

Dear Parents/Carers

# **Staffing 2019: Assistant Principal Position**

A merit selection panel (including staff, parent and the director's nominee) convened earlier in the year to select an Assistant Principal. Mrs Natalie Mesiti was the successful candidate and she will begin at Oakhill Drive Public School in Term 1 2019. Natalie will supervise ES1 (Kindergarten).

At the concussion of 2018, we will be farewelling some of our temporary contract teachers. Mr James Lundberg will travelling the world in 2019. However we look forward to his return on a casual basis. Miss Jessica Geale has been successful in the merit selection process and has gained a permanent appointment to Marsden Park Public School. Mrs Bright has moved to Victoria, and Mrs Pixton will be working for Sports In Schools. Miss Laura Feeney has been successful through the Expressions of Interest process and will be relieving at another school as Assistant Principal in 2019. We look forward to her return in 2020.

### Reporting to parents

Parents who wish to make an appointment to speak to teachers before the end of term, in person or via telephone should make contact with the teacher, via the school office, to schedule a mutually convenient time.

### **Class formations 2019**

This procedure begins with the placement of students with the teachers who we believe will bring the very best out of these students. Every class must have a mixture of boys and girls and a mixture of ability groups. We take into account their relationships with their peers. Teachers know if 'best friends' can work productively in the same class or not. Some friendships are best suited to the playground only. We ask the students to create a wish list of friends they might like to see in their class. This is just that... a wish list. There are no guarantees that they will have their closest friend in their class.

We ensure that our students understand this from now. We seek your support to reassure your children that they will cope with their new class setting in 2019. The placement of our students in the appropriate class with the appropriate teacher and mix of students is our top priority.

Whilst we consider academic results, more importantly we take into consideration student's social and emotional wellbeing. All classes

Dates for your Diary
Term 4 Week 9
Wednesday 12 December
K-6 End of Year Fun Day

# Thursday 13 December

K-6 End of Year Fun Day –Backup day 3-6 Special Assembly – 11:20am

3-6 Special Assembly – 11:20am K-2 Assembly – 2:00pm – Kindy & Stage 1 Dance Groups Performing and Class 2S

### Friday 14 December

Sport Celebration Assembly - 9:15am for a 9:30am start

### Week 10 Monday 17 December

Dance 3-6
Dance 3-6 Concert 2:00pm
Year 6 Farewell Dinner

# Tuesday 18 December 3-6 SISA Makeup day

Wednesday 19 December
LAST DAY TERM 4 for students

Thursday 20 December Staff Development Day

Friday 21 December
Last day for office staff

Term 1 Week 1 2019 Monday 28 January Public Holiday

Tuesday 29 January Staff return

### Wednesday 30 January

Years 1-6 students return Kindy 2019 Best Start

Thursday 31 January Kindy 2019 Best Start

Friday 21 December Kindy 2019 Best Start



offer a differentiated curriculum. This means that all classes will have ability groups within them. Our learning programs are designed to meet the needs of each ability group.

We anticipate starting the year with 28 classes. At this stage we require only four more students to form the 29<sup>th</sup> class.

# **Extending Students**

At Oakhill Drive Public School we offer the opportunity to extend our talented students by placing likeminded students in the same class as a cluster. These clusters occur over several classes. This is offered to students from Year 1 to Year 6. These students are taught the same curriculum content, however the pace of the lesson is faster, and the repetition of content is less. The nature of the student is such that the teacher can offer more challenging activities for students to apply their knowledge to.

# **Composite classes**

This is a composition of two grades in the same class. In 2019, we will have two composite classes. These will be a 3/4 and a 5/6 composite.

# **Presentation Day Assembly**

Yesterday we recognised a great number of students for their achievements in the academics, the arts and for citizenship. Congratulations to these students. Not all students marched across the stage, yet every single one of them has made significant progress this year. Some of these students' progress has been recognised through the Principal's Morning Tea and the Legends BBQ. All of our students are to be congratulated for improving on their personal best. Students are guided and mentored by dedicated teachers and are given opportunities to participate in performances, showcases, and sporting occasions beyond the school level. The well-rounded education at Oakhill Drive PS creates a school culture where students embrace responsibility and thrive in an atmosphere that embraces their leadership skills.

I would like to thank the leadership team, Helen Paris, Julie Torney, Hollie Brito, Kat Marsaus, Kelly Cartwright, Blane Steel and Laura Feeney. All of these people have led their teams to ensure quality outcomes were delivered to every student in every classroom.

