

9th March, 1987

Newsletter No. Week 5

Dear Parents,

Through all of last week's rain, the bright spots were the red and gold Oatley West umbrellas bobbing across the playground. What a good idea it was to buy a set so that each classroom has a couple of umbrellas for rainy days.

I was very impressed by the number of parents and friends who came to the P & C meeting last night. There was active and articulate discussion of issues like the integrating of the school, Kindergarten to Year 6, and whether or not sporting competition should be divided into "girls" and "Open" categories. Congratulations to those elected to office for 1987. Next meeting is on Tuesday, 7th April, 1987.

Dr. Ken Robinson of St George Institute at Oatley has been to see me. He asked whether the close association between the school and the college would continue. I assured him that so far as I was concerned, it would. We are very fortunate to have the resources of the college so handy. Children will be involved with visits to and by the college over the next couple of months. This will benefit all concerned.

A successful "Grade Day" was held by the Infants Department last Thursday. Many parents visited their children's classes to hear teachers explain the aims and expectations of each grade. The Primary Department will be holding similar events in the evenings of -

Monday, 23.3.87 - Years 3 & 4
Wednesday, 25.3.87 - Year 6
Thursday, 26.3.87 - Year 5

There will be more details later.

Regards,

Julian Sheen, Principal

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

Would those who would like to be part of a Parent/Teacher Computer Interest Group, please come to the school Library next Thursday, 12th March, at 7.30 pm? The idea is to set up a co-operative group interested in evaluating software and hardware, planning computer usages and perhaps setting up Computer Clubs for children and adults.

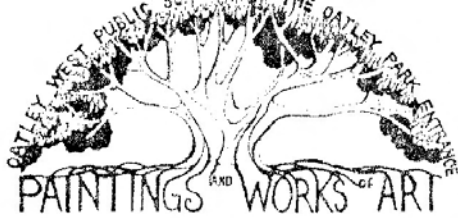
J. Sheen, Principal

A FISHY TAIL!

At a Family Fishing Day at St George Motor Boar Club recently, Anthony Eden of class 5F, caught a 550 gram flathead. It was 43cm long. Anthony won \$5.00 as well as having something nice for his supper. Well done!

WE NEED SOME CONCRETE - If you have some left-over cement, we can use it. We want to cement a path beside the hall. It's about five metres long and a metre wide. Please contact me about your spare cement on 57 5048.

J. Sheen, Principal



GOSSIP FROM EXHIBITION 87

9th March, 1987.

Dear Parents,

There is now less than 4 weeks to go before the Exhibition. Raffle tickets for the Fay Joseph painting, valued at \$540, are now available. They should come home today or tomorrow, so please keep an eye out for them and support this part of the exhibition fundraising.

We have had a good response from people indicating their willingness to help. At the next Infants' School Club Meeting on the 18th March you will have the opportunity to volunteer your services in either the catering or the letterbox and poster distribution. These jobs are vital to the success of the exhibition and any time that you can devote will be very much appreciated. If you are unable to attend this meeting and would like to help in either, or both of the jobs you can telephone Rhonda Chapman on 5796582 regarding the catering, and Sue Howard on 5791718 regarding the letterbox and poster distribution.

A note will be going out next week asking for helpers to man the exhibition over the weekend. Please give some thought to this very important function over the next week. You will be able to indicate your availability by returning a tear off slip on the note next week.

On the exhibition weekend we have a marvellous barbecue supplying delicious steak and sausage sandwiches. We do require a number of folding table and chairs sets to accommodate the picnickers. If you are able to lend yours for the weekend would you please telephone Rhonda Chapman on 5796582 by the 20th March.

Opening night tickets (\$6 per head) can be purchased by sending the appropriate money to school together with your child's name and class. They can also be purchased through the Uniform Shop during uniform shop hours.

Gae Law for the Art & Craft Committee

UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN WEDNESDAY 2.45 - 3.45. ON ROSTER
WILL BE: Maria Kinces → Sue Bell.

LOST PROPERTY IS ENORMOUS. SEVERAL ITEMS ARE ONLY NEW HOWEVER HAVE NOT BEEN CLAIMED. WE ONCE AGAIN STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF PUTTING NAMES ON ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING. THE LOST PROPERTY BOX IS LOCATED OUTSIDE 3/4C (NEXT TO UNIFORM SHOP) AND IS AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES FOR CHILDREN OR PARENTS TO GO THROUGH. PLEASE LEAVE IT IN A REASONABLY TIDY STATE AFTER LOOKING THROUGH THE ITEMS AS THERE ARE SO MANY THAT THEY SPILL OUT ONTO THE FLOOR.

