

Dear Parents/Carers

FOOD FOR FARMERS CHRISTMAS APPEAL: BEGINS WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019



We invite the community to join us in donating non-perishable foods to the drought appeal. Please throw a few extra non-perishable goods into the shopping trolley at

your next shop. These goods will be given to 'Our Plate to Their Paddocks'. Further information follows in the newsletter.

Summer Holidays:

Last day for students Wednesday 18 December 2019.

School resumes:

Year 1-6 Wednesday 29 January 2020.
Kindergarten begins Monday 3 February 2020.



Wellbeing Wednesday 11 December 2019

We culminate the learning we have achieved this year in our wellbeing program with a celebration on Wednesday. We are laying strong foundations at Oakhill Drive Public School and are pleased with the impact we are having on our students. As I read reports of Semester 2 achievements I'm delighted to read phrases such as; confidence to participate, great understanding of respect and fairness, draws on personal strengths in moments of adversity, persistent and optimistic.

We are also learning about giving. Giving can be through an action or a deed. This year we are giving non-perishable goods to the drought appeal but giving can also be of one's time, a smile an act of kindness. Giving releases endorphins, which makes us feel good. I thank Mrs Paris and the wellbeing team for their ongoing commitment to ensuring our students are mindful of their wellbeing. This is not another program. It's a way of life.

Thank You, Morning Tea - Thursday 5 December 2019, 10:30am

All parents who have assisted us in any way this year are invited to attend our thank you morning tea in our hall. If you are unable to join us, please know how much we appreciate your contribution to our school. You are what makes this such a wonderful community that we are lucky to be a part of. Together we are raising these children to have the very best future possible. We are their village!

Dates for your Diary

Week 8

Wednesday 4 December

Kindy & 1S Gymnastics – double sessions

Thursday 5 December

3-6 Assembly – Hall 1:50pm
Helpers Thank You Morning Tea – Hall 10:30am

Friday 6 December

Scripture – Combined
Christmas Service & Ethics
Summer PSSA Grand Finals

Week 9

Monday 9 December

K-6 Presentation Day Assembly
– Cherrybrook Technology High School 11:00am

Tuesday 10 December

Summer PSSA 2020 Trials

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

Final Scripture, Friday 6 December 2019

This week we have the combined scripture assembly for participating faiths. I thank all the lay teachers who have volunteered to teach our students this year, wish them a Merry Christmas and look forward to their return in 2020.

Planning for 2020

Planning for 2020 is well underway and as always it is critical that we receive information to assist us in this process. **If you are planning on withdrawing your child/ren from the school at the end of this year, you must advise us in writing now. Also, please advise us in writing, if your child/ren will be late to start the new school year.** It is a government requirement that we are informed of the school your children will be attending in the future. Also, if you have a child beginning Kindergarten next year or know of a neighbour with a child starting school, please ensure the school office is contacted regarding enrolment.

At this time, we are expecting 735 students to attend Oakhill Drive Public School in 2019. We are expecting 92 Kindergarten students; however, we are exiting 118 Year 6 students and 13 students to Opportunity Class, in addition to the few families who are relocating from the Castle Hill area. This means we will be forming 28 classes. We are only five students off forming the 29th class. It is for this reason that families keep us well informed of their intentions to return to Oakhill Drive Public School in 2020. If we don't get the 5 students before the start of the new school year, we will need to restructure the school (class formations) when we do get those students.

Staffing 2020

At this time, I'd like to inform the community that Annette Davidson, a long serving member of our school will be retiring at the end of this year. We thank Annette for her fourteen years of service to the students and families of Oakhill Drive Public School. We acknowledge and appreciate her dedication to students, her professional approach to teaching and her collegiality. Cat Lee and Angela Nowland, both temporary teachers in our school, have decided to look for work closer to home from 2020. We thank them too, for their service to our students. We wish these teachers the very best in 2020.

Semester 2 Reports

These will be available to parents from next week through the parent portal. Parents who would like to schedule an appointment to speak with teachers either face to face or over the phone are invited to contact teachers via the school office.

