

Term 4 Week 9
10 December 2019

The Oaktree

OAKHILL DRIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers

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 contact the teacher via the school office, to schedule a mutually convenient time.

Class Formations 2020

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 also 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. 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 2020. 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 students' social and emotional wellbeing. All classes offer a differentiated curriculum. This means that all classes will have mixed ability groups within them. Our learning programs are designed to meet the needs of each ability group.

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.

Staffing at Oakhill Drive Public School

Teachers work under an award and within industrial relations laws. Like other work environments, teaching staff have the right to work on a part-time basis. Some of our classes are taught by two teachers who job share. In this situation the class is introduced to two teachers from the onset, class rules and expectations, student goals are known by both teachers and all students in the class. Each teacher has a designated curriculum area to plan, teach, assess and report on. A regular timetable is followed. All teachers receive professional development and set individual learning goals through professional development plans. Our data indicates that students taught by teachers who job share are not disadvantaged academically, socially or emotionally.

Dates for your Diary

Week 9

Wednesday 11 December

Wellbeing Wednesday

Thursday 12 December

Legends Lunch – selected students only

Kindergarten Scienza Viva Incursion

Our Plate to Their Paddock – Food collection and assembly

K-2 Assembly – Hall 2:00pm

Friday 13 December

Years 2-6 Sport Celebration Assembly – school hall 9:30am

2020 Dance Auditions 1:10pm - 3:00pm

Week 10

Monday 16 December

3-6 Assembly – 11:20am

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Tuesday 17 December

Backup Summer PSSA 2020 Trials

Wednesday 18 December

Last Day of Term 4 for students

Term 1 Week 1 2020

Tuesday 28 January

Staff Development Day

Wednesday 29 January

Years 1-6 students return to school

10:00am Classes announced –

students move to new rooms for 2020

Kindy Best Start Assessment

Thursday 30 January

Kindy Best Start Assessment

Friday 31 January

Kindy Best Start Assessment

Summer PSSA – Final Trials

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 crossed the stage, yet every single one of them has made significant progress this year. All students have been recognised through weekly assemblies 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 Public School 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, Natalie Mesiti and Blane Steel. 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, and Annie Randell who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of our school and Trevor Bleakly, our general assistant, who ensures our facilities are beautifully presented every day of the year. I thank you, our parents, as 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.

Farewell and Thank you, Kim Davis. P&C President 2013-19

Our relationship with Kim ends after 6 children and 17 years of service to our school. During her association with us, Kim has led the P&C and worked harmoniously with the school to achieve our strategic directions. As a result of this partnership with our school, our students benefit from teachers and parents who are closely aligned. We thank Kim for her dedication, passion, drive and friendship.



Medication

Families leaving the school prior to **Wednesday 18 December 2019**, are reminded to pick up their medication from the office on their child's last day of school. Students 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 in 2020.

Uniforms

Parents of students in Years 5 and 6, in 2020, 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

Oakhill Drive Giving Tree: Food for farmers

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To all the wonderful Oakhill Drive families who have been so generous in their donations of food for the farmers. We have currently packed over 60 boxes of food. Tomorrow will be the last day for donations and on Thursday, Tahlia Cowan from her organisation 'From Our Plate to Their Paddock' will come to collect the food and speak to our students.

Tahlia is a local high school student who is determined to help others. If you would like to know more about Tahlia and her mission to help others please click on the link below from the Today Show. She is an amazing and inspiring young woman, sending a message that we can all make a difference. The link to the story is here

<https://9now.nine.com.au/today/tahlia-cowan-and-simone-cowen-campaign-to-help-australian-farmers-struggling-in-the-drought/cd85fbb8-772f-430a-bf90-c9c00edb5e22>



Wellbeing Wednesday is here!

Tomorrow our students will participate in a celebration of their learning about Wellbeing and Relationships. On this day each year, students revise the concepts taught in Positive Education lessons, which are reinforced in other areas of learning as well as through the way we do everything at Oakhill Drive.

Year 6 students have been very busy creating fun activities in each of the 5 aspects of wellbeing. K-5 students will carry a special Wellbeing Passport which will be stamped when they complete activities in each aspect. During the day students will watch a movie with a strong wellbeing message. We are excited about our 'Hands Up for Wellbeing' display on the grass near the flagpoles.

A couple of reminders for tomorrow:

- Students are to wear sport uniform
- Students may bring a drink and popcorn for the movie (no soft drink or glass bottles)
- Parents are welcome to come and contribute to the 'Hands Up for Wellbeing' display from 8:30am and 2:30pm.

