

Dear Parents/Carers

## Education Week Reflections

Last week saw Oakhill Drive showcase the many opportunities offered to our students to support their social, emotional and academic wellbeing. Our school was highly supported by your presence at each of these. It was a pleasure to see close to 60 parents come to hear John Hendry speak to us about relationships. John spoke about the five basic elements of a quality relationship; **Trust, Forgiveness, Integrity, Hope and Compassion**. Each of these are important individually, but in concert, they substantiate the relationship. At Oakhill Drive Public School we design learning to occur in each of these areas, to ensure our students have strong foundations in their formative years, to have strong, healthy and harmonious relationships now and into the future. I was delighted to receive an email from Sally Fletcher, educator Life Education NSW. Sally says "... I have been especially impressed with the Year 5&6 students who have been participating in our new program; *Relate, Respect, Connect*. This program has a focus on positive relationships both online and face to face. I have been encouraged to see the depth of understanding and insight that the students have in this area. It has been evident to me that the school has a strong focus on wellbeing and good mental health for all their students. The artwork and class murals, I have also witnessed around the school have demonstrated this commitment to the student's sense of wellbeing. Whatever you are doing at your wonderful school needs to be bottled. I encourage you to share this with many other schools as it is an area of great importance for our young people." Whilst our students know what to say and do, at this age they still make mistakes. As their educators and parents, it is our responsibility to teach and reteach, the expectations of our society until they get it right. It takes a village to raise a child!!

## Thank you

The Oakhill Drive Public School community generously donated to our farming friends during our open day. At last count it was in the vicinity of \$4000. Thank you.

## Game Changer Challenge – 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Oakhill Drive Public School

It was my pleasure to support our Game Changer Team at the Department of Education's new head office location in Parramatta, last Thursday. This team of students, Chloe S, Eliza M, Kieumars J, Monique S, Fletcher E and Sean P, represented our school by demonstrating the applied learning occurring in our school in the area of problem solving. Our team was challenged with the following problem: **We are going to help create the future by designing a solution for tomorrow's schools that addresses how technology helps kids with disadvantages or disabilities.** Our team of 6 students, accompanied by Mrs Pascoe and Mrs Pixton, were involved in three-days of problem solving, design thinking workshops and prototyping. The challenge culminated in a pitch session where each

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## Dates for your Diary

### Term 3 Week 4

#### **Wednesday 15 August**

Zone Athletics Field

#### **Thursday 16 August**

School Tour – 10:00am

3-6 Assembly 2:00pm – Woodwind

Ensemble performing

#### **Friday 17 August**

PSSA Winter Semi Finals

Scripture and Ethics

Tennis

### Week 5

#### **Monday 20 August**

K-2 Dance

Book Week Begins

Knockout Netball at North Curl Curl

Junior Dance Troupe – make up lesson at lunchtime

#### **Tuesday 21 August**

Book Week - Dress up as your favourite book character

#### **Wednesday 22 August**

Zone Athletics Track

Hawkesbury Dance Eisteddfod –

Junior, Senior and Hip Hop Dance Troupes

#### **Thursday 23 August**

**K-2 Assembly 2:00pm**

#### **Friday 24 August**

PSSA Winter Grand Finals

Scripture and Ethics

Tennis

#### **Sunday 26 August**

Tournament of the Minds – selected students only

team was required to perform a 5-minute presentation to a panel of industry and department experts. Across the three-days students heard from industry experts and tapped into their knowledge and expertise to help develop their solutions. Using technology including Amazon's Alexa, Adobe's Spark and Microsoft's Minecraft, the teams developed prototype solutions. By grounding education in real-world learning opportunities, our students are acquiring the capabilities to tackle complex issues in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Of the primary school finalists, Cudgegong Valley Public School came first, Oakhill Drive Public School and Thirroul Public School were awarded equal second place with Cherrybrook Public School awarded third place in the challenge.

### **Congratulations Ella**

**Art club teachers Mrs Driscoll and Mrs Cameron are delighted to advise the community that Ella (Yr 2) has been successful in gaining a finalist position, in 'The Threatened Species Children's Art Competition', which allows students to unleash their artistic creativity while learning about the extinction crisis facing our native plants and animals. The competition aims to encourage the next generation of environmental leaders.** The judges are not simply looking for works that display outstanding technical skills. They will be looking for surprising or interesting interpretations and compositions, and work that demonstrates an emotional connection with the species. There are seven categories of prize winners: 5-7 year olds, 8-10 year olds and 11-12 year olds, with special categories of Most Unusual Entry, Best Plant Entry, Best Group-work Entry. First and second prizes will be awarded in all of those categories. A separate prize will be awarded for the best written explanation or story of the work. A number of Highly Commended awards will also be given. We congratulate Ella thus far, and wish her the very best in the next stage of the competition.



