Congratulations to Aden.T and Antonia.J, who were selected to join Sydney Southeast Symphonic Winds. Antonia was selected to play the Oboe and Aden for the Trombone. The band consists of 100 students from Year 5 to Year 8 from 70 different schools in the southern Sydney region. They attended a group rehearsal at the Tops conference centre. This involved 3 freezing days of intensive tuition and group rehearsals followed by a performance for parents. Later in the year the ensemble will perform at the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Town Hall. Congratulations to both these Oatley West students.

Please note that tickets for the upcoming festival were opened today. The link to the site is: www.trybooking.com.au/128411

Oatley West students are involved in the following performances:
- Tuesday 4th August
  - Junior Choir
  - Percussion Power
- Wednesday 5th August
  - Stage 1 Choir
- Thursday 6th August
  - Senior Choir
  - Band – Anthem and Shout
  - Junior Dance Group – Shake It Off
  - Senior Girls Dance Group – Aladdin

Our school students will be attending the matinee performance on Thursday as a school excursion.

A K-2 choir has been added to the Wednesday concert this year. A matinee performance has also been added to the Wednesday performance.
All three concerts have a matinee performance which allows for schools to attend, to support their school and the festival, as well as allowing for parents and grandparents an alternative to the night performances. It would be great to have as many people in the audience at the matinees to support the concerts this year.

2015 Art and Craft Show Results
The results are in! A fantastic $36,500 was raised at the Art and Craft Show to go back into funding great initiatives and resources for our children. Thanks to everyone for getting involved and helping to raise vital funds for our school.

Change is coming!
I attended the annual review meeting last week of the Art and Craft Committee to discuss the Show feedback, including that from the survey conducted recently. It was decided that the OWPS Art and Craft Show will be moved to the second half of the year. This will allow more time for planning and also enable new parents at the school to settle in. The Show will be given a new name and will bring some other exciting changes in 2016!

Where does the money go?
Each year the funds are allocated based on input from teachers and myself as to what the School Plan requires and from the Student Representative Council (SRC). Initiatives are then discussed and voted upon at the P&C Budget Meeting each year.

In 2014 $48,000 was raised and will be spent this year as follows:
- $16,500 to a Learning and Support Teacher
- $10,000 towards Uniform Shop and Art and Craft storage area
- $10,000 towards teacher initiatives (to be discussed at the next meeting)
- $4,000 to garden improvements (including hardwood posts and a sprinkler system)
- $1000 towards sick bay improvements
- $1000 towards SRC initiatives including:
  - $500 towards installation of a sandpit
  - $500 towards clothes hangers in the toilets.

2015 funds are yet to be allocated. Ideas that have been tabled for future discussion include:
- Speakers in the caterpillar playground to connect the PA system so that students can hear the bell, evacuation & lock down warnings
- An outdoor amphitheatre for performance, drama and art / craft activities
- Classroom resources particularly sport equipment and classroom maths equipment
- Large musical ‘hands on’ activities in the playground
- Sail replacement for sun cover student seating in lower playground
- PSSA Sporting Uniforms upgrade
- Sporting equipment such as high jump mats.

Where do you think the money should go? Please click on the link below to put forward your ideas:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19AuEQQCTISAZT9v3PA9CxcgvgqCcpHRb8jIFpiFCz_Q/viewform

Student representative Council (SRC) initiatives
At a recent P&C meeting the SRC Seniors presented their thoughts and ideas for improvement to the school. Luke, Jamie, Connor, Natasha, Lawson and Layla provided parents and teachers with an informative view from a student perspective.

The P&C initiative to provide $1000.00 towards their project ideas has approved two initiatives; one to provide hangers in the girls and boys toilet areas for students that change for sport, drama activities keeping their uniforms and clothes off the toilet floor. The other is to install a sandpit with cover.

I met with these students and a proposal has been written by them and sent to the GA, Mr Carl with their request for a quote and subsequent installation. They are also researching what is necessary to install a sandpit with a cover and will work with me for the best place for this sandpit to go.

