



# The Oak Leaf

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## Calendar of Events

<b>Aug 2</b>	School Disco
<b>Aug 14</b>	Active Aug-A-Thon
<b>Aug 9</b>	Curriculum Day
<b>Aug 11</b>	Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
<b>Sept 13</b>	Family Movie Night
<b>Sept 18-19</b>	School Concert



## Uniform Award

This week's

**Uniform Wearer of the Week Award**

goes to

**MACKENZIE OGSTON FM**

**Congratulations Mackenzie for setting such a great example to the rest of the school!**

## Principal's Column

For my column this week I want to acknowledge the work, commitment and dedication - over many years - of two staff members; one current and one who has just resigned.

Last weekend, the Department of Education formally recognised the contributions of a group of teachers who had completed significant years of service. Denise Anderson was one of those teachers who got the handshake from Minister Merlino for 45 years of dedicated service.

I first met Denise back in the 80s when we completed some professional learning together, but I didn't really get to know her until we worked together at Oak Park. Denise has a very dry sense of humour and is wonderful company. She is one of the wittiest people I know and very clever. Denise has always been dedicated to the kids. She really thinks about them, worries about them and always does her best to help them.

In an era where more than 50% of teachers quit the profession in their first five years, Denise's longevity, resilience and professionalism are something quite special.

Denise, on behalf of the Oak Park Primary School community - congratulations and thank you!

The other staff member I wanted to mention is Sue Annett, who officially resigned from the department this week. Sue worked for three years as the school's Primary Well-being Officer. She



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left Oak Park about three years ago to fight a serious health battle. We've caught up with Sue several times this year and I am very happy to report that she is well. She still has many things to contend with but is now able to get out and about and enjoy very happy times with her grandson and the rest of her beautiful family.

Many of you would not have met Sue, and she was only at Oak Park for a relatively short time, but everyone who was lucky enough to meet her were enriched by her generosity, her positivity and her spirit. You probably don't read our newsletter Sue - but we have missed you and we wish you good health and happiness in your retirement!

## Australian Mathematics Competition



Thank you to all families who have opted for their children to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition. We have around 40 students participating in the competition, which is amazing!

The competition will be held during Session 1 and 2 (between 9am and 11am) this Thursday, August 1st. If your child is part of the Netball finals, they will participate in the competition on Friday, August 2nd.

In preparation for the competition, could you please make sure that **iPads are charged fully**. There are practice questions available also, if you follow this link:

[https://competitions.amt.edu.au/index.php?action=user\\_competitions](https://competitions.amt.edu.au/index.php?action=user_competitions)

Thank you again for the overwhelming positive response to this competition and we wish all students the best of luck.

Lacey-Rae & Marina  
Mathematics Specialists



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## Naplan Results Year 5

We would ask parents/guardians to please keep their child's Year 5 NAPLAN results in a safe place, as Secondary Colleges will require a copy of this when they are looking to enrol into year 7. This is often one of the first pieces of documentation that Secondary Colleges ask for, so please keep the report handy, as it can take up to 10 days to retrieve another copy from the VCAA

## Dropping children off

We would ask families to please be careful (and lawful) when dropping children off at school. We have had quite a few parental concerns (communicated to the Office) with families that are pulling up in Summit Ave near the first gate (just prior to the school crossing, and right near the official drop off area) and letting their children out there. Today, families were seen letting their child out from the right side of the car, into the road!! This is extremely unsafe and is an accident waiting to happen, particularly with cars coming into Summit Ave from Willet Ave. This was also at a time where there were no cars dropping off in the drive through, so no excuses really.

Please drop your children to school SAFELY.

We thank you to utilise legal parking and drop off areas, for your child's sake

## Foundation 100 days

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July, Foundation students celebrated 100 days of school!

Students participated in various mathematics themed activities centred on all things '100' alongside their Grade 6 buddies. The morning's celebrations concluded with a very tasty hot chip lunch for our Foundation students. It was wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm students had towards the day, thank you to the Grade 6's for being such a fantastic support and helping make our day even more special.

This year, we invited students to come to school dressed up as '100 Year Old Citizens'. There was a lot of grey hair, walking sticks, slippers and shuffling through the Foundation area, making it a very entertaining and funny morning! Thank you to all the Foundation Parents for all the effort they put into some really wonderful costumes.

We'd like to congratulate the Foundation students on a wonderful first 100 days of school and for all their learning successes so far!



