

**Week ending 1 July 2022**

### **From the Principal**

Have a wonderful holiday break. We are looking forward to your child returning back to school on Tuesday 19 July 2022.

**National NAIDOC Week** celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country.

We have a proud history of getting up, standing up, and showing up.

From the frontier wars and our earliest resistance fighters to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities fighting for change today—we continue to show up.

Now is our time. We cannot afford to lose momentum for change.

We all must continue to ***Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!*** for systemic change and keep rallying around our mob, our Elders, our communities.

Whether it's seeking proper environmental, cultural and heritage protections, Constitutional change, a comprehensive process of truth-telling, working towards treaties, or calling out racism—we must do it together.

It must be a genuine commitment by all of us to ***Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!*** and support and secure institutional, structural, collaborative, and cooperative reforms.

It's also time to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations—they have been the heroes and champions of change, of equal rights and even basic human rights.

Getting Up, Standing Up, and Showing Up can take many forms.

We need to move beyond just acknowledgement, good intentions, empty words and promises, and hollow commitments. Enough is enough.

The relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians needs to be based on justice, equity, and the proper recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights.

***Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!*** with us to amplify our voices and narrow the gap between aspiration and reality, good intent and outcome.

***Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!***

Throughout this week the students and teachers have recognised NAIDOC WEEK by being involved in many activities. We hope that as our community there are many activities and events that you can participate in over this week.

## **REPORTS SEMESTER 1**

Your child will bring you a hard copy home today and you can access a soft copy when you receive an email through your registered SENTRAL email account in which you receive the report as a pdf but you can also access the report at any time this through the SENTRAL APP under Student information.

## **2023 STUDENT ENROLMENTS**

We are requesting that parents please enrol their child for Kindergarten 2023. Students are eligible to enrol if your child is turning 5 years old by July 31 2023. Enrolment is now online. If you have a sibling attend the school and you are out of area you need to still go to out of area online enrolment and state you have sibling presently enrolled at the school.

If you know that you are not returning to Oatley Public School next year (other than our Year 6 ) can you please let the school know in writing thank you. We are about to enter anticipated enrolments into the staffing system for 2023 so this information is important for number of classes and staff entitlements and operational funding.

Regards

Debbie Hunter

Principal

## **Pyjama Day!**

On Wednesday 22nd of June, the SRC Team, Leadership Team and Mrs Hunter put together a fundraiser for the Starlight Children's Foundation. On this day, students and teachers brought in a gold coin donation (or more!) to give to the Foundation. With this fundraiser, we invited the children of Oatley Public School to wear their pyjamas. The children that wore their pyjamas had a great, fun day and the school saw a variety of colourful PJs. Thanks to the students and teachers at our school, we raised \$700.15 for children of the Starlight Foundation. Thank you to the SRCs, Leadership Team and Mrs Hunter for making this fundraiser come to life by letting us wear our pyjamas to school.



By Vaughan G, Georgie C and Evelyn D - Leadership Team Members, SRC Member

### **Tristan Bancks - Author visit**

On Wednesday 22nd of June, Tristan Bancks, author of our stage novel *The Fall* visited Oatley Public School. Mr Bancks writes books for a range of genres, from suspense and mystery to humour. He showed us many different elements of writing stories, focusing a lot on his approach to planning and editing. Mr Bancks also talked about how he gets his inspiration for different stories, and what parts of his novels were from real life. He also introduced us to *Ginger Meggs*; a comic originally drawn for newspapers by his great grand uncle. As well as telling us about his stories, we got to ask him questions in a Q&A format. He even signed books for many students, including copies of his new book 'Cops and Robbers' before its official release date. Stage 3 really loved the opportunity to meet this amazing author and gain some of his wisdom. Thank you to Mrs Hunter for giving us this fantastic opportunity!

