



22 June 2012

Dear Parents

We have come to the end of what has been a wonderfully busy yet affirming term. Thank you, once again, for your support and for the faith you have placed in the teachers of your beautiful sons and daughters. We have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with them and seeing them grow and learn in the last few months. In fact, I have learnt much from the young men and women of our school this term and I am excited that they are so engaged and involved in the learning and thinking that goes on here each day.

I would like to thank **Justine Edwards** for compiling what is another bumper edition of the Oakhill Echoes. Our termly newsletter captures the myriad of vibrant and diverse activities which your young men and women have been involved in this past term. It certainly has been a busy term but I have found it wonderfully fulfilling and enriching as well.

I would like to wish each and every family a wonderfully peaceful, uncluttered and meaningful time together in the next three weeks. To those of you who are traveling, please do so safely and we look forward to your return on Tuesday, 17 July.

There are a couple of administrative issues which I need to deal with:

College Report Collection

All College reports (Grades 8 – 12) will be emailed to parents on Tuesday 26 June, but a copy may also be collected from the school reception between 12:00 to 13:00 on Tuesday.

Please take note that we have included the annual 2011 Yearbook in the report pack at no extra charge to parents.

Tyres and Takkies

Oakhill is hosting the Tyres and Takkies day on Saturday 4 August starting at 07:30. This event is being organised by the School PTA and I would ask that you please diarise the date as I have no doubt that it is going to be a wonderful family occasion. Participants in Tyres and Takkies can choose from five races, each race catering for different categories, ages and levels of fitness. There is a race for everyone! This event is going to be held at Sassenheim Estate on the N2 between Plettenberg Bay and Knysna, next to the Harkerville Market.

Bookings can be made via our webpage: www.oakhillschool.co.za.

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Finance Department

Please take note of the following notice: Interest charged on late payments

Interest will be levied at the rate of 2% per month on all amounts that are overdue by 30 days or more as from 1 September 2012.

Annual fees are due, in full, by the first day of the school year; termly fees are due, in full, by the first day of each term and; monthly fees are due, in full, by the first day of each month.

Lastly, we have recently celebrated Youth Day at school in commemoration of the 1976 Sharpeville riots. It is a wonderful reminder that we now live in a free and democratic country which provides so much hope and promise for this next generation – your sons and daughters. The Springboks play their last test of a three match series in Port Elizabeth on Saturday and we wish those who are travelling to PE to watch the game a safe trip, but do your kids a favour, and stand and sing the national anthem with the rest of the country as we endeavour to whitewash England before we send them packing back to host the London Olympics which starts on 27 July 2012.

Finally, I would like to remind you that we will be celebrating Madiba's Birthday on 18 July 2012. He will be turning 94 and we will be posting a video of the school singing Happy Birthday to him on our web page. We will follow this celebration by all **giving 67 minutes of our time** for community service in celebration of this great statesman. Please join us if you wish!

There is so much to celebrate but it is time for rest as well, and I sincerely hope you will find time for just that!

Every blessing.

Shane Kidwell
HEADMASTER