I thank our administration staff, Jenny Maddalena, Susen Sparkes, Jan Jackson, Annie Randell and Tanya Costello who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of our school. Likewise, I thank Trevor Bleakley and David Moore our general assistants who ensure our facilities are beautifully presented every day of the year. I thank you our parents. Our significant partner, you play a major part in reinforcing, consolidating and enhancing the education offered to your children. You work with our teachers and we welcome it. Oakhill Drive Public School is not like other schools. I thank our P&C and the parent community for the continued support of school initiatives and the continued drive to make our dreams a reality.

### Medication

Families leaving the school prior to Wednesday 19 December 2018, are reminded to pick up their medication from the office on their child's last day of school. Students returning in 2019, will have their medications returned to them on the last day of school. Medication will need to be returned to school on the first day back.

### **Uniforms**

Parents of students in Years 5 & 6 in 2019 should evaluate the longevity of the current uniform. Remembering, that your child/ren will be wearing this uniform every day for twenty weeks at a time (summer/winter). Will it still fit?

Betty Ploeg Principal



# Wellbeing Wednesday

Last week, students at Oakhill Drive had lots of fun while reinforcing their learning about wellbeing and relationships. They thoroughly enjoyed the performance about a juggler who had to develop resilience, the fabulous videos created by Stage 3 students and the teamwork activities outside. I'm sure you will agree that our class wellbeing flowers look fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Koller and all the teachers for their preparation and participation in the day.



# **Oakhill Drive Giving Tree**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the families who donated a gift to our Christmas Giving Tree last week. We received hundreds of gifts and the Salvation Army was astounded by the response and very appreciative of our kindness. Captain Carolyn, from The Salvation Army, spoke to all the students on Friday, thanking them and explaining that these gifts will go to children who are homeless, drought affected, sick or to a parent who has made a mistake and may be in prison so that they have something to give their children at Christmas. Your support of this initiative was amazing and reflects the wonderful generosity and compassion that our community has for others. This is a wonderful example to our students of how the act of giving can make us feel good too.



# **Semester 2 Reports**

Reports are now available on the Parent Portal. A revised procedure for accessing the Parent Portal is attached to this newsletter and can also been found on our website.

The link is: https://www.impromation.com.au/portal4parents?schid=4604

If you would like to discuss any aspects of your child's report, please contact your child's class teacher.

# **Wellbeing Information Sheets**

Don't forget to pop into the office to select some information sheets about various aspects of wellbeing from organisations such as Beyond Blue, Black Dog Institute, KidsMatter, SchoolTV and ThinkUKnow. The last selection displayed was very popular with parents, so I encourage all parents to take some that they may find relevant to their families or others that they may know.

### **SchoolTV**

Have you tuned into SchoolTV? This fabulous resource for parents is funded by the P&C. The topicc for this month is 'Mindfulness' and all previous topics are available on the website. If you have any feedback about this resource, either positive or negative, I would love to hear from you by email at helen.paris@det.nsw.edu.au.

Helen Paris Deputy Principal

# **Dance Performance Stage 2 and Stage 3**

Next Monday December 17, Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be showcasing a dance that they have learnt throughout the term in our Footsteps Dance Program. The performances will commence at 2:00pm, under the COLA. Students are to wear sports uniform. Hope to see you there.

Mrs Marsaus and Mrs Cartwright Assistant Principals



# **Remaining 3-6 Assemblies**

**Thursday 13 December at 11:20am:** This assembly will include the giving out of the last bronze and silver awards for Year 6 as well as Years 3-5 Positive Pan and Oaktree Awards.

The **Junior**, **Senior** and **Hip-Hop** dance troupes will be performing their Christmas dances at this special assembly. These students will need to come to school in uniform and will change into their costumes at recess.

Monday 17 December at the 9:00am: The last gold and silver acorns will be given out at assembly.

# Stage 3 Awards

Year 6 students need to bring in all of their blue/bronze awards ready to be swapped for a bronze/silver as soon as they have, or nearly have, the required number by Friday 14 December. This will allow time for students to then receive their Gold Acorn before the end of term. If appropriate, students will receive both their bronze and silver at the one assembly.

**Year 5** students who have finalised their requirements for the Silver Acorn need to submit their paperwork to Miss Lord by Friday 14 December. Once checked, Miss Lord will then hand your child a note indicating it will be presented at the assembly on Monday 17 December.

Oakey Doakeys and Colour Awards will not be awarded in any grades during Week 10 of this term.

