



# OATLEY WEST Lantern

## MR NASH'S CORNER

We all settled back into Term 4 well last week. It was great to see everyone back and eager to get into their learning, and working towards a positive and harmonious end of year run down.

We continue to emphasise all of the COVID-19 protocols within the school to keep us all as safe as we can. Please assist the school and our community by keeping well back from the gates and following the distancing rules whilst waiting at the school gates in the morning and afternoon. So far we have done really well working together during the pandemic.

We have an extraordinary amount of students riding bikes and scooters to school. This seems to be a phenomena across many schools in our Georges River group of schools. There have been a few incidents of our students riding in an unsafe manner and last Wednesday I spoke to the 80 children that ride to school some time over the week. I encourage their riding to and from school and have continually asked them to walk their bikes out of the school grounds and across the road before getting on their bikes. This was due to parental complaints about our bike riders having many near misses as they have had to negotiate their way through the large collection of parents and students particularly at end of day. If your child rides to school could you please discuss the following from the Department website.

*'Teach your children to be safe bicycle riders by getting them to always follow bicycle road rules including:*

- *ride to the left on footpaths*
- *give pedestrians right of way on footpaths*
- *watch out for cars entering or leaving driveways*
- *wear a correctly fitted bicycle helmet – it's the law*
- *wear bright-coloured clothing such as a vest so other road users can see them.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Online Trivia Night



Calmsley Hill City Farm  
Excursion Kinder



P & C Meeting via  
Zoom 6:30pm



Special BBQ Lunch



Crazy Hair Day

Scholastic Book Club due  
date is Thursday 29 October



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



## School Values:

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

### Principal Nash continued

*Help children learn to ride safely away from roads until they are ready to make safe decisions.*

*For older children, think carefully about the following when judging their ability to ride on their own:*

- *How safe is the travel route?*
- *What are their riding skills like?*
- *How aware are they of their surroundings in the traffic environment?*
- *How well can they manage unexpected hazards?*

*Your school will have procedures about students bringing bikes onto school grounds. Ensure your children follow these at all times.'*



### RETURN TO SCHOOL 2021

We are beginning to put plans in place for the 2021 school year. As part of our planning process, we ask any families who are not planning to return to Oatley West next year to notify the school as soon as possible. We thank you for your support.

### 2021 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT & ORIENTATION

We are in the process of planning new and creative ways to present our Kindergarten orientation and Transition programs for 2021. We will inform our school community as soon as the plans are ready. In the meantime, if you have friends or neighbours living within our school zone who you know will have school age children next year, please encourage them to come to the school to complete the process or call the office on 9580 5048 so we can send them an enrolment package.

Any child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2020 is eligible to start school.

### CHECK IN ASSESSMENT

Oatley West is participating in an optional online reading and numeracy assessment for students in Years 3 and 5 named the *check in assessment*.

The Check-in assessment is supplementing existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. The assessments are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions.

Year 5 completed their assessments last term and year 3 are currently completing the assessments.

### NEW STEAM ROOM (MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM)

We are very excited that our furniture has finally arrived to create our new STEAM Room (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths). The arts include humanities, language arts, dance, drama, music, visual arts, design and new media.

You may hear the term 'STEM' with the main difference being that STEM explicitly focuses on scientific concepts. STEAM investigates the same concepts, but does this through inquiry and problem-based learning methods, encouraging collaboration in learning and discovery. This type of learning is supported in the everyday curriculum and particularly so in the cross-curriculum priorities in the ACARA's National Curriculum. It is dependent on the imagination and curiosity of the teachers collaborating with their students.



3 Green and 3 Purple were first to use the room last Friday. It was a very impressive start to our redeveloped room.

Many thanks go to the P&C for financially supporting this endeavour and our students' learning.

The school had new carpet laid to dampen down the noise from the existing lino which created an echo. We look forward to all classes being timetabled through this room each week.

Principal Nash continued

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

**RESPECT**

Be polite, cooperative and sensible.  
Treat people as you would like to be treated.  
Accept and celebrate our differences.



*Paul Nash*



CALMSLEY HILL CITY FARM

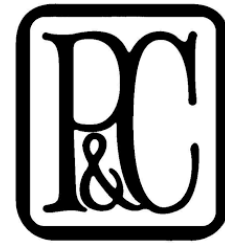


Kindergarten Excursion **Monday 26 Oct**

Could all Kindergarten children please remember to wear **School Sports Uniform** next Monday for our excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm. All children will need to be at school at **8AM**, and go directly to their classroom to meet their teacher. The excursion will definitely go ahead regardless of the weather, we are looking forward to a fun day!

Thank you.

P & C GENERAL MEETING



**P&C General Meeting**

OWPS P&C will be holding this term's first general meeting via Zoom. All community members are welcome to join the online meeting next **Tuesday 27th October at 6.30pm**.

