



Dear Oakhill School Family

I hope that this communication finds you and your families safe and well following the heavy rains of the last few days. While the closure of school would have no doubt caused much inconvenience we are grateful for your understanding and patience during this period. I would like to thank our staff for their nimbleness and adaptability in having to manage these disruptions and for all the extra work required to reschedule and move important events, tests and exams.

The additional disruption caused by the closure of Hospital Hill Street due to safety concerns is unfortunate but we ask for your patience and cooperation in managing access to and from school at this time. Kindly factor in some additional time for drop off and collection. You can also make use of the Syringa Street gate for an alternative drop off and collection point. The school continues to engage with authorities and to explore options to highlight the concerns and risks associated with the roads in our area and to try and expedite action to address these problems.

Oakhill Green Day

On Monday 8 June we will once again commemorate the Knysna Fires of 7 June 2017 by “Going Green”. We will be focusing on our beautiful environment and the renewal and regrowth that has happened since the fires. We will also be re-committing ourselves to caring for and appreciating our wonderful environment.

We encourage the children, staff, parents and community to wear green on Monday 8 June. There is no charge for children coming to school in civvies on

Green Day. We will also be flying the Knysna Fires commemorative flag and our Eco Schools flag so please keep a lookout for these. During the course of the week, children will be reminded to reduce, reuse and recycle as we continue to highlight the need for “greener” habits. We hope that this annual event not only raises awareness for our environment but also reminds us of what we have managed to overcome.

GREEN DAY MONDAY 8 JUNE

OAKHILL THE JOY OF LEARNING

On this day we will be going green, in as many ways as we can

- THINK GREEN**
During the course of the week, pupils will have the opportunity to focus on some environmental issues as part of a class or grade activity.
- BE GREEN**
Pupils will be reminded to reduce, reuse, recycle as we continue to raise awareness of the need to develop “green living” habits, in our daily lives.
- WEAR GREEN**
Pupils are encouraged to wear civvies on this day with Green being the dominant colour.

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Upcoming Family Soccer Day

Prep School Parents are reminded to start limbering up ahead of the highly anticipated Family Soccer Day taking place on Thursday, 25 June. With the Soccer World Cup upon us and Bafana-Bafana fever growing it is a great



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opportunity to celebrate the beautiful game. Please save the date and keep a look out for further information from the Prep Sports Department in this regard.



Prep parents are also reminded of the Woodridge Derby Day taking place on Saturday, 13 June.

Oakhill Eisteddfod Launch

We are very pleased to announce an exciting new chapter for our school community: the launch of the inaugural Oakhill Eisteddfod, which will take



place from 26-28 August 2026. For the past 17 years, our students have travelled to George to participate in the regional Eisteddfod. As a recognised cultural hub within the Garden Route, we believe the time has come for Oakhill to host its own premier cultural event for anyone to participate from Grades 1 to 12. Oakhill has long been known for the exceptional quality of its arts programme, and this initiative will further foster creativity, collaboration, and artistic excellence in our region and on our own campus.

For this inaugural year, the Oakhill Eisteddfod will focus exclusively on adjudicating Drama. We are proud to announce that a highly qualified and accredited adjudicator, Mr Christo Potgieter, has been secured to oversee the adjudication process for this exciting initiative. Looking ahead, we plan to expand the Eisteddfod in 2027 to include Music and Art, while also inviting schools from across the Garden Route to participate in a vibrant regional cultural exchange. This proactive approach will help us build a strong artistic community rooted in mutual enrichment through the arts.

With College exams well underway we want to wish all students everything of the best and trust that this will be a meaningful and affirming process with clarity of thought and belief in their ability.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

James

