



# OATLEY WEST Lantern

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**12**  
Sept

Book Week Parade

**15**  
Sept

Band Festival at UNSW

**17**  
Sept

Music Council AGM

**19**  
Sept

School Disco



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

## MR NASH'S CORNER

### Spring



*Every child is a different kind of flower and all together, make this world a beautiful garden!*

This saying was left off last week's newsletter, and seems more pertinent today in the light of the tragedy outside Hurstville Public School last Friday.

I remain unapologetic about the frequency of my articles in this newsletter about road safety in and around our school. This could have been our school last Thursday after an incident with a student near Stevens Reserve. I get parents repeatedly reporting near misses and driving habits that disregard road rules and general driver etiquette in and around our streets. Our students that walk to and from school and bike riders, need to take much more care.

The ripple effect on both Hurstville Public School and Sydney Technical High School communities will resonate forever. Our school sends heartfelt sympathy to both communities and the family and friends at this most distressing time.

This is a timely reminder to always exercise the utmost caution when driving near schools.




The sandstone stage and seats were removed in November 2008 due to safety issues and to save stress on the trees. Seats were relocated in various spots around the playground.

## Principal Nash continued

**IS IT BULLYING?**

The definition below outlines the difference between bullying and other conflicts that can occur. There is a difference between rude, mean and bullying behaviour.

*Bullying is defined in the National Safe Schools Framework (NSSF) as: an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying of any form for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved. (Australian Government Department of Education and Training 2016).*

	<b>Is it BULLYING?</b>
If someone says or does something unintentionally that is hurtful and they do it once, that's	
<b>RUDE.</b>	
If someone says or does something intentionally that is hurtful and they do it once, that's	
<b>MEAN.</b>	
If someone says or does something intentionally that is hurtful and they keep doing it even when you tell them to stop, that's	
<b>BULLYING.</b>	

At Oatley West Public School, when things go wrong or when someone has been hurt, we employ Restorative Questions to work through the situation. We also refer to our 8 Values of FAIRNESS, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, COOPERATION, EXCELLENCE, PARTICIPATION, CARE and RESPONSIBILITY.

**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.**

## VALUE FOR THE WEEK

**EXCELLENCE**

Always try for your personal best.

Celebrate your achievements and the achievements of others.

Be proud of your school.

Enjoy learning.



*Paul Nash*



## ORGANIC DIGGERS

Organic Diggers Report

The weather remained kind to us last week and a bumper kale crop was harvested and sent home. The produce garden is starting to look weedy and with high winds predicted all week it is unlikely we will be able to garden today to run maintenance and keep the area looking tidy. To this purpose, a working bee is planned for the afternoon of Wednesday 25th September. 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 myself and our students.

Happy gardening!

Mr Burr

*Organic Diggers Club*

## MUSIC COUNCIL

Why Join the Band? A Parent's Perspective

Three years ago I had a conversation with my son Jack about joining the school band. I had heard the band play – they were amazing - and after watching a talk on the positive effects that learning an instrument can have on a growing brain, I convinced him to go along to the band music tryout day. He was initially reluctant to go, so I didn't hold out much hope, but suggested he at least check it out and see what it was all about. I was extremely surprised when he came home from school that day super excited about learning the trombone and joining the band.

Jack loves being in the school band. The highlight of his second year (and every subsequent year) was band camp – a two-day camp held at Stanwell Tops which combines music tutorials, band rehearsals and fun activities like go-karting. It was his first camp away and he loved it!

In the short time since joining the band Jack has been selected to play in the Sydney Southeast Symphonic Wind Orchestra (SSSW); nominated by the school to audition for the combined NSW public school Create East program at NIDA; and performs and competes regularly as a member of the St George Brass Band.

## MUSIC COUNCIL (CONT)

I am extremely grateful to the OWPS band program at the school and the time and effort put in to it by the teachers, band conductor and parent volunteers to make it such a successful program. Without this program, Jack wouldn't have discovered his hidden talent and passion for playing the trombone or made such a great group of friends.

As a parent of a band child I have also been able to support the program and my child by volunteering my time to band supervisions, on band camp, at performance excursions and this year as the co-concert band coordinator. It's been a fantastic opportunity for me to help give-back to this worthwhile program and I would whole-heartedly recommend other parents and carers get involved to ensure the continuation of the school band.

Sarah C.

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 7.00pm in Multi-purpose (Computer) room. See flyer at the end of the newsletter. For further information please email [carmelsharples1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:carmelsharples1@optusnet.com.au)

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 in full band uniforms. Please refer to your band coordinator for further details.

