



OATLEY WEST Lantern

MR NASH'S CORNER

Here we are at the end of Term 2, and what a term it's been. I think we are all entitled to a break after what we've all been through. I have asked staff to down tools and to have a real holiday after this week comes to an end. No school work, just rest and family time and I'd like to think all of our families at Oatley West do the same.

I am extremely proud of our kids and the way they have bounced back to full time school, dealt with physical distancing and been aware of their personal health care and hygiene. All staff have given more than anyone could ask of them throughout the pandemic and this week have reports ready to go home and dealing with ZOOM parent interviews or interviews by phone.

I understand that it has not been easy for you either having to drop your children at the gate each day with minimal contact with the school and its staff. You have shown complete trust in us and for this I thank you! I have heard nothing but positive comments from the community from the beginning of COVID-19 up to now. It shows the commitment to our school across the whole community.

As I reflect over the last few months I'd like to also take this opportunity to thank our SRC Senior students for their commitment to their fellow students and of those in our Bushfire Partner School at Batemans Bay. They have reached out in the playground making sure our kids were ok as well as a video to Batemans Bay to let them know we are thinking of them and their return back to school after devastating bushfires. They have organised our first virtual assembly and interviewed myself and the education director and fellow students to get some insight into the impact COVID-19 has had on us. They will never forget this year as leaders at OWPS and the implementation of Peaceful Kids across the school. Stage 3 is training for Peer Support groups and will be implementing this program across the school during these sessions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29
JUN

Reports sent Home
Interview Bookings
Close 4pm

30
JUN

Parent/Teacher Inter-
views Commence

2
JUL

Parent/Teacher Inter-
views Finish

3
JUL

Last Day Term 2

21
JUL

First Day for Students
Term 3



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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

We will never forget Leya's beautiful meditations and reflections each day on the PA System as classes relaxed and followed her soothing voice. She has certainly brought a calm influence having completed Peaceful Kids herself and imparting her personal insight on the program. I thank each and every one of the SRC Seniors for their dedication this semester.



Our P&C met for the first time in a ZOOM meeting and it went very well. I'm sure this will be considered for future contact with the community. Although nothing beats meeting face to face it may be considered having one of these meetings at a fixed date across the term. We are doing the same with our Principal's meetings. All have voted to continue maybe one on, one off meetings to save on travel and time. Staff met for the first time face to face in the hall last Tuesday after many ZOOM meetings also. With social distancing it was nice to see each other face to face and have open discussions.

After a good two weeks holiday and time to reflect, I will be meeting with Stage groups of teachers and students to see what good things have come out of COVID and what we can take forward in a positive manner; things such as collaboration, cooperation, technology use, teaching methods (pedagogy), community contact and school ethos. Let's have a look at why we coped so well as a school team and carry these attributes forward.

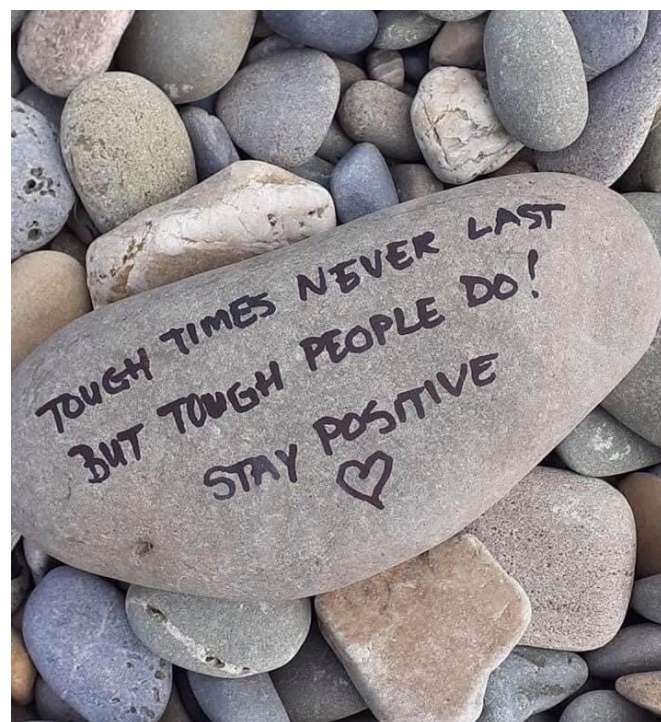
Rethink

Reconnect

Reinvent

I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful vacation, time to reflect, reconnect with family & friends and come back fresh to a brand new Term Three.

