

## **Our Adventure at the Great Aussie Bush Camp**

Last Monday, the Year 5 and 6 students set off on an exciting journey to The Great Aussie Bush Camp. Over three days, we took part in a variety of fun and challenging activities that encouraged us to step outside our comfort zones and try new things.

Some of the activities included the Giant Swing, where we soared through the air, the Power Fan, which involved jumping off a tall platform and gently floating to the ground, rock climbing and canoeing. Each activity helped us grow in confidence and taught us valuable life skills.

Many of the challenges required teamwork. For example, during rock climbing, if we weren't the ones climbing, we worked together in a belay team to help keep our classmates safe.

While the camp was full of exciting and unforgettable moments, it also taught us important lessons about independence, resilience and working together. We returned home with great memories—and new skills we can use in everyday life.

Emily H and Aidan F

## **District Cross Country**

Oatley Public School displayed an impressive performance at the Georges River District Cross Country Carnival yesterday, securing an outstanding 3rd place. The event was marked by challenging wet and muddy conditions, yet our athletes demonstrated incredible resilience and determination. Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and dedication! We are especially proud of the following students who have qualified for the Sydney East Regional Championships: Poppy N, Ellie W, Charlotte M, Madelaine W, Darcey S, Zara M, Mackenzie W, Blake H, Leo B, and James H.

A special shout-out goes to Charlotte M and Blake H for their remarkable achievements in winning their respective ages groups and Zara M for coming 2nd.

A huge thank you to Mrs Hogan and Mrs White who endured the tough conditions and to all the supporting parents!!

Results below:

### **Girls**

Poppy N 4th place 9 years

Ellie W 6th Place 9 years

Charlotte M 1st place 10 years

Madelaine W 6th place 10 years

Darcey S 6th place 11 years

Zara M 2nd place 12 years

Mackenzie W 3rd place 12 years

### **Boys:**

Blake H 1st place 9 years boys

Leo B 3rd place 10 years

James H 4th place 12 years

### **St George Performing Arts Festival**

Our Stage 2 and Stage 3 dancers will audition their dance routines this coming Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to the committee members. The students have been rehearsing very hard and are extremely excited to share their routines. We wish all our dancers the best of luck and Miss Bella and Miss Gorman for all their hard work.

The Choir have been rehearsing with Mrs Montgomery and are now ready to attend their first combined choir rehearsal this coming Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May at Peakhurst South Public School. They will be involved in a full day of singing and learning together with students across our local area.

The Intermediate and Concert Band submitted an amazing array of videos last week to audition their pieces for SPAF concert selection. They are tackling a challenging combined choir and band piece at the moment, and we are so proud of their dedication and determination. A big thank you to Mrs Sterling for her guidance as our band tutor.

### **Kindergarten Enrolments 2026**

We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2026. Please follow the enrolment link below:

<https://oatley-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

### **Semester 1 REPORTS TO PARENTS**

In line with DOE changes. Through collaborative consultation with teachers, we will create a new report format which parents will receive at the end of this term.

The reporting information does not vary greatly to our existing report, except provides achievement and effort level and comment in Literacy and numeracy only **Stages 1 –**

**3** and only achievement and effort level without comments in the 4 key Learning areas - Creative Arts , Human Society and the Environment, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education and Science and Digital Technologies.

**Kinder reports** provide effort rating and comment only in Literacy and Numeracy and within the general comments, the four key learning areas will be addressed.

All reports will have a general comment, list of competencies, student reflection, extra school activities and attendance – whole days, partial and a percentage against DOE calculations.

**All reports will have Italian ticked as our specific school activity. Below shows the overview of progression for our students being immersed in another language other than English.**

### **Assets**

The school had the \$100 000 north site water upgrade actioned and has been signed off and approved. Contractors may have the upgrade completed within the next month. This is a joint school and P&C project. The work on the North site is due to begin this coming Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025. This is a very exciting time for the North site!

### **P&C AGM – AUGUST 2025**

Members have now relinquished their positions on the P&C for the upcoming Annual General Meeting. They are calling on any interested parents to join. Below is an overview of the membership.

Parents and Citizens (P&C) Associations are vital not-for-profit organisations supporting public schools in New South Wales. They are a group consisting of parents and citizens in a school community, whose purpose is to assist the school and promote the interests of the entire school community.

A Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) is a group of community minded people, parents and citizens, who take on a more formal role to assist the school in providing: • feedback on school policies and activities • additional resources to be used to enhance student learning • parents with opportunities to be involved.

### **National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week**

National Sorry Day, officially the National Day of Healing, is an event held annually in Australia on 26 May commemorating the Stolen Generations. National Reconciliation

week follows National Sorry Day from 27 May to 3 June. The theme for National Sorry Day 2025 is Bridging Now to Next. This theme, also used for National Reconciliation Week 2025, encourages Australians to reflect on the past, continue learning from it, and move forward together towards reconciliation. The students at Oatley Public School will recognise and acknowledge this week through activities and lessons being delivered in class throughout the week.

### **Communication**

Please ensure you have access to School bytes calendar and our school website for upcoming events. Our Facebook highlights what has been happening in our school.

A reminder we are trialling paperless communication, and all communication is regularly emailed out and added to our calendar.

Regards

Lauren Edwards

Relieving Principal