

# OAKVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL



A quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents and Friends

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to all of the children and families of Oakville Public School. I especially welcome all of the new families and hope that you enjoy your association with our wonderful school. I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and a relaxing holiday. The staff of Oakville Public School look forward to a fantastic 2025, full of fun, laughter, many great achievements and lots of learning.



## Welcome 2025 Kindergarten



It was fantastic to welcome our new Kindergarten students on Thursday 6 February. Well done to all students for making such a smooth transition to 'big school'. The students have been very settled and are interacting well with their new classmates. Thank you to Miss Hollings, Mrs Ryan, Miss Burke, Mrs O'Hanlon, Mrs Surace, Mrs Payne, Mr Burton, Mrs Smith, Mrs Fleetwood, support staff and Year 6 buddies for the wonderful job they have done settling the new students into Kindergarten. We welcome all Kindergarten families to the Oakville Public School community and hope that you enjoy your association with our wonderful school.



### Dates for the Diary

<b>Wed 12 Feb</b>	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
<b>Thurs 20 Feb</b>	Parent information Evening and Welcome Back BBQ
<b>Wed 26 Feb</b>	School Photos
<b>Thurs 27 Feb</b>	Swimming Carnival

## 2025 Classes

Please read the information below regarding class structures and staffing for 2025. During 2025, classes will be named after Australian landmarks.

Principal	Mr Sean Montgomery
Deputy Principal	Mr Ron Burton
AP Curriculum and Instruction	Mrs Melissa Smith

### Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

Kindergarten	Bondi	Miss Brooke Hollings (Assistant Principal)
Kindergarten	Opera House	Mrs Mel O'Hanlon
Kindergarten	Big Banana	Miss Caitlyn Burke
Kindergarten	Rainbow Beach	Mrs Sandra Ryan
Kindergarten	Penguin	Mrs Jo Payne
Kindergarten	Whitsundays	Mrs Roxanne Surace/ Mrs Louise Woodbury

### Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)

Year 1	Shelly Beach	Mrs Samantha Sheather
Year 1	Taronga	Mrs Taysha Hand
Year 1	Forster	Mr Sam Fraser
Year 1	Lake Conjola	Miss Laura Craggs
Year 2	Kakadu	Mrs Karen Holman (Assistant Principal)
Year 2	Byron Bay	Miss Caitlyn Burbridge
Year 2	Lightning Ridge	Mrs Lee-Anne Vassilimis
Year 2	Hamilton Island	Miss Rachael Howard

### Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)

Year 3	Surfers Paradise	Mrs Daniela Said
Year 3	Pinnacles	Mrs Paula Serra
Year 3	Zig-Zag Railway	Miss Alana Zelasko
Year 3/4	Shark Bay	Mr Jake Schubert (Assistant Principal)
Year 4	Thredbo	Miss Rebecca Thompson
Year 4	Rottnest island	Miss Kate Renshall

### Stage 3 (Year 5 and Year 6)

Year 5	Mount Kosciusko	Mrs Lauren Muscat
Year 5	Australia Zoo	Miss Kathryn Atkins
Year 5/6	Daydream Island	Mrs Brianna Davis

Year 6	Daintree	Miss Downie (Assistant Principal)
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Year 6	Sydney Tower	Mr Robert Smith
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### Support Staff

<i>Library</i>	Mrs Rachel Bryce, Mrs Antonia Streat, Mrs Grima
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<i>Learning and Support</i>	Mrs Trudy Fleetwood Mrs Tanya Iori
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<i>Support Teachers</i>	Mrs Maddison Kelly (Daintree class - Wednesday, Friday)
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Mrs Madelaine Hunt (Kakadu Class - Wednesday, Friday)
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Mrs Roxanne Surace (Shark Bay Class Wednesday, Friday)
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Mrs Mia Grima (Bondi Class - Wednesday, Friday)
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Mrs Shannon Porter
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<i>Teacher Aides</i>	Mrs Leeanne Simmonds
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Mrs Jade Maric
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Miss Bonnie Boswell
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Mrs Chantelle Bardetta
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Miss Ebony Jones
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<i>School Office Manager</i>	Mrs Liz Griffin
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<i>School Administration Officers</i>	Mrs Linda Jones
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Mrs Karen Muscat
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Mrs Marie Endicott
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<i>School Counsellor</i>	Mrs Louise Green
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<i>General Assistant</i>	Mr Tony Grimaldi
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Please remember, these are temporary class allocations. At present, we will be starting the year with twenty five classes. These classes will depend on student enrolments for the first two to three weeks of Term 1. Consequently, class structures may change.

We are extremely lucky to secure the services of these staff members, as they will join an enthusiastic staff committed to providing a quality education for the students of Oakville Public School.

The staff of Oakville Public School look forward to an exciting, productive and enjoyable 2025.

### Staffing News



Well done to Miss Hollings who has been appointed as Assistant Principal to Oakville Public School in a permanent capacity, through the merit selection process. Miss Hollings has been relieving in the position for two years and has done an outstanding job. Congratulations on a well-deserved promotion!



