Welcome back to Term Two and the wild, wild weather! As I am writing this newsletter this morning my, mind wanders to our kids at band camp and hope all is well and look forward to them arriving back at school this afternoon safe and sound.

Staff were back yesterday locked down for the day in pretty heavy professional learning which included joint training for the new Performance and Development Framework, Component 2 of the Kids Matter program and the afternoon spent in grade meetings organising for Assessment and Reporting and the report format to be used this semester. We welcome back on class Mrs Innes and Mrs Ross this term.

I am looking forward to a great term of learning at Oatley West Public School and welcome everyone back to this second half of the semester.

**ANZAC DAY CEREMONY**

I would like to sincerely thank all our families and particularly students that rallied to my call for representation of our school at the Oatley RSL service last Sunday. Thirty-two students arrived in their school uniform and marched proudly behind the school banner from the RSL to the memorial. Other Oatley West students also marched with their Scouts and Gymnastics groups. Thanks to Mrs Laurence, Ms Hart for attending on the day.
Even though we endured inclement weather and high winds our students displayed nothing but the finest manners and obviously understood the significant and reverent occasion they were participating in. I am very proud of our school and our students never let us down when representing their school in public.

FANCY HAT PARADE
What a wonderful time was had in the last week of term leading up to the Easter break. Our fancy hat parade on the Thursday certainly pulled in a huge crowd of parents, grandparents and community members and was a great way to end the term on a very happy note.
We travelled by train to the Entertainment Centre at Darling Harbour. We were really interested in hearing how each of the speakers came to be a leader and how they themselves became leaders in their field. There were some fantastic quotes. Here are some of them: “Leaders are the people that actually do something” and “Knowing what’s right doesn’t make a difference, but doing it does.”

On behalf of the SRC, I would like to thank Mr Nash and Ms Aravanopoulos for taking us so that we could have a wonderful day.

Luke Woosnam

On Wednesday 1 April our class representatives were inducted at a whole school assembly. I was privileged to present each student with their certificate and we welcomed Mr Mark Coure to our assembly who presented the students with their SRC badge. Congratulations to all our SRC class members.

We have set in for quite a few days. Please ensure your child has a raincoat each day. As the school has little to no cover to move about the school during rainy days, they need to have a good quality raincoat and a rain hat. I discourage students bringing an umbrella as they create an unnecessary danger. Five hundred and twenty umbrellas on verandas and movement about the school worry me a little. A good raincoat with a hood or hat is equally as useful as an umbrella and we all breathe a bit easier especially with the current high winds. Please also stress to your children about safety on the road during this type of weather especially their non-visibility to car drivers and the danger of walking under trees.
Mandarin Stars Language Club at Oatley West Public School! From 21st Apr to 23rd June (inclusive)
Tuesday after school as follows:

3.30pm to 4.30pm: Kindergarten to Year 2
4.30pm to 5.30pm: Year 3 to Year 6

$17/one-hour Class

Re-enrol for Term 2 or book a FREE TRIAL lesson for your child at iris@mandarinstars.com.au
For more details about Mandarin Stars, their programs and teachers, please visit www.mandarinstars.com.au

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We can never see ourselves as others see us; even the mirror shows us in reverse.
P.K. Shaw

SPORTS REPORT

Cross Country Carnival

Our annual Cross Country carnival will be held next Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 at Gannon’s Park. All students from Years 3-6, along with Year 2 students who turn 8 years old this year will participate.

Transport to and from the park will be by bus. Students are required to be at school no later than 8.45am for a 9:00 am departure. Buses will return to school by approximately lunchtime.

All students are expected to wear school sports uniform, rubber soled footwear suitable for running, bring plenty of water, recess, sun cream and a hat. A rug/mat to sit on would also be beneficial. Children who need puffers or have medical requirements must bring these supplies with them to the park.

If you have not returned your child’s permission note, please give it to their class teacher ASAP.

Anne Laurence - Sports Coordinator
CHESS CLUB- TERM 2 2015
Chess classes for Term 2 will begin next Monday 27th April, 2015. The cost will be $60 and there are still places available.
If you would like your child to join please fill out a form from Mrs Laurence or this newsletter and return it to the box in my room with your payment.
No more new enrolments will be taken after this Friday 24th April. Classes are held in 5L and 4G classrooms on Mondays at lunchtime. Please see me if you have any queries.
Anne Laurence

ANZAC DAY 2015

ANZAC DAY

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 in 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

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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.

