



Dear Oakhill School Family

As we come to the end of Term 1 we have much to celebrate and be proud of as a school. The rich and diverse range of activities along with the rigour and commitment to our academic programme has ensured that we have had a positive and productive time.

I would like to thank parents for their support of the Board AGM held recently. The great turnout and the meaningful engagement with parents was very much appreciated. I would especially like to share our sincere gratitude to the Board Chair, Vusi Mthethwa and the entire Oakhill Board for their dedication, commitment and service to our school over the last year. The Board continues to give generously of their time adding great value to our school and providing invaluable strategic focus. Adding to the impressive team, I would also like to welcome and thank two new Board members, Tammy De Decker and Clarissa Shapcott for their willingness to serve. The exciting Vision 2030 that was introduced during the AGM was well received and represents a wonderful opportunity for a new phase of growth and development for our school.

Sadly we say farewell to Ms Kirsten Africa who will be returning to Cape Town and then on to adventures abroad. We thank her for her energetic, passionate and professional service to our school. Her presence will be very much missed on our campus. We wish Kirsten every success and much joy going forward.



Congratulations to Ms Indie Ntuntwana, our FP intern for a number of years, who, now qualified, has accepted a full-time teaching position at Fraaisig Primary School in Knysna. While it is sad to bid Indie farewell, we are both proud and happy for her. We wish Indie well as she starts her teaching career and thank her for her contribution to our school. Indie has asked that I share her heartfelt note of gratitude to the Oakhill community which you can [read here](#).



In the last two days I have had the pleasure and privilege of some very special engagements with our students. My experience included visiting and spending a wonderful time with one of our weary but upbeat Odyssey groups, watching the delightful Little Oaks Special Person's Concert and being invited to a formal End of Term Tea with Grade 1.



I was also interviewed by an impressive team of reporters disguised as Grade 5 children, who very professionally and thoroughly, questioned me on a variety of topics ranging from why I became a teacher to whether or not pineapple belongs on a pizza? For the record it was established that pineapple does not belong on a pizza.

While many will enjoy a well-earned break over the holiday there is still much that will be happening. We will be welcoming home the 2026 Odyssey groups early next week and our sports teams will be very involved in a number of festivals and tours taking place in the holiday. No fewer than 9 of our sports teams will be participating in hockey or netball festivals and tours. In addition to this, Oakhill will be hosting our very own U18 Co-Ed Hockey and Netball Festival taking place from 9-11 April. This is the first of 3 Hockey and Netball Festivals that Oakhill will be hosting in April. Our prominent and prospering Co-Ed Festivals have formally been expanded to include Netball which is thriving at Oakhill. On that note, congratulations to our U13 Netball girls who have just returned from a successful and enjoyable tour to Cape Town that took place last weekend.

The Oakhill Old Oaks will be taking on the Oakhill College 1st Hockey Teams this Saturday, 28 March at the Oakhill Sports Campus starting at 14:00 with the Ladies' match and the Men's Match at 15:00. Please come along and support our current teams as they take on the former Oakhill students as they compete for bragging rights. There will also be a fun Old Oaks Padel experience and social at Liv Padel and Knysna Hollow from 16:00.

Wishing you a wonderful time of rest, renewal and reflection during the holiday.

*James*



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