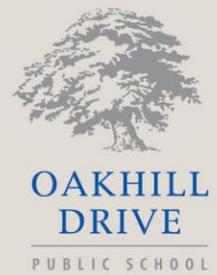


Term 2 Week 3  
5 May 2021

# The Oaktree

OAKHILL DRIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Happy Mother's Day

We sincerely hope all mothers, grandmothers and carers, enjoy this special day with their families. The day is dedicated to giving thanks to women in these roles for their endless efforts to support their children and families. We also hope that you enjoy the cards and small gifts chosen or made by your children here at school. We thank Mrs Suzanne Haskins and her team for their organisation of the Mother's Day gifts.



## OUR VISION: STRIVE TO ACHIEVE

Our students will gain the skills, knowledge and attitudes, that will prepare them to be creative, connected and collaborative lifelong learners. Our students will be encouraged to become healthy, well rounded, global citizens who contribute to the creation of the common good.

At Oakhill Drive Public School we believe:

- Students are at the centre of all decisions
- Learning goes beyond the classroom
- Relationships are central

We value:

- Lifelong learning
- A collaborative, respectful and supportive environment
- A positive approach

Our school has developed a research-based, data-informed, action-planned culture and is committed to achieving outstanding outcomes in the areas of leadership, teaching, learning, student welfare, and parent engagement. We have implemented highly successful programs and practices in each of these areas to achieve our aspirational targets.

Moving forward our 2021-2024 Strategic Directions include:

### 1. Growth and Attainment

Purpose: In order to improve student outcomes in literacy, numeracy and wellbeing, we will develop whole school processes for collecting, analysing and using data to ensure the implementation of high challenge curriculum provision and support for every student.

## Dates for your Diary

### Week 3

*(Parent Teacher Interviews Mon-Thurs)*

### Monday 3 May

PAIR Program begins

### Tuesday 4 May

Trash Free Tuesday

### Thursday 6 May

3D & 3A Swim School  
K-2 Assembly

### Friday 7 May

Scripture  
PSSA  
OC Applications Close

### Week 4

NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5  
*(11-21 May)*

### Monday 10 May

1S & 1V Gibberagong  
Excursion

### Tuesday 11 May

Trash Free Tuesday

### Thursday 13 May

3D & 3A Swim School  
3-6 Assembly

### Friday 14 May

Scripture  
Winter PSSA

**2. Explicit Teaching and Pedagogy:**

Purpose: In order to improve student learning outcomes, we will hold high expectations for every student and apply explicit teaching practices using research driven pedagogy to enable all students to effectively access and use information to solve problems, pose questions, synthesise ideas and justify their reasoning.

**3. High quality and Collaborative Culture**

Purpose: In order to improve student learning outcomes, our community will engage in high- quality collaborative practices, harnessing the expertise of the collective, critical to improving teacher quality, parent involvement and student outcomes.

**Year 3 Swim School**

Our students have begun this very worthwhile learn to swim program. It is vital that children in our area learn to swim as almost every backyard has a swimming pool and nearly all our weekend recreational locations are by the water. It is vital in the first instance that children know how to float and get themselves to the edge. They must learn at the very least to swim free style and build the strength to swim 50 metres. I share Mr Johnson’s (from CTHS) frustrations, who informed his parent community of the high numbers of non-swimmers at the high school. I urge parents to prioritise swimming lessons for their children over other activities.

**Staffing**

Miss Sami Maharaj is the successful candidate who will be teaching 4B and relieving as Assistant Principal Stage 2 from next week. Sami comes to us from Epping North Public School.

Mrs Belinda Cox is the successful candidate who will be teaching 5/6M and relieving as Assistant Principal Stage 3 from next week. Belinda comes to us from Schofields Public School. I congratulate these candidates and look forward to them joining our team.



Betty Ploeg  
Principal

**School Notes**



It is important that parents are aware of how we communicate our news and updates of important and immediate school notes and notifications. In addition to publishing this information in the school Newsletter, we also post information on our school website and via the Skoolbag app. The majority of hard-copy notes and permission slips get distributed to the students to take home. These notes are also pushed to the school website, under the “School Notes” tab, to print off from home. Notes and notifications are also sent via the Skoolbag App. Please load this onto your mobile phone and/or electronic devices and ensure to select the logo and choose which Grade/Year your children are in and any extra-curricular activities, such as choir, dance, sport etc that your children are part of. That way you are always in the know of changes, cancellations etc.

