

Term 2 Week 6
26 May 2021

The Oaktree

OAKHILL DRIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

National Reconciliation Week 2021 - 27 May - 3 June

More Than A Word. Reconciliation Takes Action

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians, as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

The Year 2021 marks twenty years of Reconciliation Australia and almost three decades of Australia's formal reconciliation process. Find out more about Reconciliation Week by clicking on the following link:

[About - National Reconciliation Week 2021.](#)



About this Artwork

Action by Jessica Johnson, is the story of the land and community sharing the united call for action on reconciliation. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples have been listening to the heartbeat of the land and sea for generations. With their rainbow shaped souls, the spirits ask for us to join and make reconciliation more than a word, take action. We need to love one another and every aspect of the existing environment and community – we all have a role to play.

Student Learning at ODPS

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures cross-curriculum priority is designed for all students to engage in reconciliation, respect and recognition of the world's oldest continuous living cultures. Students K-6 learn about the contribution of past and present peoples to our shared heritage during history and geography lessons.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 6

Tuesday 25 May

Girls & Boys Knockout Soccer
Trash Free Tuesday

Wednesday 26 May

Zone Cross Country

Thursday 27 May

Online Interrelate Program
(6pm-8:15pm)
EAL/D Café (in LibLab)
3D & 3A Swim School
3-6 Assembly

Friday 28 May

Scripture
Winter PSSA

Week 7

Monday 31 May

3A 3S 3V - Barangaroo
Excursion

Thursday 3 June

3D & 3A Swim School
K-2 Assembly

Friday 4 June

Scripture
Winter PSSA
Area Cross Country

Zone Cross Country

Many of our students from Year 2 – 6 represented our school at the Beecroft Zone Cross Country Carnival today (Wednesday 26 May). They were accompanied by Miss Perger, Mrs Driscoll and Mrs Ploeg.

We congratulate all of the following competitors for representing our school at this event.

Emma 3S
Millie 3D
Hayley 3D
Jade 2B
Zara 2P
Zach 4B
Jalen 2P
Oliver 3S
Thomas 3D
Henry 3A

Sophia 4A
Gabby 4B
Charlotte 4B
Alison 4C
Adele 3/4P
Nick 4C
Jian Xi 4B
Aydan 5J
Oscar 4A
Brandon 5A

Olivia 5K
Madeleine 5/6M
Sophia 5J
Savandi 6S
Karina 5A
Lachlan 5FB
Dylan 5/6M
Vivaan 5K
Thomas 5A
Alistair 5FB

Amelia 6S
Isabelle 6C
Emilia 6B
Jenaya 6B
Elysse 6S
Will 6C
Jermaine 5/6M
Akam 6C
Harry 6C
Andrew 6C

Celebrate Canteen Week

For many years, ASCA has been encouraging its member schools to be part of **Celebrate Canteen Week**. It's an opportunity to say thank you to canteen managers, their staff and volunteers, as well as providing an opportunity to promote, recognise and celebrate all the benefits of having a school canteen. After a year off in 2020 because of Covid, **Celebrate Canteen Week** returns this year during the week of 24-28 May.



On behalf of the ODPS staff and students, I thank our canteen managers and volunteers for their ongoing commitment to providing healthy lunch options for our students and teachers. Your time and efforts to provide recess snacks and lunches to our school community, five days per week are greatly appreciated.

Successful Completion of NAPLAN online

Our Year 5 and Year 3 students successfully completed their NAPLAN assessments online over the last two weeks. Congratulations to our teachers and students for the smooth administration of these assessments. The students' results for writing, reading, conventions of language and numeracy will be shared with all year 3 and 5 families in Term 3.



About Naplan

As children progress through their school years, it is very important that checks are made along the way to see how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and mathematics – skills that will set them upon the path to success as adults.

NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress.

Federal, state and territory education ministers agreed to gradually transition NAPLAN online by 2022. NAPLAN Online is a tailored test that adapts to student responses, providing better assessment and more precise results.

Casual Teachers and Split Classes

All schools across NSW are finding it very difficult to secure casual teachers to cover classes when staff are sick.

We do our very best to avoid splitting classes, however, at times we have no other option. Please rest assured that learning continues for all students when they are split. Our teachers are great at being flexible, which means that they support all students who visit their classrooms to learn, smile and develop their resilience when changes occur. Resilience allows students to learn and grow in all situations – two skills that are crucial to well-being and development. Resilience will also help them to approach new situations, people or experiences with confidence and a positive mindset, which will make them more likely to succeed in all aspects of life.

Hollie Brito
Relieving Deputy Principal

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

COVID-19 Restrictions Still Apply



Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any student with any cold symptoms (such as runny nose, sore throat, coughing, temperature, sore tummy, headache) will be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative COVID test result and are completely 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.

