RELIEVING PRINCIPAL
CHAPPELL’S CORNER

NAPLAN
Tuesday to Friday last week was NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5. All the children worked hard and I was impressed by the rest of the school who ensured that there were no disruptions during the tests.

BEAR PROGRAM
Thanks to all the parents who have responded already. If you are still interested in being involved in the BEAR Program, I have attached the note to this newsletter.

CONTACT AND FAMILY DETAILS
It has become apparent that some contact details are not up to date. We are mindful that if an emergency arises, we need accurate means of communication. I was also at a meeting last week about the new classifications of schools. This relies on student numbers and parent details. We will be sending home the enrolment details of all families. Could you please check all information and make any changes. If there are no changes, please return and acknowledge this as well.
PSSA FINALS
Last Friday was the day of the finals for PSSA. All the teams have represented our school throughout this season with pride. Three of our teams not only made it to the finals but were also in the Grand final. Well done to the Junior Girls Basketball team, the Junior Boys T-Ball team and the Senior Newcombe ball team. I had the opportunity to witness all these teams in action during their grand final games. What I observed was great sportsmanship and comradery. Thanks to all the parents who were there to cheer the children on. I was also rapt by the passion and positive affirmations from three nervous teachers, Mrs Laurence, Miss Ross and Miss Aravanopoulos. PSSA isn’t possible without the dedication of all the teachers who coach a team.

STORM DAMAGE
Unfortunately we are still waiting for the insurance to be approved to fix the damage to the school grounds caused during the storm, including the fallen trees. As you can understand there are many other cases that the department are dealing with and we have been assured that the claim is currently being processed. We will update the community when more is known. The areas are secured and the teachers are vigilant about ensuring the safety of our students.

Asthma & Anaphylaxis Action Plans
Recently notes were sent home to all students who require an action plan for anaphylaxis or asthma. These are essential to ensure that your child receives the correct treatment in cases of an emergency. Please make sure that the school has an updated copy as soon as possible. We need the current 2015 plans, dated and signed by a doctor.

J. Sheehy – Relieving Deputy Principal

Our Children
Our Community
Our Future

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
The world in which a man lives shapes itself chiefly by the way in which he looks at it.
Arthur Schopenhauer
19th-century German philosopher
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Bear Program

A great opportunity exists for parents or caregivers to assist with reading. This program runs for 10 weeks with positive results. More information is located in this newsletter.

Library News

Library Shelving: Slat Walls

Many thanks to the P & C for their contribution towards the final part of the new Library Shelving. We are in the process of organising quotes for the Slat Walls, which will hold resources and attach at the end of the shelf.

When I attend the Sydney Region Teacher Librarian meetings each term, many school libraries have or are in the process of updating their physical space for 21stC learning, just as we have done at Oatley West.

Regards

Rita Fitzpatrick and Virginia Morris

Wanted!

Do you have any unused, odd balls of wool, forgotten in that bottom drawer? Plain, multi-coloured, fluffy, thick or thin. Life Skills finger knitting group would love to put them to use and give them a new purpose! You can deliver them to Mrs Playford’s room at the end of the verandah in G Block. Thankyou.

Jump Rope For Heart

Thank you so much to all of you in the school community fundraising for Jump Rope for Heart, both online and on the sponsorship forms! Almost $3000 dollars has already been donated online!! This is just amazing!! There's only 16 days until our Jump Off Day, so if you'd like to get involved, go to www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart and click 'Kids Join Now'.

Happy skipping!

A. Farah
**Girls Basketball Finals**

Last Friday, May 15th, our Junior basketball team played in the semi-finals against Lugarno at Hurstville Aquatic Centre. It was a hard fought game, on an unfamiliar court but our girls claimed victory 14-8. Lauren topped scored with 6 points, Marissa scored 4 points while Chantelle and Kate each scoring 2 points. Unfortunately Kingsgrove beat us in the Grand final but we were very proud to be Runners Up on the day and collect our ribbons and trophy. Seniors finished sixth in a close ranking table. Congratulations to both teams on your efforts this season. We were all very proud of you. Special thanks to Nik and Gretel for giving up your time to coach and referee the teams. Thank you also to all parents for their support during the season. Don’t forget our presentation ceremony in my room after school today.