Music Council



## 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 on-site service would not be available without our wonderful volunteers.

**All uniform requirements are outlined on the School website.**

**Summer Uniform** – Last week we began transitioning into Summer Uniform. All students will be expected to be wearing their full Summer Uniform by the start of Term 4.

**Thank you** – Many thanks to 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 DISCO

**SRC “PowerDisco”**

**On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of September the SRC will be holding a disco in the school hall. Notes went home last week. If you need another one please ask your child’s teacher.**

There will be 2 disco sessions on the night:

**Years K-2: 5.30 - 6:45 pm**

**Years 3-6: 7.00 - 8.30 pm**

**Tickets and disco packs are to be pre-purchased** before the night for \$7. The last day for payment will be *Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of September*. Payment can be made to your child’s classroom teacher.

There will also be extra glow sticks for sale at \$1 each. Proceeds from the disco will go towards SRC school programs.

SRC students have selected a theme for this year’s disco: **“Power Disco”**. This could include dressing as a favourite celebrity, wearing a super power costume, or wearing your favourite disco clothes!

All students are to enter the hall via the door near the Short Street entrance. Parents will leave their children at this time. Staff will then supervise students in the hall. At the end of each session, parents are asked to enter when instructed and collect their child. At this time, no student will leave the hall without a parent to collect them.

Thank you to those teachers who will be volunteering their personal time to assist with supervision on the night. We look forward to your child participating in a great night of dancing and fun!

## SPORT

**3-6 Season 3 Sport**

Congratulations to all students who made it into a PSSA team for Season 3. Please ensure your permission note, code of conduct and any necessary medical forms are returned to your coach as soon as possible!.

A reminder of key dates for Season 2 PSSA sport:

Start Date: **13th September, 2019**

End Date: **22nd November, 2019**

Finals Date: **Friday 15th November, 2019**

**3-6 Season PSSA and School Sport Friday Routine**

The following information outlines the routine for 3-6 Friday morning sport. This is helpful for all students and parents to read through:

- Ensure you are at school on time. Your team needs you and buses leave promptly in the morning **at 9.30am**;
- When the bell rings, PSSA and Tennis students are to meet their coaches on the basketball court, School Sport and Yoga are to meet on the Astro-Turf.
- BYOD devices are to be left at school;
- Students must wear a school hat to PSSA. If students do not have a hat, they will not be taken to sport;
- Ensure you bring plenty of water;
- Students will return to school at approximately **12pm**. They will be given a recess break **until 12.30pm** to allow them to have something to eat and go to the bathroom;
- If you intend to take your child home directly from the PSSA venue, please notify the team coach in the form of a note. You will be required to sign out your child on the team roll;
- Students participating at outdoor venues should use adequate sun protection, e.g. an SPF50+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen reapplied regularly and a hat.

## SPORT (Cont)

**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 well-being of all participants. It is, therefore, essential that all students leaving the school grounds understand our expectations and abide by our Code of Conduct. Participation in this activity is dependent on this Code being signed and adhered to.

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 times.

**PSSA Jersey Hire**

The dates for Season 3 PSSA Jersey Hire/Return are as follows:

**Sport/s Relevant:** Boys Basketball

**Hire Date:** Tomorrow, **10th September, 2019 between 8:45am - 9:10am**

**Return Date:** TBC

Due to a significant number of sports jerseys being misplaced and/or not returned, Oatley West Public School will be implementing a jersey hire fee. This is for students representing the school in either PSSA or representative sport and are borrowing a school jersey.

Team jerseys will be hired by students at a fee of \$20. This is to ensure jerseys are returned at the end of the season. Students will receive their money back upon returning the jersey in an acceptable condition.

Refunds will not be provided for students if the following occurs:

- Jerseys are lost or misplaced
- Jerseys are ruined
- Jerseys are not returned by the allocated date unless discussed with the PSSA Coordinator.

The money will then be used to purchase replacement jerseys.

Unfortunately we do not have jerseys for every team. If there is not a jersey for your child's PSSA team, you will not be required to hire a jersey.

If your child's PSSA team has a jersey available, your child will be given a note upon their selection in a PSSA team with further information.

**What happens on Jersey Hire Day?**

Jersey hire will occur from 8.45am – 9.10am Tuesday mornings the week before the PSSA season commences. Jerseys must be hired on these days. This will occur in the Multipurpose/Computer room Room. Students are to:

## SPORT– Cont

What happens on Jersey Hire Day?

