Dates for the Diary

Mon 4th Feb: Hopscotch Cafe opens (Canteen now open Mon-Thu)
Wed 6th Feb: Tea and Tissues/ School Club Meeting
Thu 7th Feb: Swimming Carnival
            Art and Craft Meeting (7.30pm)

Tue 12th Feb: P&C special welcome to new parents/ meeting
Thu 14th Feb: School banking commences
Mon 18th Feb: Music Council meeting (7.30pm)

Principal Mr Nash’s corner

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

FORMATION OF CLASSES
Classes were formed on Friday and are as follows:

Classroom teachers:
KS  Mrs Saul
KB  Mr Ballantyne
KW  Ms Warren
KC  Mrs Colbert/Ms Carroll
1K  Ms Hartnett
1C  Ms Chalkiotis
1J  Mrs Ramsay
2R  Mrs Ross
2B  Ms Brown
2M  Ms Morgan
3T  Mrs Tall
3E  Ms Burgess
3B  Mr Burr
4G  Mrs Innes
4K  Ms Knott
4/5S Mr Sheinwald
5L  Mrs Laurence
5M  Mrs McDonald
6E  Ms Eaton
6S  Ms Aravanopoulos

Assistant Principals:
Senior School (Stage 3 - Y5 & Y6)  Ms Eaton
Middle School (Stage 2 - Y3 & Y4)  Mrs Tall
Junior School (ES1/Stage 1 – K/2)  Mrs Ross
ES1 Kindergarten  Mrs Saul (Relieving)

Teacher Librarians:
Mrs Fitzpatrick
Mrs Morris

Relief from Face to Face (RFF):
Mrs Hatzistergos
Mrs Heneghan
Mr Chalmers

Learning and Support Teacher (LaST):
Mrs June Playford

School Counsellor:
Mr Rick Francis

School Chaplain:
Ms Benita Clark

Reading Comprehension Program (MOBC)
Barbara Westbury

English as a Second Language (ESL):
Mrs Chin

Administration:

School Administrative Manager:
Mrs McLaren

School Administrative Officers:
Mrs Golledge
Mrs Fulker and Mrs Slater
General Assistants:
Mr Guttenberg
Mr White

There is a map attached with the room layout for 2013 for your convenience.

You will notice a lot of new names at the school this year. I welcome all of our new staff and I’m sure you will make them welcome as we settle into the new year.

Welcome to all new parents to the school especially our new Kindergarten mums and dads.

BELL TIME SURVEY
Many thanks to everyone that took the time to complete the survey at the end of last year. Although the survey was overwhelmingly positive we didn’t feel the number of responses was sufficient enough for us to go ahead with the 10 minute change. We will however be adjusting our bell times internally to give us a two hour morning session, a 90 minute middle session and a 75 minute afternoon session. Please note start and finish times do not change.

9.25 – 11.25 morning session
11.25 – 11.50 recess
11.50 – 1.20 middle session
1.20 – 2.10 lunch
2.10 – 3.25 afternoon session

INFORMATION NIGHT
Meet the Teacher nights have been planned for Week 4 (18/2/13 to 22/2/13). Teachers will confirm dates and times this week after their stage meetings.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
This Thursday at Roselands pool. All welcome.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos have been booked for 6th March. I will confirm this with the company (The School Photographer) during the week and organise for their ordering system to be sent home as soon as possible.

NOROVIRUS WARNING
Norovirus infection is a viral infection resulting in vomiting and diarrhoea. The virus is easily spread from person to person. Thorough washing of hands with soap and running water helps to prevent its spread. The Northern Hemisphere, UK and USA are currently experiencing increased cases of this virus. With the holidays just over and many of us travelling this is just a reminder to be vigilant. Treatment is rest and fluids and medical attention if you have any concerns.

Further information:

HEADLICE CHECK
After a sustained break away I hope we have broken the cycle. Please check your child’s hair regularly.

