PRINCIPAL NASH’S CORNER

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Tuesday 11th November our school commemorated Remembrance Day. The ceremony, held on the Astro Turf was very moving with our SRC Seniors conducting the service and Hugh acting as Master of Honours for the flag raising and Isaac giving us a moving rendition of The Last Post. Everyone was very silent during the minutes silence and during the wreath laying. It is important that schools continue with the tradition of Remembrance Day so that we never forget the sacrifice that has been made by our previous generations.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 17 Nov – 1J/1C Vaucluse House Excursion.
School Council 7pm

Wed 19 Nov – 1S/1B Vaucluse House Excursion.
Year 2 Powerhouse Museum

Tue 25 Nov – Musical Evening 7pm
Wed 26 Nov – Cake Day
Musical Evening 7pm
Thu 27 Nov – Year 6 Fete
As we progress into the summer months and hot weather we are ever mindful that we are a SunSmart School. With this accreditation comes the responsibility to ensure this message permeates through the whole school. We are continuing to impress upon all that enter the school site to make sure they are wearing a hat outdoors. For our students in particular to wear the school hat which covers the ears, neck and face. The school has a ‘no hat stay in the shade’ policy that is continually enforced each day. We do not encourage peak caps as they do not provide the full cover from the sun. Please support us by sending your children to school each day with the correct school hat which is part of the school uniform code as set down by the community.

The Red Room Poetry Exhibition Launch was held at the Liverpool Library last Thursday. The launch was attended by the Deputy Mayor of Liverpool and John Fairfax (Patron of Red Room Poetry Organisation). Both Kennice and Bronte from Y5 represented our school by reading their poems. Our two teachers Mrs Laurence, and Mrs McDonald as well as Dominic from Y6 also had their poems entered with all five representatives of our school being shortlisted for the finals. The winning poems came from the Northern Territory, New Zealand and Christmas Island. All the poems can be viewed on the Red Room Poetry Object website. Over 130 schools and 2500 poems were entered. Congratulations to our Oatley West Public School contingent for representing our school with their entries and a job well done.
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
- Eleanor Roosevelt

Paul Nash
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Sport, Music and Dance photos are now on display in the hall. Order envelopes are located with display. When completed with name, number of photos required and payment (either cash or cheque) the envelope must be taken to the school office and placed in box. Online payments can be made at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and also need order envelope to be deposited at school office.

COSTS: 1 photo - $16  2 photos - $30  3 photos - $42  4 photos - $52  5 photos - $60
Any additional orders over 5 photos are $10 each. Booklet with all photos is $30.

Last day for orders is 3rd December.

KIDS MATTER

‘When I is replaced by we, even illness becomes wellness’.

At Oatley West, KidsMatter. Good mental health is essential for life. Children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life’s challenges and have stronger relationships with people around them. They are also better learners, who are more likely to succeed at school.

Below is a link for KidsMatter families to access and find out more about Mental Health and its importance. The website contains great links for mental health, school transitions, friendships and other useful information. Please take the time to have a look through the site.

https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families

Warm Regards,

The KidsMatter Team
Miss Morgan, Mr Nash, Mrs McDonald, Miss Farah, Miss Benita, Mr Francis, Mrs Twinning, Mr Burr & Miss McKee
LIBRARY NEWS

IPAD Applications
Students are incorporating a range of applications to support their learning at OWPS. We have just added a number of applications to our iPads, some of which students are using now and others they are exploring for use at a later date. These applications engage students in critical and creative thinking across all areas of the curriculum. For example

Minecraft PE: Built Environments – Science and Technology, Bloom: Music – Creative Arts.