Janelle Lord Awards Coordinator

# **Trash Free Tuesday**

The K-2 week 8 Trash Free Tuesday winner is 1C with 73%.

The 3-6 week 8 Trash Free Tuesday winner is 4C with 81%.

We look forward to 2019 as we continue to strive to reduce our litter and waste at Oakhill Drive Public School and in our local community.

The Eco Club has a new noticeboard next to the office window. Feel free to have a look!

Sustainability Committee
Miss Siratkov and Mrs Barnett



# **PSSA SPORT**

PSSA Grand Finals - 7 December
Girls T-Ball won 21-3 against Northmead Public School
Girls Soft ball drew 3-3 against Jasper Road Public School

Congratulations to all students and staff on another extremely successful year of sport at Oakhill Drive. All students have displayed high levels of engagement and fun in the sports programs this year.

A special mention to all the students in PSSA teams who have dedicated their time to training and improving their game skills throughout the winter and summer PSSA. I would also like to thank all the teachers who have coached teams for PSSA this year, also giving up their time to train, lead and improve the sporting skills of our students.

Another thank you to the 3-6 teachers who run home sport programs and continue to build sport skills and encourage sportsmanship each Friday at sport. Thank you also to the office staff and executive team for



their support in allowing sport to run smoothly. Finally, thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting your children in their sporting endeavours. I wish everyone a safe and happy holidays.

Miss Chamberlain **PSSA Sport Coordinator** 

# **2019 Representative Sporting Trials**

Each year there are trials for students to be part of a zone or area team in a variety of sports. As a school we are able to select a few students to send to each trial. To attend trials, students need to participate in the sport outside of school in either Division 1 or Representative level in U11/12 age group or above. Most sports are only open to Year 5 and 6 students.

When trials are announced, the coach of the sport will consider any suitable students, looking at the level they play out of school and skills shown in weekly PSSA. Most of the trials are held after school within the local area.

The following is a list of the sports:

Girls and Boys: Basketball, cricket, diving, golf, hockey, orienteering, soccer, softball, tennis, touch football, water polo

Boys only: AFL, rugby league, rugby union

Girls only: Netball

If your child meets the criteria to be considered as a possible school representative at a trial, please send in the following details to Mr Lundberg:

- Child's name, class, age and sport
- Local club and representative teams current competing age group, name of club, number of years played
- Positions played.

Jamie Lundberg Zone Sports Coordinator



Rita L	Chris W	Oscar B	Leila Z	Caitlin L	Sunny W
Ryan P	Katie U	Elisha R	Celina K	Kirrilly L	Kaia İ
Alicia Y	Gabriel T	Rory M	Elizabeth D	Brielle J	Somil A
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### **Canteen News**

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

Mon	17/12	Jenny M, David M	
Tues	18/12	Donna A, Isabella	
Wed	19/12	Eva S, Dal	
Thurs	20/12	No students	
Fri	21/12	No students	

As we approach the end of the year, stock items will not be replenished. Any changes will be reflected in the Flexischools menu.

Melanie and Helen Canteen Managers

# **Uniform Shop**

### **TERM 4 - SHOP HOURS**

> Thursday 13 December (8:30am - 9:30am) - last day

### TERM 1 - 2019- SHOP HOURS

- Wednesday 30 January 8:30am to 9:30am
- Thursday 31 January Flexischools Orders Only (Shop Closed)
- Thursday 7 February 8:30am to 9:30am
- Thursday 14 February Flexischools Orders Only (Shop Closed)
- Thursday 21 February– 8:30am to 9:30am
- Thursday 28 February Flexischools Orders Only (Shop Closed)
- > Thursday 7 March 8:30am to 9:30am
- > Thursday 14 March Flexischools Orders Only (Shop Closed)
- Thursday 21 March 8:30am to 9:30am
- Thursday 28 March Flexischools Orders (Winter Uniform May be Ordered)
- > Thursday 4 April 8:30am to 9:30am (Winter Uniform Available)
- ➤ Thursday 11 April 8:30am to 9:30am (Winter Uniform Available)

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. Please include your child's name and classroom and pass it onto the office who will ensure I receive it for exchange. Provided the item 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 (\$16) for cash each morning.

The last day that the uniform shop will be open this term is **13 December 2018**. Any Flexischools orders place after midday Tuesday 11 December will not be delivered until the first day of Term 1, 2019.

