

Dear Parents and Carers,



Behaviour Code for Students

In NSW public school students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class expectations and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standard in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the schools' uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our school
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in the school

As a primary school we nurture, guide and teach students between the ages of 4.5 – 13 years. When we teach the three 'Rs' and students make an error in spelling or maths, we reteach the concept and practice until mastery. This also applies to behaviour. Students in their formative years will make mistakes in behaviour. As partners in our children's learning, we (you and us) have the responsibility to teach and reteach behaviour that is socially acceptable. At school if the behaviour persists we establish support mechanisms, such as behaviour plans, risk assessments and social skills programs to support students. Sometimes students must face consequences for their choices, apologise and make good with the people their behaviour has affected. Our K-6 teachers take their classes on playground tours every term and explain/ remind students of our expectations in all locations of the school. Wrestling, tackling and war games are not permitted in any playground at any time. 767 students play in our school. All students must adhere to school expectations.

Dates for your Diary - Term 2

Week 5

NAPLAN Year 3 & Year 5
(17– 21 May)

Monday 17 May

1B, 1J & 1W Gibberagong
Excursion
PAIR Reading
Hatching Chicks & Ducklings

Tuesday 18 May

Trash Free Tuesday

Wednesday 19 May

PAIR Reading

Thursday 20 May

Yr4 & 3/4P Clean-Up Day
3D & 3A Swim School
K-2 Assembly

Friday 21 May

Walk Safely to School Day
Scripture
Winter PSSA

Week 6

Tuesday 25 May

Trash Free Tuesday
Stage 3 Interrelate Program
(5-8pm)

Wednesday 26 May

Zone Cross Country
PAIR Reading

Thursday 27 May

EAL/D Café
3D & 3A Swim School
K-2 Assembly

Friday 28 May

Scripture
Winter PSSA

No Knives at School

There is no good reason to bring a knife to school. NSW now has the toughest knife laws in Australia. As a parent, you need to be aware of these laws, as you can also be charged if you allow your child to carry a knife.

If a student has a knife at school the principal may call the police. The student may be expelled or suspended immediately.

Possessing a knife includes your child simply having one in their bag or locker. Having a knife for self-protection is also illegal.

Tough penalties apply for children convicted of knife offences, including gaol sentences of up to 25 years if someone is injured with a knife during an assault. Every child has the right to feel safe and secure at school. There is no good reason for a child to ever have a knife at school.

For more information please see the parent fact sheet:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/inside-the-department/health-and-safety/media/documents/FACT222_NOKNIVESATSCHOOLPARENTS_V1.pdf

Attendance Matters

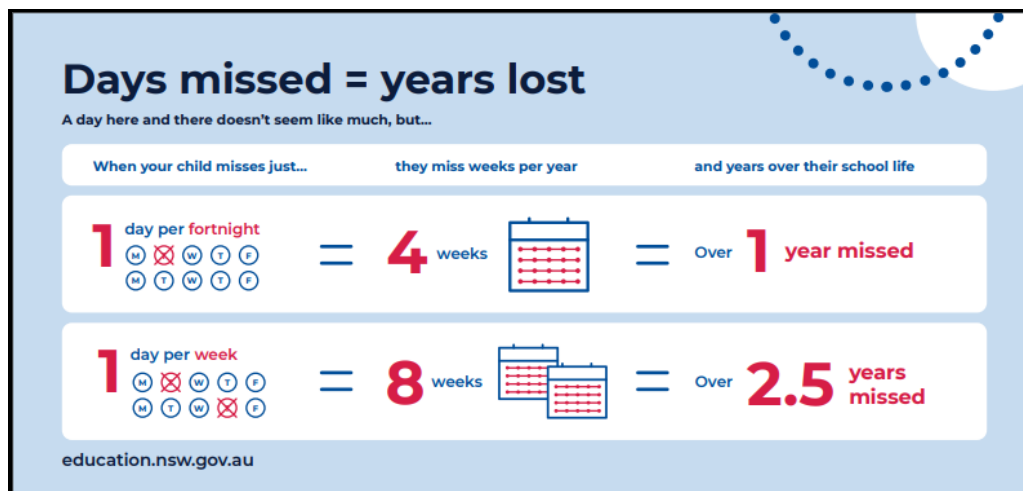
Missing school means your child misses out on vital information and maintaining learning routines. This can result in a loss of confidence and missing out on forming vital friendships.

Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or care-giver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sports days unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to your child's teacher or executive staff. If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please either tell your child's teacher or the administration assistant at our school, or explain the reason by phone, email, or written note as soon as possible and within seven days.

Regular attendance ensures students are present for all learning, maintain social connections with the peers and teachers and develop life-long skills such responsibility, resilience, time management and collaboration.



Reporting to Parents

Teachers at Oakhill Drive Public school gather formative assessments daily as evidence of student learning. This serves to inform their teaching for the next lesson as well as determine student achievement at regular periods. Teachers are given time together to review and compare this information as well as common assessments to develop consistent teacher judgement across the grade and stage. These conversations occur between teachers every 5 weeks.

This information will be used by teachers to report to parents on student progress in the semester one report. At the end of term two, parents will find their child's electronic report through the parent portal. Parents are invited to speak with the class teacher at any time of the year regarding their child's progress. This can be done in person or over the phone. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Excursions

Costs relating to excursions are included in your term invoices. In addition to this we seek written permission from you to take your child/ren off site. Payment does not equal permission. Excursion costs are not part of your voluntary contributions. If you wish your child to attend the excursion then payment is expected. We will take hardship into consideration, if we are aware, and work with you to reach an agreeable resolution. Many excursions are coming up, please check your bank statement and receipts to confirm you have paid these.

Mandarin Language Classes

Students who attend Mandarin Language classes meet at the bubblers near the canteen every Wednesday afternoon. Here they are supervised by their language teachers until they are moved to their classrooms.

Please remind your children to go directly to this location at 3pm. The Department of Education's behaviour code and the values of ODPS apply during these lessons.



Limited COVID-19 Restrictions Still Apply

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.



Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms and have been tested should self-isolate until a negative result is received. Location of testing clinics are available via the NSW COVID-19 testing clinics website.

All visitors to the school site must be well and symptom free, comply with sign-in arrangements, and the 1.5m physical distancing requirements.

Betty Ploeg
Principal

Collecting Students During School Hours

Parents needing to collect their child/ren from school during school hours, please ensure to do so **before** recess (**11:00am-11:20am**) or **before** lunch time (**1:00pm-2:00pm**). It is difficult to locate the children during their eating and play time.

Pam Stallard
(Relieving) School Administration Manager

Interrelate Program Stage 2 & 3

The NSW PDHPE Syllabus includes teaching changes associated with puberty (physical and emotional) to students in Stages 2 and 3. Parents play a very important role in teaching children about these concepts. We highly recommend parents enrol in the Interrelate program to support learning about these topics together in addition to learning that occurs at school.



This year, the Interrelate program goes online! Interrelate is an annual family program that empowers students to understand their body and to have a positive healthy relationship with their body. We strongly encourage participation with these online courses for students in Stage 2 and 3 as they provide valuable information on puberty, personal safety and protective behaviour using language your child understands and can relate to.

To find out more information regarding upcoming sessions, please click on the links below

Thursday 27 May <https://events.humanitix.com/interrelate-family-evening-program-27th-may-2021>

Wednesday 16 June <https://events.humanitix.com/interrelate-family-evening-program-16th-june-2021>

Mrs Jones
Interrelate Coordinator

National Walk Safely to School Day

Now in its 22nd year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Oakhill Drive students and families are encouraged to participate in this event on **Friday 21 May**.