APPLICATIONS

ANIMALIA  KIDART

BLOOM HD  KIDSPERATION

BOOK CREATOR  MINECRAFT PE

BUGS and BUTTONS  PETTING ZOO

CHATTERPIX KID  PUPPET PALS 2 and HD

CINDERELLA  SPELLING LITE

HOOKED on WORDS  STEVE PARISH

DIGITAL POSTCARDS

IMOVIE  TAG CLOUD

KEYNOTE  THINGLINK

Picture Book of the Week
The Library has a subscription to Australian Picture Books and the best of the International Picture Books. We have introduced “Picture Book of the Week”. In the first 5 minutes of the lesson we read the same Picture Book to each class. Depending on the topic, we may only read some Picture Books to Stage 3, as we did last week for Remembrance Day.

Why are we doing this?
Picture Books are literature; they contain graphics, words, illustrations, images which help to grow our students’ imagination. They offer a space to ponder, predict and infer. They can often get a message across to students far better than talking can.

Pictures Books:
- You are never too old to read or listen to a picture book
- Show humour, empathy, culture and values
- Students learn about authors and illustrators
- Expose students to a variety of genres
- Students have a catalogue of stories they can call on when responding to texts, creative writing etc.

Stocktake
In week 9, we begin our annual stocktake, as is required by the DEC. Library lessons will finish in Week 8. Please ensure that your child/children have returned all their library books by the end of Week 8.

New Shelving
On Thursday, 4th December the new shelving will be installed for our student print resources. We will be reconfiguring the use of this space to cater better for group work and mobile learning. Many thanks to the P and C for their contribution to the cost of the shelving. We have allocated Term 3 and Term 4’s library print resource budget to be spent on the new shelving.

Rita Fitzpatrick and Virginia Morris

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIR

A reminder that Junior and Senior Choir have a meeting tomorrow morning at 8.45am in the school hall for a combined rehearsal with the Concert Band. We hope to see all students there.

Cheers,
Miss Morgan, Mr Burr & Mrs Koutrodimos
MUSICAL EVENING

Our Musical evenings will be held on Tuesday 25/11/14 and Wednesday 26/11/14.

The children involved will need to be in their holding rooms by 6:40 pm for a 7:00pm concert start.

The children need to come dressed in the outfit for their performance. Children who are in two or more performances need to come dressed in the outfit for their first performance and bring a bag with their other outfit. Performers who require musical instruments and sheet music please do not forget to bring them.

**Tuesday Night Concert.**

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Parents please take your child to their holding room and hand over to the teacher who will be in charge of that room and then make you way to the hall via Short Street Steps. Entry fee will be a gold coin. Concert should end approximately 8:30pm.

Thank you Martin Ballantyne

**Year 1 Parents Night Out**

Friday 21st November – 6:30ish
@ Oatley Pub, upstairs front balcony room
I know everyone is busy at this time of year, but would be good to see you there. Pop in for a drink or a bite to eat whatever you have time for.
RSVP to Jodie.mason@outlook.com or 0423 094 318 by Wednesday 19th.
Questions Parents Ask

More tips from Associate Professor Kaye Lowe, University of Canberra.

5. Katie never reads out loud. How do I know she is reading correctly?
   Reading is not a test. Children need opportunities to read aloud and silently. Not every reading session has to be done out loud. Try relaxing with your own book and read in silence with your child.

   Reading a book is not about reading correctly; it is about understanding. All you need to do is respond as you would to your adult friends. Talk about the book with Katie. Avoid interrogation. Have a discussion about the content, events, characters, author’s style or share opinions. Celebrate when Katie takes her book to bed to read with her bed-light. That is what independent readers do!

6. Lucas refuses to read at home. How can I get him to read?
   You create a community of readers. Reading time is a family routine. Does the family have access to interesting books? Are the books prominently displayed? Does Lucas have a place to store his books? Does Lucas have opportunities to borrow books from the library or select books from the local book shop? Does he have a reading light so he can go to bed and read independently? Does Lucas see his parents enjoying reading? Are books discussed at the dinner table, while driving, while fishing... at every opportunity? Does your family make regular visits to the local library? Do you turn the TV off and have a time when the family reads together? If you only turned the TV off for 30 minutes a night, Lucas might find a book to fill the void!

