Principal, Miss Eaton’s corner

Paul Nash will be remaining on leave until the end of Term 2. Paul will return to school on the 14th July 2014, the first day back in Term 3.

Thank you to the staff, parents and students for supporting me in the role of relieving principal so far this term. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and am looking forward to the next two weeks.

I will be attending a principals’ conference on Monday and a Professional Learning session on Tuesday. Mrs Sue Ross will be acting in the role of principal on these days.

Sue Ross will remain off class in the last two weeks of this term in the position of non-teaching Assistant Principal. Mrs Linda Bleakley will be the 2R teacher during this period.

Student Reports

Student Reports will go home on Thursday 26th June. Parent/Teacher interviews will mainly be held in Week 2, Term 3, dependent upon the availability of the classroom teacher. The online booking system will become live at 4pm on Thursday 26th June.

Just a reminder that reports and parent/teacher interviews are held later this year due to the new reporting system being introduced to the school.

Next year Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held late in Term 1 on a trial basis.

Kindergarten Enrolments - 2015

If you intend on enrolling your child here in 2015 or you know of someone enrolling their child at Oatley West PS next year please ensure that they are enrol at the beginning of Term 3 so that we can formulate numbers for the ‘Stepping Stones Kindergarten Orientation Program.’

Skoolbag Application

Next term the school will be introducing a new communication application called ‘Skoolbag.’ It will allow for the school to make instant communication to parents. The application works on both apple and android devices. This is very exciting so look out for the introduction of this new application.
Premier's Reading Challenge
2014

The Premier's Reading Challenge is well under way and all Oatley West students are invited to participate. There are fantastic books to read! The PRC aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and enables them to read a wide variety of quality literature.

Permission note are still available in the Library.

Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to widen your reading choices with high quality literature! Congratulations to the students listed below who have completed the challenge already. Well done!

Anthony H, Sarah D, Lincoln E and Selina L

Mrs V Morris and Mrs R Fitzpatrick

Sydney Cup Netball Gala Day

Last Wednesday, 2 Senior Netball teams and I set out at 7:30am for Woodward Park at Liverpool for the Sydney Cup Gala Day. It was a Round Robin event with one team playing in Pool A and the other in Pool B.

As usual, all our girls played their five games with great skill, determination and good sportsmanship. Oatley West 1 came 3rd in the Pool A competition and Oatley West 2 came 4th in Pool B.

Congratulations to Gabriella K, Jesica N, Maddison S, Chloe G, Vicki L, Halle M, Eliza M, Jamie W, Molly P, Lia Mc, Hannah C, Jema D, Grace S, Layne C, Kelsie H, Nala H and Lauren Y for your participation and a special thank you to Caroline B, who couldn't play because of injury, but came along and was the official scorer for her team.

A very special thank you to Monica K, Gabriella’s sister, who came with us and umpired for one of our teams all day while I did the other. Her help was much appreciated!

I would also like to thank the mums and dad who came to watch at some stage during the day and lent their support to their girls. I would like to make special mention of Mrs Stojanovski and Mrs Nikolovska who were there for the whole day, helping with many tasks, including scoring and getting the next team to the right court while the previous team was finishing their game. It was a busy but very enjoyable day!

All the girls were a credit to our school and every single one of them upheld our school values superbly! I am so proud of you girls!

Gabrielle Innes

Netball Report

After a wash out in Week 6, we played the third round of netball on Friday 13th June. We competed against Kingsgrove, usually formidable opponents. However, this time our girls enjoyed success with the Junior team winning 12-1 and the Seniors achieving a convincing 28-7 victory! In the Junior game

Antonia J shot beautifully and Skylah P played strongly in defence. In the Senior game, all the girls played skillfully with Halle M shining in the very busy centre position and Molly P shooting very accurately. Congratulations girls!

Gabrielle Innes

Rugby League Round 3

Last Friday the junior and senior rugby league teams played against Peakhurst South.

Both teams played very well. The senior team lost 9-6. They tried very hard against a very tough team! The junior team won their game 6-4. We had some brilliant tackling and defence! Great job boys!

Miss Hart
Ches Club Term 3
Our current Chess Club classes will conclude next
Monday 23rd June, 2014 (Week 9)

Term 3 Chess Club will commence on Monday
21st July, 2014 (Week 2) at lunchtimes in Mrs
Laurence’s room. The cost for Term 3 is $67.50.
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 chess clocks and chess
sets.

Forms were given out to interested students today
and there is also one in this newsletter. I will need
them back no later than Thursday 17th July,
2014 (Week 1 Term 3) in order to organise tutors.
Please ensure you indicate on the form the skill
level of your child.

Please return forms and money in one of the
school payment envelopes and place in the note
box at the office or give to me personally. If you
prefer to pay by credit card directly 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 3.

Anne Laurence

Athletics Carnival Volunteers Needed

Thank you to all of the parents / carers who have
volunteered for the athletics carnival in Term 3 -
16th July.

We still need at least 10 more parent / carer
volunteers in order for the carnival to run smoothly
and for the students to compete in all of the
events. If you require transportation, you are
welcome to come via bus with the students
departing school at 8am and returning by 3:25pm
(traffic permitting).
If you wish to make your own way to and from the
carnival and volunteer your time, you would need
to be at Bankstown Crest from 9am - 2:30pm.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please
notify Miss Cross.

Thank you.

Miss Cross
St George Performing Arts Festival Tickets – August 2014

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO TICKET ORDERS PROCESSED THROUGH THE SCHOOL THIS YEAR.

Online bookings open June 16 and close on July 31.
To book simply go to: www.trybooking.com.au/86366
A booking link has also been added to the SPAF website at: www.spaf.schools.nsw.edu.au

Oatley West PS groups will perform at the following concerts at the Hurstville Entertainment Centre.

- **Junior Choir & Concert Band**
  - Tuesday 5 August 2014
  - 12.15pm Matinee & 7.00pm Evening

- **Boys Hip Hop & Percussion Power**
  - Wednesday 6 August 2014
  - 12.15pm Matinee & 7.00pm Evening

- **Senior Choir & Senior Girls Dance**
  - Thursday 7 August 2014
  - 12.15pm Matinee & 7.00pm Evening

Please be aware that:
- children over 2 years old **MUST** have a ticket; only children under 2 years old may sit on an adult’s lap.
- there is **NO ACCESS** for prams/strollers inside the auditorium.
- any persons with a **disability** that cannot climb stairs, will need tickets for downstairs in the stalls, not upstairs in the dress circle, as there is no lift.
- There is designated seating for wheelchairs as noted on the downstairs seating plan

**12.15pm Matinee Tickets (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)**
Tickets for these concerts are more readily available and cost $10 each for adults and $5 each for children.
You will not have to transport your child to this concert as they will have travelled to the Entertainment Centre earlier that morning for a rehearsal. Your child will have already paid the bus fare for this day.

**7.00pm Evening Tickets (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)**
Tickets for this concert are limited and cost $20 each. There is no discount for children at the evening concert. **You will need to transport your child to and from this concert.**

This year you will also be able to pre order your program when you book your tickets.

Many thanks,

SPAF Co-ordinators
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, 2014
[Mondays 1:20PM - 2:10PM in Mrs Laurence’s classroom]

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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
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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.

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Email: ____________________________________________________________

Relevant medical conditions / allergies: ____________________________________________

Signed: ____________________________________________ Date: __ / __ / ________

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