THIS WEEKS SAYING:
Something I read:
You never learn anything while you are doing the talking.

Paul Nash
If children would like to be considered to compete in the 4x50 m. Open Medley race at the District Carnival then they should submit their time to us.

Only the fastest 4 times from the entire District will compete at the District Carnival.

Children should ensure that they are protected from the sun i.e. sun block, t-shirts, hats etc. Sun block should be applied on a regular basis throughout the day. T-shirts and hats must be worn when not competing and water needs to be consumed frequently.

KEEP PROTECTED FROM THE SUN

Note: Due to new regulations children will not be permitted to dive off the starting blocks because of the height above the water. They will have to dive from the edge of the pool. At the shallow end, diving will not be permitted at all. Children will be standing in the pool before they start swimming.

Program of Events

Commence at 9:30 a.m.
Boys' races will precede Girls' races.
1. All age 100m. Freestyle
2. 8 Years 25m.
3. 9 Years 25m.
4. 10 – 13 years 25m.
5. 8 Years (born 2005) 50m.
6. 9 Years (born 2004) 50m.
7. 10 Years (born 2003) 50m.
8. 11 Years (born 2002) 50m.
9. 12 Years (born 2001) 50m.
10. 13 Years (born 2000) 50m.
11. 8, 9 & 10 Years Backstroke
12. 11 Years Backstroke
13. 12 & 13 Years Backstroke
14. 8, 9 & 10 Years Breaststroke
15. 11 Years Breaststroke
16. 12 & 13 Years Breaststroke
17. 8, 9 & 10 Years Butterfly
18. 11 Years Butterfly
19. 12 & 13 Years Butterfly
20. Novelty Events – Bottle Top Scramble & Wading Race

Lunch
21. Finals of 50m. Freestyle Races
22. Relays – Junior + Senior

G. Innes and J. Sheinwald – Organising Committee.
OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
ROOM LAYOUT 2013

Ms Colbert
Ms Caroll K
Mrs Ramsay
Ms Morgan
Ms Hartnett

DEM 2
DEM 1

Mrs Ross
Ms Brown
Ms McRae
Ms Chalkiotis

2R
2B
2M
1K

Mr Burr

1/2/2013
ST GEORGE DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE SUPER REGO
SATURDAY ‘FEB 9’

HEAD TO YOUR LOCAL CLUB FROM **11:30PM** UNTIL **1:30PM** FOR YOUR CHANCE TO MEET SOME ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS PLAYERS AND SIGN UP FOR YOUR LOCAL RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB.

**Arncliffe Scots** - Cahill Park: Times 11.30am – 2pm

**Brighton Seagulls** - Scarborough Park: 12pm -2pm

**Hurstville United** - Bexley Oval: 11am-1pm

**Kingsgrove Colts** - Beverly Hills Park: 9am-12pm

**Kogarah Cougars** – Todd Park: 11am – 1pm

**Penshurst RSL** - Penshurst RSL Club: 10.00am - 2.00pm

**Renown United** - Renown Park: 11am -2pm

**Riverwood Legion** - Venue: Club Rivers downstairs in Lily Room (entrance via Littleton Street Riverwood): 11am - 2pm
Art and Craft Show 2013

Art and Craft Convenor:  Mark Wilson
Email:  mark.dorawilson@gmail.com
Phone:  0403 808 025

Website
www.oatleywestartcraft.org.au

Riddle Of The Week
What belongs to you but others use it more than you do?  (No, it’s not your cordless drill at the Art & Craft Show)

Answer at the end.

Like on Facebook

The Oatley West Art and Craft Show is now on Facebook. Please ‘Like’ to spread the word about our great Show and also to keep up to date with the latest news.

First Art & Craft Meeting for 2013

The first meeting for the year is to be held this Thursday at 7.30pm in the Multipurpose room. Come along to hear what’s going on or you can get involved, no pressure.

The following roles are still vacant:

ROUSTABOUT – 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. You can take it over and use the great model set up by Beth Clarke for organising our essential volunteers or you can try something new.

