DATES FOR THE DIARY

THIS WEEK - WEEK 5

WEDNESDAY - 28th May
KIDS MATTER LAUNCH - FROM 1PM
Please bring a picnic blanket for an outdoor picnic on the Astro Turf. All parents and the community are welcome to attend.

CAKE DAY
It is Cake Day at Recess Time!

FRIDAY - 30th May
PSSA - Round 1 Season 2

NEXT WEEK - WEEK 6

MONDAY - 2nd June
P & C - 7:30pm in the MultiPurpose Room

TUESDAY - 3rd June
Kindergarten Orientation Morning - 10am
Meet in the Hall
Stage 3 Excursion

WEDNESDAY 4th June – FRIDAY 6th June
Book Fair

PRINCIPAL, MISS EATON’S CORNER

OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL IS BECOMING A KIDS MATTER SCHOOL

Kids Matter Launch Reminder
This Wednesday Oatley West Public School will be launching our Kids Matter Program with the students and parent community. We are inviting parents, family and friends to attend a Picnic Lunch from 1pm on the Astro Turf. Bring a picnic lunch and blanket and celebrate the festivities with the school.

WHAT IS KIDS MATTER?

KidsMatter Primary is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children.

Good mental health is vital for life. Children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life’s challenges and have stronger relationships with the people around them. They are also better learners who are more likely to succeed at school. Good mental health in childhood provides a solid basis for managing changes as they grow.

The first component of Kids Matter is building a Positive School Community. Positive and respectful relationships at school help children and families feel that they belong and that their contributions are valued. A positive school community also gives children a sense of security that their needs will be met. Research shows that when children and families feel connected to school, children are more likely to succeed academically.

PARENT SURVEY - Please complete the Kids Matter Survey by following the link. This information is valuable for the implementation of Kids Matter

www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/other-resources/school-surveys/parent-survey
COMMUNICATION

Newsletter
It was voted upon by staff and the P & C last week that we would return to a weekly newsletter after trialling the monthly newsletter last term.

Trial of Communication Applications
The school will be trialling different communication applications this term and once we have decided on the best application we launch it with the whole school community. This will allow the school to send out instant messages for example, cross country is cancelled today due to weather.

The weekly newsletter combined with a communication application and the term planner will ensure that parents are well informed.

Email
It has been brought to my attention that not all parents are receiving our schools email correspondence. Please ensure that the school has the correct email address by emailing it to the school’s email with the subject:

“ATTENTION- PARENT EMAIL”

The newsletter is ONLY emailed out to parents and the only reason I have printed copies this week is to rectify this problem.

STAGE 3 NEWS

Stage 3 Camp
What an exciting time was had by all of us. Stage 3 students and their teachers enjoyed many challenging activities such as Lost Island mud challenge, flying fox, archery, orienteering, canoeing, bushwalk and fossilising, rainforest walk, beach games, a dune run, commando night activity as well as a challenge night. In between all this we enjoyed wholesome meals, friendship and learned the importance of looking after each other. Many thanks to parents who prepared the students well for their adventure and the teachers who gave up their time to take 124 students to camp.

NAPLAN
Congratulations to all Year 5 students for your effort and commitment during NAPLAN week. Your teachers are very proud of you!

Stage 3 Excursion
Our Stage 3 excursion into the city to visit the Anne Frank Exhibition at the Jewish Museum as well as the Ken Done Art Gallery will take place next Tuesday 3rd June (Week 6). All money should now have been paid in the Stage 3 Term note which was due back at the end of Week 3. Further information will be sent out in a note this week.

Anne Laurence
Stage 3 Relieving Assistant Principal
PSSA Sports Reports

Girls Basketball Finals

On Friday, June 9th, our Junior basketball team played in the semi-finals against Peakhurst West at the Morris Iemma Stadium. Our girls played extremely well under the guidance of Nik and Joel and beat the top ranked team 26-13. Chantelle topped scored with 12 points, Lauren scored 8 points with Antonia, Hannah and Anastasia each scoring 2 points. Unfortunately Lugarno beat us in the Grand final but we were very proud to be Runners Up on the day and collect our ribbons and trophy.

