

Term 3 : Week 10 beginning Monday 19 September 2022

Dear parents and carers

We are entering our final week of Term 3 and wish all our families a relaxing holiday break starting Monday 26 September with students returning back to school for Term 4 on **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Collaborative Planning

Stage teaching groups will be working on their collaborative planning during this week where teachers are preparing Term 4 units of work and working towards assessment practices for our final Semester 2 Reports.

GOT GAME TERM 4 resumes

A reminder that on this Monday 10 October all K-2 students will begin their GOT GAME Term 4 gymnastics program. Please make sure the students wear sports uniform. The GOT GAME program will run for 10 consecutive weeks. The students in 3-6 are scheduled to begin on Thursday 13 October 2022 with a dance program from GOT GAME

22 September public holiday

Thursday 22 September 2022 has been declared a National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

NSW public schools will be non-operational on Thursday 22 September and there will be no staff or supervision available on school sites.

Normal lessons will resume Friday 23 September.

Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools

Strengthening our student - centred approach. P&C presentation. This is available on our school website for parents to view. It can be found on P&C page.

Oatley Public School Public Speaking Finals – 2022 Winners and Highly Commended

On Tuesday 13th September, students from each stage competed in the OPS Public Speaking Finals Competition. The quality of presentations from Kindergarten to year 6 was remarkable. The topics ranged from global issues,

current affairs and life skills, which resonated strongly with the audience. Our external adjudicator, Winnie L, employed by the DEC Arts unit was also impressed by the high calibre of speakers at Oatley Public School. She was diligent in her decisions and gave valuable advice on how speakers can further develop their Matter and Method. Winnie explained the difference between Debating and Public Speaking. Debating requires a list approach - using a lot of facts, whereas Public Speaking takes on a personal perspective, where you elaborate using personal stories or by integrating a common theme to persuade others on your idea/opinion.

The winner from each stage will compete in the Georges River Network Finals, which will be held at Oatley West Public School in October (early Term 4). An invitation will be mailed to Winners before the end of this term.

DADS DO HAIRDO - FATHERING EVENT held Wednesday 14 September in the school hall.

Dads Do Hairdo – what a brilliant night! We had a fantastic turnout on Wednesday night, with 82 participants in total (33 families). Dads, grandads, uncles, daughters and even sons across K-6 participated in a hair styling workshop run by Gypsy Hairdressing. It was so heart-warming to see fathers and father-figures spending time with their children, patiently learning how to detangle and style hair. They tried low ponies, high ponies, half up styles and even plaits! There were smiles and laughter throughout the night and even hair care hampers to give away.

Congratulations to our hamper winners: Laura F (6P) and Madison S (4K).

A shout out to Gypsy Hairdressing in Oatley for providing a team of hairdressers and for donating the hampers. Thank you to Mrs Rozmeta, Mrs Markovski, Mr Lao, Mrs Ingram and John Kirkland for helping with this event.

Regards

Debbie Hunter

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