Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to our wonderful school. All classes have now settled in with their teacher for 2017. Thank you for your patience as we do not like to disappoint students if new classes have to be formed. Oyster Bay PS is privileged to have amazing, experienced educators so every class is bursting with new ideas and wonderful programs.

Welcome to our new families who have moved into our community or have children starting Kindergarten this year!

Kindergarten students have a staggered start so half are joining us today with the next students starting tomorrow. The Year 6 buddies have been amazing leaders and meeting their buddies to make this a wonderful experience for all of our newest students.

The teachers worked collaboratively on Staff Development Day in projects (SOLE, PBL or Genius Hour) and your children will be able to explain what this entails as the term evolves. We are living in a wonderful time of education and it is exciting for all staff to be involved in differentiating their practise to build purpose for all students.

We had some sad news for our band students over the holidays. Mrs Jenny Williams has decided to decrease her work load and this meant she was unable to continue her time as band conductor at Oyster Bay PS. Through Jenny’s advice and to continue the program she was offering we are now involved with Engadine Music Entertainment Centre. This means the students will retain the same tutors and all the people that are involved are the same. We will then have a new band conductor who will continue Jenny’s great work utilising the same program.

Please read the letter in this newsletter from Engadine Music Centre as they introduce themselves to you. Please note: Nothing changes—the school will still hire instruments, same tutors, same music program, tutorials on Tuesday mornings, band rehearsals on Wednesday mornings. Band will commence in Week 4-Wednesday 15th February for whole band rehearsals and Week 5-Tuesday 21st February tutorials will commence. More information will follow.

Wanita Bowles
Principal

Recent Staff Professional Development:
21st Century learning

- Introduction to Self Organised Learning Environment (S.O.L.E.)
- Introduction to Project Based Learning
- Introduction to Genius Hour

UNIFORM SHOP
The next Uniform Shop will be 7 February 2017.
LIBRARY

It’s time to find your library bag as library borrowing begins this week for grades 1 to 6. Kindergarten will start library classes in week 3 and will start borrowing in week 4.

Each class has a designated day for borrowing:
Monday – 5GN, 5H, 6B and 6W
Tuesday – 3/4L, 3/4GM, 4C and 4S
Wednesday - KE, KC, KM, 1K, 1S and 1E
Thursday – 2/3M, 2G and 2H

The library is open on the primary site at second half lunch on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for borrowing, reading, board games, drawing, Lego and computers. Children are expected to be responsible for the resources they borrow. Please ensure your child brings a library bag for borrowing as it protects the resources from damage and at home, keeps your library books safe, ready to return next week. Library bags are available from the uniform shop.

If there are any parents who can spare some time, I would appreciate some help with covering library books. This can be done at home and would not be every week, more like a couple of hours, once or twice a term. If you are able to cover a bag of books every now and then, please let me know and I can run you through the procedure.

Thank you for supporting the OBPS Library.

Kim Barry
Teacher-Librarian
Volunteers Needed

I am trying to finalise canteen rosters for this year. Below are the shifts that still need filling for canteens to open. If you can help out please let me know ASAP.

**Infants**
- Week 1 Fridays (9 shifts)
  - 2 people needed
- Week 5 Fridays (2 shifts)
  - 2 people needed

**Primary**
- Week 1 Mondays (9 shifts)
  - 1 person needed

In the event these shifts are not filled, unfortunately the canteen will have to be closed on these days.

Thank you Donna Turner
(Primary canteen or 0402 519 594)
SKOOLBAG APP

Oyster Bay PS uses the Skoolbag app to keep families informed of events, to send reminders and to advise of any last minute changes. It is a free app and it is important that all families have access to it, so please download it so that we can make sure that you receive notifications.

As well as general information, we often send class specific or grade specific notifications via Skoolbag. We try to use this feature as often as possible in order not to disturb you with messages which may not be relevant to you. To make sure you receive all messages pertaining to your child, please go into the Skoolbag app and tap "MORE" at the bottom right of the screen. Then tap Setup Push Notifications. Tap (not slide) the button next to the Year or Group which involves your child/children. It will turn green. You will now receive messages sent to those groups only. It is worthwhile checking this feature regularly, as sometimes an app upgrade means that the settings default to the original ones. Thank you for your assistance in helping us to keep you as well informed as possible.

