IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Reminder
This year all schools have been granted an extra staff development day at the start of Term 2 for training in the new Australian Curriculum. Next term there will be two pupil free days, Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April. Students will resume Term 2 on Wednesday, 1st May.

Principal Mr Nash’s corner

I certainly hope that everyone enjoyed a joyous Easter and a well-earned Easter break.

ART AND CRAFT SHOW
Next weekend is our Annual Art & Craft Show. It has certainly come upon us very quickly and I know the Committee has a great weekend organised. I am in awe of this massive school event and the tireless effort of the school and community to ensure everything goes to plan. The underlying ethos of 'community' is at the core when observing the coming together of the whole school community in this one P&C venture for the year, to better the quality of the school for its students and teachers. My thanks go out to all involved in next week’s Art & Craft Show.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT
The Annual School Report for 2012 has been posted to the school website. A hard copy can be made available for you if you don’t have access to the web site.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY
I was escorted by our wonderful SRC Leaders last Monday to this very special conference at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. I thoroughly enjoyed the day with Ben, Imogen C, Harry, Ruby, Liam and Imogen G.
We listened and took notes from the following speakers:

**Brett Lee** – Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying Expert

**Jessica Fox** – Olympian/Silver Medallist London 2012

**Nathan Hindmarsh** – Former Captain of the Parramatta Eels

**Creel Price** – Entrepreneur/Founder of Club Kidpreneur

All of the speakers were inspiring as they told their story and how they had chosen their career path right through from primary school age. Our young leaders took notes and eagerly discussed...
the day’s events. They were a pleasure to spend the day with!

Over 30 000 Young Leaders attended the National Young Leaders Day

SAYINGS FOR THE WEEK
Don’t fail for want of trying – give it a go.

WGP

Paul Nash

Life Skills - Gardening

Group Update

Over the past weeks the Gardening Group has been very busy: digging, weeding, fertilising and watering the school garden patch. The garden is starting to look very healthy and busy. We would like to thank the Buchanan family, for donating the supplies that we needed to get our garden up and running again. We encourage kids to get out into the garden, get healthy and learn garden based life lessons!

We have already planted garlic and snow peas, and will soon trim the passionfruit vines so that they can bear fruit again. Additionally we will be planting other Autumn crops. This could be the best gardening group ever!

Sienna Kolesnyk 6S

Values

Care

Care means to listen to others and to treat other people and your things the way you would like to be treated. It is also to think about other people and not just yourself. This value is important to me because if you can achieve this in life you will succeed in all other values.

The way we should all show care this week is to listen to our friends, teachers and parents. I will also make sure I help someone sad or if they have fallen over.

Angelica 6E

Stage 3 News

Hot Cross Buns

The year 6 students raised $200 from their hot cross buns sales last Thursday. The money raised goes towards the year 6 gift for the school and their farewell to be held at the end of this year.

Practicum Students

The practicum students that were on 5M, 6S and 6E earlier this term come back for a one week visit again starting this Thursday. As part of their training they are required to engage the students in enriching lessons.

High School Forms

The high school forms will be posted to the student’s first preference schools and will be reviewed for the first round offer by the high schools in May. If your child is successful in gaining a position the high school will contact you by phone or post.
Art and Craft Show
If your child is able to help at the Art and Craft show this weekend please return the form to your classroom teacher.

Natasha Eaton
Assistant Principal- Stage 3

Clean Up OWPS Day!
With the Art & Craft show coming up the staff have organised a clean-up OWPS session for each class so that we can show the community how we care for our school.
Kindergarten, Year 3 & 5 will be cleaning before the big event and Year 1, 2, 4 & 6 will be cleaning up afterwards.
Students are asked to bring in an old pair of gloves (washing up gloves, gardening gloves etc.) or tongs for protective and hygienic reasons.
We ask you to send these into school before Wednesday 3rd April to ensure your child has the correct equipment on the day.
Thanking you,
The Environment Committee

Chess Club Term 2
Chess Club will finish for Term 1 next Monday (Week 11) and will resume next term on Monday 6th May (Week 2) at lunchtimes in Mrs Laurence’s room. The chess club is run by the Sydney Academy of Chess who provides weekly tutoring to students at all different levels of ability in chess. The club is run on a term by term basis but some people prefer to pay for the whole year upfront. There is also the opportunity to purchase workbooks at different levels as well as chess clocks and chess sets. Interested students will receive forms this week. If you missed out there is one in this newsletter or you may collect one from the front office or myself. I will need them back no later than Thursday 2nd May (Week 1 Term 2) in order to organise tutors. Please ensure you indicate on the form the skill level of your child.

Please return forms and money to Mrs Laurence ASAP. If you prefer to pay at the office, please ensure the form is given to me so that I am aware of who has paid.
Parents who paid in advance last term need not fill out a new form as your child is already enrolled in Term 2.

