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Principal Mr Nash’s corner

PLEASE TAKE CARE DRIVING AROUND THE SCHOOL.
OUR CHILDREN ARE PRECIOUS!

MONEY COLLECTION
A reminder that all money being paid to the school should be made through the special ‘letter box’ on the outside of the administration building. The special school envelope should be completed. The school envelope is sent home with the note for the excursion or incursion and acts as a permission note and also has facility for you to use EFTPOS. Additional envelopes can be obtained from the foyer in admin.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Please note in your diaries that there will be two Staff development days in Term 2 [Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April]. The department has decreed a second day to allow for the implementation of the National Curriculum. Our school will be meeting with the PEAKE Community of Schools at Lugarno Public School on the Tuesday to work through the new English Curriculum.

TEACHER CONTACT
Teachers are involved in many activities and meetings throughout the week. I have programmed meetings with all teaching staff every Tuesday (Professional Learning) and Wednesday (alternate Staff and Stage meetings). Every Friday morning I meet with the Executive from 8.00am. Separate from these scheduled meetings, teachers meet for stage/grade organisation and programming, syllabus implementation teams and school organisational team meetings. It is imperative that you ring and make an appointment for an interview with your child’s teacher or send in a note to organise a suitable time for both of you. This way the teacher can be planned and attentive at the interview. It is really difficult to have a ‘whistlestop’ interview on the way to class when the teachers’ main concern is to get the class into the classroom and working.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Envelopes from the Photographer will be sent home today. These envelopes are to be completed and brought with the student on Photo Day 6th March.
Please note that sports photos and band photos will be held later with a date to be confirmed. Please do not send envelopes prior to the day as they are processed directly through the photographer and not the school. Each child needs to bring an envelope on the day even if the payment is in a sibling’s envelope.
SOCIAL MEDIA – BEWARE
The phenomenon of social media like Facebook and MySpace allow us to find and connect with just about anyone. Browsing these sites can make you feel connected to a larger community, but such easy, casual connection to a wider community in an electronic environment can also have its downside.

Social networking can encourage people to be more public about their personal lives. Because intimate details of our lives can be posted so easily, users are prone to bypass the filters they might normally employ when talking about their private lives. What’s more, the things they post remain available indefinitely.

You may have a ‘private site’ that you invite users to join, however this site is as tight and secure as the people you invite in. This is especially true of school blogs, walls and Facebook pages. Be careful what you write about another person or people, especially to do with the school as it doesn’t take long for the information to be spread around someone else’s private and secure space.

PRACTICUM STUDENTS
We are very pleased to have six teachers in their 5th year of training. They will be with us over three sessions:
1. 22nd-25th February – Block 1 (5 days)
2. 4th-10th April – Block 2 (5 days)
3. 30th August- 19th September – Block 3 (15 days)

All the students are from the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education – University of Western Sydney Bankstown Campus.

Student teachers are in classes:
KS – Mrs Saul
2R – Mrs Ross
3T – Mrs Tall
5M – Mrs McDonald
6E – Ms Eaton
6S – Ms Aravanopoulos

We wish them well and I’m sure they will be made feel welcome by the Oatley West Community.

INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES
I am very proud of our school in the way that we treat people no matter what walks of life they may come from. This is particularly evident when I see our students interact with people from all walks of life, including people with medical issues, physical issues, different coloured skin or racial background. It is very pleasing to see our students using our values of FAIRNESS, CARE, RESPONSIBILITY and RESPECT in particular.

Fairness: Equal opportunity provided for all students. Stand up for others who need help. Play by the rules.
Care: Play safely, Show concern for the wellbeing of others. Be friendly and make others feel welcome. Consider the needs of everyone.
Responsibility: Take responsibility for your choices. Provide a good example for others. Take care of school and personal property. Be in the right place at the right time.
Respect: Be polite, cooperative and sensible. Treat people as you would like to be treated. Accept and celebrate our differences.

These descriptors for the four out of our eight values were written by students to help other students understand what the words mean.

Many children have never seen a person with a physical difference and can look, ask or comment on the difference through curiosity. It is important to note that most children have this natural curiosity and with support and information most become comfortable with the person with the difference, and are able to see them for the person they are, and not for their difference.

We need to emphasise to our children that we are all different in some way; boy, girl, short, tall, blond hair, brown, body shape and size etc. That’s what makes us unique! We all have feelings and just because we look different doesn’t stop us from feeling sad about how people can treat us.

We will be concentrating on these four values in particular this term and I am arranging for a visiting teacher to talk to the school about getting along together.

MANDARIN STARS
Mandarin Language Club has commenced again this year. It would be great to see this program flourish at the school this year.
SAYING FOR THE WEEK

Teachers are people who use their creativity and loving, inquiring minds to encourage others to think, to dream, to try, to do! It seems that there are very few people in any walk of life who care as much about their work as teachers do, and who translate that caring into action, guidance, and understanding.