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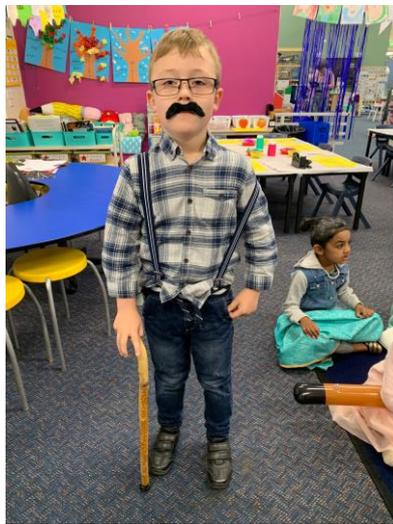
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## Japanese News

For those interested, here are some other local events happening that involves Japanese culture.

### A Taste of Kyoto

Endeavor tastes and flavours of the beautiful Kyoto prefecture of Japan!

Where: Omega Neil Perry Demonstration Kitchen, Prahran Market

Date: Saturday, 3rd August

Event - FREE

Time: 12:00 – 4:00 (last entry 3:30pm)

In this special free event, enjoy Kyoto style canapes prepared such as:

- | Oyster Miso Pot
- | Kyoto Rice Ball
- | Wagyu Sushi
- | Japanese Tiramisu

There will be sampling of Kyoto sake, and a Japanese tea ceremony demonstration.

Also on display will be Japanese calligraphy, Kimono performance, and also a musical performance with a Japanese Koto instrument.

### Melbourne Ikebana Festival

Ikebana for Kids (Y1 - Y6), workshop for beginners, demonstration, artists talk, Ikebana performance with live music (the Grigoryan Brothers) & free exhibition.





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This is a great opportunity to experience & discover this popular art. New addition to international art & culture events in Melbourne.

31 August & 1 September 2019

Abbotsford Convent

<https://melbikebana.blogspot.com/>

Melissa Ly

Japanese Language Teacher

## School Concert – Costume List

Dear Families,

The school is busily preparing for our bi-annual school concert that will be held at the Clocktower Theatre on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th of September. For new parents to the school, you will be relieved to know that most costumes will be provided by the school. We do however require your help with basic essentials, such as black shoes and plain t-shirts or pants. Please carefully read the attached file that has the list of all items required for each grade. Please pay particular attention to the "Parents to Provide" column so you know what you need to supply.

Black school shoes are part of our school uniform but if your child does not have black shoes K-mart have affordable pairs which are perfect for the school concert, such as black canvas lace up shoe or black canvas slip on shoe both are \$3.50.

Kmart also has a large variety of plain t-shirts for approx. \$4 each if your child requires a plain t-shirt for the concert item.

If you do need to supply a t-shirt for the class item we ask for your prompt action, many of these t-shirts will need a motif sewn on and we need to give the volunteer sewers time to complete this task. Please bring in the items no later than Thursday 8th August.

If you already know your child/ren will be absent from school on these concert dates please email your class teacher ASAP.

If you have any other questions regarding costumes please come and talk to Sheryl Hamilton (5/6 Resource Room) or myself and we will help you.

Thank you and please save the concert date in your calendars!

**Please find the concert costume lists at the end of the newsletter**

## Sustainability

### TURTLES

We are very excited to tell you about new additions to our menagerie, with two turtles coming to us via the generosity of a local couple Rob Dudderidge (former parent at OPPS) and Kim Parish. They have generously provided us with two turtles (Squirt, an eastern longneck turtle and Simon, a Murray River turtle), tank and all equipment. Squirt and Simon have settled in



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nicely and will be meeting the students this week. If you would like to meet them you are welcome to check them out at the Sustainability room.



## Special Recycling

Our Class, 5/6A, has started a project that involves us making people aware of the things they can recycle and what happens to our environment when we aren't aware of the things we are putting in our bins.

Our sustainability teacher John has many tubs stored in the office that are for recyclable items such as **bottle caps, toothbrushes/toothpaste tubes, batteries, ink cartridges, light bulbs** and **old mobile phones**. These items will be sent off to companies such as TerraCycle, who will melt the items down and make them in to brand new

objects. These items can't go in normal recycling bins, but we have found services that will turn them into new items. This means that we are saving new resources being used, saving power and electricity from the production of new materials and diverting a lot of products from landfill, where they are just wasted. Worse still, these items are often dumped, creating litter that has a serious impact on our environment and animals. The bonuses are that in many cases we are supporting important organisations like Envision, which manufactures prosthetic hands, under privileged and disabled workers in Australia and overseas and some companies even provide some financial benefit to the school for the materials we provide them with. We would really appreciate it if you had any unused items that are considered to be "special recycling" that you could donate them to our school. The special tubs will be placed in the office. We also hope to expand this to other recyclable items soon.

