



# OATLEY WEST Lantern

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24  
Sep

P&C meeting in Library-6.30 pm

25  
Sep

5/6 Camp-Canberra

25  
Sep

School garden 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

Congratulations to all of our students for their efforts during the public speaking program. For those that are going to district competition, I wish you all the very best. It is obvious our *7 Steps to Writing* program has had an affect, as many of the strategies have surfaced in the writing of speeches for public speaking presentations. Well done everyone!

It's been a very busy term and unfortunately we have experienced continued illness across the school amongst students **and** teachers. We often had the relief teachers ringing in sick also. Hopefully with better weather and two weeks away we will all come back to Term 4 healthy and strong to finish off the year positively.

I am looking forward to accompanying Stage 3 to Canberra for three days this week (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday). This is a very informative program with lots of learning, not only about government, but life skills of sharing, getting along with others, give and take and for some, being away from home for the first time. It is an event most students remember for the rest of their lives and is a great opportunity to display all of our school values:

**Fairness/Integrity/Respect/Cooperation/Excellence/  
Participation/Care & Responsibility!**

Wishing everyone a happy vacation. Term 4 resumes on Monday 14th October 2019.



The 'Dirt Playground' before the Astro Turf was installed in 2009.

**Principal Nash continued**

First day on the job way back in 2008!

### **DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP** **(from eSafety Commissioner)**

A digital citizen is a person with skills and knowledge to effectively use digital technologies to participate in society, communicate with others and create and consume digital content. Digital citizenship is about confident and positive engagement with digital technology. In today's rapidly evolving digital environment, students often find themselves becoming digital citizens the moment they begin using digital technologies, such as signing up for an email address, using the internet and mobile phones. In acknowledging themselves to be digital citizens from the beginning of their use of technology, young students should come to recognise the importance of protecting their private information online, the value of taking responsibility for themselves and their actions, and the necessity of treating others with an appropriate standard of behaviour online.

### **Engage Positively**

When you engage positively you are exercising your rights and responsibilities as a digital citizen, and respecting the rights of others.

Being aware of your own behaviour, respecting others and knowing how to take action to protect yourself means that you bring respect, integrity and ethical behaviour to your online interactions and discourage anti-social behaviours like trolling, bullying and harassment.

When you are online:

- respect the rights of others to participate and have an opinion
- ask before tagging other people or posting photos
- report offensive or illegal content
- stand up and speak out about cyberbullying — protect your friends
- don't respond to hurtful or nasty comments — block and report cyberbullying
- speak to your parents or trusted adult about upsetting online experiences
- report threats of violence to the police (collect the evidence to show them).

### **Know your online world**

Knowing your online world is about understanding how you can use technology and devices. It is about learning new skills and knowing how to protect your digital footprint. When you know your online world you have the skills and knowledge to participate in the online world with confidence. You learn new things, understand the language of digital technologies and know how to take action if your privacy is breached.

When you are online:

- learn how new skills will help you explore the online world
- recognise online risks and how to manage them
- look out for suspicious emails and scams
- use secure websites for financial and retail services
- keep passwords secret, strong and unique
- know how to report bullying behaviour on social media sites.

### **Choose consciously**

When you choose consciously you make well informed decisions about who you share information with and how you engage with others. You are in charge of how you interact online and you can use your digital literacy and know-how to protect yourself and your friends.

Choosing consciously means being aware that you are in control of the decisions you make online.



Principal Nash continued

It means thinking before sharing your personal information and understanding that your choices can last forever.

When you are online make a decision to:

- choose privacy and security settings carefully and check them regularly
- choose friends wisely online — not everybody online is who they claim to be, regularly review your connections and remove people
- if you have made a mistake apologise and take down offensive material as soon as possible
- Ask for permission before uploading pictures of your friends.

Website for further information:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources>

Office of the eSafety Commissioner.

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

**COOPERATION**

Work together to achieve common goals.  
 Help each other to succeed.  
 Work together to peacefully resolve conflict.  
 Listen to the views of others.