Funding ideas for 2021 will be part of our discussions, if you cannot make it please let us know any items you would like shared by emailing us [oatleywestpublicschoolpc@outlook.com](mailto:oatleywestpublicschoolpc@outlook.com)

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://au01web.zoom.us/j/62441148696?pwd=QUV0L0d0QzBCNyStZlqbnRXQzFFZz09>

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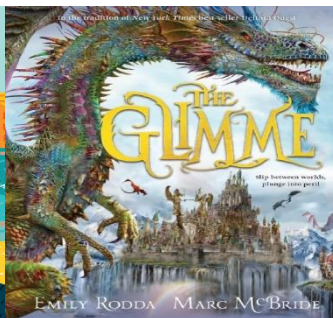
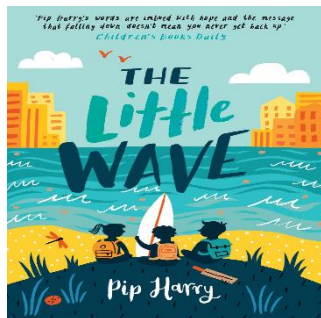
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**LIBRARY NEWS: JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT. HERE ARE THE CBCA BOOK WEEK AWARDS!**

**WINNER**

**HONOUR**

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**THE BOOK OF THE YEAR:  
YOUNGER READERS**

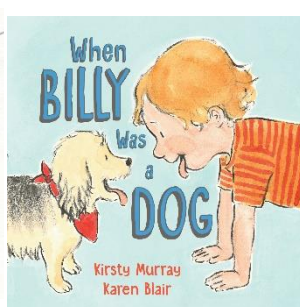
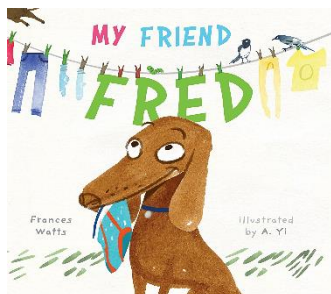
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and content for readers:

Ages 8-12

**WINNER**

**HONOUR**

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**THE BOOK OF THE YEAR:  
EARLY CHILDHOOD**

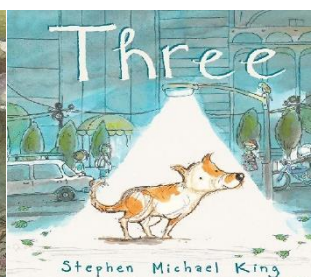
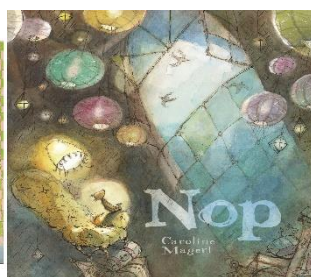
Judged appropriate in style  
and content for children:

Ages 0-7

**WINNER**

**HONOUR**

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**THE PICTURE BOOK OF THE  
YEAR:**

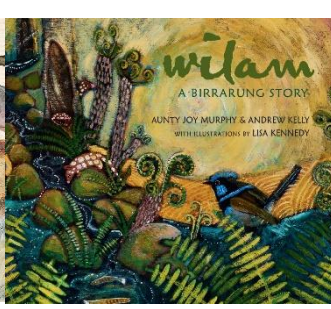
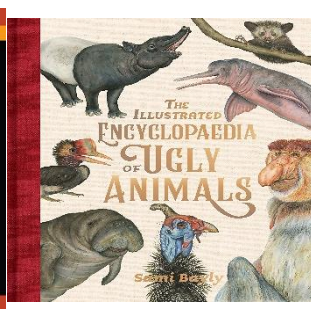
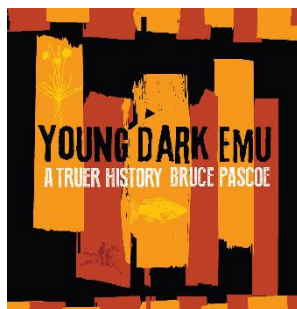
Author and illustrator achieve  
artistic and literary unity:

Ages 0-18

**WINNER**

**HONOUR**

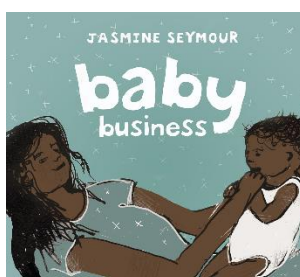
**HONOUR**



**THE EVE POWNALL AWARD:**

Documenting factual material:

Ages 0-18 years



**NEW ILLUSTRATOR**

Recognise new talent in the  
field of Australian children's  
book illustration.

Ages 0-18 years

All of these books are available to  
borrow from our Library. They are  
proving to be quite popular. You may  
want to go into "OLIVER" and reserve  
the book you would like to read.

Rita Fitzpatrick and Holly Elms

## WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE—JACK C. YR 6



Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave.  
Jack C – Year 6



Did you know that every day another 47 Australians are diagnosed with a blood cancer? That's one Aussie every 31 minutes. Although research is improving survival, sadly an Australian loses their life to blood cancer every two hours.

I have been growing my hair for the past 4 years with the goal of donating it so that it can be made into a wig for a child who isn't as lucky and fortunate as me, and raising funds to support the Leukaemia Foundation through the World's Greatest Shave!

I also think seeing my head get shaved for charity will cheer peoples spirits up and be something better for people to focus on other than Covid19.

