Student Reports
I hope that everyone had a relaxing three day weekend. Think of our teachers who spent most of their extra day off compiling student reports.

Student Reports will go home on Thursday 26th June. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held across the first three weeks of 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.

Thank you to all of the teachers for their hard work and effort in formulating the student report comments.

New Parent Morning
Last Tuesday morning Oatley West PS held a welcome morning for new prospective parents with a child beginning kindergarten next year. We had approximately 45 new parents attend the morning and it was a great success! We discussed the kindergarten program, extra-curricular programs offered at the school from K-6, our Kids Matter framework, the school values, restorative justice, the band program as well as the video of parents talking about our school. To watch this video please click on the link below.

GREAT KIDS, GREAT TEACHERS, GREAT SCHOOL

Thank you to the parents who took the time to be involved in the film. A special thank you to Mr Kennard, Mrs Kennard, Mrs Louttit and Miss Warren (KW Teacher) for the many hours spent editing the hours of filming. Every single time I watch this film I become quite emotional as it effectively captures the hard work and dedication from our students, teachers and parents. The title “Great Kids, Great Teachers, Great School” is very reflective of Oatley West PS.

Kindergarten Enrolments
I would like to say a big thank you to Ms Sheehy for organising the welcome morning. If you intend to enrol your child here in 2015 or you know of someone enrolling their child at Oatley West PS next year please ensure that they are enrolled by the beginning of Term 3. This will enable us to formulate numbers for the ‘Stepping Stones Kindergarten Orientation Program.”
Out of School Hours Care

The OOSH Program has been moved on a temporary basis to 3H’s classroom. OOSH and the school are working in partnership as we progress through the new license agreement set by the NSW Department of Education and Communities. The OOSH Program is accessed by many of our students and is an important part of our school.

Please support OOSH and the school as we work together in implementing the new changes to OOSH.

Stage 3 News

Debating Teams- The second debate was held last Wednesday and the topic was “Advertising aimed at children should not be seen during children’s TV programs.” Our Year 6 team consisting of Justin, Thomas, Taylor and Gabrielle took the affirmative side but narrowly lost the debate against Oatley Public School. Congratulations on a great team effort.

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 was a huge success. We had gorgeous weather and the students were able to walk through the city and the various venues learning a lot of interesting historical facts as well as getting to know all about artist Ken Done. Lunch by beautiful Sydney Harbour was most enjoyable. We received very positive feedback from all the venues about the excellent behaviour of our students. Well done Stage 3. You made us very proud!!

Anne Laurence
Acting Assistant Principal Stage 3

Stage 3 enjoying the sun at their excursion

Yarn Up

I had the pleasure of attending the first of a series of workshops called Yarn Up with some of our students last week. The workshops teach Aboriginal students essential skills in public speaking and debating and will culminate early next term, when each of the students speak in Parliament House Sydney. The students learnt a lot during their day at the Power House Museum, they all displayed our school values and were a credit to our school.

Jennifer McDonald

Library News

BOOK FAIR Many thanks to the Oatley West community for their enthusiasm and support for our annual Book Fair. It was wonderful to see our students excited about reading. Thank you to all the families that were able to purchase books and those who donated books to the Library.

Thank you also to the parents, staff and students who assisted in the setting up and running of the Book Fair. Your help was greatly appreciated.

We also had a number of parents commenting on how much their children have enjoyed Book Fair and the author visits we have organised this year. It is particularly rewarding to hear parents say how much their children have enjoyed the experience of hearing an author speak about their work.

Engaging students in reading is our priority.

Rita Fitzpatrick and Virginia Morris
World Vision Mufti Day!

This Wednesday will be a mufti day to help raise money for our school sponsor child, Mateus Pedro. Please bring in a gold coin donation!

We are also celebrating Multicultural Day by learning about art works from around the world. Each art work will become part of an art competition. The overall winners will be judged by the SRC Seniors and teachers. There will be two finalists from each class, who will have their artworks hung in the school hall. The overall winners (one from K-2 and one from 3-6) will win a Smiggle prize. If your child is finalist please feel free to the view the artworks in the hall from Tuesday of next week.

Stephanie Aravanopoulos

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