The shop will be closed over the Christmas break and will not reopen until the first day back at school being Wednesday 30 January 2019.

Flexischools orders will be available over the holidays with delivery of any holiday orders to your child's classroom on Wednesday 30 January. I strongly urge you to check your child's uniform and if it looks like they will need to move up a size over the holidays, you can get in early and order replacements prior to the end of Term 4 so you are all organised for the start of the new school year. Avoid the rush that always occurs in the uniform shop on the first day back at school. Alternatively, order through Flexischools over the holidays. We are always looking for volunteers in the shop. If you are interested in meeting a fun group of volunteers please see me (Georgina Brown) in the shop or leave me a message at the school office. I will gladly receive any offer of help.

Georgina Brown Uniform Shop Coordinator





# OAKHILL DRIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Carers

School reports are currently being prepared and will soon be available on the Oakhill Drive Parent Portal.

Many parents have already registered on the portal last year using their email address and a password that they created. After checking access, no further action is needed until reports are made available.

Some parents have not yet accessed the portal. There are also some parents who did not previously complete their registration and they should start their registration process again, following it through to completion.

To access the portal, parents must have an email address registered with the school or, if not, email the school on oakhilldr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your current email address. There may be some family circumstances in which both parents may require their own access to the portal. This can be done if both email addresses are registered with the school.

Once you have an email address registered with the school you can access the portal by following these instructions:

- Go to the Parent Portal
   <a href="https://www.impromation.com.au/portal4parents/?schid=4604">https://www.impromation.com.au/portal4parents/?schid=4604</a>
   (You may need to copy and paste this link into your browser)
- 2. Click on the 'Don't have a password? Get Registered' link at the bottom of the portal sign-in page, then enter your email address
- 3. Parents with no current portal account or incomplete portal accounts will receive a 'Getting Started' email which will guide them through the registration process.

During the registration process, parents will receive an email with instructions and a default password to use initially. This will give access to the portal to allow them to set up their own password which will be linked to that email address.

Access the portal using own email address as the Username and newly set-up password.

For parents who have previously accessed the portal but have forgotten their password, please click on the 'Forgot My Password' link which will take them through a process to reset their passwords.

Please note your password in a safe place for future reference when accessing the portal.

Helen Paris Deputy Principal



# Year 6 Graduation & Farewell Dinner 2018

# **Agenda for Parents**



# Monday 17th December 2018

The Lyceum Room

Castle Hill RSL Club

77 Castle St, Castle Hill

(Entry via the side entrance, opposite Castle Hill High School)

**6:00pm** - Children and parents arrive for informal photos via the side foyer

Note: Students must be dropped off at the side entrance of the RSL Club.

**6:30pm** - Students enter the function room and parents depart

# Parents have a few options:

- 1. You can go into the RSL club to have dinner
- 2. You can go home, have dinner and return later
- 3. You can do Christmas shopping at the Towers

# 8:20pm - Graduation Ceremony

Parents are invited to enter at this time and can sign in at the main entrance. Mention you are part of ODPS Graduation Ceremony, membership is not necessary. This ceremony will include an audio visual presentation, captains' speeches and certificate presentation.

Please note: Parents who are not members of the RSL Club will be permitted to enter the club to view the Graduation Ceremony at this time.

9:30pm - Evening concludes

Students must be collected from The Lyceum Room.

Sincere thanks to the many parents who have contributed to the evening.



# Community News DISCLAIMER

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### **Blacktown Theatre**

Audition for a place in the children's choir for Blackout Theatre Company's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Blackout Theatre is a community-based company and has been active in the Greater Western Sydney community for nearly twenty years. Our last production, *Singin' In The Rain*, opened the new Pioneer Theatre at Castle Hill to enthusiastic audiences and critical acclaim.

Our production of *Joseph* will also be performed at the Pioneer Theatre (14 Pennant St, Castle Hill) on 3-12 May 2019. Auditions for the choir will be held at Walters Rd Primary School, Blacktown on Sunday 20 January from 10am-12pm, for children between the ages of 8-14. The audition pack with information about dates of auditions, rehearsals and performances can be found here: <u>blackouttheatre.com.au/joseph/</u>

For more information, please contact me at <a href="mailto:info@blackouttheatre.com.au">info@blackouttheatre.com.au</a> or call me on 0432 477 777

# **Sydney Festival Parramatta**

Join us for a <u>weekend of Circus fun from 11-13 January</u> in Parramatta's Prince Alfred Square. **Free** performances and affordable workshops designed with families in mind.