I'm very thankful to have the support of my principal and teachers at school with their crazy hair donation day which will help me to raise funds through the World's Greatest Shave. The donations help give families facing blood cancer the support they need and fund vital research to help more people survive blood cancers, while improving their quality of life.

If you would like to help out more, you can sponsor me directly at: <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/jackchristensen>

OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL  
IS SUPPORTING THE LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION'S  
WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE BY HOSTING A.....

# CRAZY HAIR FUNDRAISING DAY

## TUESDAY 3/11/2020 (WEEK 4)

Wear your craziest hair style to support Jack C in Year 6  
who will be shaving his head to raise money for the

Leukaemia Foundation  
on Tuesday 3/11/2020



If you can, please send

in a donation on the day or sponsor Jack directly at

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/jackchristensen>

**Remember, you'll still need to wear a  
hat when you're outside!**

# Kindergarten Value Award Recipients

## KINDY BLUE

Tanya, Mae, Zachary, Leo, Zach, Harry, Olivia, Kylin



## KINDY GREEN

Alfie, Julius, Lane, Nicholas, Jeremy



## **KINDY ORANGE**

Ryan, Eli, Luca, Olivia, Jordan, Harry, Eric



## **KINDY PINK**

Lachlan, Zoe, Cyndia, Jake, Kieran, Evie, Claude





## VALUE TREE AWARDS



Congratulations to the Stage 1 students who received a Value Tree Award last week!

## ONLINE TRIVIA NIGHT

### Online Trivia Night

Tickets are now on sale for the Online Trivia Night, to be held this Friday 23 October at 7pm. Cost is \$10 per team, gather your friends and family for a fun night of trivia and fundraising! You can have as few or as many players as you like.

Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BMFDO> to book your spot today.

### Silent Auction

As part of our Community Festival fundraising, we will once again have a Silent Auction, which will be starting this Friday 23 October, to raise funds for much-needed equipment and services for the school.

Some parents indicated in the recent survey that they would be interested in donating items to the auction. There is absolutely no obligation, but if you would like to contribute an item/voucher, please

email [lpracy@bigpond.com](mailto:lpracy@bigpond.com) or [rene@crayons.com.au](mailto:rene@crayons.com.au).

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

## UNIFORM SHOP

### Uniform Shop Update – Order Pick Up from School Office

All orders received, will continue to be processed on Thursday each week and will be available for **pick up by your child from the school office** at the end of that day. Contact with parents will only be made in the event we cannot deliver your order to the office.

**Summer Uniform:** All students should now be wearing their summer uniform.

**Kindergarten 2021** – Given these uncertain times, if you have a new starter in Kindy next year, please consider placing an order for their summer uniform now. Currently, without face to face trading allowed, we have established a Size Chart (School Website and SkoolBag) to assist with gauging the size you may need for your child. Keep in mind your child will not be starting school for another five months - please allow for some growth.

As always, we are happy to make exchanges provided all items are still in their original condition and packaging, with tags on. You will also need to retain your receipt.

**Exchanges** will be accommodated on Thursday. Please leave exchanges at the school office, in a bag together with details of the exchange(s) required, your child's name and class. All items being returned must be in their original condition and packaging, with tags on. Receipts should be included where possible.

**Plastic Bag Fee** – This fee will continue to be waived while we are unable to trade face to face.

For all enquiries, please contact Sia Coelho – [owpsuniform@gmail.com](mailto:owpsuniform@gmail.com)

**NB: Order forms sent by email, will not be actioned.**

## Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 6 October 2020.

You must submit only ONE application for each student. Please submit this note to your child's class teacher.

**The tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.**

Yours sincerely

Paul Nash

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by 9 November 2020

**THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.**

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

## Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2022 through the High Performing Students website between 6 October 2020 and 9 November 2020.

Signature of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**

# **Book Club**

orders are due:

**Thursday 29 October**



Dear Parents & Carers,

Just because we are unable to have our regular BBQ stall at our school's beloved Community Festival, does not mean our children should miss out on their yummy BBQ lunch at school!

We have also included a few vegetarian options for all the kids.

**The canteen will be closed on Wednesday 28 October, so place your lunch order now!**

Ordering is simple.

## **LUNCH MENU - WED 28 OCTOBER**

### **Combo Packs Available**

- Sausage Combo Pack (sausage in bread roll) - \$7.50
- Salad Roll Combo Pack (salad and margarine in bread roll) - \$7.50
- Vegemite Roll Combo Pack (vegemite and margarine in bread roll) - \$6.50
- Cheese Roll Combo Pack (cheese and margarine in bread roll) - \$6.50

### **Inclusions**

- Drink - choice of:
  - Juice Bomb (lemonade, apple raspberry, apple coola), or
  - Juice (apple, apple blackcurrent), or
  - Water
- Ice Block

## **HOW TO ORDER**

- Log in to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)
- Select 'Community Festival BBQ' and press the 'Order' button.
- The Combo Pack item lists will be displayed - make your selection.
- Choose the drink you would like for your child and then confirm the order.

Ordering closes Sunday, 25 October.