**Here is a list of items that we are also hoping to have recycling available for in the near future (watch this space!).**

- e-waste (Electric waste)
- clothing •
- soft plastic (plastic bags, chip packets, • frozen vegetable packets etc.)
- \*bread bag tags •



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## PFA News

### Coming up.....

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug** School Disco

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Aug** Kids Art Work money due

**Thursday 29 & Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug** Fathers Day Stall

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept** Family Movie Night

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept** Footy Colours Day (last day Term)

### ACTIVE AUG-A-THON

Students will have received a sponsorship form for the Active Aug-a-thon on the last day of term 2. The Aug-a-thon is PFA's major fundraiser for the year so we would love all families to help us raise as much money as we can while having fun. Donated money will contribute to more literacy and maths equipment for the classrooms and library.

The day will include students participating in a course of 9 fun obstacle's around the school oval. There will be prizes on the day for best dressed in house colours ( your house colour can be found on compass) and the top 3 fundraisers will win Rebel Sport vouchers.

Students will soon have the chance to order Brumbies pizza for lunch on the day (order forms will come home this week).

There will be more details coming as the day gets closer but for now, get to colouring in your sponsorship sheet for more chances for prizes and start asking family and friends to sponsor you to help support our school and to be in the running for some great vouchers!

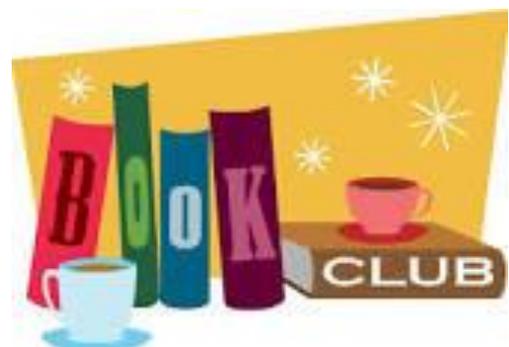
There are more forms available at the office if you have not received one or need a 2nd form.

### BOOK CLUB

Oak Park Primary has it's own community book club for parents/friends that runs every 5-6 weeks.

Next meeting 21st Aug 7.30pm  
Book: *The Erratics* By Vicki Laveau-Harvie

All welcome





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## OPPS DISCO

**Oak Park Primary School's Disco!**  
**When: Friday the 2nd of August**

Session 1: Foundation - Grade 3 6- 7.30pm	Session 2: Grade 4- 6 8-9.30pm
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**Cost: \$5  
at the  
door**

Please note: NO mobile phones permitted  
 Thanks to DJ Joe at [www.weddingspartiesanything.com.au](http://www.weddingspartiesanything.com.au)

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

The date for the Family Movie Night has changed. Please save the date of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, with further details to follow

## OAK PARK PRIMARY DISCO 2019

**When:** Friday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Where:** The school gym  
**Times:** Session 1: Foundation to Grade 3 6pm - 7.30pm  
 Session 2: Grade 4 to 6 8pm - 9.30pm  
**Cost:** \$5 at the door.

- Cost includes DJ, dancing, cordial, fruit and snacks. Please BYO labelled water bottle.
- All students will need to be signed in at the start (Japanese room) and signed out at the end of their session (gym).
- PFA and teachers will be in attendance for supervision. Only students, and allocated helpers will be permitted into gym after sign in.
- There will be a teacher allocated to first aid on the evening, please ensure any ventolin or epi pens are given to staff on sign in for the evening as we will not be accessing school supplies on the night.

PLEASE NOTE : Mobile phones are not permitted.

We would like to thank Weddings Parties Anything for again kindly donating their services for the evening.

[www.weddingspartiesanything.com.au](http://www.weddingspartiesanything.com.au)

Any queries please contact the school on 93069182

Regards,

PFA.



