Principal, Miss Eaton’s corner
A busy but exciting week ahead!

WELCOME MORNING FOR NEW PARENTS TO THE SCHOOL

Tomorrow morning at 9:30am I am very excited to meet and welcome new parents to our school. The parents will attend an information session to learn about our fabulous school, Oatley West PS. This tour/introduction to the school is for parents who DO NOT already have a child at Oatley West Public School. It will simply be an information session about the school including a tour of our facilities. If you already have a child here you will not need to attend this session.

Children starting Kindergarten in 2015 will be invited to attend the Stepping Stones Orientation Program later in the year. Any information that you need to know about beginning school next year will be given at that time.

If you DO have a child that will be starting Kindergarten in 2015, please come to the school office and enrol them as soon as possible so that we can begin organisation for the orientation program.

Last Wednesday Oatley West PS launched our Kids Matter Initiative with the students and parents. I felt very proud to be leading the school on this day. The Year 5 students sang a beautiful song about a ‘kindness boomerang.’ If you do something nice for somebody it will continue to flow on until it comes back to you. It was a lovely sentiment. If you have a few minutes I would recommend that you take the time to watch the clip.

KINDNESS BOOMERANG

3B introduced the makings of our new School Song that Mr Burr has been writing. Miss Benita was busy filming students about what ‘kindness’ and ‘friendship’ mean and compiled it into a lovely film about our fantastic students.

Alex Gibson, who was a contestant on The Voice last year came and sang at our school. It was a lovely atmosphere on the Astro Turf. Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and friends who joined us on this day.
If you wish to purchase a signed copy of Alex’s CD they are available in the School Office for $20.

Lastly, a BIG thank you and congratulations to Miss Morgan, Mrs McDonald, Miss Farah, Mr Burr, Mr Francis, Mrs Twining and Miss Benita for organising such a wonderful day.

The Astro Turf was bustling with joy

STAGE 3 NEWS

**Debating Teams** - Two Stage 3 debating teams have been chosen – one from each grade to represent Oatley West in the 2014 inter-school debating competition. Each team consists of six speakers and four speakers participate in each debate. The first debate was held last Wednesday and the topic was “Boys and Girls Should Go to Separate Schools”. Our Year 6 team consisting of Justin, Hugh, Gabrielle and Charlotte J. took the affirmative side and won the debate against Hurstville South. Congratulations to you all.

**Stage 3 Excursion** - Our Stage 3 excursion into the city to visit the Anne Frank Exhibition at the Jewish Museum, the Ken Done Art Gallery, The Rocks Museum and Foundation Park will take place tomorrow Tuesday 3rd June. All money should now have been paid in the Stage 3 Term note which was due back at the end of Week 3 and the permission note signed and returned to the class teacher. **Students must be at school by 7.30am for a 7.45am departure.** Full school uniform and hat must be worn. Recess, lunch and a water bottle should be carried in a small back pack.

Anne Laurence
Acting Assistant Principal Stage 3

SPORTS REPORTS

Earlier this term, Oatley West submitted teams in a rugby league gala day. Our senior competitive boys’ team came first in their division. They were then invited to play at WIN Jubilee Stadium against Christian Brothers Lewisham. The boys played extremely well, however they unfortunately were defeated 24-16.

A big thank you to Mr Englezos and Mr Sheinwald for coaching the boys and preparing them for this opportunity, as well as Miss Ross for supervising the training sessions after school. Thank you to all of the supporters who came along to cheer on our boys!

Thank you Mr Sheinwald!
Cross Country
On 22nd May Oatley West sent a team to the District Athletics Carnival at Gannons Park. Our 8/9 Girls, 11 years Girls and 12/13 years Girls were overall winners of their age group. Of the 16 schools in attendance, Oatley West came in 1st position overall! Thank you to Ms Knott for training the students prior to the carnival, thanks to Miss Hart for acting as our official and also to the spectators who came to support our runners. Many of the students have now made it to the Regional Carnival at Miranda on 11th June. Good Luck!

Miss Cross

Boys Rugby League - Round 1
On Friday the 30th of May the junior and senior rugby league teams played their first games against Lugarno Public School.

The senior team played a very exciting and close game, winning 10-8. The players of the match were Tyson and Louis.

The junior team also won their game, with the final score being 7-2. Players of the match were Harrison B. and Aidan K. Well done also to Dean for fantastic defence!

We had a fantastic first week. Well done boys!

Miss Hart

Netball Report
The PSSA Netball season kicked off on Friday 30th May. The junior team tried their best but, lack of experience meant they were up against it. Lugarno won 8-4. Well done to Antonia J who was excellent in attack and goal shooting and Hannah F, who demonstrated strong defensive skills.

The senior team opposed a very strong Lugarno team with four district players. Their ‘never say die approach’ was very impressive. While they demonstrated some impressive play in attack and defence, they lost to Lugarno 11-22. Eliza M and Vicki L were the players of the match.

I would like to congratulate Gabriella K, chosen earlier this year in the George’s River District team, for her selection in the Sydney East team. After her district team finished as undefeated premiers in the inter-district competition, 20 girls were chosen from various district teams to trial and 10 were selected. Gabriella was one of them! Netball must be in the blood in her family as both her sisters; Natalie and Monica are excellent netballers too! Well done Gabriella!

Gabrielle Innes

Congratulations Nicholas

Nicholas entered a Gymnastics Competition over the weekend and achieved five first places in vault, parallel bars, bars, the floor and overall for his age group. A fantastic achievement!

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Gabrielle Innes
**Library News**

**Book Fair**

**BOOK FAIR: Wednesday 4th June to Friday 6th June in the Hall**

Beginning on Wednesday, 2nd half of lunch and running through to Friday, 2nd half of lunch is the OWPS annual book fair. We have outstanding books for sale at amazing prices. The proceeds of the book fair will go towards purchasing student resources for the new English, Science and History curriculum.

Once again, we will be holding our raffle. If you purchase a book your name will go in draw to win a book voucher to the value of $30. There will be a winner drawn from years K – 2 and one from Years 3 – 6. If you have an occasion where you need a gift for a child, think about buying a book from our book fair. We will be able to take cash and credit cards. There will be a limited number of novelties to buy such as erasers, key rings, note pads and bendy pencils.

If you would like us to help your child select a book, please send a note nominating the amount you would like to spend. You will then be invoiced for the books.

**BOOK FAIR TIMES**

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**FRIDAY:** 8.55am – 9.20am and 3.25pm – 3.45pm

Any parent assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mrs Morris

**DAV PILKEY: AUTHOR OF CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS**

Last Monday, we took 47 students from Stage 2, to hear the author Dav Pilkey speak about his life and his creation - Captain Underpants. He entertained us with excerpts from his books as well as his amazing drawings. He spoke about his learning challenges at school being dyslexic and having ADHD. Using his imagination and creativity were the things that helped him through school.

One of our students, James due to his extensive knowledge on the subject was able to answer a question and win a book. Dav Pilkey also spoke about the importance of reading and how every time you read, you are the one creating the special effects using your imagination.

Our school was one of the last groups to go through to have books autographed. As our students waited patiently without fuss, we were given a signed poster and all of our students who didn’t have a book to be signed were given a small autographed picture. It was a pleasure to take these students on this excursion.

Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Morris and Mr Burr
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