School Club

School Club will be holding the annual Mother's Day stall on May 6th. Volunteers to package gifts and man the stall in the school hall would be greatly appreciated from 10am. Gifts must be prepaid and ordered via the attached order form. As well as mother’s day gifts this year a limited number of Grandmother's gifts are also available – there are 2 to choose from for “Nanna” or "Grandma" please complete your order form and return to the School Club box in the office ASAP.

School Club apologises for the lack of school directory so far this year, as a result of the delay we are going to trial a new more environmentally conscious electronic school directory option. We will supply the directory as a pdf for anyone who wants to be included and entry will be free. To be in this year’s school directory please log on to school Club’s gmail account at: owpssschoolclub@gmail.com the password is: oatleywestin the drive you will find a spreadsheet – simply fill in the details you would like to include in the directory, we will compile the directory from the information you provide and email it out to the address you give us.

Jacqui Short
Why Chess?

• Create Brighter Thinkers
• Improve Student Focus
• Achieve Academic Success

Educational Benefits of Chess:
• Improves concentration and focus
• Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
• Enhances memory
• Encourages creative and lateral thinking
• Promotes discipline
• Accelerates emotional development
• Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
• Demonstrates actions and consequences
• Rewards correct decision making
• Increases self-confidence
• Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Oatley West Public School Chess Classes, 2015
[Mondays 1:20PM - 2:10PM in Mrs Laurence’s classroom]

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*No chess on 8th Jun (Public Holiday)

TO ENROL:
Please collect a form from Mrs Laurence.
Oatley West Public School Chess Classes – 2015

Classes will take place on Mondays from 1:20PM – 2:10PM in Mrs Laurence’s classroom.

To enrol, please tick the appropriate boxes below:

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(Cheques are to be made payable to Oatley West Public School.)

If your payment is not received by the day of the first lesson, your child cannot take part in the class. There will be no refunds for students who miss classes during the term.

Total amount paid: $______________

Grading of Students
To give our chess coach an idea of the skill level of the group, please indicate your child’s approximate playing ability in the boxes below. If numbers are sufficient, students will be divided into groups according to their level. If you are unsure, here is a brief explanation of each level.

**Beginner:** Children who can’t play or only know a few of the rules of chess

**Rookie:** Children who know the rules of chess, movements, special rules, check, checkmate, stalemate and can play a game of chess

**Intermediate:** Children who understand opening principles, how to finish off the game, positional elements and tactics, and compete in tournaments.

[ ] Beginner Level [ ] Rookie Level [ ] Intermediate Level

If you are interested in your child taking part in this activity, please fill in this form and return it to the school office, along with payment for the appropriate term. Please ensure that you place the permission slip and payment inside a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class clearly written 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: _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _
It’s time to let Mum know just how much you appreciate her!

On Wednesday the 6th of May, School Club will be holding the annual OWPS Mother’s day stall. This is a much beloved event for the children & an opportunity for them to choose their own special gift for Mum. Gifts are $15 each with a RRP of considerably more and come in a beautiful gift bag. Gifts MUST be ordered & pre-paid (by cash, cheque or EFT) please complete the below order form and return it to the School Club mail box in the office NO LATER THAN Tuesday May 5th.

A limited number of Grandmother’s gifts are also available this year: with 2 to choose from: $15 each. We are also delighted to offer a Mother’s day special on the school cookbook for $20 this book is a great gift for anyone, not just Mum. This full colour professionally printed book is filled with pictures of the school and the kids and is a great memento of Oatley West Public School: a copy is available to view in the school office.

Volunteers are always welcome & very much appreciated from 10am on the 6th of May.

Name: ___________________________ Class: ________ No of Gifts: _______

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Cookbooks @ $20 each. No of books:_____________

Grandmother gifts: $15 each No of Gifts: ___________

Please make cheques payable to OWPS School Club, if paying by EFT please reference your child’s name BSB: 062218 Account Number: 00902102 Quote Ref: Child’s Name and pay by May 4th
Please note your receipt number on your order form when you return it.

School Club acknowledges that this is a price rise (the first increase in 6 years) however please know that the quality of the gifts has also improved and the wholesale cost of gifts has increased, which has necessitated the rise. We appreciate your continued support of this important fundraising event.
**OATLEY RSL presents**

**100 YEARS OF ANZAC**

**SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2015**

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<td><strong>ANZAC Breakfast</strong>—Ex servicemen and their partners in the Oatley club. A Sausage sizzle, run by local Lions organisation, in the park area for other members of the public.</td>
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Visit the web site: [oatleyanzacday2015.org.au](http://oatleyanzacday2015.org.au) for up to date information.