

The Oaktree

OAKHILL DRIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

Parenting Ideas

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators.

Give kids a thumbs up for the right things

Children of all ages enjoy parental recognition. They like when their parents make a fuss over their behaviour or highlight something they've done well. Sometimes parents will reward their children's behaviour with a treat, money or a gift. This is okay in small doses, but parental recognition alone is a high enough driver of children's behaviour most of the time.



First borns, in particular, love approval. Youngest children just love that you have noticed them! Second borns, can sometimes do things in spite of their parents, but deep down they love the recognition too, even if they don't let on that they do.

The behaviour you focus on expands

If you want your kids to be neater then focus on their neat behaviours. "You've tidied your toys up before dinner. Top job!" You don't have to throw a party, just let them know that you noticed and you approve of their tidiness. You may also let them know how it affects you. "You've tidied your toys up before dinner. It makes my job easier." The behaviours that you notice and comment on will expand. Noticing kids' tidiness once won't suddenly turn messy kids into exceptionally neat ones, but do it often enough and you'll start to get some turn around. You can give kids a thumbs up for all sorts of behaviours. Here's some examples.

Being co-operative

Stubborn kids need a pat on the head when they respond on your terms not theirs.

Being brave

Nervous and anxious kids need to have their bravery pointed out to them. It's reassuring and empowering.

Being helpful

Want helpful kids? Then you need to notice helpful behaviours.

Being tolerant

Sometimes older siblings need to be very tolerant of younger siblings. Tolerance is a very giving behaviour and should be promoted.

Dates for your Diary - Term 4

Week 6

Monday 16 November

Selective High School Yr7 2022
Application Closing Date

Tuesday 17 November

Trash Free Tuesday
Announcement of 2021 House
Captain Nominees

Wednesday 18 November

Yr6 Surf Ed Manly Beach
OC Test
ODPS Band Gala Night @ CTHS
(via Zoom)

Thursday 19 November

Burundi Day For Richard
(Gold coin donation)
Wear Mufti: **Red Green & White**

Friday 20 November

House Captain Speeches
Scripture & Ethics

Week 7

Tuesday 24 November

Trash Free Tuesday
Kindy Drama Incursion

Wednesday 25 November

Yr5 - First Aid Training

Thursday 26 November

Yr6 - First Aid Training
Kindy 2021 Transition (Session 1)

Friday 27 November

Scripture & Ethics

Week 8

Tuesday 1 December

Trash Free Tuesday
Yr6 High School Orientation

Thursday 3 December

Kindy 2021 Transition (Session 2)

Friday 4 December

Scripture & Ethics

Being patient

Something to encourage in boys, in particular. It's often not their strong point.

Being persistent

Let kids know when 'hanging in there' pays off, the link between persistence and success is massive but persistence needs to be promoted. It's also the one factor of temperament that can be affected by parenting.

Being friendly

If your child struggles in social situations then recognise pro-social behaviours such as sharing, initiating contact with another child or taking an interest in another person. Don't wait until you get perfect behaviour to give recognition, particularly for very young children. Kids have L-plates when it comes to behaving (co-operatively, bravely, patiently) so their attempts and close approximations need to be verified by the significant adults in their lives – their parents. Recognising kids' positive behaviours is easy to do, but it's also easy not to do. We often get tied up with other things and forget to show appreciation and nurture the behaviours our kids need to develop. It's important to be aware of this. It's the little things such as giving positive recognition that have the biggest impact on kids' development.

Minimising Risk of Covid-19 Transmission - Still Current

- **Schools should continue to exclude students and staff with mild cold and flu symptoms (such as sore throat, sneezing, coughing or temperature). These are mild symptoms of COVID-19 and are asked to seek testing immediately. Parents of symptomatic children will still need to provide evidence of a negative result on their child's return to school.**
- In the case of seasonal allergic rhinitis or other condition that presents similarly to COVID-19 and in the presence of continuing symptoms, **the child will need a negative COVID-19 test result and a letter from their GP confirming that the child should be permitted to return to school.** If the child's symptoms change from their usual symptoms, repeat COVID-19 testing should be performed.
- Non-essential adults should continue to be excluded from school unless involved directly in delivery of curriculum activities or health services. All teachers, coaches and volunteers should continue to ensure they maintain physical distancing during, before and after school or sporting activities.
- Good hand hygiene practices should continue to be supported along with the other measures outlined in the school and community sports COVID-19 Safety Plan.



Planning for 2020

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.

Non-Returning Enrolment

Should your child/ren **not be returning** to Oakhill Drive Public School in 2021, please print and complete this section and return it to school as soon as possible.

Child/ren's Name/s: _____

Class in 2020: _____

In 2021 my child/ren will be attending _____

Kindergarten Enrolments 2021

Due now. Please complete an online enrolment form now or contact our school for further assistance. The Department of Education enrolment form can be found here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment/primary-school-enrolment>

Further information can be found on our website:

<https://oakhilldr-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

Betty Ploeg
Principal

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2021

If you have a child or children turning 5 or 6 in 2021, School Enrolment Forms are now available on the school website, under the ENROLMENT Tab please click on this link <https://oakhilldr-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



Athletics Sports Days

Years 3-6 had their Athletics Sports Day on Thursday. The weather was perfectly sunny and the oval was dry. The students showed great sportsmanship as they participated in sprints, relays, 800m, modified shotput and other fun activities. All students showed enthusiasm throughout the day. It was very pleasing to see house spirit with students encouraging each other to compete to their best as an individual or as a house group.

