



OATLEY WEST Lantern

MR NASH'S CORNER



Oatley West Early learning Centre

I had the privilege of dropping off our contribution to the new Oatley West Early Learning Centre for their time capsule to be dedicated at the opening today. Many thanks to Ms Farah and the SRC students for their wonderful work to be included in the time capsule. I look forward to close ties with the new centre and wish them the very best for today and for their future in Oatley West.

I had a view of the centre last Wednesday and it is certainly a state of the art resource. Very lucky children who are to attend here!

Term 3 Countdown

Here we are at the end of Term 3. I would like to personally thank you, the staff and our kids for their efforts to work through the restrictions of the pandemic and to find time to be kind to one another and to work with myself and the executive as we navigated our way through this term. My gauge is the happiness coming from the playground and classrooms each day and our kids have certainly displayed both after coming out of the lockdown period. Our teachers have worked so hard to keep motivation and spirits high whilst maintaining a strong learning focus within the classroom. As a strong community working together we have done well and will continue to do so! As for Term 4? Have a happy break everyone!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22
SEP Book Week Dress Up Day

25
SEP Deadline for Kids Art Project & Flavours of Asia

25
SEP Last Day Term 3

12
OCT First Day Term 4

23
OCT Online Trivia Night



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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

Return to School for 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.

Department of Education 2021 School Excellence in Action

In recent weeks we have begun evaluating and reflecting on our current school plan in preparation for the development of the new 2021-2024 plan. The new plan will be called the *Strategic Improvement Plan* (SiP) and will be in place over a four year time frame. The school is currently conducting a situational analysis to help with this plan.

We will look:

Inwards: To assess where we are now using data analysis.

To assess our student, staff and parent needs.

To assess the impact on learning of our current practices and programs.

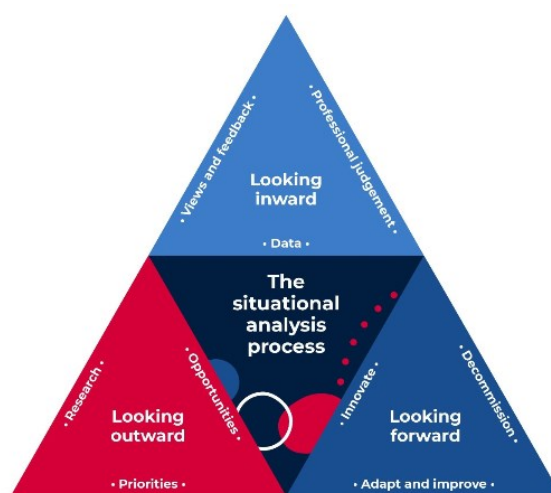
Outwards: To identify evidence based research.

To identify how these processes and practices can be adapted for our setting.

Forwards: Investigate new and innovative practices that we can implement to enhance learning outcomes.

Develop a new strategic improvement plan with a continued focus of students at the heart of all decision making.

To help us make these decisions, we will consult students, staff and parents for their opinions, thoughts, ideas and suggestions throughout Term 4 and into Term 1 next year. Data analysis will drive our projections of future academic targets and student support. The plan will be finalised by the end of term 1, 2021. We are excited to take part in this collaborative and rigorous evaluation and planning process as we strive for continuous improvement in teaching and learning practice and continued improvement in student outcomes for the students at Oatley West Public School.



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



VALUE AWARDS PRESENTATION

3/4 AQUA

Noah S, Jesy R, Ella S, Cooper C, Matthew P, Brendon L, Lucas T, Kevin X, Piper M, Madeleine G

YEAR 6 GRADUATION BEARS



Year 6 Parents Graduation Bears

It is a Year 6 tradition at our school for the students to purchase a Graduation Bear, Soccer Ball or Football which are signed by teachers and friends as a memento of their time at Oatley West.

We would like to order these bears, footballs and soccer balls now so that they are ready for the end of the year. The cost this year has been covered by fundraising.

If you wish to order either a bear, football or soccer ball, please fill in the google form by 22nd September 2020.

<https://forms.gle/ge4ySAqgxURHy1iS9>

Thank you

Stage 3 Teachers

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL



Community Festival update

Thank you to families at school staff who responded to our survey and have given their suggestions to the committee. Based on this feedback, we are going ahead with a slightly different version of the festival this year. We are therefore very excited to share with you our plans for what shall henceforth be known as the 39 and 3/4 OWPS Community Festival. Whilst we hope to raise some funds for the school, the focus this year is very much on celebrating the wonderful community we are part of. Read on below and check out the flyers at the end of this newsletter for more info.