Barin Taylor

Paul Nash

Kindergarten Big News!

Our Kinder children are gradually settling into the many routines of school and we are very pleased with the progress they are making. Congratulations however must go to their Year 5 Buddies, who have been exceptional in ensuring their Kinder buddy’s start to school is a positive one. Their care, commitment and dedication to the well-being of all Kindergarten children must be commended. Thank you Year 5!

Kindergarten are now getting used to being in the playground without their buddies and are beginning to form friendships with their peers. For some children the playground can be a little overwhelming. Try popping a ball, skipping rope or a toy (not a precious one) in your child’s bag to encourage play activities with others. Please write your child’s name on these so “lost” items can be safely returned. At this point in time, Kindergarten especially like the library, canteen and the Caterpillar playground!

Our Grade Information Night is this Thursday 28th February at 6pm in the double Kinder room. We will be discussing further some school routines and the Kindergarten learning program. We look forward to meeting with you then!

The Kindergarten Team

Sports Report

PSSA

(1) PSSA results:
Boys Oztag:
Round 1
OW v Beverly Hills.
Juniors WON - OW 7-4 Beverly Hills
Best players were Connor S, Jonathon E and Geromie H.
Training is ON this Wednesday from 3:30-4:15pm at Oatley Oval.
Seniors WON - OW 10-1 BH
Best players were Will J, Tallis B and Sidney N.
The draw and rules will appear in this week’s OWL.
We play on a ‘home’ field every week.
J. Sheinwald
Manager/Coach

(2) This Thursday is the Georges River District PSSA Swimming Carnival.
Venue is Roselands Pool Centre.
Cost per adult entry is $2.40 at the gate.
Permission notes were given to the team members last week. They are due no later than Wednesday 26th February. Cost per child is $8.
The bus leaves from OWPS at 8:30am SHARP!! Please ensure your child(ren) have followed the suggested items to bring on the day and are adequately prepared.
Both Mrs Innes and I are officials on the day. We need parents to show the children (especially new competitors) where and when to go to their event(s).
Parent helpers (2 or 3) are very much needed on the day. So far Mrs Lin has accepted this role.
Please let either Mrs Innes or me know if you are willing and able to assist in supervising the squad on the day.

Warm regards,
G. Innes and J. Sheinwald
OWPS team managers

Girls Basketball Results Round 1

Our Juniors started their season very successfully last Friday with a victory over Oatley Public School. The score was 26-16 with new comer Halle top scoring with 8 points, Vicki, Ashley, Eliza and Ruby each scored 4 points and Paris 2 points.
The Seniors game was much more challenging against an exceptionally strong Oatley premiership side and the final score was 46-3 in Oatley’s favour. Our points were scored by Jesica and Blanca.
Parents please note that your daughter has been given a draw detailing at what school we will be playing each week. Junior games start at 1pm and Seniors at 2pm. Parents are very welcome to attend and support the girls. Please ensure that your daughter has a large water bottle when attending “away” games.
This Friday’s game is at Penshurst West Public School.
Thank you for your support.

District Basketball

Congratulations to James C and Angelica V who were chosen for the District Basketball team after try outs at Beverly Hills PS last Thursday.

Anne Laurence
Values

The value of the week is participation. Participation means to always have a go. The way that you can show participation this week is to always give everything your best, whether it is in sport, important lessons or simply answering what 2x2 is. You should always participate in everything life throws at you. Participation also means never giving up and always trying your best.

Something I have learnt here at Oatley West Public School is if you participate you are already successful. How will you participate this week?
Tallis B 6S

Stage 3 News

Information Evening
The Stage 3 Information Evening is tonight from 6:30pm in the school hall. The evening will cover the curriculum, camp, high school transition and programs specific to Stage 3. If you are unable to attend the evening there will be brochures available to the students to take home on Tuesday.

Peakhurst High School- Open Day
Peakhurst High School is having their open day on Tuesday 26th February to show case what is on offer at the school. The Open days are a great way of finding out further information about the school and talking to current students.

Expression of Interest Forms- High School
Every student that attends a DEC school in Year 6 is required to fill in an Expression of Interest Form for High School. Even if your child is enrolling in a Catholic/Private High School a form MUST be filled in and returned to Miss Eaton by the 22nd March. I am sending the forms home earlier than required in the hope that all of the forms can be returned earlier. The earlier ALL forms are returned, the earlier I can process them, enter the required data and post them off to the high schools.

Leadership Training
The Leadership Training for Year 6 finished last Thursday. The students will now be placed into small groups, will be rostered on and further trained in implementing our Playground Patrol program. The students in Year 6 have been trained in using Restorative Justice Strategies in solving minor problems on the playground. The Year 6 students have begun choosing a Value to focus on for the week. These are presented at Monday assemblies, announced on the PA before lunch and as of today will be placed in the newsletter by the students.