Anne Laurence
**Why Chess?**

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

**Educational Benefits of Chess:**

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

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Combines learning with fun!

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**Oatley West Public School Chess Classes, 2013**

[Mondays 1:20PM - 2:10PM in Mrs Laurence’s classroom]

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*No chess on 1st Apr and 10th Jun (Public Holidays)*

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TO ENROL:
Please collect a form from Mrs Laurence.

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Sydney Academy of Chess Pty Ltd
Sydney Chess Centre, Level 1, 30A George Street Burwood, NSW
P: 9745 1170  F: 9745 1176  PO Box 1325, Burwood, NSW 1805
E: info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au  W: sydneyacademyofchess.com.au
Oatley West Public School Chess Classes – 2013

Classes will take place on Mondays from 1:20PM – 2:10PM in Mrs Laurence’s classroom.

To enrol, please tick the appropriate boxes below:

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Workbook 1 – Cost: $22  [Beginner / Rookie]
Workbook 2 – Cost: $22  [Intermediate]
Workbooks 1&2 – Cost: $35  [SPECIAL OFFER]
Chess clock – Cost: $65  [DGT Easy Gametimer]
Chess set – Cost: $22  [Roll-up chess board + pieces]
NEW Advanced Book – Cost: $33  [Exploration in Chess Beauty]

(Cheques should be made payable to Oatley West Public School)

Total amount paid: $___________

If your payment is not received by the day of the first lesson, your child cannot take part in the class. There will be no refunds for students who miss classes during the term.

Grading of Students

To give our chess coach an idea of the skill level of the group, please indicate your child’s approximate playing ability in the boxes below. If numbers are sufficient, students will be divided into groups according to their level. If you are unsure, here is a brief explanation of each level.

**Beginner**: Children who can’t play or only know a few of the rules of chess
**Rookie**: Children who know the rules of chess, movements, special rules, check, checkmate, stalemate and can play a game of chess
**Intermediate**: Children who understand opening principles, how to finish off the game, positional elements and tactics, and compete in tournaments.

Beginner Level ☐  Rookie Level ☐  Intermediate Level ☐

If you are interested in your child taking part in this activity, please fill in this form and return it to the school office, along with payment for the appropriate term. Please ensure that you place the permission slip and payment inside a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class clearly written on the front.

Student’s Name: ____________________________  Date of Birth: _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _ _
Class: _________  Parent’s Name: ____________________________
Contact Numbers: (Home) _________  (Work) _________  (Mobile) _________
Email: ____________________________

Relevant medical conditions / allergies: _____________________________________________

Signed: ____________________________________________  Date: _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _ _
# April 2013 Vacation Care Program

## Week 1 April 2013

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<td><strong>Australian Maritime Museum</strong></td>
<td><strong>Visit to Oatley RSL memorial, to present our Anzac Day Poppies.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Oatley west talent day!</strong> We are dressing up as our favourite pop star/singer/ Actor showing off our talents.</td>
<td><strong>CAMPING</strong> Who would like to make your own tent and camp at Vacation care? Where we will sing camping songs, play camp games. (Please bring in sheets from home)</td>
<td><strong>Movies</strong> Excursion to Beverly Hills Cinemas Transport by Bus Time:10:00am-2:00pm Cost:$12 Ratio:1:10 Only 22 spaces, first in best dressed</td>
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<td><strong>Transport by bus</strong> Cost: $15 Time: 9:30am-2:00pm Ratio :1:10 Only 22 spaces, first in best dressed</td>
<td><strong>(come and have your photo taken by the leader)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Kids Boot Camp</strong> Super fun fitness games! Cost: $10 Time : 11-1pm In centre excursion</td>
<td><strong>PYJAMA DAY</strong> Relaxing at vacation care in your PJ’s, sounds fun. We will watch some movies, eat some popcorn and play some games.</td>
<td><strong>Kite People Craft</strong> Paper fans and parachute pegs Cost:$5</td>
<td><strong>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</strong> ANZAC DAY</td>
<td><strong>PUTT PUTT</strong> Excursion to Putt Planet Miranda Transport by Bus Time:10:00am-2:00pm Cost-$15 Ratio:1:10 Only 22 spaces, first in best dressed</td>
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## Week 3

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<td><strong>Cupcake Decorating</strong> Frosting, colours, sprinkles and more, Join us in decorating some beautiful cupcakes. Cost :$5.00</td>
<td><strong>Treasure hunt at the park</strong> Transport- Walk Time 10:00-1:00 pm Ratio:1:10</td>
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Please circle Yes or No located under the daily date, to indicate your child/ren’s attendance
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Parent/ Guardian Details
Surname: ____________________________ First Name: ____________________________ Email Address: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________ Home Phone: ____________________________ Work Phone: ____________________________ Mobile: ____________________________
Emergency Contacts
Surname: ____________________________ First Name: ____________________________ Relationship: ____________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________ Work Phone: ____________________________ Mobile: ____________________________ Authority to collect: YES [ ] / NO [ ]

Hours: 7.30am to 6.00pm Cost: $38/ day plus excursion

Children must be at the centre 9:00am on excursion days we are unable to wait for late arrivals
A healthy lunch and before and afternoon tea are required each day.

