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Dates for the Diary

On-line banking now available

Wed 18 Nov – SRC Election Day & Assembly
Mon 23 Nov – P & C AGM 6:30pm
Tue 24 Nov – Musical Evening
Wed 25 Nov – Musical Evening

Principal Nash's Corner

Sydney Kings Visit

The school's team played against the Kings team last Monday. A primary school initiative ‘So You Think You Can Play’ was introduced by the Sydney Kings last year. The initiative is to create a ‘game night’ experience for the whole school. The visit included player introductions similar to game night for both teams, 5-10 minute games between the school’s team and the Sydney Kings, competitions and a post-game autograph session. I'm sure the excitement could be heard all the way across to Lugarno! They had a very loud MC that drummed up the school, creating much noise and excitement as they chanted and cheered throughout the session. Our students made signs and were awarded prizes for the best ones. It was certainly a great visit and coaching clinic on the day.
This was the first time the new program has been presented at the school. The school students who played were interchanged in a series of games against the Kings’ stars Marcus Thornton, Julian Khazzouh, Jason Cadee, Dion Prewster and Steve Markovic. The players mingled with our students and spoke to them about participation and having fun while they play sport. They said they had a great time at our school. Thanks to Mrs Laurence who coordinated the visit and certainly let the Kings know that Oatley West teams have won eight out of the past nine Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) senior team competitions. The school is invited to attend an upcoming game in a special reserved section at the Qantas Credit Union Arena where a special announcement will be made welcoming the school and highlighting our special reserve area. Maybe the lion mascot might just wander over to say hello. Our special reserved section will be in the lower bowl on Sunday 13 December. To get this lower bowl section you will have to use the ticketek password: schools.

To recap:

**Sunday 13th December**
Last ever basketball games at the Kingdome (Qantas Credit Union Arena)

**3.00pm** Sydney Kings vs Perth Wildcats
Pre-game

**12.30pm** Sydney Flames vs Townsville Fire
Past players and coaches parade plus a DJ on court for after party at the closing ceremony of the Kingdome.

HIT this link below for reserved lower bowl section so we can all sit together and enter

**Ticketek Password: 'schools'**

**SCHOOL DISCO**

What an enjoyable night was spent dancing to the pumping music from our own resident DJ, Ms Warren. Everyone certainly had a great time and the moves from Kindergarten up to Year 6 were amazing! Thanks to the superb organisation of Ms Aravanopoulos and the support of teachers in attendance. Without their organisation and support nights like this wouldn’t be possible. Thanks to all staff in attendance.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**
A very moving ceremony was held last Wednesday to commemorate Remembrance Day. At 11am on 11th November each year we stop to remember the people who fought in the First World War and all wars that have followed. The SRC Seniors conducted a special assembly with thought and dignity in remembrance of all who have served.
I feel that these traditions need to be passed onto future generations to remind them what a great country we live in and that our freedoms have come at a cost to past generations.

I would also like to thank Aden Thiess for playing his moving rendition of the Last Post and to Alexander Morson for being at the ready to raise the flag at the appropriate time. Thanks also to our students in the bio-box ensuring microphones, lights and music were all synchronised for the ceremony.

Tom, Sky, Lewis and Imogen presented a floral tribute on behalf of everyone at Oatley West Public School.

WEEKEND TERRORIST ATTACKS IN FRANCE

I spoke to the school at assembly this morning about the horrible visuals and sounds that they may be seeing on television news and documentaries. We can never be too sure about how our children are ‘processing’ the information that bombards our life in the media after an event such as this. I have given you a link to an article that may help you to discuss the situation at home. I have also sent a copy of this to each of our teachers in case any discussion arises in the classroom. Families and schools can help our children cope, mainly to establish a sense of safety and security in their young lives. This I reassured our student body of this morning.


FOOD DRIVE

Ms O’Reilly will be running a House of Welcome Food Drive over the next few weeks. Each classroom will have a box to collect their food items in. The grocery items being requested are quite specific and a list with accompanying letter will be sent home today. Our students displayed a great interest and compassion during their studies in Refugee Week earlier this year and we hope they will get behind this initiative. House of Welcome is a non-profit organisation funded by donation to provide settlement support to asylum seekers settling in Australia.

For further information about this charity please visit their website: www.houseofwelcome.com.au.

In light of the article above, there is no better time for our school to display compassion and understanding to those people who genuinely have had to flee from their homes and country.
SRC ELECTIONS
I enjoyed a discussion about leadership and what each of the students nominated would like to achieve should they be elected onto the SRC next year. The group gave a very mature account of their aspirations for the position should they be elected. The SRC Elections will take place on Wednesday. Students who have been nominated will present their speeches to the school during assembly time. Voting will take place in classrooms after the speeches. I wish all candidates the very best.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR
Well done Emma from 5A on becoming a member of the Australian Youth Choir. We are all extremely proud of you. Emma was chosen after the Youth Choir coordinators visited the school a few weeks back to listen to our students sing. Emma was called back for another session and subsequently offered a position. It’s great to know that Emma’s ability to sing was first noticed when she joined our own school choir.