You would already have seen two of our activities:

- * **Kids art** – this year we've extended it to all years and the team have put their thinking caps on to see how we can share all the amazing artworks your children create.
- * **Flavours of Asia** – this year even more treats are on offer to pre-order and the volunteers are going to be very busy over the school holidays preparing all the orders that are coming in.

We've already had a great response to both. If you haven't already, make sure you get your orders in via Flexischool by this Friday.

We have also been working on our plans for some interactive activities for both the kids and the adults. Stay tuned for in Term 4 for:

- * **Online Trivia Night** - Friday 23rd October - a virtual evening with friends. Flavours of Asia are putting on a special menu for the evening so you don't even have to worry about cooking!
- * **Silent Auction** - be back this year, albeit a little more low key. If you have a business and would like to donate any items please reach out to the team (enquiries@owpscommunityfestival.org) and stay tuned for how you can bid on some great items. Based on feedback from parents, there will also be an option for families to make a donation if they'd like.
- * **Kids BBQ** - Wednesday 28 October. Save the date, more info to follow.

LIBRARY NEWS

IT'S BOOK WEEK at OWPS



We are celebrating Book Week this week, with a whole school focus on encouraging the love of reading.

Mr Nash will be reading a picture book each day, via zoom to all classes. Every staff member will be reading their favourite book to a class, with special mention to our Office Staff, GA and SLSOs who will also be reading to classes.

Don't forget to come dressed up on Tuesday, ready to celebrate:

CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS

Rita Fitzpatrick and Holly Elms

FUNDRAISER A SWEET SUCCESS!



KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER A SWEET SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all the families who supported our Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. Apart from receiving some delicious doughnuts, we were able to raise nearly \$2,000 for the Year 6 present to the school.

Thank you again!
Mr Griffiths

STAGE 3 PUBLIC SPEAKING

On Wednesday last week the Stage 3 public speaking finals were held, adjudicated by Miss Rolfe and Mrs Hatzistergos. Thank you to the parents and Stage 3 classes that tuned in via Zoom. Congratulations to our finalists for presenting their prepared speeches as well as a challenging impromptu speech. Each finalist had just 5 minutes to prepare a speech on the topic 'Modern technology is miraculous'. The winner of these finals, Leya R., will be participating in the network public speaking finals in early Term 4. Again, a big congratulations to the following students for their achievement in the Stage 3 finals:

Winner – Leya R. (5/6 Orange)

Highly commended – Harrison S. (5/6 Purple)

Competitors –

Aidan H. (5/6 Yellow)

Alfie H. (5/6 Blue)

Alyssa K. (5/6 Purple)

Charlie S. (5/6 Orange)

Eva M. (5/6 Yellow)

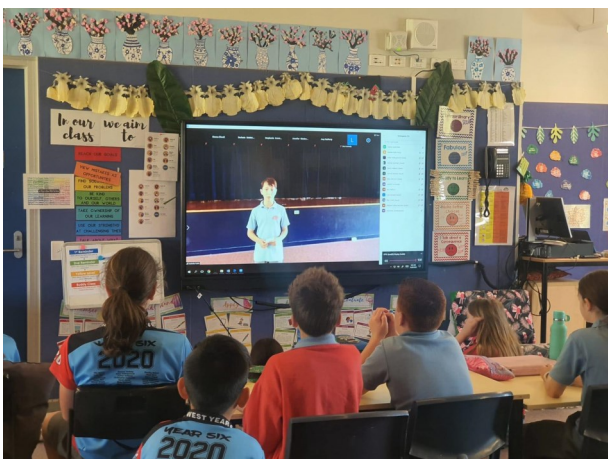
Finn P. (5/6 Green)

Pippa K. (5/6 Blue)

Sarah S. (5/6 Green)

Miss Rolfe (Stage 3 Public Speaking Coordinator)

STAGE 3 PUBLIC SPEAKING PHOTOS



K—6 KIDS ART PROJECT

K-6 KIDS ART PROJECT: LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!

Orders are closing this Friday at 5pm for the K-6 Kids Art Project. You will not be able to order after this date.

Further details are included at the end of this newsletter. Order via www.flexischools.com.au
Let's inject some serious colour into the school for our kids and teachers to enjoy.

ONLINE TRIVIA NIGHT



SAVE THE DATE: ONLINE TRIVIA NIGHT

In an effort to bring together the wider school community (something we need more of in 2020) we are hosting an online trivia night on Friday 23 October.

There will be a minimal fee to participate, but the aim of the evening is simply to connect and have fun. Play along at home as a single, couple, or host a few friends at your home and play as a team.

