I am very pleased to be back after my recent illness and thanks to a brilliant surgeon and great hospital and nursing staff I am well, and looking forward to a great term.

Many thanks go to all my staff including the executive, but especially to Ms Eaton who was in the ‘hot seat’ throughout Term 2. All reports tell me she has done a brilliant job. Thanks Natasha! I must admit, having a dedicated staff made my recovery much smoother knowing the school was in such good hands. Thanks to everyone for your kind thoughts in the form of emails, texts, cards and phone calls.

Term Three like all terms is leading up to be very busy, least of all with the St George Performing Arts Festival (SPAF) which is to be held in Week 4. Our school has a large input into this festival with staff involved in choirs, dance groups and staging. This year the venue has changed from Sutherland to Hurstville so we are all on a steep learning curve. I’m sure with all the support it will go well.

Staff had a busy development day yesterday with sessions in Duty of Care for students, Copyright Auditing, New Efficiency Procedures for Teachers, Executive Teachers and Principals, Revised Code of Conduct including the legislation teachers come under, Dress Code, Fair Warning-Fair Action in relation to the Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, ‘Good to Great’ leadership in the school and Positive Motivation for Students. The afternoon was spent in Stage meetings and preparation for term Three. What a busy day!!

Mrs Ross is on leave and will return to 2R next Monday 21 July. We welcome Mrs Auciello on 2R.

Ms Knott is on leave and will return to 4K on 28 July. I believe both teachers have made arrangements for their parent teacher interviews.

We farewell Mrs Jacqueline Chin who has taken up a position at Hurstville Public School and welcome Ms Sinead Aekins replacing Mrs Chin as ESL Teacher. Sinead is well known to our school completing casual and block teaching days. Welcome Sinead.

Parent Teacher on Line Bookings will close at 4pm this Thursday 17 July. Teachers will then be able to print their interview schedules. Any parents who want to book an interview after this cut-off date will need to speak to their teacher directly.

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 enrolled at the beginning of Term 3 so that we
can formulate numbers for the ‘Stepping Stones Kindergarten Orientation Program.’

**Skoolbag Application**
Please make sure you have connected to the new school App so that you can be kept informed of school events, receive this newsletter and to enable us to contact the community in an emergency. This newsletter will continue to be circulated via the email for the next two weeks then we will switch over to the Skoolbag App permanently.

The Skoolbag Application can be downloaded onto your Apple or Android device. Just follow the instructions below:

**For iPhone and iPad users:**
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using Oatley West Public School
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using Oatley West Public School
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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**P&C Meeting**
P&C meeting will be held next Monday 21st July at 7.30 in the multi purpose room. All welcome

**Agenda items include:** Uniform shop update
Grants Co-ordinator

**Thought for the week:**

Beautiful things happen when you distance yourself from the negative.

Rawforbeauty.com

Paul Nash
Principal
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.

Not long to go now! PRC finishes 29th August 2014.

Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to widen your reading choices with high quality literature!

Congratulations to Lachlan Q and Isabella R who have completed the challenge already. Well done!

Mrs V Morris and Mrs R Fitzpatrick

LIBRARY NEWS: TERM 3 WEEK 1

Term 3 is Book Week Term.
The theme this year is “Connect to Reading”. In library lessons this term we will engage in learning experiences exploring this theme. Students will use three books that they have borrowed from our library to complete these activities.

Students will also create a family tree based upon members of their family’s favourite books. More on this later in the term.

We also have the author Louise Park visiting our school as part of Book Week activities. Louise is the author of the top-selling fiction spy series Zac Power Test Drive, the co-creator and author of the series Boy vs Beast and the fantasy adventure series Star Girl.

A list of books shortlisted for Book of the Year can be found at the Children’s Book Council of Australia web site: http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2014.htm

We look forward to an exciting term ahead,

Rita Fitzpatrick and Virginia Morris

GOOD LUCK

On behalf of OWPS we wish Vicki Lin good luck at the National School Swimming Championships as she represents NSW and our school. The Championships are in Melbourne next week. Good luck Vicki!!

CHESS CLUB- TERM 3 2014

Chess classes for Term 3 will begin next Monday 21st July, 2014. The cost for this term will be $67.50 and there are still places available. If you would like your child to join please collect a form from Mrs Laurence or download one from this newsletter and return it with your payment. No more new enrolments will be taken after this Thursday 17th July. Classes are held in 6L classroom on Mondays at lunchtime. Please see me if you have any queries.

Anne Laurence
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

Combines learning with fun!

Oatley West Public School Chess Classes, 2014
[Mondays 1:20PM - 2:10PM in Mrs Laurence’s classroom]

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*No chess on 9th Jun (Public Holiday)

TO ENROL: Please collect a form from Mrs Laurence.
Oatley West Public School Chess Classes – 2014

Classes will take place on Mondays from 1:20PM – 2:10PM in Mrs Laurence’s classroom.

To enrol, please tick the appropriate boxes below:

Term 1 – Cost: $52.50  [24th Feb - 7th Apr]
Workbook 1 – Cost: $22 [Beginner / Rookie]

Term 2 – Cost: $52.50  [5th May - 23rd Jun*]
Workbook 2 – Cost: $22 [Intermediate]
Workbooks 1&2 – Cost: $35 [SPECIAL OFFER]

*No chess 9th Jun (Public Holiday)

Term 3 – Cost: $67.50  [21st Jul - 15th Sep]
Chess clock – Cost: $65 [DGT Easy Gametimer]

Term 4 – Cost: $67.50  [13th Oct - 8th Dec]
Chess set – Cost: $22 [Roll-up chess board + pieces]
NEW Advanced Book – Cost: $33 [Exploration in Chess Beauty]

(Cheques should be made payable to Oatley West Public School)

Total amount paid: $.

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.

Beginner: Children who can’t play or only know a few of the rules of chess
Rookie: Children who know the rules of chess, movements, special rules, check, checkmate, stalemate and can play a game of chess
Intermediate: Children who understand opening principles, how to finish off the game, positional elements and tactics, and compete in tournaments.

[ ] Beginner Level  [ ] Rookie Level  [ ] Intermediate Level

If you are interested in your child taking part in this activity, please fill in this form and return it to the school office, along with payment for the appropriate term. Please ensure that you place the permission slip and payment inside a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class clearly written on the front.

Student’s Name:
Date of Birth: _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _ _

Class: Parent’s Name: _

Contact Numbers: (Home) (Work) (Mobile) _

Email: _

Relevant medical conditions / allergies: _

Signed: Date: _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _ _
Visit the P&C Website for what's on this week.

**Term 3, Week 1 highlights:**

**Canteen closed this Wed 16\textsuperscript{th} July** due to Athletics Carnival.

**Congratulations** to Intermediate Band and Concert Band who were both awarded gold at the Engadine Band Fest last term.

**Canteen volunteers** needed for this Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} and Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} July. Contact Laronne on 0438 422 179 if you can assist.

Visit the P&C Website for more information.