We are looking forward to a great day!

Student Reports

Reports are now available on the parent portal. If you have not already registered, please refer to instructions later in this newsletter.

Helen Paris
Deputy Principal

Wellbeing – LEARN IT, LIVE IT, TEACH IT! Quality Relationships and Wellbeing



SCHOOLTV SPECIAL REPORT: Surviving Christmas

Many people see Christmas as a wonderful time of celebration and an opportunity to spend time with family and friends. However, there are some that view it as a time of stress and hardship. This may be due to a combination of things: financial pressures, relationship issues and, quite often, loneliness, making it a very challenging time.



SPECIAL REPORT
**Surviving
Christmas**
schooltv.me

Often the true meaning of Christmas can be lost due to commercial exploitation, but there are a number of things you can do to create a magical Christmas, without the financial burden. Creating or maintaining traditions can contribute to a sense of comfort and belonging.

Unfortunately for some, there is also an ugly side to Christmas. Support organisations often report an increase in the number of calls from people seeking help due to their inability to cope during this time. If you, or a loved one, is finding that it is all too much, then it is important to reach out to a trusted friend, family member or medical professional.

In this Special Report, parents and care givers will be presented with a number of ideas on how to achieve a stress-free Christmas and where to seek help should they need it. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:

https://oakhilldr-p.schools.nsw.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/surviving-christmas-au

Helen Paris
Deputy Principal

Presentation Assembly

Thank you to the many families who joined the school yesterday for our Presentation Assembly. Our outgoing 2019 student leadership team ran the assembly according to schedule and all spoke articulately and with enthusiasm for our school – thank you!

Thank you also to our Concert Band, String Ensemble, Senior Dance Troupe and the Stage 3 Choir, together with those that support and teach them. These performances were all outstanding.

Many students were recognised on this occasion for citizenship, academic achievement and progress. We hope that the class award winners enjoy their book prizes which were carefully selected by Mrs Ranaweera and Mrs McMunnigall. While not every student walked across the stage at Cherrybrook Technology High School yesterday, we know that all students are gaining an awareness of their own personal progress and achievements. We are very proud of every student – they have applied themselves with diligence to meet goals, making significant gains in learning and wellbeing throughout the year.

Non-Local Enrolments

The non-local enrolment panel meet 2 to 3 times each term to review any applications for enrolment at Oakhill Drive Public School for families that live outside our catchment area. All applications received to date have been processed. The next panel meeting will be held early in Term 1 2020.

Learning over the Summer break

We encourage all students to take a break over the Summer holidays; this is a great opportunity to be outside and have adventures. When families need some reprieve from the heat and a little quiet time, we recommend picking up a book to read. The Hills Shire Library is running their annual Summer Reading Adventure – libraries are a terrific place for families and we highly recommend frequent visits.



See <https://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Upcoming-Events-Activities/Summer-Reading-Adventure> for more information.

Julie Torney
Deputy Principal

3-6 Assembly

The Week 10 Assembly will be held on Monday 16 December at 11:20am. The dance troupes will be performing their Christmas items at this assembly. Final Gold and Silver Acorns will be presented at this assembly.

Kelly Cartwright
Assistant Principal

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Trash Free Tuesday

The K-2 Week 8 Trash Free Tuesday winner is KR with 63%.

The 3-6 Week 8 Trash Free Tuesday winner is 3A with 85%.

Congratulations to these classes!

Sustainability Committee

Miss Siratkov

Oakhill Drive Public School Honour Board

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Our Gold Acorn Award Winner ~



Jackson S Janithu R Leila Z Rory M Nicola G

Our Silver Acorn Award Winners ~

Aydin A George T Melody L Eunice S

Oakhill Drive Community Honour Board

Congratulations to the following students who are recognised for their outstanding achievements outside school.

Student	Achievement
Hannah K (4K)	Hannah achieved a Gold Medal and a new State Record at the State Relays for Throws held annually at Sydney Olympic Park. Hannah has been with the Hills District Little Athletics for 5 years. She also made the Representative Team for U 12 Basketball for Hills Hornets. Congratulations Hannah on your achievements. 
Jack Y (4W)	Jack recently won his Division 1 Saturday Morning Junior Tennis Competition for Term 4 at Eastwood Thornleigh District Tennis Association. Jack and his partner won the competition by a clear margin of 7 points, winning all but 1 round throughout the competition. Jack was also the youngest player in his division by a few years, with most players in Years 8-10. Congratulations on your achievement Jack. 

