



OATLEY WEST Lantern

MR NASH'S CORNER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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MAY Return To School for all Students

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OCT OWPS Trivia Night



We were so excited to see everyone back at school fulltime today. It was lovely to see smiling faces coming through the gates in anticipation of the day ahead. Although we have some strict measures to ensure physical distancing and hygiene practices are in place, we are ready to get back into learning. The enhanced daily cleaning focuses on hard surfaces including handrails, light switches and door handles and ensures desks, tables and chairs are wiped down every day.

The goal this week will be getting students back into a routine while continuing to embrace the new technology that has come to the forefront of learning.

I'm incredibly proud of all the staff here at Oatley West Public School and the way they embraced online and home learning and increased their technology skills during these unprecedented times. They have been on one of the steepest learning curves ever known and have embraced this with energy and passion to ensure our kids were still learning.

I want to extend a big thank you to the families of students at Oatley West Public School and our local community for their continued support and encouragement during the transition back to school. Everyone is looking forward to getting back



into routine, as much is possible, while still being mindful of health and safety protocols for hygiene and physical distance as outlined in State and Federal government communication. Physical distancing requirements are in place for all adults on site and there will be limited access for parents and visitors to school grounds.



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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



I'd like to thank our SRC Seniors; Noah, Samuel, Harry, Dominique, Leya and Bronte for working with me to video the two social stories for transition back to school and this week's full time back to school. They did a great job!

Thanks also to Ash Sellars (Raw Energy Productions), one of our Dads who helped us with filming and production and our teachers for preparation of the social story.

Our next venture is to record a 'virtual assembly' so that we can still meet as a whole school until restrictions are lifted.



Stage 3 were privileged to have a visit from our Education Director Joanna French at one of their morning ZOOM meetings last week. It was great to see her on line as S3 were discussing their work for the day and to have a chat with her. She was very impressed at how well S3 had adapted to working from home, the effort the teachers had put in and generally how well OWPS had dealt with the current times in home learning with S2 on ZOOM, S1 & ES1 using Class Dojo.

Our Director will be back out at school this week with the SRC Seniors to film an interview as a segment to introduce our first virtual assembly.



Once again welcome back to full time school as we build the new 'normal' together. We look forward to a rewarding six weeks until the end of term. I will continue to keep you abreast of procedures as they are made known to us. Meanwhile we need to continue with the current pick up and drop off which is working well using each of the three 'kiss and drop' zones and continue to keep all gates clear of congestion and restricted entry to the school site.

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

CARE

- Play safely.
- Show concern for the wellbeing of others.
- Be friendly and make others feel welcome.
- Consider the needs of everyone.

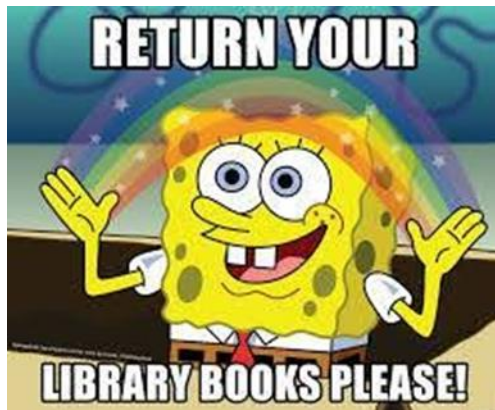


Paul Nash



LIBRARY NEWS

WELCOME BACK!



Library lessons will begin as normal from today. Please remember to bring your Library bag and to return the Library books that you have finished reading. Unfortunately, we do not have any spare Library bags or plastic bags to give students who have forgotten to bring their bags.