Notes Due	
1S & 1V Gibberagong Environmental Excursion	Monday 3 May
1B, 1J & 1W Gibberagong Environmental Excursion	Monday 10 May
Kindergarten Hatching Chicks and Ducking Visit	Friday 14 May
Barangaroo Reserve First Contacts Year 3 & 4	Friday 14 May

**PSSA Results**

PSSA Results – Friday 30 April 2021			
SPORT	OPPOSITION	RESULT	SCORE
Junior A Netball	Beaumont Hills	Draw	0-0
Junior B Netball	Beaumont Hills	Win	2-0
Junior C Netball	Beaumont Hills	Loss	0-6
Senior A Netball	Beaumont Hills	Loss	2-9
Senior B Netball	Beaumont Hills	Win	3-2
Senior C Netball	Beaumont Hills	Win	9-2
Junior Newcombe Ball	Samuel Gilbert	Win	63-50
Senior Newcombe Ball	Samuel Gilbert	Win	62-59
Junior Soccer Boys	BYE	-	-
Senior Soccer Boys	BYE	-	-
Junior Girls Soccer	BYE	-	-
Junior AFL	Samuel Gilbert	Loss	1-46
Senior AFL	Samuel Gilbert	Win	59-2

**PSSA Upcoming Venues**

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 3	2	7 May	Kellyville Netball Courts		Dural Park, Quarry Rd, Dural	Beaumont Hills	Hills Centenary Park Field 3	Castle Hill	Oakhill Drive School	Kellyville
Term 2 Week 4	3	14 May	Kellyville Netball Courts		Eric Mobbs Excelsior Ave, Castle Hill	Castle Hill	Hills Centenary Park Field 3	Winston Hills	Oakhill Drive School	Baulkham Hills North

**Interrelate Program Stage 2 & 3**

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 Co Ordinator



**Kitchen Gardens**

Students from 3S, 3V and 3/4P have been busy planting, weeding, watering, composting and mulching in kitchen garden lessons this term. Both students and teachers have been having a lot of fun learning in the garden each Friday. 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  
Kitchen Garden Teacher



**Cup Rescue**

Students can recycle their empty paper cups from hot chocolates 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.



Outside of the staff room

**Eco Club**

Eco Club students meet at lunch time every Wednesday to discuss ways ODPS can be more environmentally friendly. Eco Club students also help with our Return and Earn program and other sustainability initiatives. Students are taught to use the black tubs on the playground for recycling their plastic bottles, cans and juice poppers.

**Uniform Shop**

Orders continue to be available through Flexischools. If you order an item that you no longer need or wish to exchange please return the item in the plastic bag it was delivered in, enclosing a note with instructions including student's name, class and your phone number and return to the office. Unworn items are to be in the original packaging with labels intact to receive a refund or exchange.

Keep an eye out for second-hand items which are listed on Flexischools as they are received by the Uniform Shop. The items are regularly updated.

Once you order a second-hand item, please email the uniform shop on [odpsuniforms@gmail.com](mailto:odpsuniforms@gmail.com) to advise the size you have purchased.

Georgina Brown  
Uniform Shop Coordinator

**Staff Car Park**

At Oakhill Drive Public School there is **no parking available onsite for parents**. We ask parents to use the two gates on David Road to enter and exit the grounds. This does not include the driveway gate. It is not safe to walk children through the car park. **Please do not walk through our car park. We have some carers in our school e.g. grandparents who may not read the newsletter. Please advise them of this information.**

Jenny Maddalena  
School Administrative Manager



**Community News**

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**AFTER-SCHOOL CODING CLASSES**

[www.skillsamurai.com.au](http://www.skillsamurai.com.au)  
1300 SAMURAI (1300 726 872)  
Unit 7, 3 Packard Ave, Castle Hill

Kids getting too much screen time? This can be frustrating! Would you like your child to build a healthier relationship with technology/devices?... And improve their exam grades?

How? Enrol in our after-school coding classes!

It's fun, educational and it's the language of the future. All kids deserve to learn coding!

What is coding? Coding is a list of step-by-step instructions that get computers to do what you want them to do. Coding makes it possible for us to create computer software, games, apps and websites. From self driving cars to smart TV's, coding impacts almost every aspect of our lives!

Help your child thrive in the classroom and develop resilience and self-confidence... Try Coding!




**USE YOUR CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER AND RECEIVE 4 CODING CLASSES - \$140 VALUE**

*Play Music on Piano at ODPS*

- Learn Music on Piano, practice on any piano/keyboard at home
- Systematic piano books 1-3
- Taught by Young Pianist Ms. Angella
- Small group \$27 for 45 mins

**SESSION HOURS:**

Friday 8:00-8:45 am in the Hall



**CONTACT US**

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*J&E Piano Music Centre*





**"Act, Create, Communicate"**

The difference is dramatic....  
Boost your child's creativity, confidence, communication skills & self-development through drama

*We don't just teach drama, we teach life*

**Students 5 - 17  
Enrolling for 2021**

Classes held friday afternoons at Oakhill Drive Public School  
Children can be collected from After School Care.  
0438 788 080 | [sydneywest@ogradydrama.com.au](mailto:sydneywest@ogradydrama.com.au)  
[www.ogradydrama.com.au](http://www.ogradydrama.com.au)

**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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