SILENT AUCTIONS – This is a fun role that involves organising and sometimes sourcing donated items so they can be auctioned off during the show. Quite a few items are automatically donated by our sponsors and you can also go out arrange for more if you like.

As a coordinator what can I expect?

DON’T PANIC - the roles are pretty much cut & paste from previous years. There is plenty of experience & volunteers around to help you out for the show weekend, set-up & pack-up.

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED – very few parents involved have any previous experience in their volunteer roles. It is a great way to learn something new & make some friends. The organisation of the show is a great social event.

Riddle Answer:  Your name.

Mark Wilson
Art and Craft Show Convenor

Proudly supporting our school as Principal Sponsor of the OWPS Art and Craft Show 2012

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Bounce

2013 OWPS Art and Craft Show
Friday 5th April to Sunday 7th April
8 weeks to go!
School Banking
School Banking Coordinator: Helen Kwong
Email: ting_tyt@yahoo.com.au

What is School Banking?
School banking is a rewards program run by the Commonwealth Bank (CBA). The program aims to encourage good savings behaviour. Parents simply need to open a Youthsaver account for their child. Students receive a silver Dollarmites token every time they make a deposit to their savings account at school, regardless of the amount deposited. When they have collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of exclusive Dollarmites reward items including: handballs, wallets, knucklebones games, torches, calculators and headphones.

The program is also a great fundraising activity as our school receives $5 for every account activated via the School Banking program, and a commission from each subsequent individual deposit made at school.

How can my child participate in School Banking?
A CBA representative will be at our school on Thursday 7th February from 9.00 to 9.30am to help parents open school bank accounts for their child/ren. It will be held near the gate on Short Street. Please bring along Photo Identification (e.g. Drivers Licence or Passport). No identification is required for your child. You will get the deposit book on the day so that your child/ren can start banking the very next week.

Can I help the School Banking?
Definitely YES! We have 7 volunteer helpers at the moment, but we need more volunteers to share the duties. Interested people please contact Helen at the above email address.

First School Banking Day
School banking will start next Thurs 14th February in the Library.

P & C Matters
Contact: Leonie Eivers
Email: eivers@bigpond.net.au

Special Welcome to New Parents of OWPS
All parents, and especially NEW parents to OWPS, are invited to our first P&C meeting for 2013 which will be held on Tuesday 12th Feb, in the Air conditioned Multi Purpose Room.

7pm for “Meet & Greet”
This will start with wine & nibbles on the veranda outside the Multi purpose room.

From there we will go on a walk around the school looking at new developments and where some of our fundraising targets are for 2013 and the future.

7.30pm General Meeting starts / Welcome
- Election of new President & 2 Vice Presidents. (Please consider nominating yourself)
- Principals report
- Formulation of Landscaping Plan committee to advise P&C of budget requests
- Who’s who? 45 mins - we will break into small groups where the Representatives of School Club, P&C, uniform shop, garden group, music council, school Banking & Canteen will have a Representative Speaker to explain what they do for the school.

Remember to bring 50c to become a financial member so you can vote at the NEXT MEETING and have a say in your child’s education!

Draft Calendar of 2013 P&C Events
12th Feb: New Parents “Meet n Greet” & “Who’s Who”, Meeting
5th Mar: Meeting
2nd Apr: Meeting
5,6,7th April: Art and Craft Show
7th May: Meeting
24th June: ‘Interrelate’ Sex Education evening session
July (TBA): P&C National Conference (delegates attend)
6th Aug: Meeting
14th Sept: Federal Election BBQ
15th Oct: Meeting
12th Nov: AGM Meeting / Wine and nibbles
3rd Dec: P&C Christmas Carols
Welcome to 2013!

We hope you all had a fabulous holiday and are refreshed and ready to start a new and exciting year of music!

Music Council meeting on Monday 18th Feb, 7.30pm in Multi-purpose room. All welcome.