OPAL Card usage

I have received a letter from the bus company urging me to remind bus users to tap on and off the bus daily. In order to justify and maintain the bus service to our school, Hills Bus, must supply data to Transport NSW of patronage. This data is predominantly via the OPAL card. Please ensure your children have their OPAL card with them every day and use these appropriately.

Year 2 Swimming Scheme

This very worthwhile program began last week. Ten days of intensive tuition is extremely effective in improving students' swimming skills. Furthermore, it begins to teach students important life skills such as independence and responsibility. Please allow your children to practice skills such as towel drying themselves, getting dressed independently, brushing their own hair and packing their own bag. I expect that these students will sleep very well over these weeks. Many thanks to our coordinating teachers and the teachers who have volunteered to get in the pool with our students

Betty Ploeg
Principal

Annual Giving Tree – Food for Framers – ‘Our Plate to Their Paddock’

As part of our end of year celebrations, we are collecting non-perishable food items to send to our farmers. A ‘Giving Tree’ is displayed on the wall of the admin block and we invite all parents and students to donate some food items and put them under the tree. These will be given to the charity ‘Our Plate to Their Paddock’ and distributed to farming families experiencing hardship from the drought. We would especially appreciate Christmas related food products. Our wish is to bring them some cheer during the holiday period. Let’s send a huge show of support to our fellow Australians who are doing it tough. We thank you in anticipation of your generosity.



Students Reports.

Student end of year reports are currently being finalised and will be available to parents via the Parent Portal early next week. A Skoolbag app notification will be sent out when reports are accessible on the portal. If you have not accessed the portal, please do so as soon as possible to ensure that you will be able to see the reports. To access the portal, please follow the directions at the end of the newsletter. Please contact the school if you have any concerns with the portal registration process.

All students, with the exception of newly enrolled students, will receive a report on the portal. Newly enrolled students will be contacted by the class teacher before the end of term to discuss their child’s progress in transitioning to our school. Students who started at Oakhill Drive at the end of Term 3 will receive an Interim Report, outlining their progress in English and Maths as well as a general comment. Some students with specific needs may receive a Personalised Report. Students who participate in the English as an Additional Language (EAL) program will have a separate EAL report on the portal, as well as their class report. Documents in other languages will accompany the EAL report, which explain this report. Band reports will also be available on the portal. Teachers give considerable time and thought to preparing each student’s report, so please take time to read all reports carefully and contact your child’s class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Helen Paris
Deputy Principal



Wellbeing – LEARN IT, LIVE IT, TEACH IT!

Quality Relationships and Wellbeing

Wellbeing Wednesday

On Wednesday 11 December, we will be holding Wellbeing Wednesday, a day when the school comes together to celebrate learning in Positive Education. This year, students have been focusing on:

- Values, such as kindness and forgiveness
- character strengths
- managing emotions
- positive relationships
- aspects of wellbeing
- optimistic thinking.

WINNING WAYS TO WELLBEING



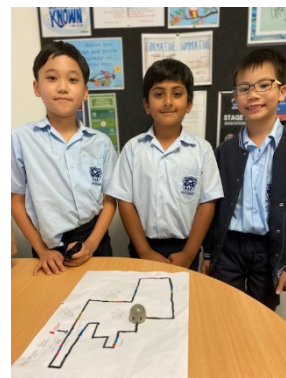
Learning occurs in specific lessons, is integrated into other key learning areas and is embedded across many of the things that we do at school every day. Whole school events included Harmony & Kindness Day, RUOK day, Education Week displays, parent workshops and will conclude with Wellbeing Wednesday.

On Wellbeing Wednesday, students will participate in fun activities to revise the concepts covered during the year, create a ‘Hands Up for Wellbeing’ display, participate in wellbeing activities which are developed and led by Year 6 students and enjoy a movie with a strong wellbeing/relationships message. All students may like to bring some popcorn or a popper to enjoy during the movie.