### **Congratulations Ensembles: Hawkesbury Band Eisteddfod**

1<sup>st</sup> place Brass Ensemble  
1<sup>st</sup> place String Ensemble  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Woodwind Ensemble

### **School Website**

The Department of Education (DoE) is working on improving and modernising all school websites across the state. However this does not come without teething problems.

We are working with the DoE to correct the errors currently on our site and return the information missing. We seek your patience during this process.

### **Basketball Entrance Open**

This gate is now open again, following improvements to this area. Synthetic grass was laid to cover the dirt, the handball courts were repainted and the steps were converted to a ramp. A fence has been included to keep everyone one on the path and minimise students running down the hill from the oval. We thank all parents for their financial support of the P&C who approved expenditure on these ground improvements.

### **Lawn Rejuvenation**

Since the closure of the basketball gate, the lawn next to the basketball court has suffered greatly. We will now be working on its rejuvenation. Signage will remind parents and students to keep on the paths, while we aerate and fertilize this area. Please support us in this initiative particularly before and after school.

### **Enrolment For Kindergarten 2019**

Local students who turn **5 by 31 July 2019** are invited to enrol for Kindergarten next year. If have a sibling or know a neighbour or friend who is in the Oakhill Drive PS catchment area





<https://education.nsw.gov.au/going-to-a-public-school/finding-a-public-school/using-the-school-finder> Please enrol as we are currently planning the Kindergarten orientation visits later in the year.

More information regarding out of area applications can be sought from our office. Please contact Susen Sparks for advice.

We encourage parents who have children turning 5 by May, June and July next year to have a talk with your local childcare or preschool regarding whether your child is ready for school next year.

For more information regarding school readiness visit.....

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/is-my-child-ready-to-start-school>

<p><b>At a glance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Children may enrol in Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five years of age on or before 31 July in that year.</li> <li>→ All children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday.</li> <li>→ Are they physically ready?</li> <li>→ Are they socially and emotionally ready?</li> <li>→ Kids don't need to read or write before they start school.</li> <li>→ Visit your local school and attend orientation days before you decide.</li> </ul> 	<p>教師談一下如果自己的孩子是準備好開始幼兒園家長如何決定。</p> <p><b>乍看上去</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ 兒童可能在幼兒園在學年開始時，如果他們把五歲七月三十一日或之前在這一年入學。</li> <li>→ 所有兒童必須在學校通過他們的第六個生日被登記。</li> <li>→ 他們是身體準備好了嗎？</li> <li>→ 他們是社會和情感準備好了嗎？</li> <li>→ 孩子們並不需要讀取或他們開始上學前寫的。</li> <li>→ 參觀當地學校，並參加開學幾天再做決定。</li> </ul> 
<p>शिक्षक बात माता-पिता यह तय कर लें कर सकते हैं अगर उनके बच्चे बालवाड़ी शुरू करने के लिए तैयार हैं के बारे में।</p> <p><b>एक नजर में</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ बच्चे स्कूल वर्ष की शुरुआत में बालवाड़ी में भर्ती कर सकते हैं अगर वे उस वर्ष जुलाई को या 31 से पहले पांच साल की उम्र बदल जाते हैं।</li> <li>→ सभी बच्चों को अपने छठे जन्मदिन से स्कूल में दाखिला लिया जाना चाहिए।</li> <li>→ वे शारीरिक रूप से तैयार हैं?</li> <li>→ वे सामाजिक रूप से और भावनात्मक रूप से तैयार हैं?</li> <li>→ बच्चे पढ़ने या लिखने से पहले वे स्कूल शुरू करने की आवश्यकता नहीं हैं।</li> <li>→ अपने स्थानीय स्कूल पर जाएं और निर्णय करने के पहले उन्मुखीकरण दिनों में भाग लें।</li> </ul> 	<p>교사들은 이야기를 자신의 아이가 유치원을 시작할 준비가되어 있는지 부모가 결정할 수 있는 방법에 대해.</p> <p><b>한눈에</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ 그들은 그 해 7 월 또는 31 일 이전 시대 5 년을 켜면 아이들은 학년 초에 유치원에 등록 할 수 있습니다.</li> <li>→ 모든 아이들은 자신의 여섯 번째 생일에 의해 학교에 등록해야 합니다.</li> <li>→ 그들은 육체적으로 준비가 되었습니까?</li> <li>→ 그들은 사회적으로 그리고 감정적으로 준비가 되었습니까?</li> <li>→ 아이들은 읽거나 그들이 학교를 시작하기 전에 작성할 필요가 없습니다.</li> <li>→ 해당 지역의 학교를 방문하여 당신이 결정하기 전에 방향 일에 참석한다.</li> </ul> 

Betty Ploeg  
Principal

## Student Learning - Goals

During open classrooms last week, parents, grandparents and special friends would have noticed student learning goals proudly displayed in the classroom. With teacher guidance, students have developed personal goals which they strive towards. Some examples of student goals across the school include:

Irene "To write more complex, descriptive sentences."