CHILD PROTECTION DONATION
During Child Protection Week activities some of our students entered the school in a draw and won a prize for the school that we can raffle off at a later date. Thanks to the Child Protection Foundation and funtime4kidz at Menai.

XMAS WREATH
Something unique that I came across on the internet; beautiful and so Australian. Can’t acknowledge the owner just to say unknown but thank you!

IMPETIGO
There has been a diagnosis of impetigo. The following website may prove helpful with information and fact sheets:

http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Impetigo_school_sores/

Reducing the spread of impetigo
Impetigo is not usually a serious infection, but it is easily spread. People tend to worry about it because it is on the skin and easy to see. Impetigo can occur even when the skin is kept clean - it is not a sign of poor hygiene or bad parenting. If your child has impetigo, the following may help reduce spread:

• A daily bath or shower with soap and water may reduce the risk of impetigo. Antiseptic soaps can be used, but these can irritate the skin of some people.
• Good hygiene including regular hand washing and throwing away used tissues is advised. Cut your child’s fingernails short and keep them clean.
• Make sure that grazes or cuts are thoroughly washed. If your child is scratching a sore it may be wise to cover it with a dressing.
• People coming in contact with someone with impetigo need to wash their hands regularly. Put all dressings in a bin with a lid as soon as they are taken off.
• Wash your child’s clothes, towels and bed linen separately from the rest of the family. Wash them in hot water and dry in the sunshine or a hot tumble dryer. Toys can be washed using a mild disinfectant.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

THINGS TO DO TODAY:
1) BREATHE IN.
2) BREATHE OUT.
(REPEAT).
NAMASTE
BUSH FIRE SEASON
Our school is designated a bush fire prone school. As we head into summer and bush fire season it is prudent to remind you of your own Bush fire survival plan. Have you done one? Is your home prepared for bush fire season, gutters cleaned, drains clear, flammable liquids safely stored? The following booklet can help you prepare for this season. There are limited copies at school and it can be downloaded from:

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Selective High School Applications – Final Notice

Students starting high school in 2017 have been offered the opportunity to apply for placement at a Selective High School.

Applications must be completed online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

These must be completed TODAY (Monday 16 November) by 10pm.

Neralie Chappell – Deputy Principal

SRC Neon Disco

This year's disco was neon themed.

We all had a great time! Some kids even said it was the best disco ever!

The DJ was DJ Warrenator and she did a fantastic job with great choices of music.

This music was so good that it got everyone dancing... even the teachers!

The SRC seniors as well as Miss Aravanopoulos did an awesome job running the spectacular disco.

Everyone is looking forward to next years disco and wondering what the theme will be. We are 100% sure that it will be better or just as good.

Erin and Tom

SRC Representatives 5A
Boys Basketball Round 7

The boys had another two victories at home against Penshurst last Friday and the Senior team remains undefeated.

Juniors had a narrow win 15-12. Top scorers were James with 8 points and Kai with 7 points.

Seniors won a very challenging game with skilful play by both teams. Final score was 37-26. Top scorer was Harrison on 9 points, followed closely by Alex on 8 points. Tom, Connor, Louis and Matthew each scored 4 points and Oliver scored 2 points. Great game boys!!

This Friday we play Oatley here at home.

It was a great privilege for the boys to play against the Sydney Kings last Monday. The school was treated to a wonderful game day afternoon. Check out last Thursday’s Leader newspaper and website for the full story and photos.

Anne Laurence

Chess Tournament - Reminder

The chess tournament will be held on **Monday 7th December** and I have not received very many registration forms. If you intend to register your child, I would appreciate it if you could send the notes and money to **my room** ASAP please so that I can assess whether we have enough numbers for the tournament to go ahead. Forms were included in last week's newsletter or can be collected from my room.

Anne Laurence

Library News

Library lessons will finish at the end of Week 8, and stocktake will commence in Week 9. It is an audit requirement that a stocktake is completed. Therefore this week is the last week of borrowing. Students can check the books they have out on loan, by going to My School Library Oliver in their student portal. Please have a look at home for any outstanding loans, and return these books as soon as possible.

Rita Fitzpatrick and Virginia Morris

Organic Diggers Report

The Diggers have been making the most of the short windows of sunshine to get active in the patch! Our beans are really starting to take off and we're hoping for a harvest before the end of term. We've started getting tomatoes in as they ripen in anticipation of our organic pasta day. Cabbages are nearly ready to go home, despite the cabbage moths. We bought some electronic butterflies from the nursery which have proven very effective in deterring them, as butterflies are apparently very territorial! Our spinach is also continuing to yield productively and tastes great.
Happy gardening!

