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

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

**Dates for the Diary**

Wed 6 May – School Club Mother’s Day Stall

**PRINCIPAL NASH’S CORNER**

**SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE**

What a great response to our new Facebook Page. We’ve had a steady stream of positive feedback and lots and lots of ‘likes’. We hope that this page will keep our community well informed and up to date with what’s happening around the school and generate a lot of interest in the community.
SPECIAL PIZZA
What a surprise to return to my office on Thursday to find this special treat waiting for me.

Thanks to Natalie, Hannah and Emma for thinking of me. The delicious pizza had a note “To Mr Nash, we have made you a pizza for the Green Gazette”. Considering I didn’t have lunch that day it was very welcome and I made short work of it!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM
I have been working with the SRC Seniors in readiness for their presentation at the upcoming P&C meeting next Tuesday 5th May @ 2pm. They have been asked to present their views about the school and to put forward some ideas they hope to achieve this year, so that maybe P&C may assist with some funding. They have a presentation prepared and it would be great to see as many parents at this afternoon P&C meeting. This is a new initiative for the P&C this year and it would be great to see it supported.

We were pleased host a visit from Cr C Hindi, Mayor of Hurstville on Friday. Mr Burr put in a submission for an initiative of the Mayor to ‘donate $1 000 to an interested primary school in the Hurstville local government area for the establishment of a fruit and vegetable garden within the school grounds’. Mr Burr outlined what we have been achieving at the school and some of his ideas for the future to the Mayor promoting the visit on Friday. Cr Hindi arrived with a large cheque for $1 000 to go towards the garden project. We had photos with Cr Hindi and Mr Burr had a photo presenting the cheque and photos with some of our garden students. Check Council newsletters and possibly the Leader next week.

Cr Hindi hopes this educational initiative will promote the benefits of healthy eating as well as encourage children to get their hands dirty and witness firsthand how things grow.

Not to waste a visit, I asked Cr Hindi to accompany me to inspect the Dame Mary Gilmour area to discuss the project that has been passed by Council, to install additional parking, a crossing and path from the school into the park. He also said he would look into parking within Oatley Park itself.

We discussed another initiative of his to design a designated safety drop off and pick up zone to ensure the safety of children without committing traffic offences. “A ‘kiss and drop’ zone ensures the safety of children as well as improves driver behaviour in the vicinity of the school, and helps to streamline traffic flow” Cr Hindi said. There is a perfect spot for this to be designed in Dame Mary Gilmour Drive near the double gates and entry would be via the single gate in that area. Cr Hindi also looked at replacing the OWPS sign that used
to be on the verge on the corner of Oatley Park Avenue and Short Street. He is also looking into street signage directing drivers to the school similar to the ones currently that direct traffic to Oatley West Shops.

It was great to meet with Con Hindi our Mayor and Rebecca Lane the Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Councillors. I look forward to a close relationship in the future.

I will be on leave as from today until the end of May. I have the opportunity to spend some quality time with my brother and family as he visits us after 8 years away in the UK. We have some great trips planned including time at Uluru and Byron Bay as well as many live theatre engagements. I am really looking forward to meeting up with Matthew and his partner Lucie.

While I am away (the mice will play – I hope not). Below is the executive structure during May.

Relieving Principal: Mrs Chappell
Relieving Deputy Principal: Ms Sheehy
Relieving Assistant Principal: Mrs Smits
Relieving Assistant Principal: Mrs Laurence
Relieving Assistant Principal T2: Ms Aravanopoulos
Assistant Principal: Mrs Ross

I can assure you the school is in very capable hands.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
One of the hardest things in life is having words in your heart that you can’t express.
Richard Lawton

StartSmart

This week all students in Years 1 – 6 classes will be involved in a financial literacy workshop through the StartSmart program. The lesson is completely free and will be delivered by a trained facilitator in the classroom and supervised by your child’s class teacher. Research indicates that it is crucial to develop financial literacy skills from an early age. The StartSmart Primary Program teaches these skills in a way that students can understand and enjoy. The lessons are age appropriate and stage based and make money management interactive, engaging and fun. They aim to equip students with the confidence and competence to make smart decisions about money. The program was developed with a panel of leading specialists in primary education, cognitive development, instructional design and financial literacy. The lessons will support our Lifeskills program and cover a range of curriculum outcomes from Mathematics, Human Society and its Environment and English learning areas.

Kylie Smits

Stage One Gymnastics

Gymnastics for 1J, 1S, 1/2H, 2T, 20 and 2L begins this Thursday. Students in these classes will need to wear their sports uniform each Thursday for the remainder of term. Students are also asked to wear sports uniform on Tuesday 12th May for the make up lesson. 1B will be doing Gymnastics in Term 3. Thank you.

Kylie Smits
SPORTS REPORT

Cross Country Carnival
Our annual Cross Country carnival was held last Tuesday at Gannons Park. Luckily, despite the very wet weather of the previous week, Hurstville Council allowed us to use the park which saved having to reschedule.

Congratulations to all the students who completed the course. There were some great performances by many of our students.

Competitors who came first, second, third or fourth place in their age race will compete in the Georges River District Cross Country carnival to be held on Thursday 21st May (Week 5) at Gannons Park.

Notes will be given to these students today and will be due back to me, along with $8 bus fare, by Friday 15th May (Week 4).

Students who came fifth in their race will be reserves for the District Carnival and may be called upon to compete if one of the other competitors is unable to do so.

Anne Laurence - Sports Coordinator.

Fire & Rescue NSW Open Day 2015
Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Fire Station Open Day on Saturday, 30 May 2015 between 10am and 2pm. Children and their parents are invited to come along and watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station’s fire truck, hold a fire hose and get a fire safety activity booklet while chatting with firefighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters. Winter is just around the corner and it’s the worst time of the year for house fires, so this is also a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety. Visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au for 2015 Open Day participating stations near you and join us on Saturday, 30 May 2015.

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.
Green Gazette

Recipe Week 2: Lemonade

Ingredients:
3 teaspoons of sugar
¼ cup of lemon juice,
475ml of water
3 ice-cubes

For a more sour drink add more lemon juice for a sweeter drink add more sugar.

Method:
1. Combine the water and sugar. Mix well.
2. Add the lemon juice. Mix well.
3. ENJOY!!!

This week we chose to make lemonade because lemons are growing in the garden.

Emma and Natalie

Try this fun recipe

GO GREEN

Emma and Natalie
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.