Nikhil "To use more sophisticated and subtle language features (such as humour) in my writing."

Enoch "To write compound sentences by joining two simple sentences with a conjunction."

Joseph "To proof read and edit my work."

Xinyu "To better communicate and reason my answers in maths."

Chelsea "To include complex sentences in my writing."

Simone "To sound words out."

Caleb "To use the appropriate strategy to answer authentic problems using trial and error."

Alex "To check my writing makes sense."

Dylan "To use adverbs and adjectives in my sentences."

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Samantha *"To accurately convert improper fractions to proper fractions."*

Sophie: *"To use sophisticated literary devices such as humour and irony to engage the audience."*

Teachers plan opportunities for students to work towards these goals and provide specific targeted feedback indicating their progress. Learning is individualised and ensures all students achieve success. The process of setting and reflecting on goals builds students' capacity to learn through the success and motivation they feel when achieving their goals. You can further support your child's learning by talking to them about their goals.

Julie Torney  
Deputy Principal

Notes Due	
Stage 3 Choir– Arts Alive Rehearsal and Performance	Thursday 30 August

### Bronze and Silver Awards

With the new Recognition Awards system starting this term for K- Year 5 students, no more Blue Awards will be given. Students may be due to receive the next level/s of award under the old system. Please ensure that **all awards** are returned to your child's class teacher by the end of this week (Friday 17 August) so that the correct calculation of awards can be made. No further awards will be accepted after this date. Any awards will be given out at their next respective Thursday assembly.

Year 6 will be continuing with the Blue-Bronze-Silver-Gold award system throughout this year and will follow the already established system.

Janelle Lord  
Award Organiser

### Waste Free Wednesday

Congratulations to the students in KJ who had 76% of students bring in a "nude" fruit break, recess and lunch last week. We look forward to seeing more waste free lunches on Wednesday this week.

Here are some tips and suggestions for packing a waste free lunch box:

- ✓ Use a reusable drink bottle
- ✓ Sandwiches can be wrapped in a reusable beeswax wrap
- ✓ Pasta or salad in an airtight container
- ✓ Soup in a liquid tight thermos
- ✓ Piece of fruit
- ✓ Snacks portioned into a reusable wrap or small reusable container
- ✓ Reusable cutlery
- ✓ Pack lunch the night before so that you're not caught out reaching for those "convenient" single serve snacks in the morning rush

Miss Siratkov and Mrs Barnett  
Sustainability Committee

### Zone Athletics Carnival

Good luck to all students attending tomorrow's field events and 800m heats at Greenway Park, Cherrybrook. A reminder that students are to meet Miss Chamberlain and Miss Lord under the COLA near the silver seats **at 8:50am**. Students are also reminder to wear their correct sports uniform and bring their own drink bottle, recess and lunch. Parents are welcome to attend the carnival to support students. Please be aware that parking around the grounds is limited.

Congratulations to all students in Korra as the winning house of our school carnival.

Special congratulations to Isabella F for breaking the 11years 100m record with a time of 14:70sec at our recent school carnival.

Janelle Lord and Anna Chamberlain  
Carnival Coordinators

## PSSA SPORT

PSSA Sport – Friday 17 August – Semi Finals	
Sport	Venue
Netball	Kellyville Netball Courts – All Senior teams as well as Blue Junior team in Semi Finals - friendly games for Red and Yellow Junior teams
Soccer	Bernie Mullane (Senior Boys in Semi Finals – other teams attending as spectators)
Newcombe Ball	Sherwood Ridge Public School – Junior and Senior teams in Semi Finals
AFL	Memorial Avenue, Kellyville – friendly games