Mr Burr and Mrs Aekins

Sport & Music Photos

ORDERS ARE DUE BY 25TH NOVEMBER

Sport, Music and Dance photos are now on view in the hall. The Sports Booklet can be viewed in the library or the front office.

Orders are written on the envelope provided, payment enclosed and returned to the office. Any online payments must also have an order envelope completed with 6 digit order number and returned to the office.

Food Drive

As the festive seasons nears we would like to take the opportunity as a school community to run a food and grocery drive to support people in need. House of Welcome is a non-profit organisation funded solely by donation. They provide settlement support to asylum seekers and refugees living in the community and transitioning into a new life in Australia.
A note is going home today with your child with a list of items the House of Welcome currently need to support their clients. If you are interested in supporting this cause, there will be a box placed in each classroom to place any goods your family may wish to donate. **We will be collecting donations in Week 8.**

Mrs O’Reilly

**Year 2 Teacher**

**Uniform Shop**

Acting Manager – Sia Coelho

E-mail: scoelho@iinet.net.au

The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday from 9-10am outside the C Block, under the COLA.

**Kindergarten Orientation Thank You** – Many thanks to our parent volunteers, Natalie Hanlen, Belinda Lien, Rowena Shek, Peggy Chandler, Sarah Cummings and Megan Coombe who again gave up their time to assist at Kindergarten Orientation. We would not have a successful orientation without your help.

**Special Thank You** - A special thanks to Belinda Lien and Rowena Shek who have consistently volunteered at the Uniform Shop throughout the year on a weekly basis, your help has been very much appreciated.

**Orientation Volunteers** - There is a final date for Kindy Orientation coming up this Wednesday 18th November from 10am. Again, if you are able to volunteer approximately two hours of your time on this day to help with Uniform sales, please contact Sia Coelho at scoelho@iinet.net.au

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

**Summer Uniform:** All students should now be wearing their summer Uniform. Uniform requirements are outlined on the School Website

**Uniform Orders:** If you are unable to get to the Uniform Shop, an order form can be completed and dropped in to the school office. All orders will be delivered to your child’s classroom on Thursday when the shop is open.

**Parent Volunteers:** Uniform Shop is run by volunteers. If you have an hour to spare weekly, fortnightly, monthly or even just once or twice a Term, your help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sia Coelho at scoelho@iinet.net.au

**Music Council News**

Concert Band will be performing at the Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday 18th November at 10am. Please bring your instruments and music.

Band Busking Day is this Thursday 19th November during second half lunch. Performers need to remember their instruments and music.

Training Band 2016 – We have the final auditions this week on Tuesday 17th November (for drums/percussion, keyboard and glockenspiel) and Thursday 19th November (for trombones, saxophones and flutes) at 8.50am in the Hall. The new training band needs more flutes. If anyone is interested in playing flute please let me know and come to the audition this Thursday.

Musical Evenings – All Percussion Power groups will be performing on Tuesday 24th November and all Bands will be performing on Wednesday 25th November. Performers need to arrive at school at 6.30pm dressed in their performance uniforms with their instruments and music.

Carmel Sharples
carmelsharples1@optusnet.com.au
0406 874 106
Our Musical evenings will be held on Tuesday 24/11/15 and Wednesday 25/11/15.

The children involved will need to be in their holding rooms by 6:40 pm for a 7:00pm concert start.

The children need to come dressed in the outfit for their performance. Children who are in two or more performances need to come dressed in the outfit for their first performance and bring a bag with their other outfit. Performers who require musical instruments and sheet music please do not forget to bring them.

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Parents please take your child to their holding room and hand over to the teacher who will be in charge of that room and then make your way to the hall via Short Street Steps. Entry fee will be a gold coin. Concert should end approximately 8:30pm.

Thank you Martin Ballantyne
K - 2 Christmas Concert

Date: 11th December 2015

Where: OWPS Hall

Time: 10am

~All K-2 classes are performing~

Please join us for recess afterwards. Tea/coffee and sweets are provided.
OWPS PARENTS’ CHRISTMAS PARTY

You are invited to a Christmas party for all parents.

Time:    7 pm
Date:    Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} December 2015
Venue:   Oatley Hotel – Upstairs
Cost:    No cover charge
          Drinks available at the bar and
donner from the bistro

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

Please rsvp to the relevant contact below by Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} November

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 0403 783805
Year 4 - Karen York on 0419 169995
Year 5 - Liz Lomas on 0403 783805
Year 6 - Michelle Langley on 0407 257637