HELEN GROCOTT.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CLUB - Don't forget the Sausage Sizzle for Primary School children on Wednesday, 25th March. 80c. for a sausage on roll with sauce. Please have the correct money available. No drinks will be sold.

There will be a "Back to School" Dance for adults on Saturday, 13th June. More details later.

H. Boyle, Secretary

At the Annual General Meeting last Tuesday office bearers for 1987 were elected as follows:

President	Steven Bell
Vice Presidents	John Devenny Neil Willis
Treasurer	John Davison
Minute Secretary	Kathy Bryant
Secretary	Barbara Corrood

A summary report of the March meeting, which followed the A.G.M., will appear in a later newsletter.

There will be a working bee on Sunday, 29th March at 9.00 a.m. to make sure the school grounds are in good condition for the Art Show the following weekend. All helpers (with tools) will be very welcome.

It was good to see so many people at the meeting and we look forward to your continued support this year.

Steven Bell
President (579 1949)

MUSIC COUNCIL - 1986 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was with trepidation that I accepted the position of President of the Music Council, but after the initial shock, I have enjoyed being involved with the 50 children in our school bands.

During the past 6 months, the bands combined to hold a lunch time concert. This was enjoyed by the musicians and the school children and they attended a concert and workshop held by the Police Band at Oatley West and the Navy Band at Gornells Point. The Concert Band played at All Saints Fete, the Zone Festival at the Sydney Town Hall, Education Sunday at Gympie and the Oatley Lions Club Festival. Both the Junior and Concert Bands played at the Festival of Arts. All these functions were well attended and the performances a credit to Bill McGuinness, the children and the school. Thank you, Bill.

The Special Recorder Group was also involved in the Zone Festival and the Festival of Arts. A special thank you to Beth Lucas and the Recorder Group for their enjoyable contribution to these functions.

During last term, a Practice Card System was instigated to encourage the children to practise at home for 10 minutes every day. Many children returned their signed cards and received Merit Certificate from Mrs Kelly. A second card was given to the children to cover the Christmas holidays. Three children have returned their cards and will receive their Merit Certificates shortly.

This year, we held a Breakfast Barbeque Christmas Party. The weather was perfect and the bacon and sausage sandwiches with tomato sauce thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to Helen Grocott and Jean Burg for organising the breakfast.

I would like to thank Mrs Kelly for her enthusiasm and encouragement; Mrs Hooper for help and patience in allowing the Music Council to take over her office on many occasions; Mrs Blunden for her help and typing; my committee - Jean, Anne, Janet and Annika for their tolerance and support during 1986; the devoted girls who rested the band members each week; Christina Leto for her willingness to become President at her first meeting; Jenny Rutherford for the mammoth job in collating the music; John Davison for his willingness to repair our instruments and Anne, without whose help and direction, the Music Council, the bands and recorder group would not have functioned so successfully. I would like to convey my best wishes to the incoming President and Committee for a successful 1987.

E. Roberts, 1986 President

MUSIC COUNCIL NEWS

- Thursday, 12th March - Junior Allocation of instruments at 8.00 am. All children who tried out to come along this week.
- Thursday, 19th March - Special breakfast for Senior Band members welcome to our new Junior band. Members of both bands to bring instruments.
"Jam" session playing at 8.00 am.
Breakfast at 8.30 am in the garden adjacent to the hall.
- Tuesday, 24th March - 7.30 pm Parent Awareness Evening.
- Saturday, 4th April - Senior Band first payout for the year at Exhibition '87. Time to be advised.
- Sunday, 5th April - Senior band payout at Exhibition '87. Time to be advised.

vicki Manners

SPORTS NEWS

Christie Willard is representing our school and the Georges River District at the Metropolitan East Regional Swimming Carnival tonight and tomorrow night. We wish Christie "Good Luck" in her 50 metres Breaststroke event.

P.S.S.A.

This week the school cricket, softball and T-ball teams play Kinggrove School at Renown Park.

B. Cole,

Sportsperson