Service Training
The Year 5 students have begun their training in Servicing the School. The training was held with Mrs Fitzpatrick in the library. They will begin their Library Duties this week.

Year 6 Shirts
Thank you to all of the parents for returning the note and money on time. The Year 6 shirts have been ordered today and should arrive in the next few weeks.

Camp
Thank you to the parents who have returned the yellow Camp Note and have either paid the full amount or are in the process of paying weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Practicum Students
On Friday we had 3 practicum students start on Stage 3: on 6A, 6E and 5M. The students are here for this week, one week in April and on a three week block in August. The students are from the University of Western Sydney and are in their final year of studies.

Natasha Eaton
Assistant Principal- Stage 3

Stage 3 Writing

“The exploration for the lost one”

They gazed out at the vast ocean for eternity. They watched and waited for the slightest sighting of the sea creature and the lost urchin with it. Weeks and months elapsed but they were still patiently waiting there like animals waiting to be slaughtered knowing that it was their judgement day. Yet still no sign of the sea creature and the urchin that was with it. Boredom reigned in that period until one of them suggested that they should start searching for the sea urchin.

Did they disagree? Nay, they all concurred and decided that they will begin exploring for the lost sea creature and the urchin that was with it.

Within minutes, the tribe commenced their perilous, danger filled journey.

They sailed on their wooden raft and smite those who stood in their way for what seemed like one thousand years, however, they still hadn’t found the sea creature and the lost urchin.
Once again happiness and hope was drained away like water from a sink until there wasn't even a particle of it left. Without a doubt, at this rate, the searching for the lost urchin and the creature that was with it will never be discovered, whether it was by them, or anybody else.

The tribe sighed in disappointment for they could not find the sea creature and the sea urchin.

So they sat there, motionless, creating a silence so loud that you could hear the scream of it. The only sound that interrupted it was the occasional gushing of water on and off their wooden raft. And although you might've thought that they had an idea of their direction, that would've been completely ironic for they didn't have the foggiest idea where they were heading. It had soon become the truth that they were: truly, indubitably, indubiously, undeniably, veritably, lost. Yes you heard me, lost. A feeling and place you don't want to be because you don't know where you are and you probably don't want to anyway.

The drifted down the sea without a care or thought and all was peaceful until- WHAM!

"Urrghhhh", one of them groaned noisily with pain.
"Morrgherrrr…” another one followed.
Then another one did so. And another. And another until the entire tribe was moaning in pain, anguish and despair.

"Enough!" the leader roared in anger and irritation. "Look at all of you, moaning and groaning like a bunch of children!" "We are the paymien tribe, we do not act like small toddlers, we are determined, relentless people who would die trying to search and look for something!" "But is that happening?"

"NO!!!"
"So we will rise to the opportunity and get that sea creature back!" the leader finished. "We're with you!" the rest of the tribe answered the leader inspired by his speech.

"So let's get building!" the leader shouted encouragingly. "Hurrahh!" they cheered.
CLANK! CLANK! KA CHANK! KA CHANK!
That there would be the sweet glorious sound of their progress towards building another water transport.

Once concluded, they all sighed with a tone of satisfaction and exhaustion for they had done their job.

They looked at the brand new vehicle that had just been built, by them.

It wasn't much to look at though, grayish brown, knobbly wood stitched together for a base, sewer green canopy tree leaves for sails and tree bark held together for oars.

However preposterous looking as it may be, it would have to do. The situation had now become desperate for them to look for the sea creature and the urchin that was with it.

Time was of the essence now, the more of it they lost, the more they would have to make up for it. So hastily, the tribe clambered onto the new raft and travelled away fiercer than ever.

Meanwhile, on the other side of Earth…

*SLOSH! SLOSH!*

"I guess I'm glad I left with you Mr Sea creature", the urchin murmured.

The beast made its reply by releasing a soft rasping noise as if it had something jammed inside its oesophagus.

But it sounded content.

"Well at least you're safe now", the urchin continued.

"Hey now that I mention it, when will we be arriving at our destination?"

The beast made no reply.

"What's wrong?"

"Why aren't you answering me?"

"Is there something wrong with yo-?"

CRACK! WHISTLE! SMACK! ROOARRR!!!!

"We've been looking for this thing for a very long time", an evil voice cackled.

" No! No! Please!" the urchin cried.

