



Newsletter
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Dear Oakhill School Family

The Interact Fashion Show and SRC Food Evening took place on Friday 21 August. Our community was treated to great food from around the world caringly prepared, enthusiastically marketed and tastefully presented by the relevant grade in the College. The Interact Fashion Show which showcased the latest fashions, kindly loaned by local clothing outlets, was a high energy and fun experience which left the audience begging for more. The confidence, enthusiasm, innovation and great enjoyment demonstrated by the models added so much to the most memorable occasion. As always, the dances performed by the matrices was an undoubted highlight while the staff took to the stage to answer the age-old question of "Where do our lost items go?" as they bravely paraded items found in the school's lost property. Funds raised from these great events will be used to fund SRC initiatives as well as providing key resources and funding for Interact outreach and local community projects undertaken.



The inaugural Oakhill Arts Festival concluded on Friday 28 August with a showcase evening celebrating some of the top performers who had impressed over the two full days of performance. In total the Prep had 98 performers deliver 72 items while the College had 43

performers deliver 33 items. Audiences were treated to excellent and highly entertaining performances across a range of categories. The performers were expertly adjudicated by the Eisteddfod accredited, vastly experienced and highly regarded Christo Potgieter who provided invaluable feedback and advice to the participants. I would like to share with you an extract from a communication I received from Christo following his visit to Oakhill.



"I was impressed not only by the level of talent, but also by the discipline, confidence and natural, uninhibited approach of the learners participating in the Eisteddfod. The overall standard was exceptionally high and certainly compares favourably with - and in many instances challenges - the standard I have encountered at the various schools where I have adjudicated this year." - Christo Potgieter



Head of School: James Cross





PACT parent committee and Marketing Department assisting at the Golf Day

The annual Oakhill Foundation Bursary Trust Golf Day held on Sunday 30 August was a great success with a full field being warmly hosted at the Knysna Golf Course. A huge thanks goes out to the golfers who supported this event, the PACT parent committee, the Oakhill Marketing team as well as our generous sponsors who contributed so much to what was a wonderful event. The weather also played its part in making this event so memorable. The Oakhill Foundation Trust exists to ensure that a world-class, life-changing education isn't just reserved for a fortunate few, but is accessible to bright, talented students who simply wouldn't have the opportunity otherwise. Every single ticket bought, every raffle entry, and yes, even every ball lost, directly invests in a young person's future. Education is the greatest equalizer we have, and through such initiatives, we are opening doors that would otherwise stay locked.

The College Careers Day was held on Thursday and was a very valuable, relevant and well received event. Our students were exposed to a keynote address entitled "Finding Your Own Way" as well as the choice of many wonderful breakaway sessions facilitated by speakers both local (including many of our Oakhill

parents and Alumni) and from as far away as Makhanda. A number of grade specific sessions addressed important topics relevant to the age group. The topics covered in these sessions included, Soft

Skills, Psychometrics and Burn Out. Our sincere thanks go out to the many Oakhill parents, past students and community members who graciously shared their experience and knowledge with our College students.

Wrapping up a busy week, the annual Phendulani Book Quiz hosted by Oakhill also took place on Thursday and provided the opportunity for many of

our local schools to gather and enjoy a book quiz based on a selection of books that had been shared with schools in the region. This is a

meaningful community engagement occasion and a celebration of books and reading which is always greatly enjoyed by the enthusiastic participants who compete for school pride and the chance of taking home even more wonderful books to enjoy and share with their community.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

James



Keynote Speaker, Andrew Todd, with David Wright



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