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## WOW AWARDS

Class	Name	Awarded for
FH	Nicholas Dyson	For working so hard to sound out words during writing sessions independently. Well done Nicholas - I'm so proud of your efforts. Keep it up
FM	Asya Bolucek	For sounding out difficult words all by yourself and not giving up. Well done!
1C	Joshua Williams	For the improvement in your handwriting and presentation of your work. Well done Joshua!
1H	Raymond Giri	For excellent listening this week and an outstanding effort during Reader's Theatre.
1PA	Lily McCracken	For always showing a respectful attitude to your teachers and classmates.
2D	Ekaa Raghubanshi	For being a wonderful problem solver in class. You were able to use different strategies to solve your addition and subtraction equations. Keep up the great work.
2M	Elaa Raghubanshi	For being an outstanding role model and a helpful, enthusiastic classmate.
3JW	Lachlan Baird	For using your own thinking to solve problems
3E	Sophie Crute	For trying your best in preparation for our excursion
4P	Adriana Fitri	For showing a great deal of responsibility in the classroom - always coming in with a smile on her face and showing she's ready to learn!
4T	Mertay Sezer & Jacob Chandler	<b>Mertay</b> - for taking responsibility for his learning by keeping focused, asking questions and reflecting on his learning <b>Jacob</b> - for taking risks with his writing and using some great descriptive vocabulary in his narrative.



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5/6A	Capri Byrne	For always being the first to offer assistance and for being responsible and working hard in Maths.
5/6G	Alana Roolker	For having a positive attitude.
5/6P	Hudson Lasslett	For always putting in his best effort and being a stand out role model in every way.
Wellbeing	Ola Krztom 4P	For always displaying great responsibility and doing an awesome job singing and playing her guitar to the aged care residents.
Japanese	Ekaa Raghubanshi 2D	For always being a responsible member of the class and assisting others with their learning.
Performing Arts	Ben McCulloch 5/6P	For trying his best, focussing and not giving up on complicated dance moves. Well Done!
Art	Bejna Demirel 5/6P	For using creativity and thinking outside the box in art classes.
Sports	Evin Dissanayake	This week I have chosen Even in 2d.




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CLASS/TEACHER	COSTUME	SCHOOL TO PROVIDE	PARENT/GUARDIAN TO PROVIDE	SPECIFIC REQUESTS
FH/ KIRA	ELEPHANTS	Elephant Suit Vest Head piece	Plain black shoes Plain black socks	<b>GIRLS</b> Hair pulled back no fringes if possible Low ponytail if needed, due to headpiece <b>BOYS</b> Hair smooth style due to headpiece
FS/KATHY	POODLES	Black leggings Black t-shirt Headpiece <b>BOYS</b> - black shorts	Plain black shoes Plain black socks	<b>GIRLS</b> Hair pulled back no fringes if possible TO BE DECIDED <b>BOYS</b> Hair smooth style due to headpiece
	DALMATIONS	Black leggings Black t-shirt Shorts Vest Headpiece	Plain black shoes Plain black socks	<b>GIRLS</b> Hair pulled back no fringes if possible Low ponytail if needed, due to headpiece <b>BOYS</b> Hair smooth style due to headpiece
FM/ALEX	LIONS	Lion suit Headpiece	Plain black shoes Plain black socks	<b>GIRLS</b> Hair pulled back no fringes if possible Low ponytail if needed, due to headpiece
	TIGERS	Shorts Vest Black leggings Black t-shirt	Plain black shoes Plain black socks	<b>BOYS</b> Hair smooth style due to headpiece  <b>GIRLS</b> Hair pulled back no fringes if possible Low ponytail if needed, due to headpiece <b>BOYS</b> Hair smooth style due to headpiece
1H/ TANIA	CIRCUS HORSES	<b>GIRLS AND BOYS</b> Vest Glitter hat Scarf	<b>ALL STUDENTS</b> - Plain white round neck t-shirt Plain black shoes and black socks JEANS- either blue or black. NO RIPS PLEASE	<b>GIRLS</b> Hair pulled back no fringes please Low ponytail if needed, due to headpiece <b>BOYS</b> Hair smooth style due to headpiece