Next week’s questions:
7. I’m worried that Jane is only reading the words on the page and she does not understand what the book is about. How can I check this?
8. The other children in Matt’s class seem to read much better than he does. How well should he be reading at age 8?

Parents as reading role models can have a significant influence on developing a positive attitude towards reading.

June Playford

LaST
By the Oatley West P.S Drama Group with the Senior Dance Group and Senior Choir

Performing on Thursday December 11
6pm at Oatley West Public School
Entry by donation towards the OWPS Performing Arts Program
Visit the P&C Website for what's on this week.

Term 4, Week 7 highlights:

Art and Craft Show Committee Positions Vacant - many key positions need filling for 2015! Each year we lose some of our dedicated parent volunteers when their children leave the school. Can you help? Check out the positions vacant on the next page and email mark.dorawilson@gmail.com or julianne@kennardconsulting.com with your interest.

Musical Evening - Concert Band, Intermediate Band and Training Band will perform on Wed 26 November in the school hall at 7.00pm.

Senior, Intermediate and Junior Percussion Power will perform on Tue 25 November in the school hall at 7.00pm.

Year 3 Parents Christmas get together – Sat 29th November from 7pm at Oatley Pub. Click here for more info.

OWPS Cookbook orders The cookbooks will arrive in the last week of term and will be available for sale then. Order now ($30 each or 2 for $50) and the books will be delivered to your child’s classroom as soon as they arrive.

Canteen volunteers – Helpers always needed. Please contact Laronne on 0438 422 179 if you can assist.
The 2015 Oatley West Art and Craft Show is on **Friday 20 March to Sunday 22 March**.

For 35 years, people have come to enjoy the fine art, high quality jewellery and market stalls as well as the fairground rides, children's entertainment and food outlets.

Last year we raised **$48,000** for our school and that all goes back into funding resources for our kids and improvements to the school environment.

There are many key vacant positions that need filling for 2015! Thanks to many dedicated parents our Show is always a massive success. Unfortunately, we lose some of our volunteers each year when their children leave the school.

**Vacant roles – do as a group or as an individual**

**OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT** – coordinate local performers (dance schools, gymnastics groups, etc), devise a roster and organise them for the weekend. Also meet and coordinate performers on show weekend.

**RIDES** – book and coordinate the rides providers. Coordinate volunteers over the weekend and act as liaison with rides people.

**KIDS CLUB / CHILDRENS WORKSHOP** – a group of parents required to get together to brain storm, plan and run children's craft and fun activities on show weekend.

**OUTDOOR FACILITIES HIRE** – Gather the equipment and furniture hire requirements from the various coordinators of the show and consolidate into one spreadsheet. The relevant equipment is then booked in with the supplier – Walkers Party Hire. This is a fairly straight forward role.

**SPONSORSHIP** – this role is central to sourcing the funds raised each year. It involves contacting and liaising with potential sponsors and managing the relationships with them. There are a team of 3 or 4 parents willing to help in sourcing sponsors. Someone just needs to coordinate and act as the main contact.

**SILENT AUCTION** – for the first time in 2015 we're going to have an online silent auction. The goods will most likely be sourced by the sponsorship team so this role is all about getting this new online site up and running and loading all the items sourced. See [http://www.32auctions.com/](http://www.32auctions.com/)

**SHOW RAFFLE** - source raffle prizes, print tickets and coordinate sellers on the weekend for selling them.

**Like to know more?**

If you are interested in finding out more about one of these roles contact **Mark Wilson** on mark.dorawilson@gmail.com or **Julianne Kennard** on julianne@kennardconsulting.com

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'Like' the **Oatley West Art and Craft Show** on Facebook and suggest the page to your friends.

The next Art and Craft Show meeting is on **Thur 4 December** at 7.30pm in the multi-purpose room.

All welcome.