Jersey hire will occur from 8.45am – 9.10am Tuesday mornings the week before the PSSA season commences. Jerseys must be hired on these days. This will occur in the Multipurpose/Computer room Room. Students are to:

- Bring the Jersey Hire Form (Please do not place this in the envelope);
- Bring the exact amount (\$20) enclosed in an envelope. Change will not be given;
- Write their name, class, PSSA sport and season number on the envelope;
- Meet the PSSA Coordinator in the Multipurpose/Computer room;

Students will have their names marked off on a list to record their payment. They will select their jersey and are responsible for it for the remainder of the season.

What happens on Jersey Return Day?

Jersey return will occur from 8.45am – 9.10am Tuesday mornings the week following the end of the PSSA season. Jerseys must be returned on these days. Students are to:

- Ensure jersey is washed before returning;
- Meet the PSSA Coordinator in the Multipurpose/Computer room during allocated time;

Students will have their money returned to be taken home to their parents/carers.

**If your child still has a jersey from last season, please return it tomorrow during the jersey hire session.**

Regards,

*Tara Eldridge MA (Primary Education)*  
Teacher  
Oatley West Primary School

## FATHERING PROJECT-Save the Date

The next Fathering Project event is on Monday 4th November starting at 6pm. It is our Twilight Games event. Please save the date, with more information to come. Thank you for the support that you have given the Fathering Project over this year. It has been incredible to see many Dads and kids at the events.

Miss Benita



## SCRIPTURE

## OWPS COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

Day: Tuesday 10 September 2019

Time: 2-3pm

Venue: 22 Oatley Park Ave

Contact: Glynnis 0425 256 252 or Liz 0412 751 265 for more information or any enquiries

All welcome to join us in praying for our school and it's community

Liz Moll and Glynnis Nelson

## BANKING

Many thanks to the wonderful parents Annie H, Angel D, 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 can [School Banking rewards – what you need to know](#)

The rewards available during 2019 are:

Scented Stackable Highlighters

Snowy Origami Set

Icicle Slap band Ruler

Yeti Fluffy Notepad

Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring

Scratch Art Cards

Water Skimming Bounce Ball

Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 token's they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits.



## BANKING (Cont)

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**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 is every Thursday.

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

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?

Contact [owpsschoolbanking@gmail.com](mailto:owpsschoolbanking@gmail.com)



## LIBRARY NEWS

## IT'S BOOK WEEK: THURSDAY, SEPT 12.

## Book Week Checklist:

- Permission Note to classroom teacher
- Author visit \$2 to Office (if you haven't paid the Term note)
- Book Week Costume
- Book Week Parade 9.30 COLA, Thursday.

See you there.

## LIBRARY DOOR COMPETITION

Congratulations once again to the winners of the door competition.

Stage 3: Leya, Stage 2: Abigail and Stage 1: Tiffany



Rita Fitzpatrick and Holly Blake

## COMMUNITY FESTIVAL NEWS

## Winners are Grinnerers

Congratulations to the winners of our major raffle and other events over the weekend. Thanks again to all the businesses who sponsored and donated to make these prizes possible.

OWPS Community Festival Raffle

1st prize: Jacqui ([Light Trap](#))

2nd prize: John ([Aurea Designs Jewellers](#))

3rd prize: Aphilia ([Erica Massingham Photography](#))

4th prize: Bronte ([Crayons Imagine Creative Learning](#))

Adventure Trail ([Ray White Oatley](#))

Saturday: Avi and Ruby

Sunday: Kate, Ben and Naz

Art Quiz

Correct answer: Vincent van Gogh

Winner: Liam

Count the lollies:

Closest answer: 676

Winner: Sharen

All winners have been contacted directly.





COMMUNITY FESTIVAL NEWS

## Congratulations to all of our 2019 OWPS Community Festival Raffle Winners

1<sup>st</sup> prize  
Jacqui



2<sup>nd</sup> prize  
John



3<sup>rd</sup> prize  
Aphillia



4<sup>th</sup> prize  
Bronte



Thanks to Light Trap Photography, Aurea Designs, Erica Massingham Photography and Crayons for donating our awesome prizes.

OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL  
**Community  
Festival**

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 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.

# get involved with our **Dads Group**



...where dads and father-figures can gather, share, learn and laugh – with each other and their kids.

Ask a staff member or  
visit [thefatheringproject.org](http://thefatheringproject.org)  
to find out how.

@thefatheringproject #putfatheringfirst

in partnership  
with  
 **the  
fathering  
project**