PRINCIPAL NASH’S CORNER

After a strong election process I am pleased to announce the following outcome:

Captains: Tiana Corney and Antony Dimovski
Prefects: Erin Bennett, Tom Brassington, Natalie Sidoti, Oliver Varley.

I commend all the candidates as they presented well and the school felt they really knew each of them and their aspirations for the position.

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SRC SENIOR ELECTIONS FOR 2016

Tue 24 Nov – Musical Evening
Wed 25 Nov – Musical Evening
Cake Day
Mon 30 Nov – P & C AGM
Tue 1 Dec – Combined Scripture Assembly
Wed 2 Dec – Year 6 Fun Day

On-line banking now available

Dates for the Diary

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

Our School Values: FAIRNESS / RESPECT / EXCELLENCE / INTEGRITY / RESPONSIBILITY / COOPERATION / CARE / PARTICIPATION
Chaplaincy: Rev. Benita Clark
School Club: Megan Coombes
EAL/ESL Teacher: Sinead Aekins
Learning & Support/Best Start, Deputy Principal: Neralie Chappell
OOSH After School Care: Jess
School Banking: Sharon, Commonwealth Bank Officer
Uniform Shop: Thanks to all involved over the three days and particularly Sia Coelho for her hard work and dedication.

I would like to thank all of our staff for their support in running this program and in particular Ms Sarah Morgan for her excellent organisation. We look forward to welcoming all of our new families and students into the Oatley West family in 2016.

Please note the Parents & Citizens final meeting for this year is to be held on Monday 30 November (next Monday). Quite a few parents indicated they might be interested in attending these meetings. This would be a great opportunity to hear about the school and how the P&C functions. I look forward to meeting you at this meeting next week if you can attend.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL POSITIONS
We are currently recruiting two Relieving Assistant Principal positions for 2016 to replace Ms Eaton and Mrs Ross who are on secondment for the year. Expressions of Interest closed last Friday. It will be good to have these two positions filled for the commencement of next year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
The final meeting for School Council was held last Monday. The SRC Captains presented their yearly report to Council members, highlighting some of their achievements and their aspirations for high school. The Council was addressed by Christine Paulinich about the funding for the GONSKI campaign. Other topics included: After School Care (OOSH) expansion, Bush Fire Season, Tree issues across the school (safety), Additional Flashing Lights survey (RTA), School Remembrance Day Ceremony, Terrorist Attacks in Paris (School response). This will be the last of the School Council in this format. The Minister for Education has indicated that he will be working with P&C Associations in a greater capacity in the future. The Council will be reformed as Oatley West Public School Advocacy Group and will assist the principal with major decisions and support for the school. This group will meet at least once per term or at Principal discretion. The existing Council will meet one more time in 2016 to commence this new structure.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all teacher, parent and community members of this Council and previous Council members since the inception of School Council in 2006.

WHAT’S GONSKI?
The Gonski review was the biggest review of school funding in Australia in over 30 years. Headed by respected business leader David Gonski, it found too many schools were under-resourced and children were missing out as a result. The review recommended a significant increase in funding and a change to the way it is distributed to ensure all schools are properly resourced to meet the needs of their students. The NSW and Commonwealth Governments signed a Gonski agreement in 2013 which aimed to get all schools over a six year period to the point where they are appropriately resourced. The agreement is a transitional funding model over six years (2014-2019) aimed at lifting all schools to a minimum resource standard. This will mean increasing levels of funding to all public schools during this transitional period. Gonski funding is making a real difference for teachers and students across NSW. Some areas schools are using Gonski money, is to provide more individual attention and support for students, additional literacy and numeracy programs and the use of expert teachers.

If you would like to know more about GONSKI funding go to igiveagonski.com.au for more information.

Our Value for the week is RESPONSIBILITY
Responsibility means that other people can count on you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
When You
Cut it for me, Write it for me, Open it for me, Set it up for me, Draw it for me or Find it for me,

All I Learn is: That you do it better than me
Found on the internet (Facebook) Unknown
**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.

**Last Chance for 2016 Class Considerations**

We are currently creating classes for 2016, so if you have any considerations you want us to be aware of, please address these to Mrs Chappell by Friday 27 November. Neralie Chappell - Deputy Principal

**Library News**

Library lessons will finish at the end of this week and stocktake will commence next week. Please return all Library books this week. 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 as soon as possible. Favourite places for lost books: under the bed, in a bookshelf and behind the lounge.

Rita Fitzpatrick and Virginia Morris

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**Chess Tournament**

The chess tournament will be going ahead in Week 10 on **Monday 7th December**. All application forms and fees ($17.50) must be in by **this Friday (27th November)** please to allow final numbers to be sent to the Academy of Chess. Forms are included in this newsletter or can be collected from my room.

Anne Laurence

**Organic Diggers Report**

Another busy week in the patch, despite the incredible heat! We removed the broccoli which was going to seed, after setting aside a portion for next year. The native grasses and weeds beneath the citrus grove were removed. Tomatoes, chillis and celery went into the patch. The first produce from the garden (tomatoes) was sent up to the canteen for use on kid's lunches, with more to come next year. Mr Burr spotted this beautiful red and yellow flower on the school boundary - does anyone know what it is? Organic Pasta day is coming up on Monday December 14th for Diggers and Green Gazette journalists.