Written by William G. 6E
Georges River Boys Oztag Rules - 2013

* Maximum of 8 players per side on field at any one time.
* Similar to Rugby League rules. Objective of game is to place ball over the opponent’s try line and team with ball has six “tags” to attempt to score. The ball must always be passed in a backwards direction.
* Defender must remove a tag to stop attacker’s progress. He then holds up the tag and drops it to the ground (or holds his ground and hands the tag to his opponent) marking where the “play the ball” should occur. The rest of the defending team must retreat 5m.
* A “play the ball” is when the tagged player uses his foot to roll the ball backwards to the “dummy half”. (The dummy half is the attacking player who picks up the ball to then pass to a team mate). The defender standing in front of the player playing the ball is called the “marker”.
* If a player propels the ball in a forward direction with his hand or arm and the ball comes into contact with the ground, an opponent or the referee, a knock on will be declared. If the offending team regathers the ball immediately following a knock on then a changeover will be awarded to the non-offending team. If the non-offending team takes possession of the ball immediately following a knock on then the referee should allow play to continue and once the player is tagged will declare a zero tag. If Team A “knocks on” and in the process of gathering the ball Team B “knocks on” then Team B is awarded a “play the ball”.
* The game is non-contact – the attacker cannot deliberately bump into the defender. A defender cannot change direction and move into attacker’s path. Whoever initiates contact will be penalised. The onus is on the attacking player to avoid defender. A player cannot jump to avoid a tag but they can spin.
* The ball carrier is not allowed to protect his tag or fend off defenders.
* The ball may not be kicked until after the fourth tag and kicks in general play cannot be above the shoulder height of the referee.
* Play commences with a place kick. It must travel at least 10m. If the ball lands in the field of play and then rolls across the try line whether touched or not a line drop out occurs. Place kicks and drop outs can be above shoulder height.
* The team that DOESN’T score restarts play with a tap kick.
* Defensive line can move forward only when dummy half touches the ball. Dummy half can run and be tagged with the ball. Dummy half may score a try.
* An attacker must stop and play the ball if he is in possession with only one tag on.
* An attacking player must wear both tags to be in play. A defender does NOT have to have to have both tags on to defend. After playing the ball, the ball-player puts the dropped tag on his shorts.
* Simultaneous tag is play on. (If the referee is unable to decide, the pass is allowed -play on, the advantage goes to attacking team.)
* If the ball is kicked or passed into the referee, the referee will order a changeover where he/she was struck.
* If a player’s knees hit the ground whilst diving for a try and a defender is within tagging distance a try is disallowed and a tag is counted. If a player falls on the ground, he is deemed tagged and will play the ball.
* Unsportsmanlike conduct covers the behaviour and attitude of players on the field and may result in penalty, sin bin or dismissal.
* Commercial tags or modified tags can be used. Modified tags must be between 5cm and 9cm in width and have a minimum of 36cm hanging, and a maximum of 12cm tucked over the elastics of the shorts. All shirts must be tucked in.
Georges River District PSSA Boys Oztag Draw 2013
(As of 18/2/13)

Team/School
1. Beverly Hills
2. Connells Point
3. Mortdale
4. Kingsgrove
5. Lugarno
6. Narwee
7. Oatley
8. Peakhurst South
9. Penshurst
10. Peakhurst West
11. Penshurst West
12. Oatley West

All games are played at Peakhurst Park.
Finals will be played 17th May.
Further information will be provided closer to the day.

Georges River District Boys Oztag Convener
FIRST AID COURSE: Do you know what to do in an emergency for Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Bites, Bleeding, Burns, Cardiac Arrest, Childhood Illnesses, Poisoning, Shock, Spinal Injuries or Stroke? Don't have a 'panic attack' – do this course instead!

OWPS School Club is running a nationally recognised ‘Accredited First Aid Training Course’. Successful students receive a statement of attainment for First Aid, CPR and Basic Emergency Life Support.

When? 12th & 13th March 2013. 6 – 9:30pm

Where? OWPS Computer Room

Who? Available to teachers, parents & adult family members

Cost? $90 (inc. all study materials)

Please see the attached flyers and return the enrolment form below to the School Club post box in the office to secure your place.

Enquires: Sharon Jacobs (psbljacobs@optusnet.com.au)

Enrolment

Name: ______________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________

Email: _____________________________________________________

Contact Ph: _________________________________________________

Payment: I have attached a cheque payable to Oatley West School Club ___

I have enclosed $90 cash ___

Signed: ___________________________________________________
The unit HLTFA311A Apply First Aid also incorporates the following units:
- HLTFA211A provide Basic Emergency Life Support
- HLTCPR211A Perform CPR
HLTFA311A APPLY FIRST AID

This unit of competency describes the skills & knowledge required to provide first aid response, life support, management of the casualty, the incident & other first aiders, until the arrival of medical or other assistance.