PSSA Summer Sports Celebration Assembly

We look forward to celebrating another huge year of sport at Oakhill Drive Public School at our Sports Celebration Assembly this Friday 13 December at 9:15am for a 9:30am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

PSSA Summer Finals

Congratulations to the boys' basketball team who made it to the finals last Friday. The basketball team narrowly lost 14 -12 to Glenhaven Public School, in a close game that ran into overtime.

The senior girls' softball team celebrated a draw, resulting in joint premiership for the Summer PSSA competition. A huge effort was made by the Oakhill Drive Public School softball team as they were down 6-0 in the first innings. After a mammoth effort the girls recovered to draw 7-7 against Winston Hills Public School. Congratulations to the Senior Girls' Softball team.

2020 PSSA Trials

PSSA trials for 2020 will take place over 2 days, this week and next. If there is poor air quality or severe heat, the trials will be postponed until Term 1, 2020. Currently sports will be trialled on the following days from 9:00am-10:55am. Any changes will be communicated via the Schoolbag App.

Thursday 12 December - Week 9

T-Ball - Miss Perger

Softball - Miss Chamberlain

Cricket - Mrs Barnett

Tuesday 17 December - Week 10

Touch Football Girls - Miss Binks

Touch Football Boys - Miss Lord

Basketball - Mr Wicks

Thank you for your flexibility and patience, regarding trial days. If your child is away or misses the trial day, they will have the opportunity to trial in Term 1.

Anna Chamberlain
PSSA Coordinator

BAZA

Last Tuesday Beecroft PSSA held their annual BAZA (Beecroft Award for Zone Achievement) presentation assembly at Normanhurst West Public School. Students can earn a BAZA under 4 different categories. This year two of our students received a BAZA. Congratulations to Nisini R (4C) and Evan K (6D).

Nisini: received her BAZA for being a 9-year-old who competed at the highest level for her age group. She competed at State Athletics.

Evan: received his BAZA for being a member of a team that won a state carnival. His Sydney North team won NSW PSSA Hockey.

Janelle Lord
Representative Sports Coordinator



Canteen News

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

Mon	16/12	Jenny M, David M, Cari M
Tues	17/12	Isabella, Bonita
Wed	18/12	Eva S, Mina

Please refer to Flexischools menu as we will be running down stock for the end of the year. Last day for lunch orders is next Tuesday 17 December. Lunch orders will not be available on the last day of school.

Christmas jelly is being sold at the canteen for 60c.

Melanie and Helen
Canteen Managers

Uniform Shop

TERM 4 – 2019 – SHOP HOURS

- Thursday 12 December – 8:30am to 9:30am

FLEXISCHOOLS ORDERS CAN BE MADE AT ANYTIME AND WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM ON THURSDAYS

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. **Cash only for items from the canteen.**

Georgina Brown
Uniform Shop Coordinator

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

If you have a child or children turning 5 or 6 in 2020, enrolment packs are now



available from the school office. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's school readiness please contact Ms Mesiti on 9634 1033.

Non returning enrolment

Should your child **not be returning** to Oakhill Drive Public School in 2020, please print and complete this section, and return it to school as soon as possible.

Child's name: _____ Class in 2019: _____

In 2020 my child will be attending _____



OAKHILL DRIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Carers

At Oakhill Drive Public School, parents can access their child's reports and awards records via the Parent Portal. Student reports include: Semesters 1 & 2 Class Reports, Band Reports, EAL Reports and Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) Best Start Reports.

As a new parent to Oakhill Drive Public School, you will need to register for the Parent Portal to have access to any information relevant to your child. After registering for access, no further action is needed and you can access at any time, especially when reports are available.

To access the portal, parents must have an email address registered with the school. This should have been provided to the school via your child's enrolment form. 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.

Please allow approximately one week from the day your child starts at Oakhill Drive Public School before you try to register for the portal. This will allow your child's details to come across to all the data systems in the school.

The Parent Portal can be accessed by following these instructions:

1. Go to the Parent Portal
<https://www.impromotion.com.au/portal4parents/?schid=4604>
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.

After the registration process is complete, parents can access the portal using their own email address as the Username and their newly set-up password.

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

Helen Paris
Deputy Principal

Community News

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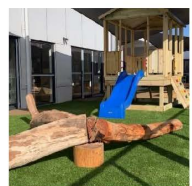
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Our mission

"We aspire to provide the best education and care, and create a nurturing environment for you and your child's individual needs"



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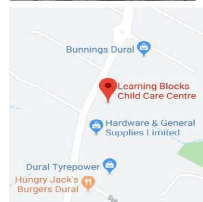
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OAKHILL DRIVE NETBALL CLUB
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Do you want to play Netball in 2020?