On Friday, K-2 had mixed weather experiences for their Sports Day. The students showed great resilience in having to stop their carnival as a storm passed. After recess, their fun continued. For some students, they earned their first sports ribbon. It was a fun day, full of many enjoyable athletic related activities. Thanks to the Year 6 sport captains who assisted on this day.

Congratulations to all students who received a ribbon and to everyone at Oakhill Drive for great sportsmanship shown, team work and congratulatory comments towards each other over the 2 days.

Janelle Lord and Sarah Driscoll
Athletics Sport Day Coordinators



Student Awards

*Oakhill Drive Public School
Honour Board*

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Our Gold Acorn Award Winners

Amelia B	Hollie J	Paige W	Emma C	Gemma M	Isaac L
Timothy C	Aydin A	Hannah L	Clara S	Hannah Y	Justin W
	Yena L	Joey W	Eunice S		

Our Silver Acorn Award Winners

Mackenzie P	Sienna S	Jenaya L	Eva C	Matilda C	Jayden T
Jasmine C	Leah S	Stuti P	Matthew H	Savandi W	Chloe O
	Will M	Poppy B	Ashvin Y	Grace McM	



Sunflowers with Trevor

This Term each Kindy class has created a Garden to maintain with Trevor. This was linked into our Geography program for the Term. Trevor has done a fabulous job and the kids are enjoying watching them grow.



Ashleigh Steed
Classroom Teacher

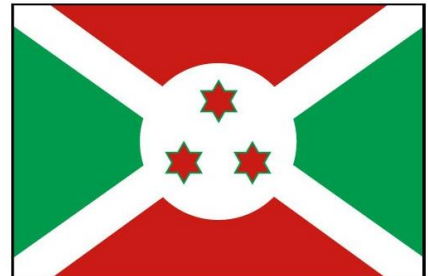
Burundi Day for Richard - Mufti Day

On **Thursday 19 November**, the SRC will be holding a mufti day to raise money for Richard, our World Vision sponsor child in Burundi.

In order to inform students more about Richard we encourage them all to wear the colours of Burundi's flag of **red**, **green** and **white**.

As we are raising money for Richard's sponsorship for 2020, a gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

Please be reminded that enclosed shoes and clothing that cover shoulders should be worn.



Rebecca Cameron
Classroom Teacher

Uniform Shop

Flexischools uniform orders will close midday 8 December. If you needed to order uniforms for 2021, you will need to place your order prior to this date.

There will be an opportunity to purchase uniforms though Flexischools over the Christmas holiday break however, your order will not arrive until the first week of Term 1 2021.

Georgina Brown
Uniform Shop Coordinator



High Performing Students Team

Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry

in 2022

Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for
a government selective
high school for Year 7
in 2022?

You must apply online at:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/
public-schools/selective-high-
schools-and-opportunity-
classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



Key Dates

Application website opens:
13 October 2020

Application website closes:
16 November 2020
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice
released:
25 February 2021

Selective High School placement test:
11 March 2021

Placement outcome information released:
2 July 2021

**Please read this booklet carefully before
applying.**

**From this year, you will be able to log
into your application to send and
receive messages and notices.**

There may be changes to the procedures
in this document. Check the website at
education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly for
updates throughout the application and
placement process.

Please check the website for information
before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367
Postal Address: GPO BOX 33, SYDNEY NSW 2001

Facebook:
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/
772251106301086/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/)

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at <https://transportnsw.infor/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>



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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.

All parents at Oakhill Drive Public School, 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.

If you are a new parent, 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 you child's details to come across to all the data systems in the school. It is recommended that parents who have registered previously, check their access at this time.

The Parent Portal can be accessed by following these instructions:

1. Go to the Parent Portal
<https://www.impromation.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.

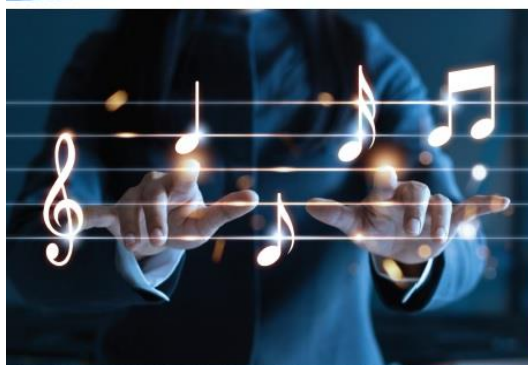
Helen Paris
Deputy Principal

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

**This summer, your kids can fire up their imaginations and keep
their hands and minds busy at our popular school holiday programs.**

Holiday gymnastics and swimming programs

Kids can bounce, balance and tumble around the gymnastics hall, or jump in the pool with our swimming classes which range from learn-to-swim to more advanced levels (4 to 15 years of age). Individual and group lessons/clinics are available.

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.

Junior Science Academy

Switch on their curiosity at our Junior Science Academy with fun, hands-on experiments in classes for students from kindergarten to Year 6.

RoboCamps

Build robots and learn to drive them with the Thunder Down Under robotics team. Fun, educational and professionally run, these classes are ideal for children in Years 1-7. **Creative Kids vouchers** (value is \$100) can be claimed for any robotics or coding class. Apply through ServiceNSW for your child's voucher).

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Attention Parents

Please remember we do not encourage parents onto the school grounds. If you need to visit for any reason – please call ahead first. Once on grounds please ensure to sign in each time you enter for COVID-19 Tracking.

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.



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