Award Issued:
Students who successfully complete this nationally recognised training will be awarded the statement of attainment for:
- HLTFA311A Apply first aid
- HLTCPHR211A Perform CPR
- HLTFA211A Provide basic emergency life support

Pre-requisites:
- Nil

Course Inclusions:
- Coloured first aid manual – Simply first aid
- Emailed copy of your certificate when competent
- Coloured certificate and coloured plastic wallet card
- Web based verification system to authenticate your award

Further study options:
- Advanced first aid HLTFA412A

Initial course times:
There are several options to choose from for completing this course.
- Option 1. Online or paper-based pre course workbook and 5 hour face-to-face training
- Option 2. 7-8 hour face to face practical course
- Option 3. 15 hours face-to-face training

Re-certification:
- Recommended every three years

Refresher courses:
To qualify for a refresher course, you must have a copy of your current certificate to bring to the training session
- Complete the online or paper-based pre-course workbook and 3 hour practical course for experienced first aiders.
- Proof of currency must be submitted.

For further information click on the buttons below

Student Written Agreement  Training Package Information  First Aid Code of Practice  Additional information

Allens Training Pty Ltd is registered with the Australian Skills Quality Authority, (ASQA). Registration number 90909
Riddle Of The Week
I have holes in my top and bottom, my left and right, and in the middle. But I still hold water. What am I? Answer at the end.

‘Like’ on Facebook
We’re spreading the word about the Art and Craft Show via Facebook. We’ve grown from 50 to 81 likes in less than a week. Please ‘Like’ us on Facebook and suggest the page to your local friends. We’ll have daily updates leading up to the Show – so watch out for the latest news!

Opening Night – Friday 5th April
Don’t miss out on the social night of the year, book your babysitters now!

It’s a great event and a lot of fun for just $30 a ticket or $55 for two.

Enjoy some bargains and get in early for Art and Jewellery while enjoying some fine wine and food. This year’s Opening Night speaker will be award-winning children’s author, Lisa Shanahan.

Tickets on sale soon.

Art & Craft Meeting
Our next meeting is on Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm in the multi-purpose room. Come along to hear what’s going on.

Volunteers Needed
Can you spare a few hours of your time to help out at the Art and Craft Show over the weekend of 6th and 7th April?

The Art and Craft show cannot run without the help of many parents.

We need help in all areas. These include:

- Set-up prior to the show
- Opening night
- Weekend activities including BBQ, Cake Stall, Art Café, Jewellery Emporium, Outdoor activities, etc.
- Dismantle after the show

Please let Janet Mitchell know what you would like to do, and the time you are available and she will try to slot you into the roster. Please contact her via email at glennandjanet@bigpond.com

Thank you!

Keys to the Cellar – back for 2013!
This year on Opening Night we will again be selling keys to a locked wine cabinet containing 50 bottles of fine wine. The person with the correct key wins the lot.

Target Bottles: 50
Currently received: 7
Needed: we require 1 bottle of your finest wine from your deep cellar (Price > $20).

This is shaping up to be one of Oatley’s finest wine collections.
Highlight of the teasers for this week:

Moet & Chandon Champagne (In Chill Box) $70
Belgravia Syrah $22

More highlights next week!

If you are able to contribute please contact Jamieson Loutit for delivery or collection at Jamieson@Louttit.com.au

Vacant Positions

ROUSTABOUT / HANDYMAN – this role has been carried out by Garry Allen for many years but he is away for the Show weekend this year. The role is to be the general handyman during set-up & the weekend of the show. It means putting up brackets, running extension leads, putting up a spot light, any odd job. If you can use a drill and a screwdriver you are no doubt the person for this job. This can be done by one or more people.

FACILITIES HIRE – This role can be done by one person. It involves collecting the equipment hire requirements from the coordinators which does not vary greatly from year to year & sourcing it from existing suppliers such as Walker Party Hire.

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS – a role that is absolutely vital for the show. Janet Mitchell is doing the role this year but will be away for the weekend of the show. We just need someone to help out on the weekend of the show to direct volunteers to areas needed.

No experience is required and there are lots of people around to help. Please consider taking on one of these roles and be part of the team.

Barista Required

Are you a brilliant barista? The Art Cafe needs YOU! We have two positions on Saturday and Sunday for a competent barista to assist baristas from Charlie Lovett in making and serving Charlie Lovett coffee. Please email your interest to Kym at deandandkym@bigpond.com

Cake Stall Donations

We need your help with cake donations to sell at the Art & Craft Show Cake Stall. If you can help, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to the school office.

Please contact Melanie Monico on 0420 870 387 or Julia Dimovska on 0418 409 516 if you have any queries.

Creative Mums and Dads Wanted

Would any creative mums, or dads, like to have a craft stall at the Art and Craft Show? Anything handmade would be fantastic, including clothing, ceramics and stationery It would be nice to see some of the parents' consuming passions.

There are still some spots available for either one or two days.

Please contact Fiona Sant for an information pack if you are interested or have a friend that may be interested. Fiona's email address is: fionad74@bigpond.com

Riddle Answer: A sponge.

Mark Wilson - Art and Craft Show Convenor

Kids Club at the 2013 Art and Craft Show

STILL NEEDED!! DONATIONS from parents for craft activities!