Parents are also invited to come and add to the display before school and from 2:30pm. Handprints will be available for parents to write wellbeing practices that they do in any of the five areas of social, emotional, cognitive, physical and spiritual. We would love you to come to school a few minutes earlier on this day to be part of Wellbeing Wednesday. It will be so inspiring for our students to see ways that adults also look after their wellbeing.

Robotics & Coding

Students in Stage 2 have been learning about coding in Science & Technology this term. They have been using a range of resources including Ozobots. This resource does not need a computer or iPad to program it but instead, Ozobots follow lines and read colour codes. By learning a new language such as the colour coding system for Ozobots, students can plan, trial and adjust the instructions as needed. Coding promotes problem solving and design skills and also teaches an appreciation of what computers can and can't do. Jake, Brandon and Neelay shared their Ozobot program with me and were able to articulate how coding and robotics could be useful in real world situations.



Presentation Day Assembly

We will hold our end of year Presentation Day Assembly at Cherrybrook Technology High School on Monday 9 December. Some students in each class will be recognised by an award during this assembly. Our student leadership team (Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects) will also be announced.

All students are required to wear full summer school uniform (not sport uniform) on this day.

As communicated in the permission note, all students are required to travel to and from Cherrybrook Technology High School by bus. A copy of the permission note can be found on our school website in the 'School Notes' tab.

Julie Torney
Deputy Principal

Notes Due	
Year 6 First Aid Course	Tuesday 3 December
2020 Summer PSSA Trials – Yrs 3-5 (2019)	Thursday 5 December

3-6 Assemblies

In Week 8, we will have as 2 classes performing their assembly items (5/6M & 4C), as well as Legends' awards to present. Please note that the assembly in Week 8 will start at 1:50pm.

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.

Kelly Cartwright
Assistant Principal

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

Gold and Platinum Certificates for the Premier's Reading Challenge will be presented at the special 3-6 Assembly on the Monday 16 December at 11:20am.

Ms Insuasti
PRC Co-ordinator

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 returning in 2020, 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.

2020 Dance Auditions

On Friday 13 December, from lunch time, Mr Aaron John and Miss Chamberlain will be running auditions for the junior, hip hop and senior dance troupes for 2020. These troupe will not be finalised until Term 1 next year, to allow new students or students who are absent on this day to audition.

Students from the current Years 2-5 are invited to audition in the hall on this day. Announcements will be made for students to come down to the hall for the relevant troupe. **We would encourage the students who want to audition to remain in the COLA for that lunch time so they do not miss the announcement for their audition.** The following grades will be able to audition for the dance troupes:

Junior – Current Year 2 & 3 students

Hip Hop – Current Year 2, 3, 4 & 5 Students

Senior – Current Year 4 & 5 students

If your child is away on the day of the audition and they wish to audition next year, please advise the school in writing via email.

Miss Chamberlain
Dance Coordinator

Trash Free Tuesday

The K-2 Week 7 Trash Free Tuesday winner is 2S with 75%.

The 3-6 Week 7 Trash Free Tuesday winner is 4D with 88%.

Congratulations to these classes!

Sustainability Committee
Miss Siratkov

Talent Show Auditions

Auditions for dance, music, singing and gymnastics are being held over Week 8. Students have been asked to sign up for these on the library windows. This a fun low-key student event.

The talent show is for the viewing of children and teachers only, as limited space prevents us from inviting parents to this event. Students need to be prepared and must have practised their item prior to the audition. We look forward to viewing our students' talent.

Cathryn Lee
Coordinating Teacher

2020 PSSA and Home Sport

Due to the large number of students and the limited school grounds we have at Oakhill Drive Public School, PSSA and home sport will change format in 2020. This change was ratified by the P&C.

From next year, only students in Years 4-6 will be able to trial and participate in PSSA competitions. In 2020, Year 3 students will participate in a separate home sport program and will be involved in a Swim School Scheme as part of their sport. Year 3 sport will not run on Fridays. This is to ensure that there is ample space for all students to safely and actively participate in sport.

