Our School Values: FAIRNESS / RESPECT / EXCELLENCE / INTEGRITY / RESPONSIBILITY / COOPERATION / CARE / PARTICIPATION

Term 4, Week 3
Monday 19 October, 2015

The School by the Park –
Great Kids, Great Teachers, Great School!

Dates for the Diary

Tue 20 Oct – P & C Meeting 6:30pm
Wed 21 Oct – Kindergarten Orientation for students 2016 10am – 11:15am
Thu 22 Oct – Fete Day & Mufti Day
Wed 28 Oct – Grandparents/Grand Friends Day

PRINCIPAL NASH’S CORNER

2016 ENROLMENTS
If you know you will not be returning to Oatley West Public School next year, I would appreciate notification as soon as possible. I am trying to be really well organised (as far as I can be) so that we have a smooth transition into the New Year. If you know of anyone new moving into the area please let them know they have the choice of a great local school here. Enrolment forms are available from the Administration Office.

P&C MEETING
Meeting tomorrow night in the multi-purpose room @ 6.30 pm. Please consider attending. I value the strength of a strong parent representative voice to support myself and staff in our day to day work with your children.

ROAD SAFETY COMMUNITY EFFORT
I had a discussion with K-2 at their assembly last week about safety in and around the school, particularly when using the road. During the busy peak times at the beginning of school and at the end of the school day our roads are extremely congested with many parents and community not
taking the right care to ensure our children (and parents) are safe. Drivers continue to double park in the middle of the road waiting for their children to come out of school, park in neighbours' driveways and across their grass verge.

A teacher observed a parent calling their child across the road to get into the car after school. The child ran out from behind a car parked in the bus zone, across the road to the parent. So very dangerous! When I spoke to the students from Kindergarten to Year 2, I told them that they needed to be the adult and to tell their parents that they must get out of the car to collect them or to walk to the crossing to get to the car. This may take an extra minute or two but what cost is a life?

I asked all our students to look at this week’s newsletter with you to discuss road safety at school and that I would be in the newsletter with the school mascot Oatley Bear. Please take extreme care when driving in or around the school precinct, especially during the busy morning and afternoon periods. If you live close to the school consider leaving your car in the driveway and walking the short distance with your child.

SCHOOL BAND
Congratulations to Concert, Intermediate and Training band that performed to a very appreciative audience last week at the k-2 and 3-6 assembly. We are indeed privileged to have the quality of students gravitating to this program at the school and the dedicated parents who ensure this program is delivered to such a high quality. The concert band performed on Saturday at the Oatley Lions Festival and all reports indicate a very professional performance.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Inner peace begins the moment you choose not to allow another person or event to control your emotions.

Pema Chodron
Fete Day

Fete Day is fast approaching and K-6 are all invited. It is an exciting day for the school and especially Year 6, who have been working hard, organising their stalls and activities. The Fete is on Thursday 22nd October and it will start after an early lunch. Please note that the Fete is for students and teachers only.

The Fete Day is a mufti day. This allows the students to really enjoy the activities. Some of the activities involve water, so children who participate in these activities must being a towel and a change of clothes. A hat must be worn all day, as well as sunscreen. No swimmers or singlet tops are allowed and students must wear enclosed shoes.

The activities and items for sale range from 50c to $5.00.

K – 2 students will hand their fete money to their class teacher on Thursday morning. Their teacher will then provide them with a “debit card” to use at the fete to avoid money being lost. Any amount left on the “debit card” will be refunded at the end of the day.

Students in Years 3 – 6 will be responsible for their own money. Small change would be helpful.

Thank you.

Miss Farah & Miss Ross

Volunteers for Hot Dogs!

It would be greatly appreciated if any Year 6 parents are available to help prepare hot dogs in the Canteen from 9:30am this Thursday morning. Please let Miss Ross or Miss Farah know if you are available.

Thank you!
Miss Farah & Miss Ross

Public Speaking News

Last Wednesday four incredibly talented speakers represented Oatley West at the 2015 Primary Schools Public Speaking Final which was held at Oatley Public School. I was absolutely amazed by what I saw.

A massive congratulations to Hannah (early stage 1), Jessica (stage 1), Luis (stage 2) and Simone (stage 3). It is not an easy job speaking in a hall full of strangers- and they all did a fantastic job! An extra well done to Simone, who won a highly commended award on the day. You should all be very proud!

Miss Hart

Organic Diggers Report

The Diggers had another bumper harvest last week of Mustard Greens, Spinach, Parsley, Kale and Broccolini. This week we'll be planting our first bush tucker crop - Warrigal Greens. We'll also be planting rocket and ‘Tommy Toe’ Tomatoes.

A Community Working Bee will take place on Saturday 7th November from 10am-12pm, with a BBQ afterwards. Several sites around the school are to be prepared in anticipation of new garden beds and installations for 2016. If you’re interested in attending, Mr Burr is distributing notes where you can register your interest.

Happy gardening!

Mr Burr
Selective High School Application

A copy of Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high school in 2017 relating to entry to selective high schools in 2017 was sent home with interested students last week. If you did not receive one and would like one, the spares are at the office.

- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between **13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015**. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on **Thursday 10 March 2016**.
- Parents need to return an **Intention to apply** letter to the school. This will indicate which students will require school assessment scores the school will need to enter.

Please see Mrs Chappell or Miss Farah if you need any clarifications.

N. Chappell

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Uniform Shop

Acting Manager – Sia Coelho

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The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday from 9-10am outside the KB classroom in C Block.

**Price Increase:** Our prices have been increased in order to cover our costs for the supply of Uniform. These price increases are only made when prices from our suppliers have increased and to ensure we can continue to cover the costs of running Uniform Shop from the school premises.

Please ensure you use the current price listing dated October, 2015 prior to ordering.

**Kindergarten Parent Volunteers:** We will be selling the School Uniform to new parents at Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday 21st October and Wednesday 4th November from 10am for approximately two hours. On Wednesday 18th November, the Uniform Shop will also be open for returns and exchanges from 10am. This is a very busy time for Uniform Shop and any help will be greatly appreciated. If you are available on any of the abovementioned dates, please contact Sia Coelho at scoelho@iinet.net.au

NB: Uniform shop will not be open for general sales on these days.

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OWPS Parents’ Combined Christmas Party – Kindy to Year 6

You are invited to a Christmas party for all parents as follows:

- **Time:** 7 pm
- **Date:** Friday 4th December 2015
- **Venue:** Oatley Hotel – Upstairs
- **Cost:** No cover charge. Drinks available at the bar and dinner from the bistro

Come for a drink, a bite to eat or both and catch up with everyone before the end of Term.

As this will be a large group we’d like to get an idea of how many are interested. Please, therefore, send a text to the relevant person below if you would like to come.

- Kindy - Caroline Sinikoski on 0400 545520
- Year 1 - Julianne Kennard on 0402 871172
- Year 2 - Leanne Varley on 0417 416871
- Year 3 - Liz Lomas on 0403783805
- Year 4 – Karen York on 0419 169995
- Year 5 - Liz Lomas on 0403 783805
- Year 6 - Michelle Langley on 0407 257637

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