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

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

PRINCIPAL NASH’S CORNER

The Department of Education requests that a tree audit be done regularly which is carried out at this school very frequently; to ensure work needed on trees is carried out before problems occur.

SITE MAINTENANCE

Unfortunately I have had to remove yet another dead tree from the bottom playground. At the same time, some poisonous African Date Palms had to be removed also. At all times the safety of everyone that uses the school grounds is uppermost on my mind.

I understand the beautiful, natural environment that our students and staff enjoy each day and the connection to Oatley Park; however as Principal and Site Manager I understand my obligation to maintain our trees especially so that everyone remains safe. I regularly discuss with the children that the site has to be maintained and the need to trim trees and sometimes remove trees. Our mantra of DEAD, DYING or DANGEROUS is our motto! A tree has to be dead dying or dangerous before we think about bringing in the Arborist for an opinion.

Dates for the Diary

Wed 11 Nov – Remembrance Day
Thu 12 Nov – 4K Excursion to Rocks
School Disco
Tue 24 Nov - Musical Evening
Wed 25 Nov - Musical Evening

On-line banking now available
Who can remember the trees down over the Kindergarten classroom in Term 2 this year, even with maintenance? Given the right conditions with drought, rain and wind storms, this can happen even with the best of plans in place.

Lachlan Pont and Aiden O'Shea have been selected to represent the St George District Cricket Association in the Creak Shield, as part of NSW District Cricket Association Representative Team Competition. This competition has produced players who have gone on to represent Australia, including Moises Henriques, David Warner, and current captain Steve Smith. It can be considered the first rung on a very long ladder to Representative honours. The Creak Shield team has had a very successful start to the season and are seen as Finals contenders, in no small part due to the contributions of Lachlan and Aiden. Lachlan and Aiden both play for Penshurst West Cricket Club.

They are pictured here with Mr Rick Francis, OWPS School Counsellor, who is also the Representative Team Coordinator for St GDCA.

2016 ORGANISATION
Every year principals face the dilemma of student numbers, class formation and accommodation. All schools are now planning towards the New Year to establish classes, teachers and general school personnel. Often parents hold off until the last minute to notify the school of their plans. Some parents hold off letting the school know until after sporting and academic assemblies are over, thinking their child will not be considered for a certificate. These have long been sorted and will have no bearing on whether or not a child receives a certificate.

If you know you definitely will not be returning to Oatley West Primary School next year I would appreciate you notifying me as soon as possible. Numbers are such that we may need an additional classroom and the sooner numbers are stabilised the sooner I can have the necessary works carried out. If I leave creating a new classroom until next year it could mean a class will have to take up the valuable technology room space as a classroom which could then be way into Term 1.

If you know of a new family moving into the area, let them know what a great resource they have here in their own local school at Oatley West.

FUTURES FORUM
Many thanks to the parents that replied to my expression of interest in joining with me to discuss and somewhat predict what the work force may need in the future. What are we here, at Oatley West educating our kids towards career wise, considering a Kindergarten child this year could be taking up employment in 2033 (considering primary school 7 years, high school 7 years and perhaps university 4 years). There will be jobs that we haven’t even imagined on offer. As an educationalist I want our students to be prepared for this future.

Unfortunately the year has flown past and I won’t be holding this forum until 2016 which can then include our new Kindergarten intake of parents as well.

Please look out for my expression of interest early in Term 1 next year if you wish to take part in this forum.
Our Value for the week is FAIRNESS
Fairness means to show equal respect to other people

Training and Intermediate Band @Minooka
Last Tuesday I was fortunate enough to take the Training Band to Minooka Preschool to perform for their children. We managed to do some powerwalking and the weather held out just at the right times for us. Oatley West students played perfectly and sounded amazing. It's hard to believe these children are only in their first year of band. Mr Brasche conducted and introduced the pre-schoolers to the various instruments and they were enthralled. Many of them will be joining us next year and it was wonderful for them to get to see what our great school has to offer. We also had some ex Minooka students in the training band back for a visit. The Intermediate band also had the same opportunity on Thursday and was accompanied by Mrs Hatzistergos.

Neralie Chappell - Deputy Principal

Organic Diggers Report
A massive thank you to the families who came along to our working bee on Saturday. The rain held off for the entire time and we were incredibly productive.

Firstly we mulched the site of the Bush Tucker and Native garden, to start soil improvement for the installation which will happen next year. In the patch, the first trellis got a re-vamp with compost being turned in amongst soil that had gone hydrophobic, and Bountiful Bean seedlings were planted. Our Tomatoes have been successful this year and have started to ramble, so we staked them up. The compost and worm farm received some much needed attention.

Finally, we planted Corn, Beetroot, Thai Basil and a mild Chilli plant! What a day! We're already looking forward to the next community working in Term 1 2016.

Happy gardening!

Mr Burr and Mrs Aekins
We would like to thank the NSW Teacher's Federation for their recent Tree Levy grant. This grant provides funding for the purchase of native trees and native shrubs for planting in public school grounds. The Tree Levy helps the environment and improves our public schools. This grant will be used to purchase plants for our Aboriginal Bush Tucker and Native Garden. We are very excited to be using this grant to provide for our students and look forward to sharing the progress with you. Over the coming months we will keep you updated on its development via the newsletters so keep an eye out!

Mrs Aekins and Mr Burr

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**Chess Tournament**

The Oatley West Public School Chess Championship 2015 has been booked for **Monday 7th December (Wk 10)** from 9.00am - 1:00pm in the school hall. An entry form was handed out to interested students last week which explains how the tournament will run.