Students in Years 4-6 not selected for a PSSA team will participate in a home sport program aimed at developing specific skills required for different sports. Further information will be provided early in 2020. We thank you for your support in transitioning to this new format of sport at our school. We hope that this structure will allow all students to safely, enthusiastically and actively participate in sport.

2020 PSSA Trials

Summer PSSA trials for students in Years 3-5 this year will be held on Tuesday 10 December (Week 9) this term. This is to alleviate the time pressures of trialling in Term 1. **During Week 9, only students who have completed and submitted the trial note will participate in Summer PSSA trials for 2020.** A note was sent home last week and a copy can be found on the school website under the 'School Notes' tab.

Miss Chamberlain
Sports Coordinator

PSSA Summer 2019

PSSA Sport – 6 December Grand Final Week	
Sport	Venue
Touch Football (Boys and Girls)	Dural Park to play sport
Cricket	
T-Ball (Boys and Girls)	
Basketball Boys – Grand Final/Girls Supporting	Fred Caterson
Softball Girls – Grand Final/Boys Supporting	Castle Glen Reserve

Anna Chamberlain
Sport Coordinator

2020 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 are expected 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 Representative Sport Coordinator and 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 zone trials are held after school within the local area. It is parent responsibility to transport your child to the various venues.

The following is a list of the sports:

- **Girls and Boys:** Basketball, cricket, diving, golf, hockey, netball, orienteering, soccer, softball, tennis, touch football, water polo
- **Boys only:** AFL, rugby league, rugby union

If your child meets the criteria to be nominated as a possible school representative at a trial, please send in the following details to Miss Lord:

- Child's name, class, age, date of birth

- Chosen representative sport
- Local club and representative teams – name of club/s, current competing age group, division, number of years played
- Positions played.

Janelle Lord
Representative Sport Coordinator

Canteen News

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

Mon	9/12	Dana C, Laura G
Tues	10/12	Tradia, Jieun H, Meg p
Wed	11/12	Caroline J, Anna M
Thurs	12/12	Jo P, Carolyn L, Clare D
Fri	13/12	Varsha L, Carol D

As the end of the year approaches, food items will be reduced. Any changes will be reflected in the Flexischools menu.

The last day for Flexischools orders will be Tuesday 17 December. The canteen will be open on the last day of school for drinks and snacks only.

Melanie and Helen
Canteen Managers

Uniform Shop

TERM 4 – 2019 – SHOP HOURS

- Thursday 5 December - Flexischools Orders (Shop Closed)
- **Thursday 12 December – 8:30am to 9:30am**
- Thursday 19 December – Flexischools Orders (Shop Closed)

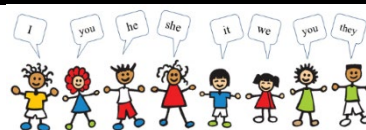
FLEXISCHOOLS ORDERS CAN BE MADE AT ANYTIME AND WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR CHILDS CLASSROOM ON THURSDAY'S

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

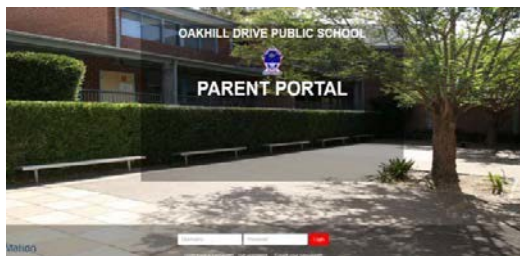
ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

If you have a child or children that are 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.





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

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 _____

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FAMILY DISCOUNT
FOR 2+ KIDS

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TWO FUN FILLED DAYS
OF GAMES, CRAFT, MUSIC
AND BIBLE LESSONS
FROM KINDY TO YEAR 5

WITH SEPARATE
YOUTH PROGRAM
FOR YEARS 6-9

AT CHERRYBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE
(ABOVE GREENWAY PARK)

REGISTER ONLINE AT
CHERRYBROOKANGLICAN.ORG.AU

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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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