Don't forget to order some Flavours of Asia from Flexischools and make a night of it. Further details will follow soon. We hope you'll save the date and join us.

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

Why I love Oatley West Public School

I love Oatley West Public School because
we have a large and open area to
play. All the teachers are kind and awesome.
There are lots of fun activities for you to join.



By William P

Class 4 Yellow 2020

Why I love Oatley West Public School

- There are nice people to play with
- There's fun races at the end of the year
- there are different celebrations like book week
and Christmas concert



By Ruby Class 2yellow 2020

Why I love Oatley West Public School

I love Oatley West because of all the nice people
here, teachers, other students and our staff have
open hearts and can help with anything. You also learn
lots here and we have lots of plants and lovely playgrounds.



By Natasha

Class 5/6 Purple 2020

Why I love Oatley West Public School

I love Oatley West Public School because I love the kind, friendly
teachers. They are always here when you need them. I have learnt a
lot of things from the teachers too. I also love the playgrounds
especially the adventure playground. They are so fun to play on!
I have met so many friends. The school is really big. This is why I love O.W.P.S.



By Tiffany

Class 3 Orange 2020



SAVE THE DATE

**OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL'S
ONLINE**

TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2020 | 7PM

**Grab some Flavours Of Asia takeaway,
fire up the laptop
and let's have some fun together
as a school community**

More details soon...



Dear Parents & Carers,

Every year, at the Oatley West Public School Community Festival, *Flavours of Asia* has always been a big hit for both parents and kids alike.

Although we are unable to have a stall this year, *Flavours of Asia* and our lovely volunteers would like to keep up our community spirit and provide you with pre-packed and freshly cooked delicious meals ready for pick up!

Ordering is simple, Don't miss out!

FROZEN FOODS

Pick-up: Term 4, Week 2

- Chinese pork dumplings - \$20 for 25 pieces.
- Chicken spring rolls - \$10 for 12 pieces.
- Vegetarian spring rolls - \$10 for 12 pieces.
- Malaysian beef rendang - \$18 for 500mls tub.

HOW TO ORDER

- Log in to www.flexischools.com.au
- Select 'Frozen Foods' or 'Dinner & Dessert' - Flavours of ASIA.
- Once you placed your order, select preferred pick up date and time.
- An email will be sent confirming your order.

Ordering closes Friday, 25 Sep for frozen food and Sunday, 18 Oct for dinners and desserts.

DINNER & DESSERT

Pick-up: Friday 23 October

Meals

- Beef rendang and choice of rice (plain or coconut) - \$10
- Spicy Korean pork with plain rice - \$10
- Vietnamese lemongrass chicken noodle salad with nuoc cham sauce - \$10
- Vegetarian hokkien noodles - \$10
- Assorted sushi (from Penschurst Sushi) - \$3.50 each
 - Vegetable roll (V/Vegan/GF)
 - Teriyaki chicken roll (GF)
 - Tuna roll (V/GF)
 - Tempura prawn roll
 - Chicken schnitzel roll

Desserts

- Almond jelly cups with fruit salad - \$5
- Sticky date pudding with toffee sauce - \$5
- Sago with gula melaka - \$5

OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL Community Festival

K-6 KIDS ART PROJECT 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

The Oatley West Public School Community Festival is a weekend-long community event held in August every year that raises money for our kids at OWPS.

The Kids Art Project is a wonderful opportunity for our kids to be directly involved with the festival by showcasing their artwork in an art gallery display. Sadly, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have been unable to hold the usual festival in 2020. But don't despair...

**The Kids Art Project is still happening!
And this year we are opening it up to all
year levels!**



Any questions please contact:
Julie Schofield 0400 498 696
Hayley Smith 0433 677 035

This year's theme is: **Fluorescent!**

Participating students will be asked to create an artwork on their canvas inspired by absolutely anything they like using fluoro colours. Let's inject some serious colour into our school!

HOW TO ORDER

- ▲ Log in (or register)
www.flexischools.com.au
- ▲ Select 'K-6 Kids Art Project 2020'
- ▲ Select your bundle purchase
Canvas + Fluoro Paint Palette Set \$16
- ▲ Canvas and paint palette (with further instructions) will be delivered to your child early in Term 4!

**Ordering closes:
25 September 2020**

Artworks will be hung in the school where they can be viewed and enjoyed by all students and teachers.

All monies raised will go directly to funding the purchase of new home reading material for our K-2 classrooms.

Please note: this is a no-obligation, optional activity completed at home.

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