The cost is **$17.50 per child** and entries will close on **Monday 30th November (Wk 9)**. Payment, along with the entry form, is to be put into the box in Mrs Laurence’s room. An entry form is also included in this newsletter or can be obtained from Mrs Laurence.

**PLEASE NOTE** - The tournament is not suitable for students who are only just beginning to learn chess. A good knowledge of the game and rules is required.

Please see me if you have any queries.

Anne Laurence
Parents Combined Christmas Party

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 - Karen York on 0419 169995

Year 2 - Leanne Varley on 0417 416871

Year 3 - Liz Lomas on 0403783805

Year 4 - Julianne Kennard on 0402 871172

Year 5 - Liz Lomas on 0403 783805

Year 6 - Michelle Langley on 0407 257637
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):

- **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.

**Student’s Name:** ___________________________________________ **Date of Birth:** __/__/____

**Class:** __________ **Parent’s Name:** ____________________________________________

**Contact Numbers:** (Home) __________ (Work) __________ (Mobile) __________

**Email:** ____________________________________________

**Relevant medical conditions / allergies:** ____________________________________________

**Signed:** ___________________________________________ **Date:** __/__/____
Musical Evening Tuesday 24/11/15

Starts 7:00pm in the school hall.

1. Acknowledgement To Country

2. Welcome and to introduce compares Hannah, Jessica, Luis and Simone
   Mr Nash

3. National Anthem performed by Stage One Choir
   Conducted by Ms Manuel

4. Fridays Junior Percussion Power
   Boom
   Conducted by Mr Chris Fields

5. Thursday Junior Percussion Power
   Bong
   Conducted by Mr Chris Fields

6. Stage One Choir
   The Gospel Train
   Siyahamba
   Give My Regards To Broadway
   Conducted by Ms Manuel

7. Thursday Junior Percussion Power
   Bang
   Conducted by Mr Chris Fields

8. Junior Dance
   Shake it Off by Taylor Swift
   Teachers Mrs Myers & Miss Morgan

9. Friday Intermediate Percussion Power
    Rhythms of Cuba
    Conducted by Mr Chris Fields

10. Senior Dance
    Never Had a Friend Like Me from Aladdin
    Teacher Miss Ross & Mrs Myers

11. Senior Percussion Power
    Street Beats and Musical Chairs
    Conducted by Mr Chris Fields

12. Chris Fields to present Percussion Power Awards

13. Thankyous

With special thanks to all the teachers, parents and students who came together to make this performance evening a success.

PS Your children will be told by the item teachers and me where and what time to meet, what to come dressed in and what to bring. Thanks Mr Ballantyne
Musical Evening 25/11/15

Starts 7:00pm in the school hall.

1. Acknowledgement To Country
2. Welcome and to introduce comparesHannah, Jessica, Luis and Simone
   Mr Nash
3. Concert Band, Senior Choir
   National Anthem
4. Training Band
   Jus Plain Blues
   Latin Fire
   Geronimo
   Conducted by Chris Brasche
5. Advanced Recorders
   Good King Wenceslas
   All Through The Night
   Conducted by
   Mrs Koutrodimos
   Fiona McNamara
6. Intermediate Band
   Dark Adventure
   Pirates of the Caribbean
   Soul Bossa Nova
   Conducted by Chris Brasche
7. Senior Choir
   We Are Family
   Flashlight
   Conducted by
   Mrs Koutrodimos
   Mrs O’Reilly
   Miss Morgan
8. Concert Band
   Blazon
   Norwegian Wood
   Viva La Vida
   New York New York accompanied by Mr Burr
   Conducted by Chris Brasche
9. Music Council Awards
10. Thankyous
11. Concert Band, Intermediate Band and Training Band
    1812 Overture
    Conducted by Chris Brasche

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Thanks Mr Ballantyne
New Trainees

Hi, it’s Lauren and Marissa here. We were interviewing some of the gardeners about their thoughts on the new trainees. These are the questions and answers from the gardeners:

Q1. Are you happy that there’s another gardening group?
A1. Yes, because other people get a chance at gardening.

Q2. How do you think they’ll improve the garden?
A2. They can help with other jobs that we don’t have time to do.

Q3. What concerns do you have?
A3. They could pull out good plants instead of weeds.

Q4. Have there been changes since they’ve joined?
A4. Yes, they’ve helped plant some plants in the garden.

Q5. Do you think that it was a good idea that they joined?
A5. Yes, they get the opportunity to work in the garden.

Q6. Would you like helping them?
A6. Yes, because it will be fun to teach them.

After speaking to these people we think it’s a good idea to have another gardening group.

Thank you, Lauren and Marissa
Hello Oatley West parents and students. My name is Ashton and I am from Green Gazette. Today I’m reporting questions from Julian and Ciara from the gardening club. These were their results. First up,

Ciara

Q: Why did you choose to go into the gardening club?
A: My parents love the produce that we get to bring home.

Q: What was your opinion on the cockatoo attack (the cockatoo attack was an attack from what we thought was a person on our crops but it was a flock of cockatoos)?
A: I am relieved that it was not a person.

Julian

Q: What do you mostly do in gardening club?
A: We mostly do maintenance and weeding.

Q: List 5 plants in the garden.
A: Rocket, beans, spinach, silver beet and broccoli

That is it for this report I hope you liked it!

From

Ashton, Green Gazette
OWPS PARENTS’ CHRISTMAS PARTY

You are invited to a Christmas party for all parents.

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.

Please rsvp to the relevant contact below by Friday 13th November

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Gingerbread House
Making Night x 2
Mortdale Oatley Baptist Church
1 > 5 Woronora Parade Oatley

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

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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: ...........