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

Term 4, Week 1
Tuesday 6 October, 2015

PRINCIPAL NASH’S CORNER

Since the introduction of the RTA School Zone lights, I have become increasingly aware that students arriving at school late are walking to school without the protection of the safety zone warning lights. We do have quite a few children arriving at school after the commencement time of 9.25 am. The opposite is also happening with many students arriving very early prior to a teacher being on duty at 8.55 am when morning duty commences. The safety of our students is always uppermost in our minds. I would like to adjust our school starting and finishing times and would appreciate any ideas you may have as to starting and finishing earlier. If you would like to have input into this area for 2016 please let me know early this term. Nothing will be changed without the majority of community and staff being in agreement.

CURRENT BELL TIMES:

- 8.55-9.25 All teaching staff ‘entry on duty’
- 9.25-11.25 Morning duty commences
- 11.25-11.50 Recess
- 11.50-1.20 Mid-session
- 1.20-1.45 First half lunch
- 1.45-2.10 Second half lunch
- 2.10-3.25 Afternoon session

2016 ENROLMENTS

I am working on student enrolments and teacher placement for the upcoming year. If you know of any new residents to our area or families that may be moving into the area, could you please let them know to visit the school to enrol their children. If you know you will not be at the school next year or are considering not returning to Oatley West Public School next year, I would appreciate notification as soon as possible. I am trying to be very well organised (as far as I can be) so that we have a smooth transition into the New Year. Enrolment forms are available from the Administration Office.
ANXIETY MEETING

THIS Thursday all OWPS parents and friends are invited to attend a FREE 1-2 hour seminar on the 8th October. This seminar is designed for parents and caregivers but is beneficial for all. Tea/Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

When: Thursday 8 October
Time: 6:30pm
Where: Oatley West Public School Hall

Did you know that 1 in 10 students are affected by anxiety?

Presentations last between one – two hours and cover:

- The difference between normal anxiety and anxiety disorders
- Types of anxiety disorders including separation anxiety
- Signs & symptoms of anxiety disorders

This program won’t be repeated. Hope to see many of you there.
Paul Nash & Miss Morgan on behalf of the Wellbeing Team

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
If you are not willing to learn, no-one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no-one can stop you!

Billycox.com

Sports Report

Boys Basketball Round 1
The long awaited start to the Boys Basketball season arrived on the last Friday of Term 3 with two great games against Kingsgrove.

The Junior game was the first time these boys had played together as a team. At the end of the first half the score was 6-0 to Kingsgrove. However, in the second half, our boys came back and started scoring points. With more time we could have easily won the game. The final score was 8-6 to Kingsgrove with Lachlan, Mohamed and Kai each scoring 2 points. Great team work boys!

The Senior game was too much for Kingsgrove with our boys winning with a massive score of 89-14. Congratulations to Harrison who scored an amazing 40 points, Matthew and Aidan both scored 16 points, Alex scored 7 points, Martin 4 points while Tom, Oliver and Louis each scored 2 points. Great work boys!

Special thanks to Gretel Bush for refereeing.

Both teams have great potential and we look forward to more fantastic games in the season ahead. Parents please note that Junior games start at 1pm and Seniors at 2pm. A draw has been sent home with the boys for your information.

This Friday we play Lugarno at their home court and training will recommence next Monday afternoon (Week 2).

Anne Laurence.

Photo Day

Photo day for all PSSA sport teams and performing arts groups is **week 2, Tuesday 13th October**. All members of PSSA teams will need to wear sport uniform on that day. Music bands will need to wear their music uniforms to school as music groups will be photographed first. Then they will need to change into either school or sport uniform. Dance groups will need to bring their performance outfits to school and change at school when instructed by your teachers.

A set of photos will be available later for families to view before ordering.

Don’t forget to bring your smile as well.
Dinnertime Storytelling Makes Kids Voracious Readers

Ideas to encourage reading and increase vocabulary.

“There is the linguistic pairing of reading and eating, shown in such common expressions as *devouring a good book* or *being a voracious reader.*” Have a meal with your family based upon a book that your child has read. For example: Berry and Banana Smoothies – Harold and His Purple Crayon (C. Johnson), Turkish Delight from Lion Witch and Wardrobe (C.S. Lewis), Picnic – The Famous Five (Enid Blyton) or King Cake – Where the Wild Things Are (M. Sendak) For the full article click on the link.


Ideas for Food and Books


Rita Fitzpatrick & Virginia Morris
Small Steps is a free anxiety awareness program for NSW primary school teachers and parents

Did you know?

- An anxiety disorder affects one in ten children
- Anxiety impacts on a child’s social, family and school life
- Early intervention may assist in preventing the onset of more serious problems including depression and substance abuse in adolescence
- Children with anxiety are generally not disruptive in class or at home
- Anxiety disorders can be resolved with timely information, care, treatment and support

Presentations last between one-two hours and cover:

- The difference between normal anxiety and anxiety disorders
- Types of anxiety disorders
- Signs and symptoms of anxiety disorders
- Our free Small Steps presentations involve:
  - A visual presentation by a speaker from Mental Health Association NSW
  - Reference materials and information
  - A recommended reading list
  - A Question and Answer session

When and Where

Date: Thursday 8 October 2015
Time: 6.30pm
Location: Oatley West Primary School
RSVP: 1 October 2015
Ph: 9580 5048

We’re holding a Small Steps presentation for Parents!

co-ordinated by The Mental Health Association NSW with the support of NSW Health and Centacare