- Stockings (used, clean)
- Water bottles (don’t have to have a lid)
- Yoghurt containers (any size)

Please put in box in the School Office marked – KIDS CLUB

Watch this space as next week we open kids club for bookings. There will be limited spaces! You can book in kids from other schools, just include them on the booking sheet provided next week and we will send the tickets to your child’s class.

Thanks!!

Leah Rule & Leonie Eivers

(Kids Club Coordinators)
School Banking

School Banking Coordinator: Helen Kwong
Email: ting_tyt@yahoo.com.au

Calling for Helpers Again

We have sent a “Calling for Helpers” form to every student last week, but have received a quiet response. Could you please be reminded that successful school banking relies on our contributions? The program is not only encouraging kids to have good savings behaviour, but also a fundraising activity that results in a direct benefit to our children.

We are seeking volunteer School Banking helpers. The amount of time contributed is flexible, ranging from every Thursday morning to only once in a term.

If you have an idea to help, but with some personal concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Helen at ting_tyt@yahoo.com.au for discussion.

Every volunteer is precious and gratefully appreciated, regardless of how much they have contributed.

Normal Banking Resumes this Thursday

Please have your saving money and redemption cards ready as School banking resumes this Thursday. We have Andria and Eileen to do the banking this week. Thank you for their valuable time. We do banking in the Library.

P & C Update

P & C Executive Meeting D

The P&C Executive met last Wednesday night to discuss 2013 budget requests.

Further discussion at our next meeting on 5th March will allow members to have their say on how the money raised throughout 2012 will be spent. The vote will be held at the following meeting on 2nd April.

Some short and long term suggested items included;

- Support Teacher Learning Difficulties (STLD) for 3 ½ days each week
- Reading Boxes
- Performing Arts Productions (Drama)
- Library resources
- Starter's gun for sports carnivals
- Tables/chairs for paved area
- Lighting for grounds and Hall
- Shade tent for carnivals
- Shade over basketball courts
- Large high-jump mats
- Shade over silver seats
- Long jump pits
- Climbing equipment
- Canteen awning and ramp entry
- Café coffee machine
- Parents & Citizens dedicated website
- Landscaping the School entrance beside the Hall at Short St

A lot is happening at OWPS - Make sure you come along to the meetings in March and April!

Music Council news

President: Christopher Taplin
Email: ctaplin@optusnet.com.au

Rescheduled Music Council meeting

The next Music Council meeting has been moved to Monday 4th March at 7.30pm in Multi-purpose room. All welcome.

Concert Band 2013

Tuesdays, 7.50-9.00am and Thursdays, 7.50 – 9.00am.

Concert Band will have their first performance at the Art and Craft Show on 6th April.

Performance: 3 pm.

Dress requirements and performance call time to be advised.

CB Co-ordinator: Carolyn Northcott
cnorthcott@optusnet.com.au 0432 731 266

Intermediate Band 2013

Mondays, 7.50-8.45am and Wednesdays, 7.50 – 8.45am

Intermediate Band will be performing at the Art and Craft Show on 6th April.
Dress requirements and performance call time to be advised.

IB Co-ordinator: John Sharples
carmelsharples1@optusnet.com.au  9585 1242

**Training Band 2013**

Instruments are all handed out and first rehearsals begin on Monday 4th March

Monday 4th March, 8.45 – 9.15am: Flutes, oboe, drums, keyboard

Tuesday 5th March, 9 – 9.20am: Trumpets, trombone, euphonium

Wednesday 6th March, 8.45 – 9.15am: Clarinets, saxophones

TB Co-ordinators: Sally & Glen Tyrri
sally_glen@hotmail.com  0418 775 043 (Sally)

**Recorder 2013**

Junior Recorder will commence classes soon with our new tutor, former OWPS student Jessica Budge. Details of class day/time and cost will be sent to you shortly.

Recorder Co-ordinator: Jacqui Borg
jpborg@iprimus.com.au  0404 865 385

**Christopher Taplin**

Music Council President
ctaplin@optusnet.com.au  0409 469 896

**Percussion Power 2013**

Percussion Power roster for 1 March is:

7.55am – 8.35am: George Leontsinis
8.35am – 8.55am: Liz Lomas
8.55am – 9.25am: Christina Velevski

**Uniform**

All students will need a **plain red T-shirt** for performances and photos, please purchase before summer stock runs out at shops.

Percussion Power co-ordinator: Michelle Schafer
michelle.schafer@sopa.nsw.gov.au  0419 477 971

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**Cafe Mural**

Thank you to Ilona for providing us with the plans for the mural inside the foyer of the cafe. We hope to get started on this mural very soon.

**Would you like to join the Cafe committee?**

We are looking for new committee members. Do you want to be a part of all these exciting changes? We would love to welcome new members to the 2013 Cafe Committee. We are having our first meeting for the year on **Wednesday 20th February** in the Cafe at 2.00pm.