The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

Amy Perger
Class Teacher

Notes Due	
Details	Due Date
EAL/D Parent & Grandparent Café	Thursday 20 May
Athletics Carnival Years 2-6	Thursday 3 June
Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion	Friday 11 June

PSSA Winter Opposition Team & Location for Weeks 5 (Fri 21 May) & Week 6 (Fri 28 May)

Term Week	Round	Date	Netball Bus 1		Soccer Bus 2		AFL Bus 3		Newcombe Ball Bus 4	
			Location	Opposition	Location	Opposition	Location	Opposition	Location	Opposition
Term 2 Week 5	4	21 May	Kellyville Netball Courts		Dural Park, Quarry Rd, Dural	Sherwood Ridge	Hills Centenary Park Field 4	Glenhaven	Excelsior School	Excelsior
Term 2 Week 6	5	28 May	Kellyville Netball Courts		Eric Mobbs Excelsior Ave, Castle Hill	Excelsior	Hills Centenary Park Field 5	Winston Heights	Oakhill Drive School	Castle Hill

PSSA Results – Friday 14 May 2021			
SPORT	OPPOSITION	RESULT	SCORE
Junior A Netball	Carlingford West	Win	12 – 4
Junior B Netball	Carlingford West	Win	12 – 1
Junior C Netball	North Rocks	Loss	0 - 11
Senior A Netball	Crestwood	Win	12 – 2
Senior B Netball	Crestwood	Loss	7 – 12
Senior C Netball	Kellyville	Loss	0 – 11
Junior Newcombe Ball	Baulkham Hills	Win	63 – 26
Senior Newcombe Ball	Baulkham Hills	Win	63 – 29
Junior Soccer Boys	Castle Hill	Loss	2 – 1
Senior Soccer Boys	Castle Hill	Win	4 – 3
Junior Girls Soccer	Castle Hill	Draw	0 - 0
Senior Girls Soccer	Castle Hill	Win	5 - 0
Junior AFL	Winston Hills	Win	68 – 3
Senior AFL	Winston hills	Win	84 - 3

Janelle Lord
PSSA Sport Coordinator

PSSA - Codes of Behaviour: Parent Concerns

Over the past couple of weeks, CHPSSA conveners and executive have been fielding complaints with regards to inappropriate parent conduct at our weekly PSSA towards students, teachers and volunteers.



Below is a copy of the 'Parents' Code' to highlight the expectations at our weekly PSSA competitions.

As a school, ODPS have already provided a copy of this Code of Conduct. You and your child/ren have signed and returned the 'Players Code of Conduct' for ODPS.

PARENTS' CODE

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in particular sports.
2. Remember your children are involved in organised school sports for their enjoyment and fulfillment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child always to play by the rules.
4. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as winning so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
5. Encourage your child to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
7. Do not publicly question the officials' judgement and never their honesty.
8. Appreciate the contribution and commitment of teacher- coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide sporting activities for your child.
9. Have realistic expectations for your child and his / her team - do not expect more than they can give.

Our community inter-school competitions are about student participation, fun and enjoyment for all involved, we are not playing for gold medals and sheep stations.

Brad King
President Castle Hill PSSA

Student Representative Council (SRC)

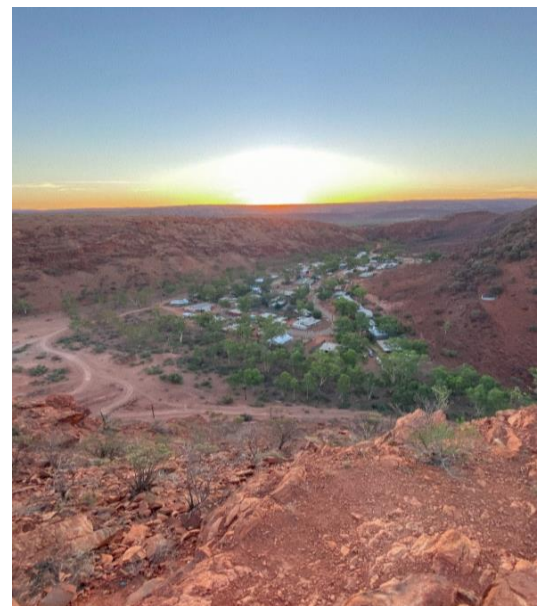
This term, the SRC have decided to support a remote indigenous community in the Northern Territory. The community of Areyonga has a population of 235 people and due to their remote location, access to clothing and footwear is limited.

We are asking our families to donate good quality second hand children’s shoes and football boots that we can collect and send to this community. The children of Areyonga especially enjoy playing rugby league at recess, lunch and after school. We would love to send some football boots too!

We ask students and families to **start collecting these shoes now** and later in this term we will have a collection week. Please do not bring in the shoes until the **collection week, which will be in Week 9.**

During this collection week, the SRC will also be organising some fun shoe related activities for classes to participate in.

