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PARENTS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tonight the P&C meeting will commence at 6.30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. It is proposed that P&C meetings be kept to one hour with any agenda items not discussed at that meeting to be held over to the next meeting. Attendees will be asked if the meeting may be extended should an issue need longer time. Oatley West Public School has traditionally had a strong P&C Association and achieved some very substantial programs in my time here. I look forward to continued support on behalf of your children in 2016 as we work together towards school improvement and home/school relationships.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 30 Nov – P & C AGM
Tue 1 Dec – Combined Scripture Assembly
Wed 2 Dec - Year 6 Fun Day
Thu 3 Dec – Year 3, 4, 5 Excursion to city
Music Council AGM
Fri 4 Dec – PSSA Finals

Oatley West Lantern

Term 4, Week 10
Monday 30 November, 2015

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PERFORMING ARTS EVENINGS
What a great showcase of student talent we were privileged to be entertained by last Tuesday and Wednesday. Our four student comperes Hannah, Jessica, Luis and Simone did a great job introducing the various acts. All four competed at class level, then stage level and won our school Public Speaking Competition.

On Tuesday we were entertained by Percussion Power which has grown this year with up to 86 students in the program. Chris Fields teaches six classes three on Thursday and three on Friday. The introduction of ‘light up’ drum sticks certainly added to the wonderful performance.

Another first was our Junior Dance Group. The girls have worked very hard all year and performed at many events including SPAF, Education Week, Grandparents Day and Kindergarten Orientation. They performed to a Taylor Swift number, ‘Shake it Off’.

The Senior Girls Dance Group has also worked very hard all year on their musical/theatre jazz routine performing at SPAF and Open Days. Their routine incorporates dance, acrobatics and much more.

Many thanks to our very talented teachers who choreographed these dance routines and rehearsed with the groups to ensure a high quality was achieved for all performances.

We have certainly enjoyed having Maria with us at Oatley West as her time is quickly coming to an end. She has certainly enjoyed our school, our climate and our country.

For the first time ever, a Stage One Choir was included in this year’s St George Performing Arts Festival (SPAF). The Stage One Choir has 20 students from Year 2. They performed three songs The Gospel Train, Siyahamba and Give My Regards to Broadway. We will certainly have some great up and coming singers for the years to come!
On Wednesday night the Senior Choir and Concert Band opened the Performing Arts Evening playing and singing a rousing rendition of our National Anthem Advance Australia Fair.

Our Intermediate Band is comprised of children mainly in Year 4 who have been learning their instruments for almost two years. They competed for the first time in the Engadine Band Fest and the School Band Festival at the University of NSW receiving a gold and silver medal.

Oatley West Introductory Advanced Recorder Group made up of students in Year 3 and up performed at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Department of Education’s Festival of Instrumental Music. The Opera House festival consisted of over 800 students from all over NSW. I was at that performance and when all 800 stood to play it was quite overwhelming. This was the first time students represented the school at such an exciting event.

This was followed by our Training Band which is comprised mainly of students in Year 3. They have only been learning their instruments this year. Recently they had their first public performance at Minooka Pre-school which was well received by the preschool children.

The Senior Choir comprising of students from years 3 to 6, combines the Junior and Senior SPAF choirs. Both choirs performed at the St George Performing Arts Festival and although two separate groups were formed to sing, much of the time rehearsing was spent together. The choir sang We are Family and Flashlight.

Concert Band is made up mainly of students in year 5 and 6 who have been learning their instruments for 3 to 4 years. The Concert Band has had a very busy year with the highlight receiving 2 Gold medals at band competitions and very special certificates from Mr David Coleman our Federal member of Parliament.
Many thanks to all of our tutors outside of the school, school teaching staff and especially Mr Ballantyne who plans and manages this series of concerts so well each year. To our parent body for their support of all school programs and especially Mrs Michelle Schafer and Mrs Carmel Sharples for their management of the Percussion Power and School Music Council programs.

BUSY END OF YEAR
Please add these major upcoming events to your busy calendar:

- 30 November
  P&C (AGM) Tonight @ 6.30pm
- 1st December
  Combined Scripture Assembly @ 9.30
- 3rd December
  Music Council (AGM) @ 7.30pm
- 8th December
  Sports Assembly (3-6) @ 10.00am
- 9th December
  Academic Assembly (3-6) @ 10.00am
  Academic Assembly (K-2) @ 2.00pm
- 10th December
  Year 6 Farewell
- 11th December
  Reports home
  K-2 Christmas Concert @ 10.00am
- 16th December
  Year 6 Graduation
  Last day of school for students

PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES – SWIMMING
Vicki Lin has returned from representing our school and state at the Pacific Games which was held in Adelaide. After being the fastest 11 year old girl for 50m freestyle in NSW, she managed to come 8th in Australia in that event. Her time broke the 30 second mark. She also came 8th in 50m butterfly. Her time was 31.92 seconds.

Vicki also managed a haul of 4 medals – silver in the All Age Relay, silver in the Medley Relay, gold in the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay and gold in the 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay. In the Medley Relay she made a personal best of 29.30 sec.

Our Value for the week is EXCELLENCE
Excellence means to always work hard to achieve the best you can.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
When the answers aren’t coming, ask a different question.
Hasna

Ms J Knott
Congratulations

Congratulations to yet more Oatley West students who are excelling in their chosen sports.

Kate W (Yr 4) has been selected in the Under 13’s St George Representative Football Team, and Sarah D (also Yr 4) was awarded with a silver medal at the State Gymnastics Championships.

Well done girls!

J McDonald

Music Council News

Congratulations to all our Bands and Percussion Power groups for their exceptional performances on the Musical Evenings. We really have talented children (and teachers) at Oatley West!

Music Council AGM will be held this Thursday 3rd December at 7.30pm in the multi-purpose room. All positions on Music Council will be declared vacant and nominations will be called for Music Council 2016.

Music Council is a sub-committee of the Oatley West P&C and relies on volunteers to run the Band and Percussion Power programs. If you would like to discuss volunteering for Music Council please give me a call.

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Library News

Library lessons have now finished for the year. Please return all books as soon as possible. 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
Canteen Assistant

Oatley West Public School requires an efficient, enthusiastic Canteen Assistant to work in the School Canteen. Oatley West Public School prides itself on being a welcoming and friendly school with strong and valued community links. The Canteen is open 5 days per week. The Canteen Assistant will be required to act as cover for the Canteen Manager when they are unavailable to work due to illness or other family commitments. It is expected that this would be approximately 3-5 days per term.

Salary will be paid in accordance with the MA000003 Fast Food Industry Award 2010 Level 3 at casual rates.

As Canteen Assistant you will have primary responsibility for running the canteen on the day you are called in:

- Preparing the Canteen for operation and opening the Canteen;
- preparing food for over the counter sales;
- monitoring voluntary workers, allocating tasks to voluntary workers, and ensuring that voluntary workers are aware of Canteen Policies, correct use of equipment and good hygiene practices.

This is an at call role, only being required where the Canteen Supervisors cannot work on that particular day.

Applications should be made in writing to canteen.owps@gmail.com.
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.