PSSA Results – Friday 10 August			
SPORT	OPPOSITION	RESULT	SCORE
Junior Netball Red	Castle Hill	Win	6 – 2
Junior Netball Blue	Murray Farm	Win	7 – 0
Junior Netball Yellow	Castle Hill	Loss	0 – 14
Senior Netball Red	Kellyville	Win	18 – 12
Senior Netball Blue	Jasper Road	Win	11 – 8
Senior Netball Yellow	Jasper Road	Win	11 – 7
Junior Soccer	Sherwood Ridge	Loss	1 – 2
Senior Soccer	Sherwood Ridge	Win	5 – 2
Open Girls' Soccer	Sherwood Ridge	Loss	0 – 1
Junior Newcombe Ball	Sherwood Ridge	Win	3 – 0
Senior Newcombe Ball	Sherwood Ridge	Loss	1 – 2
Junior AFL	Glenhaven	Draw	7 – 7
Senior AFL	Glenhaven	Loss	10 – 25

Anna Chamberlain  
PSSA Sport Coordinator

## Canteen News

Thank you to our volunteers. Next week's roster is:

Mon	20/8	Ena
Tues	21/8	Bec C
Wed	22/8	Katrina H, Sania B
Thurs	23/8	Naomi M, Michelle V, Kathryn O
Fri	24/8	Adeline Y, Gada O

**Fresh fruit promotion.** Buy two pieces of fruit and receive a prize. Sample fruits available are slices of watermelon, fruit kebabs and yoghurt and fruit cups. Prices from 60c.

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We are also currently trialling two new yoghurt in the canteen: Strawberry Petit Miam \$1.20 and Greek Style Vanilla \$1.75.

Melanie and Helen  
Canteen Managers

### Uniform Shop

#### TERM 3 – SHOP HOURS

- Thursday 16 August - Flexischools Orders Only (Shop Closed)
- Thursday 24 August – 8:30am to 9:30am
- Thursday 6 September - Flexischools Orders Only (Shop Closed)
- Thursday 13 September – Flexischools Orders Only (Shop Closed)
- Wednesday 19 September – Shop Closed for Stocktake
- Thursday 20 September – 8:30am to 9:30am – Summer Uniform Sales Resume
- Thursday 27 September – 8:30am to 9:30am – Summer Uniform Sales Resume

If you find you have ordered the incorrect size for your child, feel free to place the item back in a plastic bag with details of the correct size you wish to exchange it for, your child's name and classroom and pass it onto the office who will ensure I receive it for exchange. Provided it still has the label attached and has not been worn you may exchange the item for a like item (i.e. no price difference).

Please also remember that the school canteen sells hats and ties for cash each morning. Hats are now \$16 and Ties (both boys and girls) are \$14. You will also notice that the new hats no longer have strings attached to them. The suppliers have altered the hats to keep in line with safety precautions.

Georgina Brown  
Uniform Shop Coordinator

## Enrol now for Kindergarten 2019!



### We are now enrolling for Kindergarten 2019.

If you have a child or children that are turning 5 or 6 in 2019, please collect your enrolment pack from the school office. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's school readiness please contact Miss Feeney on 9634 1033.

## Community News

### DISCLAIMER

We sincerely thank our advertisers for their support of our school. While Oakhill Drive Public School is selective in the advertisements it runs, parents are advised to use their own discretion in supporting these services.

#### AUTISM SUPPORT IN HORNSBY



Autism Community Network

The Autism Community Network provides free support during school terms for families living with autism conditions. If you would like to meet other carers who understand you or find social opportunities for your ASD child and their siblings, please contact us or come along to our free support group meetings

#### HORNSBY SUPPORT GROUP - EVENING

**When:** First Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30 pm  
**Venue:** Hornsby RSL Club— in the Sports Lounge

#### HORNSBY SUPPORT GROUP - DAY

**When:** Fourth Thursday 10 am to noon  
**Venue:** Hornsby RSL Club— in the Sports Lounge

For more information :

[www.autismcommunity.org.au](http://www.autismcommunity.org.au) | [info@autismcommunity.org.au](mailto:info@autismcommunity.org.au) | 9543 9036

**SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**OPEN DAY**  
Thursday 13th September 2018  
9:30am - 12:00pm

**NURTURING SCHOLAR SPORTSMEN SINCE 1883**  
[www.sydneyboyshigh.com](http://www.sydneyboyshigh.com) 556 Cleveland St, Moore Park NSW 2021 Ph: 9662 9300

#### Supervision of Students

Our teachers supervise children at the following times in the playground:

8:30am-9:00am - Before school

10:55am-11:20am - Recess

1:10pm-2:00pm - Lunch

3:00pm-3:30pm - Bus children only

No child should be at school before 8:30am

No child should remain playing on site without parent supervision in the afternoon.

#### SCHOOL SECURITY

If you see trespassers in the school out of hours please call school security.  
1300 880 021 (24 hours)



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