*Paul Nash*



MRS CHAPPELL

**SPORT-A-THON Tuesday 15 October**

This is an SRC Leadership initiative and sponsorship cards are coming home today. The money raised will go towards building a garden and seating area in front of the bike shed. We are encouraging a healthy lifestyle by trying out different physical activities whilst raising money. We ask students to get sponsors using different language and techniques for different people, for example speaking to parents is different to neighbours but ask that our students do NOT approach strangers. Sponsorship cards need to be ready for Tuesday 15 October, and do NOT need to bring money in until after the event. The child that raises the most money in each class and hand it in before Friday 1 November will get a SMACKERZ. The three highest money raisers in the school will also receive a water hopscotch.

Mrs Chappell and the SRC Leaders



## UNIFORM SHOP

**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** – All students should be wearing their full Summer Uniform in 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 SHOP cont

**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.**

## ORGANIC DIGGERS

**Organic Diggers Report**

With great weather forecast for today, the Diggers are looking forward to getting out into the garden! We'll be trying to get on top of several weeds which are beginning to take hold. Wednesday's proposed working bee may have to be postponed due to lack of response. End of term is a busy time, but if you are able to help for an hour, return the note attached to this week's newsletter to Mr Burr. I will notify the family who have so far indicated attendance on Wednesday of the postponement if no more volunteers become available.

Happy gardening!

Mr Burr

*Organic Diggers Co-ordinator*

## P&amp;C

There will be a P & C meeting on Tuesday evening, 24th Sept, at 6.30pm in the school library

All welcome!



MR BURR

**David Dunn - Artist in Residence**

In weeks 6, 7 and 8 the artist David Dunn paid another visit to Oatley West PS. All classes K-6 had the opportunity to work with him creating artwork for didjeridus and bullroarers. David explained the meaning of various symbols used in Aboriginal art and spoke about the significance of colour. Students then created their own stories and found symbols to tell it. Pupils reported having a fantastic time working with David as well as refining their understanding of Aboriginal Art. David opened his space up one afternoon for community and teachers to view and purchase his artwork. He thoroughly enjoyed his visit to Oatley West PS and hopes to return at some time in the future.

Mr Burr

*Residency Co-ordinator*

MR BURR (CONT)



NEWS

**Penshurst Girls STEM Day**



In Week 9, Tuesday the 17th of September, 17 year five girls from OWPS participated in the Penshurst Girls High School STEM Day as an experience to see and understand the school and its opportunities. The entire day we were occupied doing fun yet challenging activities.

In the first session of the day, we participated in a stem activity involving how to build a Lego robot and program it to move around and complete several challenges. All of the year five students were split into groups of 3 and 4 for these challenges. Each group created an iMovie of their experience of building and programming the robot.

In the last hour of the day, we learnt how to make 'snowballs' in Food Technology. We had a lot of fun and discovered many techniques used in cooking in high school.

Overall, it was a very enjoyable day, and we learnt a lot about high school, the importance of subjects they teach, and how they run the school. Many thanks to Mrs Assad for organising this event, we wouldn't have had this opportunity without her and thank you to GRC Penshurst Girls High School for allowing us to come to the STEM day.

MUSIC COUNCIL

**Music Council News**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Music Council AGM last week. We have filled all positions on Music Council for 2020, except for a Co-ordinator for the incoming Training Band.

**Training Band 2020**

It's time for kids in Year 2 to get excited about all things Band! Next term we will be offering kids in Year 2 the opportunity to try out instruments and make their choices of what they would like to play.

We would like to extend an invitation to any current year 2 students (or any other students in years 3-5) and their parents who might be interested in joining band in 2020 to come along to Training Band rehearsals any Monday or Wednesday morning from 8:50am in the Hall to watch the current Training Band play.

**Important dates:**

- Wednesday 23/10 Instrument try out day for current Year 2 students (during school time)
- Wednesday 30/10 Parent information evening, 7pm in the Hall.

*Kylie Archer*

LIBRARY

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Enjoy the holidays, and remember to

**KEEP READING!**





## BANKING

**School Banking News Term 3 Week 10**

Many thanks to the wonderful parents, Lily P, Faith S, Angel D 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.

You can email the school banking team on [owpss-schoolbanking@gmail.com](mailto:owpss-schoolbanking@gmail.com),

and we can check for you.

Please include your child's three digit student number.

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

<https://www.commbank.com.au/content/>

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
- Sparkle Glitter pens, Qty 4.



Any questions?

Contact [owpsschoolbanking@gmail.com](mailto: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

## SPORT

**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.

Mr Griffiths

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*

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

