**Dates for the Diary:**

**THIS WEEK**

- Tue 5 Aug/Wed 6 Aug/Thu 7 Aug – SPAF
- Mon 11 Aug – District Athletics Field Events
  P & C Meeting 7.30pm
- Tue 19 Aug – Wed 20 Aug – Life Ed.
- Fri 22 Aug – Season 2 PSSA Finals

**MR NASH’S CORNER**

**Art & Craft Show**

What a great outcome this year. I omitted this from previous newsletters but it’s never too late for a thank you. Congratulations to everyone concerned with the organisation of this year’s show. The grand total of $48,000 was raised thanks to some brilliant organisation and the support of a very dedicated school community.

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 for each performance can be bought at the door.

**St George Performing Arts Festival**

Music Festival is on this week at Hurstville Entertainment Centre on the following dates:
- Tuesday 5 August Junior Choral Concert (Choir) and musical theatre items
- Wednesday 6 August musical theatre items (Items night)
- Thursday 7 August Senior Choral Concert (Choir) and musical theatre items.
Education Week Open day

What a success!
Our two assemblies were attended by many parents and community and it was great to see the ever increasing numbers of Grandparents and Oatley West Community at the school.
All reports have indicated that everyone enjoyed the day visiting classrooms and of course the enjoyment of watching our students perform at the various assemblies.
The week was further celebrated on Thursday with the Life Skills Market Day. Thanks go to Mrs Smits for her organisation of the market day and to the teachers that have taken groups throughout Term One and Two leading up to this special day in the school calendar.

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.

Mr Nash explaining to Oatley Bear how to cross in the crossing in Oatley Park Avenue.

Lifeskills Market Day

Market Day was a huge success. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who supported their children in the preparation and lead up to Market Day and then allowed their children to run their own stall. I was very impressed with the variety of goods and services available on the day and the behaviour of all students was exemplary.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers who run Lifeskills groups during their lunch times. Thank you Mr Burr, Miss Brown, Miss Hart, Mrs Innes, Mrs Hatzistergos and Mrs Ramsay for giving up your time to help out with this valuable financial literacy program. Thank you Mr Ballantyne for organising the aluminium can recycling.

The Lifeskills program will conclude in a few weeks time with a K – 2 and 3 – 6 Auction. On this day students can bid on a range of exciting items that they will only be able to purchase with Redbacks. Our Likeskills buyers are going to be very busy for the next couple of weeks!

Thank you for supporting the Lifeskills program.

Mrs K. Smits

Thought for the week:
We live in a rainbow of chaos
Paul Cezanne
Sports Reports
Netball Results

The girls competed against Penshurst West last Friday afternoon. Miss McKee took the girls as I was away. The Juniors played strongly but lost in a very close game, 5-6. Players of the match were Hannah F and Emma A. To my great delight, the Seniors won their game 11-6 with Jesica N being the stand out player. Miss McKee is an accomplished netballer herself and was very impressed with both teams. I thank her for coaching the girls for the day, taking them to their games and umpiring. Well done girls.

Gabrielle Innes

Netball News
In Week 2 this term, Gabriella K, as a member of the Sydney East Netball team, participated in the NSW PSSA State netball competition, played over 3 days at Penrith. This involved playing approximately 20 games.

The Sydney East team performed very well, losing only 5 games in all. Well done to the team and special congratulations to Gabriella for reaching such a high level of netball and playing very well in such a prestigious event.

Gabrielle Innes

National Swimming Report
My name is Vicki, and I went to the National School Championships for Swimming. The races I went in were the 50 m freestyle, 50 m freestyle Relay, Medley Relay and all age 50 m freestyle Relay. I got 2 silver Medals for both relays 50 m Freestyle and Medley, also getting a PB time which was 32.05. I felt very nervous but also proud. Thank you to everyone for all your support and buying raffle tickets.

Vicki L.

Girls PSSA State Football Cup
On the 24th to the 26th June, I was at the Girls PSSA State Football Cup, representing the Sydney East Region. I had a great experience! My team finished 4th in the State and just missed out on the Grand Final, as we tied in the Semis and it was based on the team with the most corner kicks!

Christina