The School by the Park –
Great Kids, Great Teachers, Great School!
Our School Values: RESPECT, FAIRNESS, PARTICIPATION, CARING, RESPONSIBILITY, EXCELLENCE, COOPERATION, INTEGRITY

**MR NASH’S CORNER**

**Needing some assistance**
Do we have an Builder/Architect/Engineer among our parent body that would be willing to help with some advice to plan the logistics of reconfiguring the Administration Block and Library buildings. To obtain quotes for any alterations I need expert opinions on what I can do structurally with each of the buildings. I have my own ideas but probably (as usual) way out of line with what is possible. If you could help, please contact me at school.

Each of the days has a Matinee and Evening performance. This year we are including a Matinee for the Items Concert on the Wednesday.

We will be including the Wednesday performance in the school calendar this year and this will be included in the term fees.

Our school has a Junior and Senior Choir represented and two dance groups. Our band is performing, so Oatley West is well represented.

The idea of the matinees is for parents that can't make the evening performances, schools and of course our grandparents to be able to come along during the day if they so wish.

Tickets this year are on-line, purchased from: trybooking.com


Tickets are selling fast. May I suggest that you book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment for matinee and evening tickets.

It would be great to see as many of our community supporting our kids in this great activity for Term 3.

**Kindergarten Enrolments - 2015**

If you intend to enrol your child at Oatley West Public School in 2015 or you know of someone enrolling their child at Oatley West PS next year please ensure that they are enrolled early in Term Three.
This will assist us in formulating numbers for the ‘Stepping Stones Kindergarten Orientation Program.’

I would really like to commence planning for next year. It is especially important that I have reasonably accurate student numbers to decide if we retain the 21st class and for the organisation of ancillary and office staff. If you know you will not be returning to Oatley West Public School next year could you please notify me. If you have new neighbours or know of a new family moving into the area, please let them know what a great school they have right on their doorstep!

Changes to EFTPOS Terminals
In order to comply with new industry standards EFTPOS terminals in schools will undergo a software upgrade in September 2014.

Prior to the terminal upgrade, signatures will remain a valid form of cardholder authentication and will be accepted if the customer wants to sign to verify a card payment.

When the upgrade is completed, PIN will be the only way for parent/caregivers to authorise purchases made using a debit or credit card. Signatures will no longer be a method of authorisation.

While most transactions will require a PIN authorisation, there will be exceptions including:
Card not present, transactions such as telephone, online or permission slips with EFTPOS details attached.
Transactions made with a card without a chip (magnetic Stripe)
The EFTPOS terminal will automatically recognise whether a PIN is required.

Road Safety
Our community is very concerned about the behaviour of parents and students in and around the school before and after school. Specifically, in Week 1, I was contacted by a member of the community about our parents and children using the crossing on the corner of Short Street and Oatley Park Avenue. This area is also continually being reported for drivers travelling too fast and not stopping for pedestrians on the crossing.

Last week I was contacted by a member of the community extremely concerned about one of our students riding his bike down Short Street without stopping or looking what was coming as he crossed over Lloyd Street.

The boy was well aware of what he had done as after the event he looked back at the driver after riding in front of the car.

The upsetting thing is that both these community members indicated that ‘the school’, needs to do something about this situation. Unfortunately our warnings in school to students and regular items in the Newsletter to parents seem to be falling on deaf ears.

I spoke to the school on assembly today to remind them of their responsibility when crossing the street and before and after school road safety. This is a continuing problem and I shudder to think of the outcome if I stopped these types of communications to you.

Please talk to your children about road safety, bicycle safety and crossing safety, especially in and around the school precinct.
Thought for the week:
We are constantly bombarded with all the negatives of life;
Crime … catastrophe … misery.
Counterbalance these with the positives.
There are so many good people doing good deeds, every day. Make a point to find out about all the good that is around you.
Sara Henderson – Outback Wisdom

Library News

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 again on completing a second PRC challenge! Congratulations also to Joshua G, Myranda E, Sophia M, Isabelle M, Flinders D, Olivia H and Madison H who have completed the challenge too. Well done!

Mrs V Morris and Mrs R Fitzpatrick

Sports Reports

Athletics Carnival – 800metres Race

A reminder that the 800m will be run at Oatley Park on Tuesday 29th July, after lunch from 2:15pm. Any student who is interested in participating needs to ensure they have their running shoes and appropriate clothing at school on Tuesday. If any student requires medication, they should it with them to the park. This event is open to all primary students as well as those students in year 2, who turn 8 years old this year.

