



# Oatley Public School

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## **OATLEY ORGANISER Term 1 Week 9**

We hope you enjoy the posts of all our activities and events on our Facebook. This newsletter is elaborated information on what is happening in our school.

### **HARMONY WEEK CELEBRATED**

Student leadership addressed the school assembly, Jackson M Vice Captain

*Today, we are celebrating Harmony Day across all the classrooms in our school. This year, the theme for Harmony Day is "Everyone Belongs".*

*Today is a day of celebration – one that recognises our diversity and our different cultural backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.*

*Many of you are wearing the cultural costume of your family background while others are wearing orange.*

*You may be wondering why we wear orange on Harmony Day – well, the colour orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.*

*To celebrate our cultural diversity at OPS, Maya R from 5H is going to speak to you about hers.*

### **Maya's story**

*Eid*

*Eid is a very special Indian celebration. It is as big of a celebration that Christmas is, but for Indians. People in India that are Muslim, fast for thirty days, meaning that they don't eat or drink from sunrise to sunset. After the sun sets they will eat and drink. Eid is at the end of fasting, when everybody eats a huge Indian feast. In India, houses are open for everyone. Families will go from house to house to have a drink and eat some food. Usually kids will get money.*

*By Maya (5H)*

### **Hotdogs and Handball Night at Oatley PS: A Smash Hit!**

Hotdogs and Handball event at Oatley Public School was an absolute blast! With a whopping 175 dads and kids in attendance, the school grounds were buzzing with excitement and energy.

The aroma of tasty hotdogs greeted us as we arrived, setting the tone for a fun-filled evening ahead. As father figures gathered around, laughter and chatter filled the air, creating a vibrant atmosphere.

The highlight of the night was undoubtedly the handball tournament. Dads and kids alike showcased their skills, displaying impressive agility and teamwork. Cheers and high-fives echoed across the court as participants engaged in friendly competition, fostering bonds and creating lasting memories.

We extend our thanks to Big W Hurstville and Rebel Sport, who made generous contributions to this event possible. Big W donated 24 handballs, adding to the excitement of the tournament, while Rebel Sport provided 2 gift cards.

Overall, the Hotdogs and Handball Night was a resounding success, bringing together the Oatley PS community for an evening of food, fun, and friendly competition. Kudos to the organisers for orchestrating such a fantastic event! Here's to many more memorable gatherings in the future.

Fathering Project.

### **Reminder: ADVANCEDLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS – this coming week ahead**

This is a reminder to go online to order your school photos. We have been notified that there has only been a 32% uptake of orders at this point in time so please complete the necessary orders.

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY TUESDAY 26 March 2024.** Summer school uniform to be worn. Sibling photos start at 8am in the morning in the library (OPS students only). Students who are in Leadership roles to wear their badge.

School photography day is coming up soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by visiting the website below and entering the code.

[www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter online order code: **4FY 6TX 3NH**

### **Hat Parade - Save the date for Thursday 28 March 2024 – this coming week ahead**

Our K-2 will parade their amazing hats and then wow us with their dances. A great morning starting at 10.30 on the South site playground where our students arrive in the morning. Parents welcome.

### **EASTER BREAK Friday 29 March until Monday 1 April.**

Have a wonderful break.

### **Cross Country Tuesday 2 April K-6**

K-2 will run their cross country around the FLATs area. The teachers have orientated the course to our K-2 students.

All 3-6 will marshal in age groups on the north site playground and then run their age cross country race across at Memorial Park. The distance age races will be staggered at Memorial Park and then all students will return to the north site playground as toilet facilities are readily available. Please note this year due to significant ground works the school has made a decision for safety and accessibility to toilet facilities to use our local park instead of Renown Park. Students to wear sports uniform or House coloured T-Shirts as house points are awarded to all students who compete.

### **EVERY DAY MATTERS – ATTENDANCE. Check your School Bytes APP to show your child's attendance.**

As we come to the end of our first term it is very important that we do commit to our child/ren attending school. Roll call is completed everyday and then reported on each Semester in your child's half yearly and yearly report. Reports are an official document.

Time with friends, assignments, an important maths lesson or getting picked for a sports team – we don't want any one of our students missing out. Days missed here and there add up.

With regular school attendance your child will have the best opportunity to learn and improve their wellbeing. At Oatley Public School, we are here to support your child to be ready and engaged for school. Please contact us via the School Office if you need any assistance with your child's attendance.

Visit the Every Day Matters webpage for more information and resources.

A reminder that planned travel should only be taken during school holidays and students should be at school every day during school term, right from beginning to end.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up. Every day matters and we are here to support all students in attending and engaging with their learning every day of the term.

#EveryDayMatters #LoveWhereYouLearn

### **Georges River PSSA Sports Trials Selection Policy – Important information**

**Did you know:** There are many sports available for students to participate in trials at a district level.

Most sports have a strict policy on the number of students each school can send to these trials. The Sports Coordinator **will nominate** the correct number of students to represent OPS at district level trials. Students are selected by way of extensive in-house trials.

The level of skill required to represent at district or regional level is very high and therefore the sports Coordinator may elect not to nominate student/s for trials. Generally students nominated will be involved in playing in a local weekend competition and at a high or representative level. Mr Prenzel

Regards

Debbie Hunter

Principal