Across the whole Festival we are encouraging Sydney on their bikes to collectively fly 384,400 km to the moon.

In Parramatta we have <u>Fly me To the Moon Parade and Workshops</u>. Bring your roadworthy bicycle- or pram, scooter or wheelchair along and turn it into a DIY creative flying machine and then return to join the parade to officially launch our free weekend of circus performances and workshops. Plus, help add kilometers to our trip to the Moon! This is both **Healthy living and Physical activity** for kids this summer, especially if you have a cycle to school program.

Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo moon missions Sydney Festival in collaboration with The Museum of Applied Arts and Science present <u>MAAS</u> and the <u>Moon</u> where participants can discover more about the moon and how it inspires us. See Scientific Instruments and models from the Museum's rich and diverse collection.

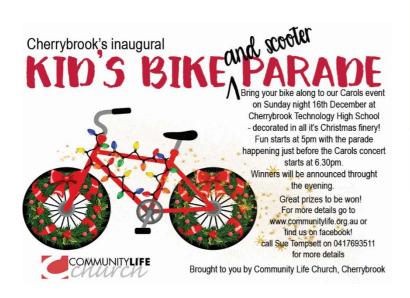
For more information on Sydney Festival and the various events we have happening across the city visit <a href="https://www.sydneyfestival.org.au">www.sydneyfestival.org.au</a>













Get an interactive presentation on the new \$50 banknote and discover banknote security features.

Explore the Museum with a treasure map and learn about the history of Australia.

Wednesday, 9 January, 11.00 am - 12.45 pm Friday, 11 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Wednesday, 16 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Friday, 18 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Wednesday, 23 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Friday, 25 January, 11.00 am - 12.45 pm

Cost: FREE (bookings essential) Email: museum@rba.gov.au Phone: (02) 9551 9743

Reserve Bank of Australia Museum Ground Floor, 65 Martin Place Sydney NSW 2000 To find out more, visit: www.museum.rba.gov.au/events







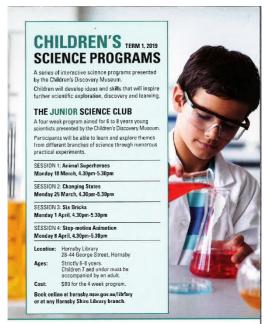
### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - mg.edu.au/about/holidays

- Children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment.
- Courses teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.
- Students are provided with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.
   Courses are added and rotated each school holidays, and drop off and pick-up times are designed for the working parent.
- The Junior Science Academy is for children in Years K-6 in primary school.



Drop off	8.30am - 9.30am
Activities	9.30am - 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm – 5.30pm
Cost	\$126.50











# 2019 NETBALL REGISTRATION

 ${\it Oakhill\ Drive\ Netball\ Club\ is\ registered\ with\ the\ Baulkham\ Hills\ Shire\ Netball\ Association.}$ 

Online registration will open to all new and returning players on 8th January 2019 until 17th February 2019 at www.oakhillnetball.com

Our club is accepting applications to register players turning 7yrs in 2019 and over.

Players turning 7, 8 or 9 years play on a Friday night at Kellyville. Games commence from 6:30pm onwards. Competition commences on 3rd May 2019.

Players turning 10 years and above play on a Saturday at Kellyville.

Games commence from 8:00am onwards.

Timeslots for specific ages are not confirmed until 8th April.

Competition commences on 27th April 2019.

Team Grading will be held on Sunday, 24th February 2019 at Oakhill Drive Public School.

Training is held at Oakhill Drive Public School. Training days are not confirmed until after teams are formed and coaches assigned.

Registration Fee - \$260 (7 to 14 Years), \$270 (15 Years and over)
Oakhill Drive Netball Club is a registered Active Kids Provider.

Your \$100 Voucher Number MUST be provided when completing payment at the time of registration.

For any enquiries please email odnc\_enquiries@yahoo.com.au www.oakhillnetball.com





# For Boys & Girls Aged 5 to 12 REGISTER ONLINE NO LATER THAN 14TH JANUARY baulkhamhillshockey.com.au



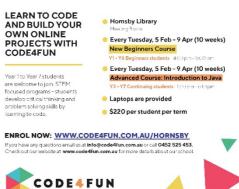
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Hockey is an inexpensive and familyoriented sport kids love. Our annual
pre-season hockey clinic is a great wa

For Enquiries, please email: communications.bhhc@gmail.com







### **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

3:15pm-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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