Kind regards
Paul Nash
Principal



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.

**ASK ME****What am I learning?****How will I learn it?****Where to next?**

Just a reminder about the promotion we have with IGA at Oatley. A percentage of your purchases are donated back to the school. Ask at the checkout how to obtain a card to be part of this scheme. Money donated from IGA goes straight back into your child's education here at school.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS



Today the Semester 1 reports will be coming home so please look for these in your child's school bag. These are a modified version of the normal report in line with the Departments expectations and reflective of 'at home learning'. Interviews this week provide an opportunity to discuss any concerns in these reports.

Parent—Teacher Interviews Tuesday 30 June—
Thursday 2 July

Bookings close as of 4 pm today.

Parents can book interviews with their child's teacher/s to discuss their progress either on the phone or via Zoom (due to physical distancing restrictions). Please follow the link below for more details. Bookings close at 4pm today. Any changes after this time can be made by leaving a message for your child's teacher by calling the office on 9580 5048.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/kiosk?ecode=74zrb>

Mrs Chappell

Deputy Principal

ORGANIC DIGGERS REPORT



On Friday four produce beds were cleared with a cover crop to go in this week, readying the garden for student activity in the near future. Later this week the four remaining beds will be cleared for the same purpose.

Thanks to the SRC and Ms Farah for the fantastic worm castings and compost that enriched the soil with nutrients where it was lacking. The native plant project looks set to go ahead in the coming holidays, with the existing bush tucker site receiving a more intensive planting, a second bush tucker site being established, an arbouring and mulching of the citrus grove and various patches of invasive weeds being removed from around the school. Have a great holiday and watch this space!

Happy gardening!

Mr Burr

Organic Diggers co-ordinator

SPORTS NEWS

**Update – Representative school sport/3-6 PSSA/3-6 Athletics Carnival**

Please see below the main points from Sydney East regarding sport continuation

- As noted on the School Sport Unit website and the Sydney East Facebook , I can confirm that all school sport representative pathway activities have been cancelled for 2020 due to the difficulties associated with coordinating these events. These include Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country at the Sydney East and NSWPSA/NSWCHSSA levels. These also include team sports such as Basketball, Rugby League, Rugby Union etc, where there is a defined pathway through to state carnivals where students need to be selected based on merit, to move to the next stage.
- In regard to zone/district activities, it is up to each district as to whether major district carnivals such as Cross Country and Athletics will occur. At this stage we have not received information as to whether the Georges River District Athletics carnival will go ahead.
- Based on this information, Oatley West Public School **will not** be having their Official Athletics Carnival at Barden Ridge in Term 3. We are in the process of looking at in school opportunities for students to be involved in sport. In the event we are informed that the Georges River District Athletics Carnival will go ahead, we will hold in-school trials to select students. We are still awaiting information regarding these carnivals. There will be no pathway to progress to Sydney East or NSWPSA/NSWCHSSA carnivals as they have been cancelled. The Georges River PSSA district are currently in discussion on how PSSA will go ahead. At this stage, we have been provided options as to how this will look, with it seeming positive and probable that some form of PSSA sport will occur next term.

The effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic have been felt throughout the education community, and many difficult choices have been made that have had significant impacts on schools and students.

Schools have not had the opportunity to organise their stage of the trials process. Consequently, the representative pathway at the Association and State levels cannot be conducted in terms three (3) and four (4) of the school year.

It is not possible for schools to rearrange activities at this stage of the year given limitations with venue availability and rescheduling the many educational and sporting events on a school calendar. Additionally, current NSW Government guidelines do not allow for large scale events to be held where crowds will be in attendance.

The national body, School Sport Australia, recognised this issue and officially cancelled all national events for 2020 at the conclusion of term one.

We understand your disappointment and concerns in not being able to participate in these programs during COVID-19 restrictions in 2020. We thank you for your support and understanding.

Kind Regards

Melissa Di Lucchio

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.

Stock Update – Size 10 Long Sleeve Polos are currently out of stock.

If you have ordered the abovementioned item, it will be placed on backorder. You will be notified when stock has arrived and is available for pick up from the school office. The remainder of the order will be filled and delivered to the office.

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

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

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2021 SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

now open



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