

Week 6 beginning Monday 30 May 2022

Dear parents and carers

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Sport

We are incredibly proud of the opportunities that are students are involved in and the support of their parents who provide this opportunity to our students. We have had many of our students try out at district level to be successful to compete in regional teams. And from these teams successful in getting chosen to compete at State level. Just recently we have state level representatives which we will soon announce. We hope to create a photo of these students successes. Meanwhile congratulations on your achievements.

Junior Drama Skills Workshop

The Arts unit runs a series of skills development workshops for interested drama students from Years 3-to 12. Students participate in a full day workshop led by specialist tutors from the performing arts industry.

Years 3-4 Improvisation with Patrick Magee

Years 3-4 Voice, Body and Improvisation with Renee Anton

Years 5-6 Auditioning and Acting for Film and Television with Marg Haynes

Years 5-6 Characterisation with Ben van Biljon

Years 5-6 Puppetry with Kay Yasugi

Congratulations to Kasper Year 6 who will be participating in this workshop and was successful in gaining a place.

Student leadership initiatives

Creating Acknowledgement Of Country.

Important facts for creating our school's own Acknowledgement Of Country.

- A Welcome to Country is a formal welcome onto Aboriginal land given by an Elder or person of that land. That is, someone who is a Traditional owner of that place. As Traditional Owners they are the only people who can conduct a welcome onto their Country
- An Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners is a statement of recognition of the Traditional Owners of the land. That is, an acknowledgment of the Aboriginal community who historically have occupied and continue to be the cultural custodians and holders of knowledge for an area. An Acknowledgement of Country can be given by any person, Indigenous or not.

- Oatley Public School is on the land of the Eora, Dharawal and Dharug Nations. They are respectfully recognised as the traditional custodians of the Oatley area.
- They had a close relationship with the waterways. They also made vast use of the land and had specific trees and plants for food, medicine, tools and weaponry.

Our student leadership team inclusive of students from other 3-6 classes had the opportunity to engage with Mr Matt Allison from Oatley Flora and Fauna Society. Mr Allison gave students an insight into native fauna and flora to the Oatley and Georges River area. The students got to see, feel and smell the flora themselves. With this opportunity the students engaged in the workshop and were able to create a very meaningful Acknowledgement of Country significant to the land Oatley stands on. Thank you to Mrs Rozmeta and Ms Mieszkuc for working with the student. We hope to launch this new Acknowledgement to Country officially at our next event.

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K-2 Redevelopment meeting with Student Leadership

Mrs Anthony and Mrs Rometa (Teachers), Allison Katona and Kate Guthrie (parents) and the Student leadership team worked together to continue in developing the K-2 environmental plan. The students engaged in conversations with both parents and teachers on understanding a mud map, constraints and school community feedback when looking at a north site map of our school. Discussion on passive and active play areas were discussed. Opportunities to be creative in their thinking and collaborative in their decision making were very evident as they created a long and short term plan of action. The enthusiasm to have direction in this decision making process was a highlight of the student's reflections. This will be on the next P&C agenda on this next phase of the K-2 redevelopment. A very exciting time for our consultative group of school community participants.

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Cross Country Carnival

We are very proud of our students who represented our school. Mr Lao and Mrs Hogan acknowledged every student who participated for their outstanding running skills and accomplishment. District Cross Country was a huge success. All participants did exceptionally well and completed the gruelling, wet and muddy track at Gannons Park. Well done to all the competitors. We are still awaiting the results. Here are the placements of the students.

8/9 Years Boys: James (6th), Joshua (8th), George (13th), Liam (17th)

8/9 Years Girls: Zara (5th), Maddison (7th), Sophie (23rd), Eloise (34th)

Junior Boys: Zachary (5th), John (20th), Aidan (36th), Jack (45th)

Junior Girls: Jasmine (1st), Imogen (3rd), Raphaella (4th), Kendall (8th)

11 Years Boys: Zac (2nd), Liam (8th), Aidan (11th), Dylan (15th)

11 Years Girls: Zoe (1st), Catherine (7th), Ella (14th)

Senior Boys: Kobi (1st), Benjamin (7th), Renton (9th), Tristan (12th)

Senior Girls: Jennifer (1st), Maggie (4th), George (6th), Giselle (12th)

Student leadership interview with Platinum Sponsor - RED BEAR

P&C will showcase the quality of questions created and asked to our Red Bear sponsor – Laureen. It was such a pleasure to listen to the students engaging with our school community members gaining a greater insight into their connections to Oatley Public School

NATIONAL SORRY DAY acknowledged by the school on Thursday 26 May 2022.

National Sorry Day, or the National Day of Healing, is an annual event that has been held in Australia on 26 May since 1998

SAFETY DAY K-6

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Regards

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