Mrs Jones and Mrs Johns
SRC Co Ordinators



ODPS Dance Troupes

The dance troupes have several upcoming performances, as outlined below.

***These dates are subject to change.

Name	Day/ Week /Term	Date	Location
School Assemblies Junior Dance Troupe	Thursday Week 9 Term 2 Thursday Week 8 Term 3	17 June 2 Sept	2:15pm School Hall (parents/carers welcome)
School Assemblies Senior Dance Troupe	Thursday Week 9 Term 3 Thursday Week 10 Term 3	9 Sept 16 Sept	2:15pm School Hall (parents/carers welcome)
School Assemblies Hip Hop Dance Troupe	Thursday Week 3 Term 3 Thursday Week 2 Term 4	29 July 14 Oct	2:15pm School Hall (parents/carers welcome)
City of Ryde Education Week	Saturday Week 2 Term 3 Tuesday Week 3 Term 3	24 July 27 July	Eastwood Leagues Club Open Day ODPS
St George Dance Eisteddfod	Tuesday Week 5 Term 3	10 August	Marana Hall, Hurstville Civic Centre
The Ultimate Dance Challenge	Sunday Week 5 Term 3	15 August	Abbotsleigh Girls School Wahroonga
Hills Dance Spectacular	Sunday Week 6 Term 3	29 August	Pacific Hills Christian School

Mrs Koller
Dance Coordinator

Kitchen Gardens

Students from 3S, 3V and 3/4P are participating in Kitchen Garden lessons this term. On Friday all Year 3 classes participated in a compost incursion run by Keep Australia Beautiful NSW. The students learnt many facts about how to compost and even got to hold some worms!

One of our future goals is to raise money for an outdoor kitchen that students can use. To help our school reach this goal, we invite teachers, parents, carers and community members to enter the Kitchen Garden competition run by Network 10 and Coles.

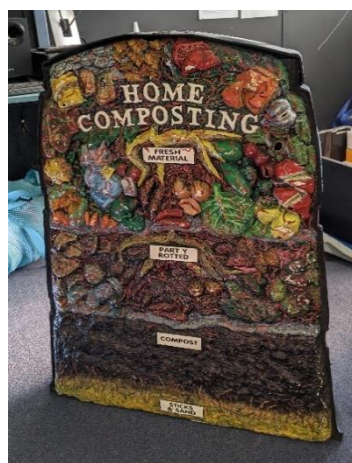


The prizes include \$5000 cash for the school to create a Kitchen Garden, teacher resources for Kitchen Gardens, plus a \$500 Coles voucher for the person who nominates the winning school.

To nominate our school, go to:

<https://10play.com.au/masterchef/win/nominate-your-school-to-win-5000/c210412gaire>

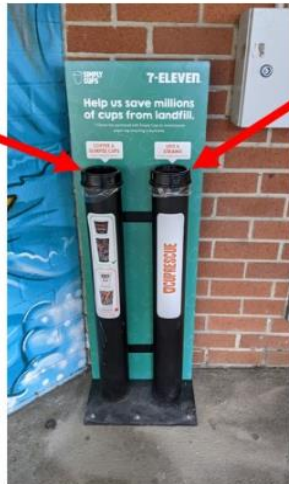
The competition closes 12/07/2021 at 23.59 AEST. Entrants must be 18 years and over to enter. Total prize valued at up to \$6,050 AUD. Full terms and conditions at <https://10play.com.au/win>



Thank you for your support.
Mrs Weigand

Cup Rescue at ODPS

Students, staff and parents/ carers can recycle their **empty paper cups** (no lids) from coffees and slushies in the cup rescue tube on the left.



Outside of the canteen

Lids and **straws** go in the tube on the right.

Teachers and parents/carers can recycle **empty paper coffee cups** here (no lids please).



Outside of the staff room

RECYCLING BREAD BAGS

We are collecting **empty bread bags** until **25 June 2021**, as part of the Wonder Recycling Rewards for Schools program. Simply place them in the bin outside the canteen (see picture). For every 5 kilos of bread bags, we receive 500 points, which schools can use on purchasing sports equipment. Our school could also win 1 of 5 exercise circuits made from recycled plastic.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Weigand
Sustainability Teacher



5kg = 500 points

Each school can collect up to 2,500 points!!