Vacation Care has a policy of NO HAT NO PLAY. Please ensure your child brings a hat each day to ensure participation in all areas of our program. All children are also required to wear closed in shoes and socks on all excursion days.

Allergies/ Dietary Restrictions and Special Needs
Does your child have any allergic reactions, or special needs YES [ ] / NO [ ]
If yes, please provide indicators and full details and action plan for dealing with allergic reactions: ______________________________________

Permission
Consent to administer sunscreen YES [ ] / NO [ ]
I/We provide permission for staff to administer/apply first aid YES [ ] / NO [ ]
I/We provide permission for Vacation Care staff to remove my child from the premises in the case of an emergency arising (such as fire) and relocate them to designated safe locations and for my child to partcipate in organised fire drills YES [ ] / NO [ ]
I /We give permission for my child to be walked or use other forms of transport on excursion outings and to and from the Centre YES [ ] / NO [ ]
I/We the undersigned, approve of my child/ren’s involvement in the Vacation Care program YES [ ] / NO [ ]
I/We give permission for my child/ren to participate in all activities organised for the days my child will be attending YES [ ] / NO [ ]
I/We understand that if my child continuously misbehaves after guidance procedures have been followed, I will be notified and my child may be removed from the centre YES [ ] / NO [ ]
I/We agree that the information I/We have provided on this form is correct YES [ ] / NO [ ]

Full payment is due in advance upon registration; days are not transferable once a booking has been made. If your child is away fees still apply, Due Friday 5th April 2013.
I understand that my child/ren will not be accepted at the centre or participate in any activity until the weeks fees have been paid.

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________________ Date: __________________

Please circle Yes or No located under the daily date, to indicate your child/ren’s attendance
New Art and Craft Show Newsletter

The Art and Craft Show section of the OWL has been moved into its own newsletter to be issued early this week via email.

Please take a moment to read over this newsletter.

****Volunteers are still DESPERATELY needed for this weekend****

Please email Janet Mitchell – glennandjanet@bigpond.com if you can help in any way.

School Banking

School Banking Coordinator: Helen Kwong
Email: ting_tyt@yahoo.com.au
Acting Co-ordinator: Andria Manconi
Email: pranstarr3@gmail.com

Handballs Out of Stock

The Commonwealth Bank have informed us that the shipment of handball stock is delayed. Therefore children who redeemed handballs will have items delivered at the beginning of Term 2. We thank you for your patience and apologise for any disappointment resulting from the delay.

Last School Banking Day for Term 1

Thursday 4th April is the last banking day this term. Please note that we will not complete any redemptions on 4th April.

Thank you to this week’s Volunteers

Thank you to Debbie and Leonie for helping with School Banking this week. We do School Banking every Thursday in the Library.

P & C Update

Contact: Leonie Eivers
Email: eivers@bigpond.net.au

Change in Date: Next P&C Meeting – Tuesday 9th April

As everyone is so busy with the Art & Craft Show, we have decided to postpone the Budget Voting Meeting previously advertised as being held on the 2nd April.

The P&C Budget Voting Meeting will now be held on Tuesday 9th April, at 7.30pm in the Multi Purpose Room.

Apologies for the inconvenience and hope you can make it.

Music Council news

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

Art & Craft Show performances on Saturday 6th April:

- 2pm: Senior and Intermediate Percussion Power
- 2.30pm: Intermediate Band
- 3pm: Concert Band

Permission notes need to be returned this week. Please wear full school uniform for performances.
**Band Camp Meeting – 8th April**

There will be a Band Camp meeting for parents on **Monday 8th April at 7:30pm** in the Multipurpose Room.

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**Concert Band 2013**

Tuesdays, 7:50-9am

Thursdays, 7:50 – 9 a.m.

**No rehearsal on Thursday 4th April**

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

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**Intermediate Band 2013**

Mondays, 7:50-8.45am

Wednesdays, 7:50 – 8.45 a.m.

**No rehearsal on Wednesday 3rd April**

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

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**Training Band 2013**

Mondays: 8:45 – 9.15am

Wednesdays: 8.45 – 9.15am

**No rehearsal on Wednesday 3rd April**

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

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**Percussion Power 2013**

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

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**Recorder 2013**

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

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If you have any questions please contact:

**Christopher Taplin**

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

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**School Club**

**President:** Danielle Andrews

**Email:** dandeano@bigpond.net.au

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**Cake Day Thank You**

Thank you to the students in 2B (Ms Brown) and 6E (Ms Eaton) who brought in cakes for Cake Day last Wednesday.