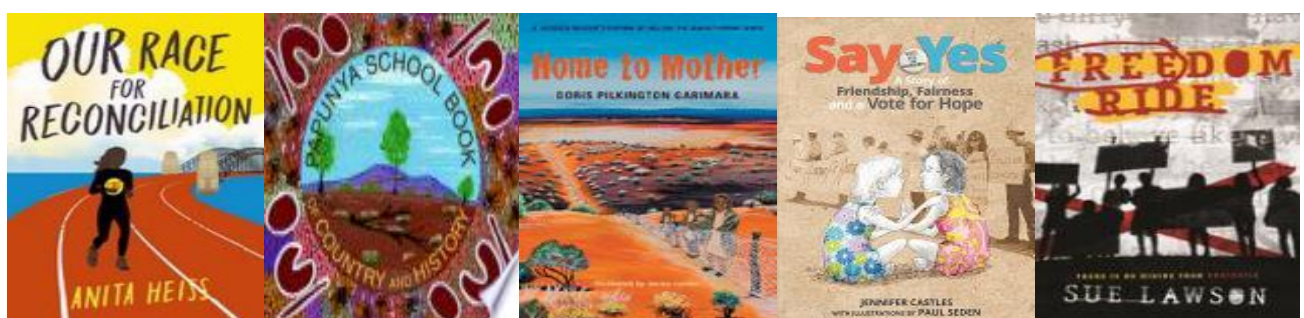
Reserving books online, will return to the usual process, as students are now at school. Reservations will only be able to be placed on those books currently out on loan. Students can pick up their reserved books, from the tub next to the enquiry terminal.



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year, an Australian picture book is read simultaneously in libraries, schools and many other places around the country. This year we will be celebrating NSS across the week in Library lessons. We will be reading Whitney and Britney, Chicken Divas. Usually, we would come together as a school at 11am, and read the nominated book, but are unable to do so this year.



Books to borrow for National Reconciliation Week.



SPORTS NEWS

**3-6 School Sport/PSSA Update**

Please find below information regarding sport at Oatley West Public School as directed by the NSW Department of Education. Competitive contact sport or physical activity is restricted:

- Inter-school sport competitions such as PSSA, zone sport, state wide competitions and knockouts, gala days or inter-school carnivals are not permitted.
- School carnivals such as athletics, cross country and swimming carnivals are not permitted.
- Full contact and semi-contact sports are not permitted.

The situation is constantly being reviewed and updates will be provided when available.

Students in Years 3-6 will still be required to wear their full school sport uniform on Friday as they will participate in physical activity programs with their class. Yoga, Tennis and 3-6 school sport will not go ahead also due to these changes.

Melissa Di Lucchio

UNIFORM NEWS

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With the return to school, the Uniform Shop will continue to trade every Thursday on an **order only basis**.

With parents and caregivers not encouraged to enter the school premises, order forms will have to be delivered by your children to the Uniform Shop letterbox (No. 8), in the front courtyard of the school (**no e-mail orders**).

Orders will be processed on Thursday and will be available for **pick up by your child from the school office** at the end of the day.

Stock Update:

- **Winter Tights** - We are still waiting for winter tights to arrive from our supplier and all orders for tights, will be placed on backorder and filled as soon as they arrive.
- **Long Sleeve Blue Polos** – We have experienced an unprecedented demand for Size 8 and Size 10 long sleeve polos. All orders for these sizes, will be placed on backorder and filled as soon as they arrive.

Parents will be notified when backorders have been filled, for pick up from the School Office.

Exchanges will be accommodated on Thursday. Please leave exchanges at the school office, in a bag together with details of the exchanges 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.

Winter Tights: It is important to teach your daughter how to put her tights on (particularly after going to the bathroom). If there is any bagginess around the gusset, they have not been put on correctly by your child or your child is wearing the wrong size. Please ensure your daughter does not pull the tights on from the top, as this will more than likely tear them. It is best to gradually roll them up each leg, until there is no bagginess in the gusset. Also, please consider having your child wear a pair of netball knickers or boyleg underwear over the top of her tights to keep them from riding down.

We take great pride in the appearance of the children at Oatley West and encourage all students to wear the correct school uniform.