### New Classrooms

Some new classrooms were installed during 2024. Mr Grimaldi has just finished adding some gardens to this area to make the space inviting for our parents and students. A big thank you to Mr Grimaldi for his work installing the gardens.



### Save the Date!



This year, our annual presentation assemblies will be held on Wednesday 10 December. We will

continue with day assemblies for 2025, commencing at approximately 9.30am. Please keep this date free, as we certainly enjoy celebrating this special occasion with the Oakville community. Further information will follow later in the year regarding our presentation assemblies.

### Staff Development Day

Friday 31 January to Wednesday 5 February were Staff Development Days for all New South Wales Public Schools. During the days, the staff of Oakville Public School participated in some mandatory training, planning and professional learning sessions relating to our school plan.



### Parent Information Evening and Welcome Back BBQ

This year, we will hold a Parent Information Evening and P&C Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday 20 February. The evening will commence at 5:00pm. The organisation for the evening is listed below.



**When:** Thursday 20 February

**Where:** Information will follow soon

**Times:** Session 1: 5.00pm - 5.45pm

Session 2: 6.00pm - 6.45pm

Welcome Back BBQ: 6.45pm (School Hall)

**Please note:** Each Stage will run two identical information sessions, enabling parents with multiple children to attend relevant sessions. The first session will commence at 5.00pm and the second will commence at 6.00pm. Hopefully, parents will be able to meet all of their children's teachers on the night. However, should times clash, please contact the teacher to arrange a before or after school time to meet the teacher and pick up any handouts.

The P&C Welcome Back BBQ will be held at the school hall commencing at 6.45pm and it is hoped that many parents will stay to enjoy the evening. Thank you to the Oakville P&C for organising the barbeque.

A note will be sent home to all families soon containing more detailed information.

We look forward to seeing all of the Oakville Public School community, as well as meeting the new parents who have joined our great school in 2025.

### *Swimming Carnival*



The 2025 Oakville Public School Swimming Carnival will take place on Thursday 27 February at the Oasis Swimming Centre at

South Windsor. A note regarding the carnival will be sent home.

### *Mobile Phone/Device/Smartwatch Policy*



While we recognise that mobile phones/devices/smartwatches may be perceived by some parents and carers as important to improve the security and safety of their children, the following policy and procedures has this understanding in mind – while also being directed by Department of Education policy. This policy outlined below also applies to smartwatches capable of making/receiving phone calls and making voice or video recordings.

1. In general, students are discouraged from bringing mobile phones/devices/smartwatches to school.
2. Students who need to have a mobile phone/device/smartwatch must hand his/her phone/device/smartwatch in at the school office as soon as they arrive at school each day. It is the responsibility of the student to collect the phone/device/

smartwatch at the conclusion of each school day.

3. Mobile phones/devices/smartwatches are not to be used unsupervised whilst on school grounds. If a student needs to contact a parent/carer in the afternoon, a call is able to be made in the school office foyer when the phone/device/smartwatch is collected at 3.15pm. The phone/device/smartwatch is to be placed in the child's bag before leaving the office.
4. The school will accept no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones/devices/smartwatches or for costs incurred while the phone/device/smartwatch is on school premises.
5. Any urgent need by a parent/carer to contact their child during the day should be met by calling the school office on (02) 45 72 3142.

Your cooperation in following these guidelines is greatly appreciated.




### *School Information*

Have you changed your postal address, email address, phone numbers or work details? It is essential that we have correct student information. Please inform the school office if you need to update this important information.

*Sean Montgomery  
Principal*

## Book Club

Book Club catalogues have been handed out in classes. The final date for orders is Wednesday, 19 February. 

Ordering from Book Club is a great way to purchase new books for home and support the school.

A percentage of all orders will go towards purchasing new books for our library.

Payment can only be made by credit card via the LOOP system. No cash or cheques can be accepted by the school. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Mrs Bryce  
Librarian

## Sunsmart Snippet

### 6 tips for staying SunSmart this summer:

1. Learn to understand the UV index;
2. Slip on sun protective clothing;
3. Slap on SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen
4. Slap on a SunSmart hat
5. Seek shade
6. Slide on wrap-around sunglasses



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Healthy Lunch Box

## Nutrition Snippet

### HOW TO PACK A HEALTHY LUNCH BOX



A good lunch gives children energy and nutrients to learn, play and grow.

But what does a healthy lunch box look like? Find out in our [short video](#).

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### BLUEBERRY MUFFINS



**Serves: 12**  
**Ingredients**

- 2 cups plain flour
- 1 cup oats (quick or traditional)
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1½ cups reduced-fat Greek yoghurt
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 50g margarine, melted, slightly cooled
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

#### Method

- 1) Pre-heat the oven to 180°C. Prepare muffin tins by greasing with margarine or spraying with oil.
- 2) Combine flour, oats, sugar, baking powder and baking soda in a bowl.
- 3) Combine yoghurt, eggs, margarine and vanilla in a second bowl.
- 4) Fold the yoghurt mixture into the dry mixture and stir to combine. Gently fold in blueberries.
- 5) Spoon into muffin tins and bake for 20-25 minutes or until the top is golden and springs back when touched.

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