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**Entertainment Books**

School Club will be selling the Entertainment Books again this year. Funds raised go directly towards our kids. The Entertainment Book contains hundreds of 50% off, 25% off and 2-for-1 offers from many of Sydney’s best restaurants, cafes, fast food outlets, hotel accommodation, attractions and leisure activities. The Entertainment Book is only $65 – you will quickly see how much value the book contains.

To see other participating businesses please visit [www.entertainmentbook.com.au](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au).

Every book sold raises $13 for Oatley West School Club.

The books will arrive early April and if you place your order before the end of March you will receive some bonus discount vouchers (limited number available). If you would like to reserve a book please contact Belinda Lien at OWPS.Ebooks@gmail.com. More information will be sent out soon.

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**Mothers Day Stall**

Mother’s Day is coming! The annual Mother’s Day stall will be happening again this year. Gifts will remain at the low price of $10 each. An order form will be coming home shortly. This year we have a limited number of Grandmother gifts. They will also be $10 (see picture below). These are limited to the first 50 orders.
Good news – The OWPS Directory has been finished. It is currently with the office staff waiting to be printed. We will endeavour to have it distributed before the school holidays, so don’t forget to look out for it in the bottom of your oldest child’s school bag!

If you have any questions, contact Fiona Duhne, via email fionaduhne@1232web.com.au

Hopscotch Cafe news
Contacts: Simone Gibson (Cafe Supervisor)
Email: simone@wildyam.com.au

“HOPSCOTCH”

Term 2 Cafe Opening Hours
The Hopscotch Cafe will return with the school children at the start of Term 2 on Wednesday 1st May and will be open 5 days per week.

New Menu
Look out for our new menu which includes sports packs for those children attending PSSA Sport. These will be ready for collection at 12 midday, before the children leave for sport.

Volunteers
A big thank you to all of our volunteers this week! We really appreciate you coming in and donating your time with us.

Did you know that the Canteen is operating over the weekend of the Art and Craft show? It will be part of the Art Cafe, and will be serving Charlie Lovett coffee.

Would you like to volunteer to work in the Canteen for the Art and Craft show?

Please email us directly at canteen.owps@gmail.com

See you soon in The Hopscotch Café!

The Canteen Committee

Community Notices

MOBC Holiday Bible Club
Mortdale-Oatley Baptist Church is holding a K-6 Holiday Bible Club from 15th-19th April in the school holidays. More information can be found in the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Kindy Mums Night Out
Get to know the 2013 Kindy Mums!

Date: Friday 12th April
Time: 7pm
Location: Oatley Pub
Cost: $20 including pizza
RSVP: Monday 8th April
To RSVP, or for more information and diet requests, email: lozza8888@yahoo.com.

Please give the $20 to either:

Lorrie Houssenloge (Briean's Mum, KC)
Peggy Chandler (Luke's Mum, KW)
Angela Perrone (Josh's Mum, KB)

Or email Peggy on peggychandler@optusnet.com.au for direct deposit details.

Lions Biggest BBQ - Family Fun Day
The Lugarno Lions are holding “The Lions Biggest BBQ”: a Family Fun Day. There will be a car boot sale, stalls (stallholders required), food/drinks, kids' rides, kids' games and facepainting.

Date: Saturday 6th April
Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm
Venue: Our Lady of Fatima Church, cnr Forest Rd & Isaac St, Peakhurst
For more details email lionsbiggestbbq@gmail.com or phone 0411 045 148.
**Year 1 Mums End of Term Dinner and Drinks**

**Date:** Saturday 13th April  
**Time:** 6-8pm  
**Location:** Mamma Barones at Mortdale.  
**RSVP:** by Saturday 6th April to:  
Catherine Phoon 0423 715 113  
OR  
Leanne Jones 0414 543 848

Come along for dinner and then if you would like to, a drink at Oatley Hotel.

Please note that Mamma Barone's seating is limited to 25. We will meet afterwards at Oatley Pub from 8:30pm. If you can't make dinner, just come for drinks. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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**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*
MOBC Holiday Bible Club

Join us on a

JOURNEY OF

CREATION

Date: 15th til 19th April
Time: 9.30am - 12 noon
Age group: Kinder to Year 6
Venue: Mortdale-Oatley Baptist Church.
       1-5 Woronora Parade Oatley
Cost: Free

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB INCLUDES:

BIBLE STORIES       DVDs
GAMES               CRAFT
CHALLENGES         PIE TIME

To Register call: 9570 5722