Anne Laurence

**PSSA T-Ball Finals**

What a day! The Junior Boys T-Ball team were very nervous heading into the semi-final last Friday. The nerves did not get in the way as the boys went on to win convincingly 26-6 against Peakhurst West. Filled with excitement, the boys had to prepare for the big grand final against the tough Connells Point team.

The boys were only just in the lead 5-3 after the first innings. In the next few innings, they really stepped up to the plate (literally and figuratively!). The boys ended up getting a whopping 13 more runs to seal the game 18-9. With the classic catches, dynamite fielding and giant home-runs, the boys deserved to win because of their “never give up” attitude.

This is the first time Oatley West will be engraved on the shield, so the boys should be very proud of their achievement! Well done to Edan, Luke, Malyk, Julian, James, Scott, Lachlan, Brock, Anthony, Cameron and Joshua on an outstanding season. We have some superstar softballers in the making!

Thank you so much to all the supporters who encouraged and supported the boys. A massive thanks goes to Narelle for helping coach the boys. They could not have done it without you!

Miss Ross

**Newcombe Ball**

Last week the senior Newcombe ball team went to the finals at Connells Point Public School. The juniors came along to support our senior team.

In the semi-finals we versed Oatley Public School, they were a tough team but we won two sets to one!
In the finals we versed Connells Point Public School and unfortunately lost 2 sets to 0 and also lost by 2 points.

This year's Newcombe ball teams have worked really hard and have worked together really well. On behalf of our Newcombe ball teams we would like to thank Mrs Walker and Miss A for being spectacular coaches, we have really enjoyed this season.

Kelsie & Caroline

Rugby League Gala Day Monday 25th May
A reminder that the rugby league gala day is on next Monday 25th May. A reminder that mouthguards are compulsory. Students need to be at school no later than 8am for an 8.15am departure by bus. If there are any parents who would be willing to help out with the teams on the day, could you please see me. Thank you!

Miss Ross

District Cross Country Carnival
The Georges River District Cross Country Carnival will be held at Gannons Park this Thursday 21st May 2015. There are 32 students competing from our school and the first race will commence at 9.30 am. Details of other races are listed on the permission note. Transport to and from the park will be by bus and students will depart school at 8:15am. They will need to be at school no later than 8am. We will return to school by approximately lunchtime. Miss Ross and I will accompany the team.

All students are expected to wear school sports uniform, rubber soled footwear suitable for running, bring plenty of water, bring recess, wear sun cream and a hat. Children who need puffers or have medical requirements must bring these supplies with them to the park. A canteen will be available and I have sent home a list of available items with the students today if you wish them to purchase anything after their race. We hope you can come and support our runners.

Anne Laurence - Sports Coordinator

Waratahs v Sharks Allianz Stadium
Thank you to all the students, parents, families and friends who came out to support Oatley West in their March at Allianz Stadium on Saturday night.

Over 40 students in the school rugby team and 6 teachers travelled to Allianz Stadium to march around the field prior to the Super Rugby Waratahs v Sharks game. The behaviour of Oatley West was outstanding as they marched with pride behind our school banner. The excitement continued following the march, as we all sat in the stadium and watched the game. We had such a great time, cheering and laughing while the Waratahs went on to win the game.

Thank you to Miss Farah, Miss Laarman, Mrs Ross, Mrs Hatzistergos and Miss Hart for their help. Another big thanks to the parents who came to cheer us all on from the crowd.

Miss Ross

Help Needed for Girls Netball
Season 2 sport will begin in Week 7 and Girls Netball is one of the sports. Unfortunately we have no teachers qualified in coaching and refereeing netball this season and will need the help of parents to assist us for netball to run. We do have teachers willing to organise the teams but we need to supply a referee at each Friday game.

If you are able to assist, or know someone who can, could you please contact me ASAP as school entries need to be submitted by the end of this week.

Thank you for any help you can give as there are a lot of keen netballers at our school ready for Season 2.

Anne Laurence - Sports Coordinator

The Russian Language School in Sutherland Incorporated is a non-profit community language school.

The primary objective of this school is to help students learn and use Russian as a community language. We are also open to any students who want to learn a new language. Any school-aged student is welcome to enrol (Kindergarten to Year 12).

We are located at Minerva Public School, Eton street, Sutherland, NSW 2232. We operate from 12pm to 2pm every Saturday during school term.

