Thursday. Aaron M won the Junior competition and will now compete in the NSW State Final at the ABC studios in Ultimo in November. You will be able to follow along with him as is broadcast on ABC 702. The date will be published once confirmed.

Mrs Reilly  
Spelling Bee Coordinator





## MATHEMATICS

**Stage 3 Mathematics Competition**

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Mrs Assad

## SPORTS NEWS

**PSSA WEEK 10 (27TH SEPTEMBER)**

Due to Stage 3's excursion to Canberra, PSSA in the last week of this term has been cancelled. There will be no tennis, school sport or PSSA sports on this day. In most instances, our teams have a bye in this round.

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**SPORTS ASSEMBLY: Wednesday 18th September 2019**

This coming Wednesday we will be holding our Sports Assembly to celebrate our students' fine achievements in the sporting arena. At this assembly our Athletics Carnival ribbons will be handed out, as well as some special district certificates from our local MP Mark Coure.

Season 2 PSSA Awards will also be given out at this assembly.

Parents Welcome!

Mr Griffiths

## MUSIC COUNCIL NEWS

**Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival (ASBOF)**

Yesterday, Intermediate Band and Concert Band performed at the ASBOF at the University of NSW. Both Bands played well and received Silver Awards. Congratulations to all the participants and thank you to the parents.

**Music Council AGM**

All are welcome to the Music Council AGM and ordinary meeting on **Tuesday 17th September** at 7.00pm in Multi-purpose (Computer) room. See flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Music Council

## LIBRARY NEWS

**BOOK WEEK PARADE: "READING IS MY SECRET POWER"**

From Madame Curie to the Treehouse stories. From Thelma the Unicorn to the Trunchbull. We had a wonderful day celebrating reading and literature. Thanks to our community and the SRC Seniors for helping to make this a great day!



## LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the PRC:

Violet R

Joshua H

Maddison S

Miss Blake and Mrs Fitzpatrick



## SRC SPORT-A-THON



The SRC Sport-a-thon will be held on Tuesday 15 October. The sport-a-thon is a major fundraising event run by the SRC Leaders to raise money to build a seating and garden area for the students to access near the bike shed whilst encouraging a healthy lifestyle by promoting different sports. A sponsorship card and permission note will be coming home this week.



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## UNIFORM SHOP

Manager – Sia Coelho

Enquiries: [scoelho@iinet.net.au](mailto: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.**

**Summer Uniform** – Over the last two weeks, we began transitioning into Summer Uniform. All students will be expected to be wearing their full Summer Uniform by the start of Term 4.

**Kindy Orientation Helpers:** Kindy orientation is fast approaching – If you are available to help in the Uniform shop during orientation, please contact Sia Coelho ([scoelho@iinet.net.au](mailto:scoelho@iinet.net.au)). Orientation dates are Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Help on any of these dates would be appreciated. **For new starters who already have siblings at the school, please consider purchasing any uniform needs prior to orientation.**

**Thank you** – Many thanks to Jo G and Bee M-B who volunteered at the “Shop” last week.

**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](mailto:scoelho@iinet.net.au)

**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

## School Banking News Term 3 Week 9

Many thanks to the wonderful parents, Lily P, Faith S and Tina Y who volunteer to process School banking last week.

Would you like to help out?

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

## School Banking Token Count Session

If your child is unsure how many tokens they have to their name, our banking portal keeps an electronic tally for each student.

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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  
Sparke Glitter pens, Qty 4.

Any questions?

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## ORGANIC DIGGERS

**Organic Diggers Report**

Our produce garden is starting to look weedy. With Mr Burr absent on an excursion today, we are unable to run maintenance and keep the area looking tidy. To amend this, a working bee is planned for the afternoon of Wednesday 25th September for 3pm until 4pm. Without ongoing community support we would be unable to offer the Organic Diggers Club. If you have an hour to spare that afternoon, it would be much appreciated by our students. The note is attached to this newsletter.

Happy gardening!

Mr Burr

*Organic Diggers*



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02/09/2019

**School Garden Working Bee - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Dear Parents / Carers,

A community Working Bee will be taking place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Many thanks

L Burr

*Organic Diggers Co-ordinator*

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**School Garden Working Bee - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

I / we (names) \_\_\_\_\_ intend on participating in the **Organic Diggers Working Bee** on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 SRC 2019**

**presents**



**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**with Bob Till You Drop!**

**\$1**  
**Glowsticks**  
**on the night!**

**K-2 5:30 - 6:45**

**3-6 7:00 - 8:30**

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**SCHOOL HALL ENTRY ONLY: \$4**

**DISCO PACK + PRE ENTRY: \$7**

**Disco Packs include: Entry Wristband, a glow stick,  
popcorn and a 99% fruit ice-block!**



# 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](mailto:carmelsharples1@optusnet.com.au) for current role descriptions and to register your interest in attending the AGM.