School Council
Meets next Monday 22nd June @ 7.00 pm

Parents & Citizens
Meets next Tuesday 23rd June @ 6.30 pm

Principal Professional Conversation
I met with our Education Director Mrs Anne Ross last Friday as part of the new Performance and Development Framework. This replaces the Principal Assessment and Review Schedule (PARS). Part of our conversation included School Planning, Student Learning Outcomes, Professional Learning and finished with general discussion about Oatley West Public School. I also had to discuss my personal goals, school goals and corporate goals as part of my ongoing assessment as principal.
I found the experience to be very professional and rewarding, given time to consolidate my vision for the school but also being able to voice my experiences over the last eight years at the school. This process is mirrored across the whole school with the executive, teaching staff and ancillary staff as a state-wide reform by the department of education to ensure we have the best quality personnel available in our schools.

Mr Ballantyne

I have spoken with Mr B quite a few times since his illness last week. He is ‘perky’ as usual and feeling quite well. The doctors have ordered rest for the next five weeks which will have him away from school until the end of the term. Hopefully with some exercise and rest we will see him back fit and well in Term 3. I know 1B is certainly missing him as we all are on staff. Take care Martin and get well soon.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Organic Diggers Club

It's been another whirlwind fortnight in the garden for the Organic Diggers Club! We've harvested our second crop of spinach, lettuce and parsley. In addition we have planted dill, cabbages, chervil, oregano and kale.

A friend of the Organic Diggers was at a Sustainability Expo a few weeks ago and met a celebrity gardener, who said he might be able to come and visit the Diggers and the garden. Stay tuned!

Mr Burr

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2016 please come to the office and get an enrolment form. If you are aware of anyone else in the area needing having a child commencing school please advise them to collect an enrolment form!

SPORTS REPORT

Netball Round 2

Round 2 of the netball season last Friday resulted in two massive wins against Peakhurst. Our girls all played brilliantly and should be very proud of their efforts.

Juniors won 19 – 0 and Seniors won 28 – 8.

Congratulations to both teams and special thanks to Angela Corney for her expertise and enthusiasm in coaching and umpiring the girls.

A staff member has a free netball hoop they no longer need, if you would like it and can collect it please see Mrs Laurence.

Anne Laurence
Athletics Carnival

Our annual school Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday, July 16th, 2015 at The Ridge Sports Complex, Barden Ridge. All students from Years 3-6, along with Year 2 students who turn 8 years old this year, will participate.

As the carnival is in the first week back next term, permission notes were sent out last week so that they can be returned and collated before the end of this term. Bus fare and venue hiring costs will be $9 per student but this will not need to be paid until you receive the Term 3 fees note so please do not send money back with the note.

All notes are to be returned to 5L’s classroom where different coloured boxes will be set up for each stage (as for the two previous carnivals). A medical form is attached to the permission note but this only needs to be filled in if your child’s medical needs have changed.

The attached permission note also includes a section for parents who would be able to assist teachers with the running of the carnival on the day i.e. measuring, recording and timing in the different events. If you are able to assist, please fill in this section of the note as well.

Please ensure that your child’s permission note (no money) is returned to my room by this Friday 19th June, 2015 (Week 9).

Thank you to all those parents who have returned the permission note last week.

Anne Laurence- Sports Coordinator.

Books for Zimbabwe

After a recent stocktake in the library and the arrival of lots of new books, we were left with a number of quality second hand books to find a good home for.

We decided to donate them to Books for Zim, a book drive aiming to provide Mavhurazi Primary School in Zimbabwe with its first library. The book drive aims to collect 10,000 books. The shipping container used to transport the books will then be converted into the school library.

The man organising this book drive is Dr Alfred Chidembo, a NSW resident who was born in Zimbabwe and attended Mavhurazi Primary School as a child. Dr Chidembo told the Illawarra Mercury, “with a book, you give kids a chance to dream and explore other worlds, to see beyond the village life”.

Oatley West Public School is delighted to be able to support such a wonderful cause!

Some of the books we have donated to the children of Mavhurazi Primary School
This week we celebrate and acknowledge Refugee Week. Our students will be taking time to learn more about refugee experiences, to celebrate the great contributions refugees make in their new homes and to consider how we can welcome and support asylum seekers and refugees in our communities. Students in Years 3-6 will participate in workshops facilitated by staff and volunteers from an organisation called SPARK. Students in K-2 will participate in Refugee Week activities in class. Keep an eye out for other Refugee Week activities around the school!