Happy Gardening!

Mr Burr and Mrs Aekins
**Boy's Basketball - Congratulations**

Congratulations to Cameron from the Junior Boys Basketball team who has successfully made the South East Sydney Representative Team as a result of his participation in the local St George Basketball Association Competition.

Well done Cameron!

Anne Laurence

**Australia Pacific School Games – Update**

Oatley West Public School student Vicki Lin (6F) has had a fantastic start to the week long swimming competition in Adelaide. So far, she has won gold in 4 x 100m relay (setting a PB) and silver in 4 x 50m medley relay. She is into the final of 50m butterfly which will be swam this afternoon. Congratulations Vicki and Good Luck in your upcoming races!

**Christmas Tree Sale**

On Saturday 12th December, 7:30am to 11am, 2nd Mortdale Scout Group are holding their Christmas Tree Sale - $55 pre ordered or $60 on the day. Enquires please send email to order to: 2ndmortdaleschouts@gmail.com
Food Drive

We are collecting donations of groceries this week for the House of Welcome (www.houseofwelcome.com.au). Donations can be placed in a box in your child’s classroom.

The final day for donations is Friday 27th November.

Below is a list of items the House of Welcome would appreciate as donations. The list is very specific based on the current needs of the refugees and asylum seekers accessing support and what House of Welcome can store at their site. A special request has been made for cooking oil in particular as the organisation is running low.

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Please, no soup, baked beans or tinned spaghetti

Mrs O’Reilly
Year 2 Teacher
Oatley West Public School Chess Championship 2015
Entry Form

This tournament will be held on Monday 7th December from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

To enrol, please tick the appropriate boxes below (equipment is optional):

- **Chess Championship** Entry Fee: $17.50
  
  [Monday 7th December 9am-1pm]

- Workbook 1 – Cost: $22
  
  [Beginner / Rookie]

- Workbook 2 – Cost: $22
  
  [Intermediate]

- Workbooks 1&2 – Cost: $35
  
  [SPECIAL OFFER]

- Chess clock – Cost: $65
  
  [DGT Easy Gametimer]

- Chess set – Cost: $22
  
  [Roll-up chess board + pieces]

- NEW Advanced Book – Cost: $33
  
  [Exploration in Chess Beauty]

**Total amount paid:** $______________

The tournament will be run as a Swiss, with approximately 7 games. This means that all children play in all the rounds and no one is knocked out.

There will be trophies awarded for the highest 3 scorers, and medals presented as age prizes. Each child playing will also receive a participation certificate. There will also be encouragement awards, depending on the number of entries.

To enrol, please fill in this form and return it with payment to the school office by Monday 30th November. Cheques are to be made payable to Oatley West Public School.

Please place your form and payment together in a sealed envelope, with your child’s name and class written clearly on the front.

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Student’s Name: ___________________________________________ Date of Birth: _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _ _

Class: ___________ Parent’s Name: _____________________________________________

Contact Numbers: (Home) ___________ (Work) ___________ (Mobile) ___________

Email: ________________________________

Relevant medical conditions / allergies: ________________________________

Signed: ___________________________________________ Date: _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _ _
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.
Gingerbread House Making Night x 2
Mortdale Oatley Baptist Church
1 > 5 Woronora Parade Oatley

1
Monday 30th November at 7pm
Adults Only (16 years +)

2
Tuesday 1st December at 6pm
Family Night (children welcome)

Cost: $25 per house (includes kit, & light supper)
Kit includes gingerbread house pieces, icing, lollies, base board, ribbon, wrapping and a handmade Christmas tag.
Gluten free kits (limited number) available.
Light supper provided.
Children welcome at the Family Night.

RSVP & Payment by November 21st to:
Louise Radcliffe - Mortdale Oatley Baptist Church Office
P: 9570 5722       E: contact@mobc.org.au

Our Gingerbread Christmas tree will be decorated with ‘HopeStreet Houses and villages’ which you can purchase for a donation of $2, $5, $10 or $25.
All money will be donated to HopeStreet Urban Compassion, Glebe, to help to build a brighter future for the homeless people in our inner city.
RSVP By: 21st November 2015

Please complete the RSVP slip and return it to the Church office or Gingerbread Letterbox in the foyer with your cash/chq payment. EFT is available:
BSB: 704 922 Account 100010211
Name: Mortdale-Oatley Baptist Church Young Adults.
Payment is required when booking please.

1. Adults Only Night
   > 30th November at 7pm

Adults Name........................................................................................................

Phone or Email: .................................................................................................

No. of houses: .......... Money Enclosed: ...................................................

2. Family Night
   > 1st December at 6pm

Adults Name ........................................................................................................

Child’s Name & Age: ............................................................................................

Phone or Email: .................................................................................................

No. of houses: ................. Money Enclosed: ........