Oakhill Drive Netball Club is registered with the Baulkham Hills Shire Netball Association.

Registration opens to all new and returning players on 8th January 2020 at www.oakhillnetball.com

Our club will be accepting applications to register **players turning 7yrs and above in 2020**. Registrations will close on the 16th February 2020.

Players turning 7, 8 or 9 years play on a Friday night at Kellyville. Games commence from 6:30pm onwards. Competition commences on 8th May 2020.

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 6th April. Competition commences on 2nd May 2020.

Team Grading will be held on Sunday, 1st March 2020 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 - \$270 (7 to 14 Years), \$290 (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.





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Galston Aquatic and Leisure Centre

SCHOOL HOLIDAY INTENSIVE PROGRAM

JANUARY 2020

We will be running Intensive Learn to Swim programs for children of all ages during the January school holidays 2020.

The classes will be held in the mornings from 8.30am–12.30pm. Group lessons run for 30 mins each day.

BOOKINGS OPEN MONDAY 2nd December from 9:00am

Please phone 9847 6340. Full payment must be made upon booking

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEEK 1	Monday 6th Jan to Friday 10th Jan (5 days)
WEEK 2	Monday 13th Jan to Friday 17th Jan (5 days)
WEEK 3	Monday 20th Jan to Friday 24th Jan (5 days)
CARNIVAL PREP	Monday 20th Jan to Wed 22nd Jan (3 days)

COSTS

30 min group lesson	\$ 89.50
15 min private lesson	\$138.50
Carnival preparation	\$ 49.50

GALSTON AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE
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 9847 6340





Impalas Netball Club



Impalas Netball Club Registration opens 6th January 2020 and can be made via our website www.impalas.com.au.

Active kids vouchers can be redeemed to reduce fees. Free training shirt if registered by 7th February 2020.

Training is at Coolong Courts Castle Hill. Games are played at Commercial Rd Kellyville. 7, 8 & 9 years play Friday nights and 10 years and above play Saturdays.

Any questions please contact our junior Registrar Dana at juniormpalasregistrar@gmail.com or for general enquires Larissa at President@impalasnetball.com.au



Keep up to date via Impalas Netball Team App.





Pennant Hills December & January School Holiday Cricket Clinics

Venue: Pennant Hills Oval, Britannia St Pennant Hills.
Time: 9am-3pm. **Age:** 5-14.
Cost: \$40 per day or \$105 per child for 3 days.

December & January Dates:

Thursday 19th & Monday 23rd December, Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th & Friday 10th. Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th, Friday 17th, Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th & Tuesday 28th January.

Cricket Clinics Include:



Batting – Drives cuts & pull shots!



Batting & bowling in the nets!



Bowling – Fast, swing & spin bowling!



Catching & fielding drills!



Games of hit & run cricket and a fun game of Twenty20 cricket!

Bookings: To book your child into a fun cricket clinic email your child's name, age, school, parents name, contact number & the day they would like to attend to pennocricketclinic@gmail.com or call 0449 164 805.





SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

This summer, your kids can be cool and keep their bodies busy at our popular school holiday programs.

NEW Holiday multi-sport (age 6-10), gymnastics (age 5-12) and swimming programs (age 4-15)

Kids can bounce, balance and tumble around the gymnastics hall, jump in the pool, and get active with a variety of summer sports with our multi-sport, gymnastics and swimming classes.



Our multi-sport program is the ultimate sampler for engaging sports and games. It offers a wide range of physical activities and games which will develop fundamental movement and sporting skills.



Gymnastics offers three-hour workshops designed to teach your child technical gymnastics skills. Focusing on drills and skills for two apparatus' each day, participants will enjoy increasing motor skills and building their gymnastics ability.



Swimming classes range from learn-to-swim to more advanced levels. Individual and group lessons/clinics are available.

Macquarie University Vacation care

Our vacation care program has something for everyone: indoor and outdoor activities and excursions, arts and crafts, drama, cooking and games. It's hands off devices and hands-on fun.

Want more information? Visit our website: mq.edu.au/about/holidays

All parents and volunteers please remember to sign in and out at the Front Office each time you visit the school to work with students. Also please ensure you have completed an Appendix 5 form available at the office. This only needs to be done once and covers all the years you help at the school provided it is continuous service.

Supervision of Students

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

8:40am-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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