The theme for Refugee Week 2015 is “With courage let us all combine”. Taken from the second verse of the Australian national anthem, the theme celebrates the courage of refugees and of people who speak out against persecution and injustice. It serves as a call for unity and positive action to all of us, encouraging a culture of welcome. We play the national anthem each day at school and sing it at every assembly. We hope to sing the second verse with a greater understanding and commitment to social justice.

Mrs O’Reilly

Library News

The 2015 PRC is well under way! Lani D is our next pupil to complete the Reading Challenge. Congratulations Lani!

Please see Mrs Morris or Mrs Fitzpatrick in the Library for a permission note if you wish to participate.

Keep up the great reading and remember the motto. Get Caught Reading!

Book Fair Thank You!

Many thanks to the Oatley West Community for making our annual Book Fair a success. It was wonderful to see our students getting excited about books and reading. Many thanks to the staff, students and parents who assisted during Book Fair.

Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mrs Morris

Chess Club Term 3

Our current Chess Club classes will conclude next Monday 22nd June, 2015 (Week 10)

Term 3 Chess Club will commence on Monday 20th July, 2015 (Week 2) at lunchtimes in Mrs Laurence’s room. The cost for Term 3 is $67.50.

The chess club is run by the Sydney Academy of Chess who provides weekly tutoring to students at all different levels of ability in chess. The club is run on a term by term basis but some people prefer to pay for the whole year upfront. There is also the opportunity to purchase workbooks at different levels as well chess clocks and chess sets.

Forms were given out to interested students today and there is also one in this newsletter. I will need them back no later than Thursday 16th July, 2015 (Week 1 Term 3) in order to organise tutors. Please ensure you indicate on the form the skill level of your child.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross,
We’ll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who’ve come across the seas,
We’ve boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
Please return forms and money in the school payment envelope and place in the box in 5L’s classroom. If you prefer to pay by credit card directly at the office, please ensure the form is placed in the box with a paid stamp from the office so that I am aware of who has joined.

Parents who paid in advance last term need not fill out a new form as your child is already enrolled in Term 3.

Anne Laurence

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Nicholas A of 6F. Over the weekend Nicholas participated in the NSW RSL Youth Clubs Novice Gymnastics Competition and was very successful in many events, coming 2nd overall. Well done, Nick!

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Cake Day!

Next week Wednesday 24th June is cake day with 1J and 4K kindly requested to provide cakes. Don't forget your 50 cents.

With thanks from School Club.

School Canteen

Sushi Day is on Wednesdays – please place all orders every Tuesday. 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.

Student Banking – Congratulations!

29 Students Received Bronze Banking Awards last week!

Bronze Certificates were awarded to students for making 10 deposits this year. These students are now well on their way to being eligible for the Disneyland Competition including return economy airfares to Los Angeles for 2 adults and 2 children with 5 nights accommodation at Disney’s Paradise Pier Hotel, 3 day Theme Park Hopper Ticket, a Disney Family Breakfast Experience and AUD$2000 Spending Money simply by making 25 deposits in 2015.

The Commonwealth Bank has recently updated their system which caused a few errors in token records so I apologies if your child received a letter last week with a lower token count than expected – please contact us to have this rectified as soon as possible so that your child’s reward can be ordered.

Finally, Dollarmites rewards are no longer distributed immediately on Banking Day as they are mailed from CBA in Melbourne. Please allow two weeks for your child’s reward to be delivered to their classroom.

School Banking is run by parent volunteers not CBA staff so if you have any questions or are available for an hour on a Thursday morning, please contact the Banking Coordinators at owpsschoolbanking@gmail.com to help in Term 3.
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:

Term 1 – Cost: $52.50  [16th Feb - 30th Mar]
Term 2 – Cost: $60  [27th Apr - 22nd Jun*]
Term 3 – Cost: $67.50  [20th Jul - 14th Sep]
Term 4 – Cost: $67.50  [12th Oct - 7th Dec]

Optional Extras:
- 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]
- Advanced Book – Cost: $33  [Exploration in Chess Beauty]

(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: __ __ / __ __ / __ __
11 June 2015

Luke, Jamie, Connor, Natasha, Lawson and Layla
SRC
Oatley West Public School

SRC Initiatives (Wish List)

The P&C would like to thank the SRCs (Luke, Jamie, Connor, Natasha, Lawson and Layla), for their very informative and passionate presentation of ideas for the school. The parents that attended were most impressed.

I have always had the motto ‘dare to dream’ and I can see that this passion for dreams and ideas will make you all great leaders and role models in life.