Concert Band 2013

Rehearsals resume on Tuesday 5th Feb.
Tuesdays 7.50-9am and Thursdays, 7.50 – 9am.
NO REHEARSAL ON THURS 7th due to swimming carnival.

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

Intermediate Band 2013

Rehearsals resume on Monday 4th Feb.
Mondays 7.50-8.45am and Wednesdays 7.50 – 8.45am.

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

Training Band 2013

Only a few weeks now until our new Training Band kicks off!

Information and instrument hand out night will be on Wednesday 20th Feb, 6.30-7.30pm in hall.

First rehearsals begin as small instrument groups from Monday 4th March.

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

Percussion Power 2013

Percussion Power started again last week. There are 3 classes each Friday from 8am.

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

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

Looking forward to a big year of great music!

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

School Club

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

Tea and Tissues for new Kindergarten parents

Wednesday 6th February 9.30am in the Hall

School Club are hosting a morning tea for all Kindergarten parents and carers. It is a great opportunity to meet other Kinder parents, have a cup of tea and discuss how your child and yourself are settling into school.

We look forward to seeing you all.

School Club Meeting

At the conclusion of the morning tea, School Club will hold it’s first meeting of the year. EVERYONE is welcome to attend and we would love interested Kinder parents to stay for this meeting to see what School Club does and see if you would like to become involved.
Welcome to 2013!

You should have received in your child’s schoolbag our new Menu, Parent Letter and Roster for Term 1.

There’s a lot happening in our School Canteen – we are concentrating on healthy food that tastes great and is great value!

Please read our new Menu and stick it on your fridge! Look at the exciting ‘daily specials’ – including Sushi delivered and made by ‘Sushi on Morts’ of Mortdale, freshly made hamburgers patties, Lebanese wraps, freshly made popcorn & ‘real’ pizza’s.

We are focusing on making food using fresh tasty ingredients like real chicken breast fillings, free range eggs and ‘real’ cheese. Our meat is ordered from the local butcher ‘Jumbucks’ in Oatley and our fruit is fresh from the greengrocer ‘Oatley Fruit Shop’.

Now Opening 4 Days:
The Hopscotch Cafe is now open 4 days a week – Monday to Thursday (with the aim to open on Friday from Term 2 - if we get enough volunteers and custom.)

New Paid Staff:
During Term 4 last year we welcomed Simone Gibson as our new Canteen Manager. Simone quickly transformed the Canteen with fantastic fresh foods and great ideas. Come on in and meet her!

This Term we welcome another new face to the Canteen - Larrone Lathlean - as Canteen Supervisor on Thursdays.

New Look: Freshly painted and looking for a Budding Artist

Thanks to all the Dad’s who gave up their time during the holidays to paint the interior of The Hopscotch Café with it’s bright funky fun and welcoming new colours.

We are wondering if there are any parents in our school, that would be interested in painting a mural on the inside wall of the Canteen, it is like a blank canvas at the moment and would look wonderful with something new on it, if the answer is yes than please contact Simone. on 0411384059.

New Term 1 Café Volunteer Roster:
The new Roster is still being finalised, so make sure you are part of the action and PLEASE volunteer for a shift so you can come along and see, touch and taste some of these new developments! Remember our new Café is AIR CONDITIONED & SPACIOUS!

New Email Contact Details:
We value your feedback! Please email the committee on canteen.owps@gmail.com or email Simone on simone@wildyam.com.au or ring on 0411384059.

Thank You for your Support!
We really appreciate our volunteer parents & your continued custom. Remember, whatever profit we make goes to the P&C and in turn to our kids.

Did You Know?
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. Many Thanks to our outgoing committee members Karen DaSilva (Secretary for 2 years) and Hannah Agaby (Roster Secretary during 2012).

See you in 2013 in the Hopscotch Cafe!
The Canteen Committee

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
# Oatley Rugby

## Juniors Registration & Training (U6's to U18 Opens)

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