



OAKHURST NEWS

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Dear Parents

Winter seems to have hit us quickly and is playing havoc with our extra-mural programme. Our hockey and netball players have not had the opportunity to practice much and the first matches were also postponed.

We need to make a decision regarding the continuation of sport in bad weather by 14:00 in order to give you an opportunity to arrange to have your daughter collected from school. It sometimes happens that the weather clears by the end of the school day. Please understand that practices and matches are not cancelled or postponed unnecessarily. Fields and courts become water logged and are sometimes dangerous to play on even if the weather has cleared. Practises cannot take place in the school hall as it is used every afternoon of the week. We do our best to continue with our programme as far as possible.

INTER-ACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

Last week I received very exciting news. Oakhurst will be getting four inter-active whiteboards as a donation from the Khanya Project. This is a project that was initiated by Helen Zille in her time as Education MEC. It has been running for 8 years now and has two years still to run. The Khanya Project was started to establish IT labs in school, mostly previously disadvantaged schools. I requested that Oakhurst be considered as a recipient of inter-active whiteboards and my request was granted. The project plan will be drawn up and we hope the whiteboards will soon be installed.

HOCKEY

There are still a number of girls who are arriving late for hockey practices and even matches, despite the fact that the venue is closer to Oakhurst. Please would you make every effort to see that your daughter is on time. It is embarrassing for the school and the coaches when players arrive late for matches.

The Grade one girls have started playing hockey this year due to the fact that Rondebosch Boys' High is allowing us to use one of their fields. The response has been over whelming. Thirty 'stick wielding' six year olds, however, is more than one coach can cope with safely. We have the assistance of two parents, but would appreciate the help of any other parents who would be able to offer up an hour from 13:30 to 14:30 on a Monday afternoon to assist Mrs

Ryan. Please contact Mrs Ryan at school if you are able to assist her.

OAKHURST OUTREACH

On Friday we handed over three boxes of reading books to *The Bookery* for distribution to schools without libraries. They were very grateful for our contribution.

The Grade one and two girls took your contributions of pet food to the SPCA when they visited them last week. We also sent a monetary donation from our Friday charity collection.

Thank you for your generous support of these very worthy causes.

The joy of giving is not to be underestimated.

MUMS AND DAUGHTERS BREAKFAST

You will receive a flyer today about the Mums and Daughters breakfast to be held at school on Saturday, 29 May. We are offering the tickets to current Oakhurst girls and their mums first. If there are any tickets available a few days before the function, we'll extend the invitation to past Oakhurst girls as well.

This is going to be a fun morning and we hope many of you will join us. Please send your request for tickets and your money to Mrs Wilkinson in the office. It is a fund raising event and is not at all compulsory.

CAKE SALE

We will have a cake sale at school next Wednesday, 19 May. The cake sale is held at break time and the girls will all be given an opportunity to purchase their treats. Please allow your daughter to bring along some of her pocket money to purchase her goodies.

THANKS

Thank you to Patricia Stidworthy for her persistence with the council to remove the garden rubble that they left on the verge outside Rondebosch Boys' High. I had contacted the council a few times with no result. Thanks Patricia, for helping us with this.

PAPER CHALLENGE

Our next paper challenge takes place next Friday, 21 May. Don't forget that we also collect tins and bottles to be recycled.

Pinelands North Primary School helped us collect Pick n Pay slips last term. They are now part of a recycling competition amongst the Pinelands schools and have

asked for our help. They would like us to collect the things we **don't** recycle ourselves, for them. This includes any dry plastic containers such as milk or fruit juice bottles and yogurt cups, polystyrene or plastic fruit and veg trays, plastic bread or veg packets etc. I shall send home plastic bags for this collection. They will collect the recycling from us on 7 June.

EXAM DATES

This is a reminder that the dates for the mid year exams have changed from those published on our school calendar due to the short term. Exams in Grade 6 and 7 will now start on Wednesday 26 May and finish on Friday 4 June.

Continual assessment will take place throughout the term for the other grades.

MY SCHOOL CARD

You are able to help collect funds for Oakhurst by having your My School Card swiped at Woolworths and a few other participating stores including Waltons and Bargain Books when you purchase items there. We have sent home an application form with all the Grade one girls. Please complete the form and return it to us and we'll submit them to Woolworths on your behalf.

If there are any other parents who do not have a My School card and would like one, please let your daughter collect an application form from the office.

Just for fun.....

A group of Gr2 pupils was asked what the difference between Mums and Dads is. They answered:

- Mums work at work **and** they work at home. Dads just work at work!
- Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
- Mums have magic. They make you feel better without medicine.

Thought for the day

I do not know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.
Bill Cosby

Keep warm!

Jenny van Velden
Principal



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JACK RUSSELL PUPPIES FOR SALE

Jack Russell puppies for sale We have 5 gorgeous Jack Russell puppies for sale. The parents are purebred but not registered. There are 4 females and 1 male. They are 7 weeks old and will be ready to leave their mom on 27 April. They are all dewormed and vaccinated but do not have docked tails. They have short legs and short hair and are beautiful and playful.

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