Seniors finished fifth in a close ranking table. Congratulations to both teams on your effort this season. We were all very proud of you. Special thanks to Joel, Nik and Gretel for giving up your time to coach and referee the teams. Thank you also to all parents for their support during the season.

Anne Laurence

Newcombe Ball

What a thrilling final day! The Junior Newcombe Ball team, were undefeated and had a brilliant season. They played in the semi-final against Penshurst and were winners! We played later in the day against Peakhurst (who were also undefeated) but unfortunately we lost.

I want to commend both the senior and the junior team for their effort and behaviour throughout the season. Looking forward to season one next year when we can do it all again

Stephanie Aravanopoulos

OzTag

The Junior and Senior boys PSSA OzTag teams have had a very successful season. Despite all the washouts, the Junior team headed into the finals in second place on the ladder and the senior boys went through the season undefeated. Both teams progressed to the semi-finals and finals.

The Junior team played an exceptional game, however unfortunately missed out on making it into the finals. The senior boys team just scraped through the semi-final to make it into the final against Connel’s Point. The boys had a very intense game with the final score being 4 all. The Senior boys are joint premiers with Connel’s Point. Congratulations to all the boys in both teams for their participation throughout the entire season.

Melissa Ross
Girls Cricket

On Friday the 9th of May the senior girls cricket team participated in the PSSA finals day. After finishing in the top 4, we headed in with very high hopes! We played a round robin style, where we had to play 3 different games against the other top finishing schools. Our first game was against Connells Point but we unfortunately lost. Our second game was played against Oatley Public School and it was extremely close! Our final game was played against Mortdale Public School, and we were still in with a chance! After some excellent batting and fielding from the girls the final score was 73-72. We were so close to making the final! A big congratulations to all the girls for a fantastic season. Finishing in the top 4, and winning nearly every game is certainly something to be very proud of! Well done!

Christie Hart

Teams have now been selected to compete in the Season 2 District Netball Competition. Over 45 girls trialled and only 2 teams could be selected, one junior and one senior team. Ms Knott and I selected the teams together. The standard this year, particularly among the senior girls, was very high so there were many capable netballers who missed out and I regret any disappointment this caused some of our girls.

**Round 1 is this Friday, 30th May.** All games are played at **Olds Park.**

If your daughter was selected she should have received a permission note and code of conduct today. On another netball matter, I am entering 2 senior teams in the **Sydney Schools Cup.** It is not open to juniors. The girls know if they have made the squad for this event but a detailed note regarding this event will be sent home soon. It will take place on **Wednesday 11th June at Liverpool City Netball Association at Woodward Park.**

I need to provide 2 umpires for this day and am wondering if any experienced umpires are available to help on that day. I am a mediocre umpire at best and would appreciate anyone willing to volunteer as umpires for this event. You do not have to be badged but umpiring experience is required. Thank you in anticipation.

**Gabrielle Innes Aboriginal Committee**

The school is formulating a committee to address the learning needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

If you would like to be part of this committee please email the school so that we can formulate a time to meet. You do not need to be of an indigenous background to join this committee.

**National Sorry Day**

Today is National Sorry Day—a time to acknowledge the impact of policies that saw the forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, known as the Stolen Generations.

On the 26 May 1997, the Bringing them home Report was tabled in the Federal Parliament. Not only did it reveal a painful and hidden chapter of Australia’s history, it made a variety of recommendations including there be a national ‘Sorry Day’ held each year.

The annual National Sorry Day commemorations remind and raise awareness among politicians, policy makers, and the wider public about the significance of the forcible removal policies and their impact on the children that were taken, but also on their families and communities. Healing is an important aspect of reconciliation for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and an essential ingredient in generating the kind of long term success that is in all our best interests. Sorry Day is a chance for Australians to come together and support each other on their journey of healing.