**Dates for the Diary**

- Mon 8th Apr: Band Camp Meeting (7:30pm Multipurpose Room)
- Thu 11th Apr: Tynan Mackenzie (Principal Art Show Sponsor) Presentation (7pm at Edmonds & Greer)
- Wed 1st May: School Resumes for Term 2
- Wed 1st May: Canteen reopens for Term 2
- Tue 7th May: P&C Budget Voting Meeting (7:30pm in Multipurpose Room)

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**Principal Mr Nash’s corner**

**PLEASE TAKE CARE DRIVING AROUND THE SCHOOL.**

**OUR CHILDREN ARE PRECIOUS!**

**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.**

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**ART AND CRAFT SHOW**

Congratulations to everyone involved in the weekends activities. Although Saturday was a bit overcast, enthusiasm drove the day. Sunday was much better with sun shining and bigger crowds in attendance. Again I emphasise the sense of community banding together to present this mammoth task each year for the last 33 years. I was particularly taken with the talk by our special guest, author Lisa Shanahan at Friday’s opening. She had certainly taken a lot of time to research the school and community to involve in her speech. It was a shame that some sections of the audience were so noisy that others couldn’t quite hear her presentation. Lisa will be working with our students in Term 2 as part of the Book Fair celebrations. It is not my custom to single out any particular person but I must thank Mark Wilson who is overall coordinator of the Art & Craft Show. He is patient, approachable and kept me informed at all times of movement around the school allowing for safe and orderly transition into the show over the three days prior. Many thanks from me Mark!

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**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. An electronic copy will be sent with the newsletter this week.
 CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL  
Good luck to all of our runners today at Gannons Park. Perfect weather!  
Many thanks go to Mrs Tall and her Team for their organisational efforts towards the day.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE  
You are invited to attend our school service this Thursday at 10.30 am in the Assembly Hall.

FAREWELL MRS SAUL  
We wish Mrs Saul farewell at the end of this week as she takes up her position as Assistant Principal at Revesby South Public School from next term. Nadine commenced at Oatley West as a temporary teacher in February 2003 and was appointed as a permanent teacher to Oatley West in January 2006. She is in her eleventh year at Oatley West Public School. During this time she has worked as RFF teacher, has taught in both Senior and Junior classes and was appointed as Assistant Principal. Among her exploits she has worked hard to provide one of the best Kindergarten Orientation programs that I have seen and taken over the running of Life Skills after Mrs Chalmers retired, refined and improved on that program and also successfully run the Peer Support Program for many years. She has also been the driver behind the school Website. On a personal note I appreciate her energy, drive, ambition and support she has given to me and to staff while I have been here at Oatley West. Farewell and good luck from all of us here at Oatley West!

SCHOOL FEES  
Many thanks to all our parents and carers that have sent in their School Voluntary Donation and Technology Levy. It is heartening to see the support we get from our community. This money allows for the high expectations set by the school and the community. As soon as we receive the full amount of the technology levy we will be able to support the new program waiting to be introduced in the Library for 21st Century Learning. We will be able to purchase a fleet of ipads to support this program which will benefit every student K-6. It is hoped that the donation and levy will be finalised by the end of this week.

SCHOOL VACATION  
We break for holidays this Friday 12th April with students returning to school on Wednesday 1st May.  
Please note that there are two professional learning days in Term 2. Teachers will be at school on 29th May and we are combining with our PEAKE School learning community (Beverly Hills, Oatley West, Lugarno, Peakhurst, Peakhurst South and Peakhurst West) on Tuesday 30th May to work together on the implementation of the new National English curriculum.

SAYINGS FOR THE WEEK  
Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.  
Charles R. Swindoll

ANZAC DAY Service  
Our Anzac Day Service will be held this Thursday in the school hall at 10.30am. We would appreciate any donations of flowers for the service to be brought to the school hall in the morning. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special service.

