I’m not sure where the 9 weeks have gone but we certainly have reached the last week of term one! It certainly has been a busy term with lots of great learning taking place and everyone working hard towards practising our values and getting along together. Our school certainly runs at a pace and we all work hard to ensure our school is a strong and safe place for all to belong.

I thank my dedicated staff who, every day give much more than their job requires, and this due to a supportive community and grateful children with which to work each and every day.

I wish you all a safe holiday and look forward to an equally busy and satisfying Term 2.

Congratulations to Vicki who won the 50 metres freestyle at the carnival last Wednesday. Ms Knott said it was a very impressive swim. Well done Vicki!
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Change is life. Without change there would be no growth, no understanding, no relating, and no surprises. We are by nature changing beings, till we seem to fear and resist it more than any other aspect of life.

Leo Buscaglia


Thursday 2nd April 12pm in the hall

You are invited to come and have a look at the Strategic Directions the school is embarking on for the next 3 years. This process has taken into consideration students, parents/carers and teachers input from last year and we are now asking for your final say before we publish our plan.

We look forward to collaborating on this plan and are sharing this in the hall after the Easter Hat Parade. We understand parents would like to have morning tea with their child, so will start after recess at 12pm. Hope to see you there.

Neralie Chappell and Paul Nash

Congratulations Vicki!

As a timekeeper, I was fortunate to be witness to a number of incredible swims. Vicki’s swim in the 50m freestyle was one of them. She did a personal best of 29.97sec to beat off her opposition. I was very lucky to see the podium presentation and she was very gracious in her win.

She also came 4th in the 50m butterfly which means she goes to the Nationals in Adelaide in 5 events, (including 3 relays). Look out for her selling raffle tickets to help her on the way. It is an amazing feat to achieve this level and we should all be proud of how she represented our school.

Ms J. Knott

K -2 Fancy Hat Parade

The K -2 Fancy Hat Parade takes place this Thursday.

Date: Thursday 2nd April
Time: 9:45 am – 10:45 am
Venue: Lower Playground (under the COLA)

Parents, grandparents, friends and relatives are most welcome to watch the parade. Please be aware though that there will be limited audience space, as all of the K-6 students will be seated under the COLA and a walking path for the K-2 children will be marked out.

We look forward to sharing a wonderful parade with you!
Kind Regards,
K - 2 Teachers

Year 6 Election Day Fundraiser

Great effort from Year 6 as they cooked up a storm for the election BBQ. Be assured we have some budding hospitality students in the mix. Many thanks to the dads who ran the BBQ (with help from the boys) and to the mums who supervised serving and money collection. A huge THANK YOU to all the kids who helped make it happen.

An even bigger THANK YOU goes out to Michelle Schafer who organised the fundraiser and gave up her Saturday to help raise over $500. This money will go towards the Year 6 Farewell at the end of the year. Thanks again Michelle!

Miss Ross
Oatley Park Fun Run Schools Challenge

The Oatley Park Fun run is fast approaching! It will be held on Sunday 26th April 2015 at 8.30am. Oatley West Public School has been entered in the Schools cup challenge. This is the second year we have entered the challenge, and after last year's win I am confident we can do it again! This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to have some fun, to improve their fitness and to work together as a team! To register, follow the instructions below.

- Visit the Oatley Park Fun Run website - www.oatleyfunrun.com
- Click the ‘Enter now’ link
- Select ‘I'm a participant’ in the registration field
- Select ‘Yes’ in the are you part of a team field
- Click the green ‘continue’ button
- Type in ‘Oatley West Public School’ in the team name field
- Select ‘search’
- Click the ‘green’ join button
- Continue to enter your registration details

I am sure this will be a fun day for everyone!

Christie Hart

Library News

Our Years 3 – 6 students had a magical visit from the author Geoffrey McSkimming and magician, Sue Anne. With the help from some of our students, we were taken into the magical world of Phyllis Wong. One of the most pleasing aspects of this author visit was the in depth questions that our students asked of both the author and the magician. It was exciting to see their learning in action.

In the afternoon our K – 2 students were taken on a journey with a bear called ANZAC Ted written by Belinda Landsberry. Belinda showed our students that you don’t need medals to be a hero. Belinda donated her book to the Library and left us with an amazing drawing of ANZAC Ted.

Rita Fitzpatrick and Virginia Morris

ANZAC DAY 2015

Dear Students, Families and Friends,

You are invited to attend the 100 year ANZAC Day service at Oatley Memorial Park on Saturday 25th April.