Thank you
Mrs Weigand
Eco Club Teacher

ODPS Clean Up Day

Throughout the school year, each grade has a turn to clean up the school environment for **Clean Up Australia Day**.

On **Thursday 20 May**, we ask that Year 4 and 3/4P students bring in a pair of gloves to wear for picking up litter. Teachers will provide bags for the rubbish collection.

Thank you for your support with keeping our school clean and tidy!

Mrs Weigand
Sustainability Teacher



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be trialling a new booking system over the next few months and is **open EVERY Wednesday from 8:30am to 9:30am ONLY** to those parents/guardians who have a pre-booked appointment time slot/s booked through the www.schoolinterview.com.au website.

Please note that unfortunately, if you have not booked an appointment you will not be accommodated, as appointments will be in 5-minute time slots to allow for a flow of customers - without the need for lining up.

Appointments can be used for all purchases, swaps, returns or trying on garments.

The Uniform Shop is able to accommodate 1 adult in each time slot which is indicated by 'Change room 1' on the app. You may bring your child/ren to try on uniforms for accurate sizing. If you are purchasing uniforms for more than 1 child, you will need to select more than one time slot.

To book (or change) your uniform shop visit time:

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
- Enter the event code **dqqnj** (this code is case sensitive).
- Enter your details – ensuring you include your telephone number and email address.
- Select your preferred day and time.
- Bookings are for 5 minutes.
- Please scroll to the bottom of the page to click **GO** to confirm your booking which will be emailed to you automatically (please check your junk folder if you do not receive an email immediately).

Please ensure you follow the Covid safety plan when visiting the school:

- Do not come onto the school grounds if you are unwell or have cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Sign in at the gate using the QR Code via the Service NSW app.
- Maintain 1.5m physical distance.

Orders may still continue to be placed through Flexischools using the existing system that is in place for returns/swapping items ordered, by returning the items to the office for the attention of the Uniform Shop with a **note detailing your child's name and class, the items you wish to swap/return and your phone number** in case the Uniform Shop needs to call you. All items that are swapped will be sent to your child's classroom in the usual manner.

Any questions regarding uniforms should be sent to odpsuniforms@gmail.com

Julie Torney
Deputy Principal



OAKHILL DRIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL



10 May 2021

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 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. If you do not have an email registered, please 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:

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

Julie Torney
Deputy Principal



OAKHILL DRIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN 2022 ORIENTATION

Tuesday 8 June 5pm - School readiness information session
Thursday 14 October 5pm - Kindergarten information session
Thursday 4 November - Kindergarten transition session
Thursday 11 November - Kindergarten transition session



OAKHILL DRIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL
1-5 OAKHILL DRIVE, CASTLE HILL NSW 2154
TELEPHONE: (02) 9634 1033



FORUM FOR PARENTS

Building Healthy Relationships in our *Teens*

The Hills Domestic Violence Prevention Network is proud to present a **FREE** thought provoking forum for parents of high school aged young people wanting to know more about building healthy relationships in their teens.

Colleen Hirst – Clinical Psychologist/Family Therapist

Raising teenagers- understanding the teen brain, physical and psychological development, hurdles to respectful communication.

Collett Smart- Psychologist/author/speaker

Healthy relationships toolkit – exploring sexualised media, body safety and conversation ideas on consent.

Ethan West – Youth Liaison Officer - Castle Hill Police

Trends and issues police are dealing with concerning young people in The Hills.

Wednesday 26th May

Registrations from 6pm

Forum runs from 6.30pm- 8.15pm followed by a Q & A till 9pm

The Pioneer Theatre (underneath Castle Hill Library)

12-14 Pennant St, Castle Hill

FREE thought provoking forum for parents, refreshments and access to professional advice.

RSVP via Eventbrite <http://bit.ly/Hillsparentforum>

For enquiries contact **Carol 0408 705 848** or hillsparentforum@gmail.com



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SCHOOL SECURITY

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

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 in the afternoon



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