Whilst the P&C initially approved $1,000 for SRC Initiatives at its Budget Meeting in March 2015, it is quite clear that the parents and the P&C will have to ‘pull their socks up’ and find some additional funding in the future to meet your high expectations.

The SRC Initiatives are as follows:

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The P&C looks forward to continuing to discuss the SRC ideas and to working towards a way forward with parents to achieve these dreams. It will be interesting to see what ideas come forward in 2016.

Again, I would like to thank the SRCs for their 2015 initiatives.
Yours faithfully

Jamieson Louttit
Acting President

Oatley West Public School Parents & Citizens Association
OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C Association
General Meeting 2015
Teacher Initiatives Meeting

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Please pay 50c for 2015 financial membership to Treasurer to be able to vote at this meeting.

Special Note
It is proposed to ensure that the P&C meetings are kept to 1 hour only and any agenda items not specifically discussed at that meeting will be carried over to the next meeting. The annual budget meeting may take 1.5 hours.

Purpose of the Meeting
At the P&C Budget Meeting in March 2015 funds were specifically approved as follows:

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The P&C would like to hear and listen to the ideas and thoughts of the Teachers to determine what they would like to see in the school. It is the intention of the P&C at this meeting to approve all worthy ideas put forward by the Teachers.

General
- Welcome and Apologies
- Matters arising from the Minutes (if any)
- Confirmation of the Minutes

Agenda Items:
1. SRC Initiatives (Update and approved items)
2. Teacher Initiatives (Wish List)
3. High School Working Group

Reports from Subcommittees (As relevant)
- Arts and Craft
- School Banking
- Uniform Shop
- Music Council
- Hopscotch Café
- Grants Coordinator

Please keep all reports to 5 minutes or less

School issues
Principals Report (Paul Nash or his representative)
Principal: Paul Nash
Allocated time 10-15 minutes

Other Business
Nothing received or proposed.

2015 Proposed dates/times for P&C Meetings
- 11 August 2015 at 2.00pm
- 20 October 2015 at 6.30pm
- 24 November 2015 at 6.30pm (AGM)

Meeting Closure (proposed time 7.30pm)
Dear Parents

St George Performing Arts Festival – August 2015

Many students at Oatley West PS part of our school Stage One Choir, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Concert Band, Junior Dance Group, Senior Dance Group and Percussion Power which will all be performing at the St George Performing Arts Festival this year. It’s time to order tickets.

Online bookings open today (June 15) and close on July 31. To book simply go to www.trybooking.com.au/128411. A booking link has also been added to the SPAF website at www.spaf.schools.nsw.edu.au

Our students will perform at the following concert/s at the Hurstville Entertainment Centre.

| Junior (Years 3 & 4) Choir and Percussion Power | Tuesday 4 August 2015 | 12.15pm Matinee & 7.00pm Evening |
| Stage One (Years 1 & 2) Choir | Wednesday 5 August 2015 | 12.15pm Matinee & 7.00pm Evening |
| Senior Choir (Years 5 & 6), Concert Band, Junior Dance and Senior Dance | Thursday 6 August 2015 | 12.15pm Matinee & 7.00pm Evening |

Please be aware that:
- children over 2 years old MUST have a ticket; only children under 2 years old may sit on an adult’s lap.
- there is NO ACCESS for prams/strollers inside the auditorium.
- any persons with a disability that cannot climb stairs, will need tickets for downstairs in the stalls, not upstairs in the dress circle, as there is no lift.
- There is designated seating for wheelchairs as noted on the downstairs seating plan

This year you will also be able to pre order your program when you book your tickets.

12.15pm Matinee Tickets (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
Tickets for these concerts are more readily available and cost $19 for an adult ticket and pre-paid program, $11 each for adults (no program) and $5 each for children (no program).
You will not have to transport your child to this concert as they will have travelled to the Entertainment Centre earlier that morning for a rehearsal. Your child has already paid the bus fare for this day.

7.00pm Evening Tickets (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
Tickets for this concert are limited and cost $30 for an adult ticket and pre-paid program or $22 for adults (no program). There is no discount for children/concession at the evening concert.

You will need to transport your child to and from the evening concerts.

We look forward to another great Festival!!

Paul Nash
St George Performing Arts Festival (SPAF) School Co-ordinator