To enrol or for any queries, please contact Alena McNally, Principal, on 02-85440616 or e-mail: russianlanguageschoolshire @gmail.com

Our community language school is a way to help young people understand their community language and culture and to help different generations communicate with each other.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY

School Canteen

Sushi Day is on Wednesdays – please place all orders every Tuesday. A note has gone out today to your child. Thank you!

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 Directory

Please note correction on the email address!
So far only 9 families have added their details to the School Directory spreadsheet for entry into the School Directory pdf and unfortunately 9 entries a directory does not make. If you want your families details listed in the directory you need to log in to the school club gmail and add your details to the spreadsheet before May 15.

Go to gmail.com and login with email: owpsschoolclub@gmail.com pword is: oatleywest
To find the spreadsheet go to the apps section of this mailbox - click the symbol in the top right hand corner that has 9 small boxes.
Select Drive
In Drive you will find a spreadsheet called:
School Directory 2015
Enter your details in all the rows - leave blank any cells that do not apply to you.
You will be emailed a copy of the school directory as a pdf.

Banking Day is Thursday!

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is a rewarding activity not only as fundraising for the school but it teaches your child the value of money and the importance of saving their pocket money.

Each week students receive a silver token for their deposit. Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can redeem these for one of the prizes which currently include E.T on DVD, a handball, Intergalactic Rocket (vortex) and Invisible Ink Pens which have already proved very popular with many of our students this term.

For more information on how to set up your child’s Dollarmites account or to Volunteer an hour of your time on Thursday mornings, please contact the Banking Coordinators at owpsschoolbanking@gmail.com
Dear Parents,

We are seeking any parent helpers who can assist with the following exciting reading project!! Mrs Chappell has run this program in other schools and it was highly successful.

Description: This 10 week program is aimed at accelerating the reading skills of students (mainly in Year 1) who would benefit from additional reading support. The school provides all training and materials to support this wonderful program.

This project involves:

- a two hour parent training session
- parents or carers committing to 10 weeks of the program. Each lesson takes ½ hour and students need at least 3 lessons a week.

If you are interested in volunteering some time, even just half an hour per week to be a part of this B.E.A.R. tutor program, please return the slip below to Mrs Colbert or Mrs Chappell by Tuesday May 26.

We will be offering training on Thursday May 28 at 9:30pm. This session will take approximately 1½ hours and we will meet at the office to show you where we are working.

We will be making up a timetable to commence immediately after this session. We ask you to come with the times you are available to assist with this program to the training session.

Please contact Mrs Colbert or Mrs Chappell for further information.

I am interested in becoming a B.E.A.R. Tutor.

Parent Name: ________________________________

Contact Number: ____________________________

My child is: ____________________________ in class: ________

Thank you,
Mrs Colbert and Mrs Chappell
Oatley West Public School B.E.A.R. Facilitators
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au
Green Gazette

English Muffin Pizzas

**Ingredients:**

- Cabanossi
- Ham
- Cheese
- Tomato
- Capsicum
- Onion
- Basil
- 1tbl Tomato paste
- English muffins

If you want to add more or change the ingredients feel free.

**Method:**

1. Preheat oven to 120 C°
2. Cut muffins length wise
3. Spread tomato paste evenly
4. Cut ingredients into small bite size pieces
5. **ENJOY!**

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Green capsicums are actually unripened red or yellow capsicum. When you are picking pick the ones with red streaks as they will be sweeter.

By Emma and Natalie
Green Gazette

Hi our names are Lauren and Chantelle. We are members of the environment club called the Green Gazette. In the Green Gazette club, we meet every Monday where we discuss and work on our assignments. The Green Gazette is an environmental club that looks into the school’s environment. We have people who make recipes out of the school’s garden, people who interview gardeners, people who look at how the plants are going due to the weather and there’s the two of us, who write up reports and put them into the newsletter as well as share it with you. Everybody in the Green Gazette team contributes and works hard to do their best at their job. Throughout the year, we will be sharing with you how the garden is going. Recently we had Councillor Con Hindi come and make a donation to the garden which was very nice of him. We will be giving you lots more reports so listen out!

From,

The Green Gazette Team

Lauren, Chantelle, Ashton, Lara, Sophia, Logan, Natalie, Emma, Oliver V and Oliver K