Thank you.  
Sue Ross

ANZAC Commemoration Service: Sunday 21st April 2013  
Oatley RSL has invited our school to attend the ANZAC COMMEMORATION SERVICE on Sunday 21st April at 1.45pm.

If you are able to represent our school, at this most important community event, please meet outside the Oatley RSL Club at 1.45pm in full school uniform. We will then walk to Oatley Memorial Gardens, where the service will commence at 2pm. After the service, you are invited to attend the RSL Youth Club for afternoon tea.

We hope to see you there.

Mrs Fitzpatrick and Miss Aravanopoulos

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF  
We welcome Mrs Bernadette Twining who will be replacing Mrs Saul on KS from the first day of next term. Mrs Twining comes to us from Sutherland Public School.
**Library News**

**Get Your Holiday Reading at OWPS Library!**
Don’t forget to bring your library bag this week, so you can borrow books to read in the school holidays.

**New Dictionaries & Atlases**
We would like to thank the School Club for their generous donation of funds that has enabled us to purchase new Dictionaries and Atlases for our students.

Rita Fitzpatrick and Virginia Morris

**Stage 3 News**

Just a quick news report this week! I just wanted to say a BIG congratulations to the whole Stage 3 Team for such a positive start to 2013! The student’s behaviour on a whole has been exemplary and they have been working well in class.

To the teachers on Stage 3- Mrs Laurence, Mrs McDonald, Mr Sheinwald and Miss Aravanopolous I just wanted to say thank you. It is due to your efforts, hard work, dedication and preparation of high quality teaching and learning that allows the students at Oatley West PS to shine. Enjoy your well earned break!

I am looking forward to another 3 terms of positivity from both the students and teachers. Enjoy the holidays!

Natasha Eaton
Assistant Principal

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**Chess Club Term 2**

Chess Club has now finished for Term 1 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 have already received forms. 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

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**Stage 3 Quality Work**

Students from 5M have written some descriptions of two different fruits. Can you tell which ones they are?

These juicy ten segments, bursting out from the middle, the white circle like sunlight from the very centre of the sun itself. Nala

When it’s sitting on its side, it looks like an eye staring at you. Dominic

It has little sections, a little bit like a mandarin or orange but they are not breakable. Sarah

The scent reminds me of fresh, healthy, great things. Gabriella

The smell, it’s like an ocean breeze with summer memories so strong that you will remember that moment forever. Joel

There are little creamy patches, like a wall with a child’s dirty finger marks on it. Christina

The inside is bursting with seeds and is divided by white lines, as a bike wheel is with spokes. Miles

The texture of the outside is like a snake’s skin, because it’s silk but yet rippled. Layne

It smells like I’m in Man Lin Wa.. with the face cleaner. William

Its size is the same as a handball, a green handball with a sky blue sticker. Adele

On the inside.. it looks like a pizza with lots of slices. It’s soft and has lots of flesh. Charlotte
Inside, it is broken up into ten parts. The skin is 5mm thick. There is one layer that is white; the other is a yellow type of colour. Katie

If you squeeze it lightly, you feel the softness of the smooth skin. Charlotte

When you taste it, you can feel the juicy but sour vibe in your mouth... it brings back memories from a long time ago that you haven't thought about for ages. Savannah

The taste is unbelievable; it is wonderful sunlight with a dash of bitterness and sweetness. Jaden

It's like a wheel; it rolls because it doesn't have corners. Rachel

It has a birth mark from its tree. Marcus

It looks like a ball of banana ice cream; juicy, sour and full of happiness. Nicholas

They smell sweet, sour, bitter and refreshing. Chris

When you look at it, you think of the beautiful, shiny, golden sun. It's texture is as smooth as a school desk, but make it a little bit more rough. Sophie

When you squeeze it, all the juice falls out like runny liquid, squishing out like it's coming to freedom. Steven

When you smell it, it takes your mind off anything, all senses except smell shut down. Joshua

It is dark green and light green on the outside. Isabelle

Their smell is an exotic lemon-type smell. In fact, they just about have their own smell completely. Thomas

The bottom is a flat dot, and the top has a mountain or volcano. Karin

It doesn't taste good on its own, but it tastes good with other things. Marcus
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

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)

TO ENROL:
Please collect a form from Mrs Laurence.