**Spotlight on Popcorn**

Did you know that Cafe pops fresh popcorn each Wednesday using vegetable oil, no butter, and the popcorn is only very lightly salted? The Cafe supervisor (Simone) is a qualified nutritionist and naturopath, and ensure that all food served at the Cafe is as fresh and wholesome as possible. Please email us if you have any questions about the food at the cafe, we are happy to answer!

Please keep any feedback you have about the cafe coming to canteen.owps@gmail.com

We thank our volunteers this week! Especially the Queen of Pop (corn that is) Lorrie.
Missing a Menu?

We have attached a menu and the volunteer roster at the back of this newsletter as some parents have not received it to date.

See you soon in The Hopscotch Café!

The Canteen Committee

School Club

President: Danielle Andrews
Email: dandeano@bigpond.net.au

Wed 27th February - Cake Day (6A and 2M)

We are kindly asking 6A and 2M children to bring cakes this month.

The first cake day for 2013 is this Wednesday 27th February. Cakes are donated by one class in the infants school and one from the primary school each month. Each class donates cakes only ONCE per year.

The cake day roster can again be found at the end of the newsletter. You will receive a note the week prior to your class's cake day as a reminder.

All cakes are 50c and are sold at recess.

2013 School Directory

Today (Monday 25th February) was the deadline to return your School Directory form to the school office.

If you have any questions, contact Fiona Duhne, Oatley West School Club on mobile 0419 823 863 or fionaduhne@1232web.com.au

OWPS Community

Music in the Park

Music in the Park is being held on Sunday 17th March 2013 at the Oatley Memorial Gardens from 11:00am. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

Submissions to the OWL Community pages

We are always keen to hear feedback or suggestions so please email owps.newsletter@gmail.com

The deadline for newsletter submissions is the Friday 6pm prior. Submissions to the newsletter must be approved by the Principal.

If you think you would like to assist with the newsletter please contact us too!

Julianne Kennard & Sarah Kennedy
ART & CRAFT SHOW

CAKE STALL DONATIONS

Time to dust off your recipe books and start baking!!!!

We need your help with cake donations to sell at the Art & Craft Show – CAKE STALL.

It’s simple - the more cakes we receive, the more money we raise for our school.

Full cakes, pies, cupcakes, slices, cookies, scones, biscuits, toffees and all the family favourites have been proven crowd-pleasers! As a result, parents and the school community’s generosity in donating cakes have raised hundreds of dollars for OWPS.

If you can help out, please complete the form below and indicate the type of cake/s you will donating. You will receive packaging prior to the show weekend. Please bring your packaged cake/s to the Art & Craft Show CAKE STALL on Saturday or Sunday morning.

Simply put the completed form in the CAKE STALL box in the office before 28 March 2013 or email your details to bradandmelanie@optusnet.com.au

If you don’t get around to filling out a form, just bring the cakes to the stall (located near the library) on Saturday or Sunday – all donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Pls contact Melanie Monico (0420 870 387) or Julia Dimovska (0418 409 516) for more info.

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ART & CRAFT SHOW – CAKE STALL DONATIONS

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Child’s Name: ___________________________  Child’s Class: ___________________________
CAKE DAY ROSTER - 2013

Cake Day is an important school Club fundraiser (and fun event) that occurs once each month. Funds raised are used by School Club to purchase resources for the school. Each class is rostered to supply cakes ONCE each year.

Cake Day is held at RECESS (after the school Club meeting from 9:30am - all welcome). If you would like to come and help (between 11:15 - 12pm) Junior students are served under the COLA and Senior are outside the library.

ALL Cakes are $0.50. (Correct change would be appreciated)

Please do not send any products containing peanuts.

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OWPS - "HOPSCOTCH" CANTENE
SUMMER 2013 MENU

Canteen Supervisor: Simone Gibson 0411384059  President: Diane Taplin
VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!  Contact us: canteen.owps@gmail.com

OVER THE COUNTER – AVAILABLE EVERY DAY (UNTIL SOLD OUT)

$ Cheese Sticks $1  Ovaltine $1
Fruit - Fresh & seasonal 50c  Quench Sticks 50c
Slice - muffin or Loaf 50c  Jelly Sticks 20c
SAO Biscuit (+ tomato & cheese) 50c  Bulla Frozen Yoghurt $2
Cheese & Crackers 50c  Vanilla Ice Cream Cup $1
Pretzels $1

LUNCH ORDERS - AVAILABLE TO ORDER EVERY DAY

Oatley Village PIE Mini $3  Regular $4.50
Quiche (ham & cheese) Mini $2.50  Regular $3.50
Quiche (spinach & cheese) Mini $2.50  Regular $3.50
Homemade Sausage Roll $2.50
Tempura Chicken Nuggets (4) $2.50