Sue Morgan (Skoolbag Coordinator)

DANCE - YEARS 3-6 - 2017

Next week dance lessons will commence for Years 3-6. Thank you to the students who returned expressions of interest last year. A note will be given to students at the first lesson which must be signed and returned in order to join the dance group. Fees will be payable direct to the provider. The students will be notified which day they are to attend their lunchtime lesson next week.

Thank you.
Mrs Gonzaga, Ms Napier, Mrs Lovell.
Dear Band Parents and Students,

Welcome Oyster Bay parents and students to the Engadine Music’s BandTime Program. Engadine Music Education Centre was established 1980, and has grown to be one of Australians leading providers to schools, teachers and students Australia wide.

BandTime is the Program run through schools which teaches instrumental music in a group format. Engadine Music has over 20 years’ experience in running school band programs.

BandTime staff work closely with your School Liaison teacher to organise performances, music, set ups, notes etc.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE
The band program will continue to run in the same format as in previous years. Band rehearsals will be held on Wednesday mornings and tutorials on Tuesday mornings.

Our program is structured around regular rehearsals and tutorials. If a rehearsal or tutorial is missed due to a clash with a school event, where possible this is rescheduled. There will often be extra performances throughout the year which cover any missed sessions.

ADMINISTRATION
The only change to the band program will be the Administration of fees which will no longer be paid directly to the school.

BandTime fees are collected by Engadine Music using a standing order authority (SOA) prior to each term, or there is also an annual fee option (refund available if required).

The SOA form allows for one off purchase of the Starter Pack in term 1 for Training Band & rental payment option. The Starter Pack is required for all Training Band students, and consists of an Essential Elements Book (their method book), a folder for sheet music, pencil and bag.

Fees are processed 2 weeks prior to school starting in the New Year.
INSTRUMENTS
Engadine Music offer instrument rental for all wind instruments.
Engadine Music Budget Rental is a brand new beginner instrument to try, with the Bond & 50% of all rental paid going towards the purchase.
There are many different rental options from Budget instruments to Yamaha instruments.
Direct purchase options are also available for instruments.

All student equipment that has been ordered is brought to the first lesson (unless otherwise arranged).
Please return your Standing Order Authority by return email directly to Engadine Music ASAP. For all enquires please use bandtime@engadinemusic.com.au, call us on 9520 3044, or come and visit us in store.

We look forward to working with you and ensuring a smooth transition. Mrs Williams has run a wonderful program for many years and we hope to continue what she has built.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Joanne Holloway  (BA Music)  &  Alysha Redman
BandTime Program Manager  &  BandTime Administrator
**GENERAL NEWS**

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**Come and play with the Tigers!**

**2017 Registration is now open for Georges River FC**

Georges River FC is one of Sydney's biggest football clubs. Register now for boys and girls U6 and up via myfootballclub.com.au and come and see us at Oyster Bay Oval on face-to-face Registration Day: 29 January, 1-5pm, or Grading Day: 5th February.

grcfc.com.au

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**Green Point Netball Club**

Come & Play Netball for the Green Point Kookaburras

All ages from 5 years

For more information contact us at greenpointnetball@live.com.au or via Facebook

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**Online Registration Now Open**

- Links on our Facebook Page
- Face to Face Registration & Uniform purchase available on
  - Saturday 4th Feb 9-11am
  - Thursday 9th Feb 6 – 7:30pm
  - @ Oyster Bay Soccer Club

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**AFL**

**Play AFL - Sundays**

- Waratah Oval No.4 - Sutherland
- Online Registrations open
  - (Rego day at oval 5 Feb 10am to 2pm and 8 Feb 6pm to 8pm)

**Who:** Girls and Boys under 5’s to 17’s

**Season Start:** Sunday, 2 April

**Rego online:** www.mirandabombers.org

**Rego cost:** from $130pp (family discount please enquire)
Includes shorts, socks for new players

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**Enquiries:** registrar@mirandabombers.org
More info: mirandabombers.org

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