Collecting Students During School Hours

Parents needing to collect their child/ren from school during school hours, please ensure to do so **before recess (11:00)** or **before lunch (1:00-2:00pm)**. It is difficult to locate children during their eating and play time/s. All visitors to the school site must be well and symptom free, comply with sign-in arrangements, and the 1.5m physical distancing requirements.



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. Not only do we publish in the school **Newsletter**, we also post information on our **school website** and via the **Skoolbag app**.

A 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.

Pam Stallard
(Relieving) School Administration Manager

SRC Shoe Collection Drive

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 footwear is limited.



We are asking 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 bring them to school for collection during [Week 9 - Tuesday 15 June](#).

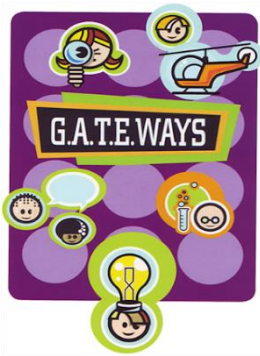
On this day, students may **wear mufti clothes for a gold coin** donation and classes will participate in a variety of activities to promote this cause.

Proceeds from the mufti day will go towards shipping fees for the shoes collected.

Philippa Jones and Michelle Johns
SRC Coordinators

Notes Due	
Athletics Carnival Years 2-6	Thursday 3 June
EAL/D Parent and Grandparent Café	Friday 4 June
Calmsley Hill City Farm - Kindergarten	Friday 11 June

G.A.T.E.WAYS



G.A.T.E.WAYS is an independent, non-funded organisation, established in 1994 to provide opportunities for highly able and gifted children. Like-minded students can participate in programs that will challenge them intellectually and help develop their individual talents.

G.A.T.E.WAYS aims to cater for children who are in the highly able to gifted range. This approximates the top 10 – 15% of children in the classroom. **Giftedness is not an indication of performance or achievement, but of potential. Whether a child is able to reach that potential is moderated by their environment – at home, at school and in their community.** G.A.T.E.WAYS has both teacher nominated and parent nominated programs.

Please click [here](#) to learn more about the parent nominated programs. They are currently offering after-school hours enrichment programs in maths, science, coding, debating, and writing. Click [here](#) to learn about the leadership program offered to Years 5 and 6 that run during the holidays.

Michelle Paterson
Coordinating Teacher

PSSA Winter Opposition Team & Location for Week 6 & Week 7

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 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
Term 2 Week 7	6	4 June	Kellyville Netball Courts		Dural Park, Quarry Rd, Dural	Glenhaven	Hills Centenary Park Field 5	Baulkham Hills	Oakhill Drive School	Beaumont Hills

PSSA Results

For Friday 22 May 2021			
SPORT	OPPOSITION	RESULT	SCORE
Junior A Netball	Winston Heights	Win	11 – 4
Junior B Netball	Matthew Pearce	Loss	0 – 6
Junior C Netball	Baulkham Hills	Loss	2 – 7
Senior A Netball	Castle Hill	Win	11 – 1
Senior B Netball	Glenhaven	Win	13 – 1
Senior C Netball	Excelsior	Loss	7 – 9
Junior Newcombe Ball	Excelsior	Loss	46 – 63
Senior Newcombe Ball	Excelsior	Loss	38 – 44
Junior Boys Soccer	Sherwood Ridge	Loss	1 – 3
Senior Boys Soccer	Sherwood Ridge	Win	4 – 1
Junior Girls Soccer	Sherwood Ridge	Loss	0 – 1
Senior Girls Soccer	Sherwood Ridge	Loss	0 – 1
Junior AFL	Glenhaven	Loss	2 – 51
Senior AFL	Glenhaven	Win	37 – 25

Janelle Lord
PSSA Sport Coordinator

Eco Club – 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.



Help us turn BREAD BAGS into SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT

Our school is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school earns!

Collections close 25th June.

Tip for collecting:
Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know
Our school is now in the drawer to **WIN 1 of 5** exercise circuits made from the soft plastic we collect!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!

Tag Wonder on social #wonderrecycling to share all your recycling champion stories!



5kg = 500 points

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

Wonder
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Thank you for your support
Mrs Weigand
Sustainability Teacher

ODPS Awards

*Oakhill Drive Public
School Honour Board*

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
Our Gold Acorn Award Winner ~
Eva C (6S)



**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



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TO ARRANGE A SCHOOL TOUR, PLEASE CALL TO MAKE A BOOKING

TUESDAY 8 JUNE 4:30PM
THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 10:00AM
THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 4:30PM
WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 10:00AM

Community News

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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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