SALADS + Add Chicken or Ham $1.50
Greek lettuce, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, red onion, feta and olives $4
Caesar lettuce, bacon, cherry toms, Parmesan cheese and croutons $4
Garden lettuce, tomato, cucumber, snow peas and carrot $4

SANDWICHES/WRAPS/ROLLS (on wholemeal bread)

Breast chicken $3
Ham off the bone $3
Tuna $3
Free-range Egg $3
Salad $3
Cheese $2
Tomato $2
Avocado $2.00
Tomato Sauce Squeeze $0.30
Yogurt $1.50
Mayo $0.30
Jam $1.50
Brown Paper Bags $0.10

\textbf{Add ons/ extras}

- Toasted $0.50
- Cheese $0.50
- Tomato $0.50
- Avocado $1.00
- Salad $1.50

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Focus Sports Water

- Lemonade $2

Bottled Water $1.50
DAILY SPECIALS BOARD

Mondays  ~ 'Pizza and Pie Day'

Recess  Homemade Apple Pies  $1

Lunch  PIZZA made on day - fresh to order
• Hawaiian (ham & pineapple)  $4
• Salami (salami & cheese)  $4
• Margarita (tomato & cheese)  $4

Tuesdays  ~ 'Jelly Cups & Burger Day'

Recess  Jelly Cups  50c

Lunch  HOMEMADE HAMBURGERS
• Chicken Burger, lettuce & mayo  $4
• Beef burger, lettuce, tomato & tomato sauce  $4

Wed'days  ~ 'Popcorn & Sushi Day'

Recess  Popcorn (made in our movie popcorn maker)  $1

Lunch  SUSHI ROLLS - freshly delivered from "Sushi on Morts"
• Tuna and Cucumber  $3.50
• Salmon and Avocado  $3.50
• Teriyaki Chicken and Avocado  $3.50
• Tempura Prawn and Cucumber  $3.50

Thursdays  ~ 'Pizza Wheels & Lebanese Wraps'

Recess  Pizza Wheels: Ham & Cheese  50c

Lunch  LEBANESE WRAPS
• Chicken  $4
• Falafel  $4
(Both with Hummus, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce & BBQ sauce)

How To Place A Canteen Lunch Order:
To order hot food/ sandwiches/ salads - please write your child's name, class & lunch order on a PAPER BAG. To order a DRINK - please write your child's name, class & drink order on a SEPARATE paper bag and place inside your food order bag. Fold bag top over twice.

Kinder to Year 2 lunch orders should be placed in the "Canteen Lunch Orders" Plastic Container in their Classroom BEFORE 9.30am. Year 3 to Year 6 lunch orders should be placed in "Canteen Box" (outside the Canteen) BEFORE 9.30am! If there is a 'problem with the lunch order', please tell your child to go to Simone in the Canteen so we can 'fix it'.
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Families who run their own businesses are welcome to advertise their business name & contact information alongside their family details in the directory. Many people in the school community prefer to use local businesses and benefit by having access to local tradespeople. But please note that the school directory should NOT be used as a marketing tool for soliciting business. Distribution of the directory is expected sometime in April. If you have any questions, contact:

Fiona Duhne, Oatley West School Club mobile 0419 823 863 | fionaduhne@1232web.com.au

Due to Privacy Legislation, everyone MUST complete the form below and sign it as a way of authorising yours and your child’s details to be printed in the directory and to be distributed to other families. There is NO automatic entry into the directory.

Please detach and return the completed form below with the exact fee of $3.00 in a well sealed envelope or plastic zip lock bag and place it in the:

"School Directory" box at the school office BEFORE Monday 25th February 2013

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**CHILD’S NAME:** ___________________________ **CLASS:** ___________________________

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**PARENT’S NAME/S:** ___________________________

**ADDRESS:** ___________________________

**HOME PHONE:** ___________________________ **EMAIL:** ___________________________

**MOBILE PHONE:** ___________________________ **WHO’S MOBILE:** ___________________________

**MOBILE PHONE:** ___________________________ **WHO’S MOBILE:** ___________________________

**BUSINESS NAME:** ___________________________

(If you wish to advertise)

**BUSINESS PHONE &/OR EMAIL:** ___________________________

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Signature: ___________________________ Name: (please print) ___________________________ $3.00 encl. (please sign)

☐ I was in last year’s School Directory and all details are the same except the class.

(If this is the case please include all children(s) full name/class and parent sig. with money).
OATLEY LIONS CLUB

10TH ANNUAL

MUSIC IN THE PARK

OATLEY MEMORIAL GARDENS
(opposite Oatley Hotel)

SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2013
from 11.00am

Come along and enjoy fabulous FREE music from the following bands...

* Monsieur Camembert
* Chasing the Moon
* Ghali Groove Band

Bring along a picnic basket and rug, or just sit and relax in the picturesque Memorial Gardens. Barbecue lunches, coffee, wine, soft drinks and other tasty treats and a Jumping Castle for kids.

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