



7 October 2021

## Term 4 Parent Information – Oakhurst

Dear Parents,

I hope that students and families enjoyed the holiday break and were possibly able to enjoy a picnic and walks out in the beautiful Spring weather.

We return to School in a similar vein as at the end of Term 3 for **Weeks 1 and 2**. This means our Distance Learning Program will continue for all grades and only children of authorised workers who cannot be supervised at home should be registered to attend campus.

Week 3, Monday 18 October, **Kindergarten and Year 1** students resume face-to-face learning on campus.

Week 4, Monday 25 October, **Years 2 and 6** return.

Week 5, Monday 1 November, **Years 3, 4 and 5** return.

We request that siblings of students who are returning to face-to-face learning remain at home continuing their DLP until their own grade's return week commences.

From Week 3, the canteen will re-open but will only be providing lunch orders made through the Munch Monitor site. No purchasing of other items at recess or lunch.

I refer you to Mr Dawson's email to RJ families last Friday that contained important information for the upcoming term. Please note that the WWW days will not be continuing in Term 4 and that all students return to their usual campus and section for supervision from Week 3.

As a School we will continue to be guided by the State Government Health and Education authorities with regards to cross Stage student interaction, parents on campus and end of year events. At present there continues to be **no parents onsite**. If you do need to come to Primary Reception, please use the buzzer at the gate on Dryden Avenue closest to the Primary buildings and one of the Administrative team will assist you. Please remember to wear a mask.

Mask wearing for Primary students is currently not compulsory but is highly recommended.

As the face-to-face weeks draw closer there will be further communication regarding drop-off and pick-up of students.

**Birthdays and Special Occasions** - It is exciting for your child to share their birthday with their classmates. Parents may send in individually wrapped, store bought cupcakes, muffins, doughnuts or sweets for the class on their child's birthday. For example, a bag of Freddo Frogs to share. Please be aware that some chocolates contain nuts or nut traces, so check the ingredients list first. Please do not send in party bags, unfortunately these will be returned home. Teachers will hand out party invitations only if they are for **all** children in the class. Parents should otherwise hand out invitations before or after school.

A **Christmas card only may be handed out in the last week** of the School year. Please **do not send in Christmas candy canes** or any other gifts, including for Halloween – which is not celebrated in our School. These gifts will be returned home.

## Nepal Child Sponsorship

Thank you to families who regularly sent in gold coin donations to support our sponsor children during first semester this year. \$2 per month per student allows us to sponsor a child per year level making a huge difference to the lives of these children. As the year has progressed and with limited students onsite last term, our donations have decreased. If possible, please send a gold coin each month throughout Term 4 so we can continue to support the students over the longer summer break period. All classes have a collection box in the classroom.

## School Uniform

Students should be wearing their full Summer Uniform in Term 4. To protect students from harmful UV rays, **all Primary students must wear their hat at School each day.** Students may wear either the Primary broad-brimmed hat or legionnaire cap during Recess and Lunch breaks and during PE/Sport lessons as per the *Compulsory School Uniform and Student Presentation Policy*. Please ensure hats, like all uniform items, are clearly labelled. After the extended lockdown period, please ensure that students do not wear nail polish or non-uniform jewellery to School.

## Term 4 Events

Please keep an eye on the fortnightly RJ Review for updates on Primary events that may be allowed to proceed in a Covid-safe manner later in the term. This includes our Friday Assemblies. Below is a list of events that should be able to take place this term.

Event	Date	Additional Information
K-6 webinar Assembly	Friday 15 October	Webinar link will be emailed to families in Week 2 Commences at 9:10am
Year 6 Leadership 2022 Applications due	Friday 15 October	For current Year 5 students- uploaded by 4pm
Kindergarten and Year 1 resume face-to-face learning	Monday 18 October	Kindergarten and Year 1 return onsite. DLP ceases for K and Yr 1.
Kindergarten Oakhurst 2022 Orientation PowerPoint link emailed	Thursday 21 October	Actual Orientation Days onsite will be in January 2022
Zoom Q and A session	Thursday 28 October	Optional session for parents of Kindergarten 2022
Years 2 and 6 return face-to-face learning	Monday 25 October	Years 2 and 6 return onsite. DLP ceases for Yrs 2 and 6.
K-6 webinar Assembly	Friday 29 October	Webinar link will be emailed to families. Commences at 9:10am
Years 3, 4 and 5 resume face-to-face learning	Monday 1 November	Years 3, 4 and 5 return onsite. DLP finished for all Primary students.
House Meetings	Friday 19 November	Students are required to wear their House Shirt
Primary Captains 2022 Interviews	Tuesday 23 November	For current Year 5 students short-listed for interview. Students will be advised prior.
Year 6 Oakhurst Graduation and Activity Day	Thursday 2 December	9:00am - Graduation Assembly, lunch and activity for Year 6 students – details to follow mid Term 4.
Oakhurst Primary Presentation Afternoon	Wednesday 7 December (1:00pm)	If families still not allowed onsite, this event will be live-streamed. Student Reports distributed at the end of Presentation Afternoon.

<b>Last day of Term 4</b>	Wednesday 8 December	Christmas Mufti Day – students wear red, white, green Christmas attire
<b>Optional Parent / Teacher Interviews</b>	Thursday 9 December	Staff available for interviews to discuss the Student Report. Please contact the Office if a booking is required.

Events may be added or removed to the calendar throughout the term due to current Covid restrictions. Please check the RJ Review, School emails and your child's bag for notes.

If you have any questions or concerns in relation to this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,  
Karen Shannon-Duhigg  
**Head of Primary - Oakhurst**