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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<td>NEW Advanced Book – Cost: $33 [Exploration in Chess Beauty]</td>
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(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: _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _

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Thank you to All involved

Thank you so very much to the amazing Mark Wilson and the team of very dedicated co-ordinators.

To everyone who helped (the children, the teachers, the parents and the family and friends) it would be impossible without you.

THANK YOU!!!

Tyanan Mackenzie Presentation – 11th April

Tyanan Mackenzie, the Principal Sponsor of the OWPS Art & Craft Show 2013, is holding an exclusive presentation for parents and friends of Oatley West Public School.

Date: Thursday 11th April

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Edmonds & Greer, 97 Mulga Rd Oatley

Please see the brochure at the end of the newsletter for further details and RSVP information.

School Banking

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

No School Banking Day this week

Please note that there is no School Banking this week.

P & C Update

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

Change in Date: Next P&C Meeting – 7th May

Due to the overwhelming commitment of volunteers who assisted in the great success of the Art & Craft Show, we have decided everyone needs a rest.

The P&C Budget Voting Meeting will now be held on Tuesday 7th May, 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

Wonderful Performances at Art Show

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful performances by Percussion Power, the Intermediate Band and the Concert Band on Saturday at the Art & Craft Show. Well done to everyone involved.

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.
Concert Band 2013
Tuesdays, 7:50-9am
No rehearsal on Tuesday 30th April
(due to Staff Development Day)
Thursdays, 7:50 – 9 a.m.
CB Co-ordinator: Carolyn Northcott
 cnorthcott@optusnet.com.au  0432 731 266

Intermediate Band 2013
Mondays, 7:50-8.45am
Wednesdays, 7:50 – 8.45 a.m.
No rehearsal on Monday 29th April
(due to Staff Development Day)
IB Co-ordinator: John Sharples
 carmelsharples1@optusnet.com.au  9585 1242

Training Band 2013
Mondays: 8:45 – 9.15am
Wednesdays: 8.45 – 9.15am
No rehearsal on Monday 29th April
(due to Staff Development Day)
TB Co-ordinators: Sally & Glen Tyrril
 sally_glen@hotmail.com  0418 775 043 (Sally)

Percussion Power 2013
Percussion Power co-ordinator: Michelle Schafer
michelle.schafer@sopa.nsw.gov.au  0419 477 971

Recorder 2013
Recorder Co-ordinator: Jacqui Borg
 jpborg@iprimus.com.au  0404 865 385

If you have any questions please contact:
Christopher Taplin
Music Council President
ctaplin@optusnet.com.au   0409 469 896

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

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

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

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.

School Directory 2013
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
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.

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 (today!)
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.

Submissions to the OWL

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

Year 1 Mums End of Term Dinner and Drinks

Date: Saturday 13th April
Time: 6-8pm
Location: Mamma Barones at Mortdale.
RSVP: by Thursday 11th April to:
Liz Lomas (0403 783 805)

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.
Tynan Mackenzie Presentation on Thursday 11th April

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An exclusive Presentation for Parents and Friends of Oatley West Public School

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Learn to:
- Maximise your superannuation benefits
- Save tax and pay off your home loan
- Is property within Super possible?
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Experience the difference

Date: 11th of April 2013
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Edmonds & Greer
97 Malga Road, Oatley
RSVP: Please RSVP ASAP for catering purposes Ashleigh Rossetto on 02 82741966 or NSW@tynanmack.com.au
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MOBC Holiday Bible Club

This Easter MOBC presents:

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

Join us on a JOURNEY OF CREATION

Date: 15th to 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