

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. We hope that everyone had a relaxing holiday. Staff have re-charged their batteries and are looking forward to an action packed term 4!



2025 Planning



We will commence our planning for 2025 soon and would greatly appreciate receiving information regarding any special considerations relating to class placements for the 2025 school year, as staff will soon begin the lengthy process of forming classes. Many aspects of a student's placement are taken into consideration, to carefully place every student. The teachers possess information on each student's academic ability, reading levels, mathematics ability, NAPLAN results and emotional and social needs. Student friendship groups are taken into consideration as well. Possible friendship groups are one consideration in the placement, however, it is viewed in terms of 'learning buddies' not necessarily 'social buddies'. While having a special friend is important, I remind everyone that this is a class group for learning.

This is a very thorough process that involves considerable time, sensitivity and care. Every child is placed in reference to a bigger plan of how students, classes and teachers come together for optimal learning.

If you have any important information that

you feel we need to take into consideration when placing your child/children for the 2025 school year, please inform me in writing by **Friday 25 October 2024**. This can be done by sending an email to oakville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Unfortunately, emails received after **Friday 25 October 2024** will not be considered.

It is extremely difficult to change a child's class after the new school year has commenced. **Whilst, all information will be taken into consideration, I cannot guarantee that all requests will be fulfilled.**

Also, if your child is not returning to Oakville Public School in 2025, please send an email to oakville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au informing the office staff so we can do as much as possible to organise classes around anticipated enrolments.

Before and After School Care



A note was sent home to all families on Monday 14 October explaining changes to the operation of our Before and After School Care. Please read this information carefully and if you have any questions, please call one of our friendly office staff on 4572 3142.

Dates for the Diary

Fri 18 Oct	Stage 1 Planetarium
Tue 22 Oct	Musica Viva
Fri 25 Oct	Hawkesbury Public Speaking Semi-Finals
Fri 1 Nov	Disco

Sydney West Athletics

Well done to the students who competed at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival on Friday 27 September at Homebush Athletics Centre. All students performed well at the carnival. Congratulations to Matilda H and Hudson F who qualified for the NSW Athletics carnival for discus and high jump. Matilda and Hudson will represent Oakville Public School, Ridges PSSA and Sydney West at the New South Wales carnival. We wish Matilda and Hudson all the very best!



Staff News



Congratulations to Miss Lyons and her partner, Jake who were married during the school holidays. We wish Mr and Mrs Davis all the very best for a wonderful life together. Miss Lyons will now be known as Mrs Davis.

Summer Uniform Transition



From Monday 14 October, all students have transitioned to our Summer uniform. All students will be required to wear full Summer uniform to school, including all black shoes. Brightly coloured runners are not part of our school uniform. It is also important that sports uniform is only worn on sports days, unless communicated otherwise, due to a special day or special event. If you have any questions regarding our Summer Uniform options, please contact the school office.

2025 Kindergarten Transition



Information was sent home to all Oakville families late last term explaining 2025 Kindergarten transition procedures. If you have any questions regarding this information or require any assistance, please contact one of our friendly office staff on 4572 3142.

Term 4 Staff Development Days



Education

The Department of Education announced an extra Staff Development for Term 4 2024. Thursday 19 December and Friday 20 December will be Staff Development Days. This means that the last day for students will be Wednesday 18 December 2024.

Bush Fire Season

A note will be sent home soon to all Oakville Public School families regarding the 2025 – 2026 bushfire season. Please ensure that you read this information as Oakville Public School may be required to close at short notice if a catastrophic fire rating is declared. If this needs to occur, parents/carers will be notified via eNews and/or our school Facebook page. It is extremely important that all parents/carers know the procedures if this needs to occur.

The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) levels are:



Kindergarten Enrolments for 2025



We are taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2025. If you have a child who will be enrolling in Kindergarten for 2025, please assist us by completing an enrolment form. Forms are

available from the office. Please bring your child's birth certificate/passport, immunisation documents and proof of address with you. Your assistance in this matter helps with planning for 2025. If you are aware of a family in the area who has a child who will be enrolling in Kindergarten for 2025, please ask them to contact the school office.

Sean Montgomery
Principal

Lost Property



We have a considerable amount of school uniform items being placed into the lost property basket. Weekly, our office staff check the lost property basket and return labelled items to the correct owner. Unfortunately, many of these items are not labelled with the child's name and cannot be returned to the correct owner. To assist office staff, please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their full name. Also, please check your child's clothing to ensure that the labels do not contain another child's name. If you discover that your child has someone else's clothing, please return it to the school office so that it can be returned to the correct owner. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

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P&C MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER
7:30PM STAFF ROOM

Nutrition Snippet

BLUEBERRY MUFFINS



Serves: 12
Ingredients

2 cups plain flour
1 cup oats (quick or traditional)
¾ 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 yogurt, 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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Nutrition Snippet

VEGIE AND PEPITA MUFFINS

Serves: 12 **Prep time: 15 mins** **Cooking time: 25 mins**



Ingredients

1 cup pumpkin, cut into 1 cm dice
1 zucchini, grated & liquid squeezed out
3 spring onions, finely sliced
1 cup baby spinach leaves, chopped
2 eggs
1 cup reduced-fat milk
½ cup sunflower oil
1 cup wholemeal flour
1 cup plain flour
2 tsp baking powder
2 tbsp pumpkin seeds
Salt & pepper

Method

- Step 1:** Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a muffin tray with muffin cases.
- Step 2:** Place pumpkin in a microwave-safe bowl, cover with water and cook in the microwave for 3 minutes or until slightly softened. Drain and mash.
- Step 3:** Add the zucchini, spring onions and spinach to the pumpkin and mix.
- Step 4:** Lightly beat together the eggs, milk and oil and pour over the vegetables. Season with a pinch of salt and pepper.
- Step 5:** Sift the flours and baking powder over the top and stir until just combined.
- Step 6:** Spoon the mixture into the muffin cases and sprinkle with pumpkin seeds. Bake for 25 minutes or until cooked through and golden.

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Halloween Disco



DATE: Friday 1st November

TIME:

- Kindergarten to Year 2 - 5:00pm until 6:30 pm
- Years 3 to 6 - 7:00pm until 8:30pm.



COST: \$6 - which includes entry, chips and a drink.

PLACE: School hall

Tickets can be purchased on School Bytes.

Wear a Halloween Costume!