Both our Senior and Junior Choirs have been asked to perform at Oatley ANZAC Day on the 25th April 2015 at 2:10pm. ANZAC Day 2015 will commemorate 100 years since the landing on the beaches at Gallipoli. Three local RSL sub-branches have joined together for a full day of events at Oatley Memorial Park (Oatley Avenue). Choirs from local schools have been asked to perform for 15-20 minutes each. A colouring in competition is being held from 2:30pm on this day and students who enter are eligible to win monetary prizes. The colouring competition is done on the day, not prior to the event. It would be fantastic to see as many members of the Oatley West community there as possible to commemorate our troops and to support our school's choirs.

Information for the Senior and Junior Choir will be handed out this week.

More information about the day's events can be found at http://www.oatleyanzacday2015.org.au/

Warm Regards,

Mr Nash, Mrs Chappell & Miss Morgan
Last week we met up with Mr Burr. He told us about some changes that happened in the garden over the weekend. Workers removed and replaced the soil in all of the garden beds. The beds were infested with Nutsedge and other weeds. There are now compost bins behind the computer room so we can start making compost next term. The existing trellis was demolished and a new one built for climbing produce. The workers also put Lucerne mulch on the plants to stop weeds growing in the garden beds. 2 taps from the rainwater tank were put in the garden. Each of the garden beds has its own sprinkler system installed. Next term worm farming will also begin.

Many thanks to our P&C and Mr Nash for providing the funding to have the work done.

Gardeners will be planting their autumn crops this week before the holidays.

We found out a lot of interesting things about the garden this week!

Chantelle and Lauren 4G
SPORTS REPORT

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUND 6
Our girls played away against Penshurst West last Friday.

Juniors won 41-28. Lauren top scored with 16 points, followed by Chantelle on 12 points, Emma scored 6 points, Marissa 3 points while Kate and Myranda scored 2 points each. Congratulations girls on a great team game.

The Seniors displayed excellent team work in their game but Penshurst West were too good in the second half winning 30-22. Antonia and Vicki topped scored with 8 points each, Eliza scored 4 points and Sarah 2 points. Great work from all the team.

Our next game is in Week 1 Term 2 against Beverly Hills at their home ground. There is no training today.

Anne Laurence

Brad MacKay and Lance Thompson Rugby League Gala Day

Thank you to all the students who have signed up for the Rugby League Gala Day on Wednesday 22nd April (Term 2, Week 1). This is a wonderful experience for all students to compete in Rugby League, regardless of their ability or experience. The Brad MacKay Cup is for students in Years 5 and 6 and has a competitive and non-competitive boys division, as well as a non-competitive girls division. The non-competitive division focuses on skill development, with students eventually participating in a modified game. This is a wonderful opportunity (especially for girls) as it encourages participation rather than competition to increase confidence in participating in a variety of sports. Safe play is emphasised as the students are taught safe and correct tackling techniques.

We have also submitted two teams into the Lance Thompson Cup for students in Years 3 and 4. Please ensure students return their notes ASAP as the competition is fast approaching.

The senior competitive team will be having a training session after school this Thursday 2nd April with super coach Peter Englezos, who has signed with the Redbacks for another season. They will also have a training session after school on the first Tuesday back in Term 2.

Miss Ross

Harmony Day

We celebrated Harmony Day on Wednesday the 18th of March with in-class activities, a poster competition and wearing orange, the Harmony Day colour. Thank you to all students and teachers for their participation to recognise and celebrate cultural diversity in Australia and in our own school.

Congratulations to the winners of the Harmony Day Poster competition who beautifully captured the Harmony Day theme Everyone Belongs.

Mrs O'Reilly and Miss Benita
From Stage 2, Charlotte K. from 4K

From Stage 3, Sharon from 5L

**Scholastic Bookclub**

Orders and payment for Scholastic Bookclub are now **ONLY** to be made online using the scholastic LOOP facility. Paper order forms will no longer be accepted. Please note Oatley West has been set up under two names:

**Years K – 2** Oatley West Infants School  
**Years 3 - 6** Oatley West Public School

To ensure you receive your order correctly please make the correct selection.

All you need to do is go to the below link and follow the prompts.


Simply order and pay online and your child's book(s) will be delivered to them once received by our coordinators.
# OATLEY RSL presents
# 100 YEARS OF ANZAC
# SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2015

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