Miss Cross
Sports coordinator

Brad Mackay Demonstration Game

On Monday 21st July, Oatley West senior competitive Rugby League team was invited to play as half-time entertainment during the St George V Manly game at Kogarah Oval. The boys’ played Lewisham, as this was the team they played in the final for the Brad Mackay cup in Term 2. It was a fantastic experience for the boys’ (as well as the adults who accompanied the team!) that I am sure they will remember for a long time. Hopefully in a few years we will see some of these boys on the field for a full 80 minutes playing first grade Rugby League in the NRL.

Miss Cross - Sports Coordinator.
The Oatley West Athletics Carnival was held at The Crest on 16th July 2014. It was the fifth carnival at The Crest, and again it was a venue of a high standard. The automatic timing machine, run by members of Bankstown Little A’s, made it much easier to achieve very accurate records.

After the houses settled into their areas, we opened our carnival with the house captains leading their house in their cheer. Our carnival was a rotational carnival in which every student competed in 5 events – discus, shot put, high jump, long jump and the 100m/200m. Although rain interrupted the first rotation, meaning that we had an early recess, the weather then improved and the rest of the carnival was able to go ahead in much more desirable conditions! The 100m finals were run in the afternoon, once the other rotational activities had concluded. It was great to see the students supporting their peers during these exciting races and cheering on their house. The students’ behaviour on the day was exemplary; with all students displaying the Oatley West Values.

The carnival will be finalised after we run the 800m at Oatley Park on Tuesday, 29th July, in the afternoon. The District Field Events Carnival will take place on Monday 11th August 2014. The District Track Events Carnival will be held on Thursday 13th August 2014.

The smooth running of the carnival was a result of, not only the preparation, but also the commitment of the staff to make sure procedures were followed, and the generosity of the parents/carers who gave up their time to measure or record. I would like to thank everyone for their support, especially Miss Farah for assisting in the carnival organisation.

Miss L Cross
Sports Coordinator

Lifeskills Market Day
Lifeskills Market Day takes place this Thursday. Students will have an early lunch at 12:45 and stall holders will set up during this time. Market day will commence at 1:10pm. There are many exciting stalls selling a variety of items including cupcakes, lolly bags, origami, soda spiders, preloved toys and books, jelly, cookies, loom charms, pencil holders, photo frames, bookmarks, cans of drink, jewellery, crayons, fairy gardens, dinosaur terrariums, popcorn, ice cream, lucky dips, homemade play dough, paper aeroplanes, door hangers, cards, candles and some fresh garden produce grown right here on the school grounds.

Please do not send any food containing nuts or nut based products.

Students can also choose to get their hair sprayed, nails polished, participate in nerf games and guessing jar competitions, purchase raffle tickets as well as take part in a variety of other fun games and activities. Please note that this is a Red Day for the school. This means that food and drink that should only be consumed occasionally will be available on this day.

Please talk to your children about what you would like them to purchase and participate in on Market Day.

Students in Kindergarten will get 20 Redbacks to spend on the day. Students in Years 1 – 6 can spend Redbacks that they have earned working during their lunch time or from bringing in aluminium cans to recycle. The Lifeskills Bank will also be open before school, during recess and throughout Market Day on Thursday, so that students can exchange Australian money for Redbacks. $1AUD = 10 Redbacks.

Please remember that this Market Day is for the students of Oatley West Public School. Parents may need to support their child at home in the preparation and lead up to Market Day but on the day students are expected to run their own stall. This gives children the opportunity to learn many valuable financial literacy skills and there are lots of teachers available to help if the need arises.

Thank you for supporting this exciting day.

Kylie Smits
OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

EDUCATION WEEK TERM 3, WEEK 3

MONDAY

UNSW EXAM- English (applicable students ONLY)

TUESDAY

11am- Come and watch Year 5 and Year 6 debating teams in the hall

1:30pm- 800m Running Event at Oatley Park

OPEN DAY- WEDNESDAY

9:30- 10:30am- 3- 6 Assembly

10:30- 10:45am- Crunch and Sip with parents and visitors

10:45- 11:15am- Open Classrooms- English Themed

11:15- 11:45am- Recess

12:00- 12:45pm- K- 2 Assembly

1:00- 2:00pm- Lunch

THURSDAY

Lifeskills Market Day for the students