



Dear Oakhill School Family

Last weekend we hosted the first of our Derby Days as we welcomed Curro Mossel Bay to the Oakhill Sports Campus. The weather played its part and contributed much to a very busy and enjoyable day of sports. The day also included some junior fixtures arranged with Knysna Montessori and Forest Edge to create even more opportunities for our children. No fewer than 25 fixtures took place and included hockey, netball and rugby. While many impressive results were achieved on the day, it was particularly special to see the OSC so busy and looking so good. It was also wonderful to note that 80% of the total of Prep school children from the age groups included, represented Oakhill in at least one fixture on the day. A big thank you goes to the Oakhill families and community who came through in great numbers to support the participants and add to the occasion.

A special word of thanks goes to the Oakhill Supporters Club for their invaluable contribution to the day. Their breakfast rolls once again proved very popular and much appreciated.

As a school, Oakhill is fortunate to have such a supportive, involved and enthusiastic parent community who already add much to who we are and what we do. The ever present and hard working Class Reps continue to serve a crucial and much appreciated role within our school through communication and service.

In keeping with Oakhill's vision and focus on community and our parents' desire to enhance our connection and sense of pride in our school and town, further opportunities for parent involvement were developed last year.

PACT (Parents Acting for Community Togetherness)

In this spirit of community and collaboration, PACT (Parents Acting for Community Togetherness) was born. The early PACT Committee of parents, led by Nicola Reardon has already focused on opportunities for parents to connect and make a difference in the lives of our students. To contextualise, Nicola shares the purpose and ethos behind PACT:

“PACT is a parent-led initiative that supports the Oakhill community through fundraising events, parent connection, school and community initiatives, and social gatherings. Our aim is to strengthen the partnership between parents and the school, creating a connected

and engaged Oakhill community, while assisting with events and possible fundraising initiatives. We like to think of ourselves as parents in partnership for Oakhill”.

There are various facets within PACT that focus on Parent Connects, Social Events, Transformation and Diversity, Community Service and Supporters Club.

- Enhanced by PACT's involvement, last year the Oakhill Foundation Trust Bursary Golf Day, generated valuable funds for future bursary students other than being a much-loved annual golfing event. Attracting Old Oaks, current parents, and friends of Oakhill, our community supported a worthy cause together. Hosted again on Sunday, 30 August at the Knysna Golf Club our PACT committee will be bringing another fabulous day of golf and connection to our community. Be sure to book your 4-ball or just join for the social interaction after.
- At the end of last year, PACT also hosted a Parent Plett Padel Event, bringing parents in our growing Plett community together for a fun afternoon of social matches, some healthy competitive games and community connection.
- More recently PACT's highly successful Books for Bursaries sale, made a direct impact of R30,000 to bursary students as families donated quality pre-loved books for resale. The benefits of this initiative extended even further, with the Prep School English Department creating a wonderful new mini-library for all pupils to enjoy.

Given that PACT forms a bridge between parents and the heart of Oakhill School life - strengthening belonging, providing support, and shared purpose - we encourage families to volunteer in any of the areas of interest. To join please click on this link: [Get involved with PACT](#).

Supporters Club

As a portfolio within PACT, the relaunch of the Oakhill Supporters Club has brought a wonderful and very welcome presence at sport and cultural events adding great value and spirit to our festivals and derby days in particular. Below please find a message from Kate Whiting, the Supporters Club Chair sharing more:

“The Oakhill Supporters Club exists to build school spirit, connection and community, bringing the GEES to both sport and culture through supporter rallies, social connection events and active involvement in school life.





While fundraising forms part of our mission, our greater purpose is creating opportunities for every child to fully experience what Oakhill has to offer. Funds raised through Supporters Club initiatives will assist students who may not otherwise be able to afford sporting and cultural tours, helping ensure that more children have the opportunity to participate, travel and grow through these experiences.

We are a group of like-minded parents who are passionate about building an Oakhill community that families want to be part of, not only during their children's school years, but long afterwards too.

We are currently looking for parents who would like to get involved, whether as part of the committee itself or simply at a more relaxed club/supporter level. There is space for everyone, whether you'd like to help plan events, support on match days, assist behind the scenes, or simply bring energy and enthusiasm to the sidelines.

Our goal is simple: stronger connection, bigger gees, greater support for our children, and a school community that continues to thrive together."

Last year the Supporter Club got great momentum, across the Derby Days and sporting events including the Proudly Oakhill event at Leopards Leap winery while on tour to Bridge House. Look out for the very exciting Derby Days ahead as well as the Cape Town tour to Elkanah House where there will be a similar parent experience.

The beautiful and stylish setting of Music in the Blue, is thanks to College parents in the Supporter Club offering their expertise and care.

Should you wish to learn more or become involved in the Supporters Club please follow this link: [Join the Supporters Club](#)

Supporter Jerseys

We are delighted to offer our loyal parent community a limited special offer on our Oakhill Supporter Jerseys. These stunning, high-quality, custom-designed Old School jerseys usually retail online for R1199, but for this week only (12h00 on Monday, 1 June 2026), you can secure yours for just R1000 which can be billed to your school account in June). To benefit from this limited special offer - [CLICK HERE](#) to

order as delivery is due to arrive mid-June - perfectly timed for our next Derby Day or the upcoming Cape Town tour!

The College Music in the Blue performances took place this week with the audience being treated to a wonderful and impressive range of performances from our talented students. The event was a great success and reminded us of just how important and impressive our arts are at Oakhill. We thank the performers for the hard work and effort that goes into preparation for such a showcase. I consider myself very privileged to have been able to enjoy this highly memorable celebration of music and dance. A very impressive visual arts display set up in the College quad accompanied the Music in the Blue experience adding another wonderful element to the occasion.



Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

James

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