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<b>1C /JANE</b>	<b>STRONG MEN AND STRONG WOMEN</b>	To be advised	Plain black shoes and socks	A note will be placed on COMPASS by Thursday 8 <sup>TH</sup> of August with details
<b>1P/ MARINA and DENISE</b>	<b>SCARF DANCE</b>	<b>GIRLS</b> White Dress  <b>BOYS</b> White long pants	<b>GIRLS-</b> White long leggings  <b>BOYS</b> Plain white round neck t-shirt  <b>BOYS AND GIRLS</b> Plain white shoes and white socks.	<b>GIRLS</b> - Hair tied up in a high ponytail if possible.  <b>BOYS-</b> Can spike / gel their hair.  <b>PLEASE NOTE-</b> That as the students are wearing all white for this item, white or nude colour undergarments are essential.
<b>2D/KATE</b>	<b>CLOWNS</b>	Pants Wig Neck Ruffle Ties	Plain black shoes Plain white socks Plain white <b>round neck</b> t-shirt	T. shirt to be sent to school, with child's name clearly marked on it, by Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> of August. Either a flower or a tie will be carefully added to this t-shirt. This item will be removed after the concert and the t-shirt returned to your child.  <b>GIRLS</b> – if your hair is long please put into 2 low plaits No fringes please
<b>3/4B</b>	<b>DRUMMERS</b>	Long pants Long sleeved white top Headpiece	Plain black shoes and socks	Hair style to be decided and students will be notified.
<b>3E/ AMY</b>	<b>TIGHT ROPE WALKERS/ TRAPEZE</b>	To be advised	To be advised	A note will be placed on COMPASS by Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> of August, with details
<b>3JW/ BRENDA AND MEAGAN</b>	<b>BALL SKILLS</b>	To be advised	To be advised	A note will be placed on COMPASS by Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> of August, with details.




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<b>4P/JULIA</b>	<b>MAGIC/DECK OF CARDS</b>	BOYS AND GIRLS will all be provided with a long pair of pants.	A short sleeved plain white round neck t-shirt.  Plain black shoes and socks.	T. shirt to be sent to school, with child's name clearly marked on it, by Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> of August. A motif will be carefully added to this t-shirt. This item will be removed after the concert and the t-shirt returned to your child.  Hair style to be notified.
<b>4T/ APRIL</b>	<b>HUMAN PYRAMIDS</b>	To be advised	To be advised	A note will be placed on COMPASS by Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> of August with details
<b>5/6 G LACEY-RAE AND CHRISTINE</b>	<b>ACROBATS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b> Blue leggings Waistband Hat/cap  <b>BOYS</b> Hay/cap	Plain black round neck t-shirt          Plain black round neck t-shirt Plain black knee length shorts or they can be plain black tracksuit pants cut to knee length.	T. shirt to be sent to school, with child's name clearly marked on it, by Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> of August. A MOTIF will be carefully added to this t-shirt. This item will be removed after the concert and the t-shirt returned to your child <b>GIRLS</b> Hair to be in a top knot. T. shirt to be sent to school, with child's name clearly marked on it, by THURSDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> of August. A MOTIF will be carefully added to this t-shirt. This item will be removed after the concert and the t-shirt returned to your child  Shorts to be sent to school with your child's name clearly marked on it, by Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> of August. Trim will be added to this garment. This trim will be carefully removed after the concert and the shorts returned to your child




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<p><b>5/6 P/ KIRSTY</b></p>	<p><b>CIRCUS SKILLS</b></p>	<p>Colourful accessories will be provided by the school</p>	<p><b>BOYS AND GIRLS</b></p> <p>All students to wear either Black or White clothing. ALL CLOTHING TO BE PLAIN ie no logos .</p> <p>Eg. Black t. shirt, white pants, black shoes and white socks.</p>	<p>Kmart have a large assortment of black and white garments, especially in the women’s section. Stripes, dots abstract designs.</p> <p>MIX AND MATCH WHATEVER SUITS THE INDIVIDUAL.</p> <p>If you are in doubt please bring the items to school and either Melanie or myself will check.</p>
<p><b>5/6 A/ GREER AND EMILY</b></p>	<p><b>BUCKET DRUMMING</b></p>		<p><b>BOYS AND GIRLS</b></p> <p>All students to be dressed in BLACK ONLY. Black long-sleeved top Long black pants/ leggings. Black shoes and socks</p>	<p>No decorations on any garments please as we will be using a fluro light for a small part of this item and the feature will be the drum sticks.</p>
<p><b>5/6C LIVIO</b></p>	<p><b>CIRCUS FOLK</b></p>	<p>To be advised</p>	<p>To be advised</p>	<p>Students to be individually dressed.</p> <p>A note will be placed on COMPASS advising students of their individual costume.</p> <p>The school may be able to provide some of the items needed.</p>



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## Oak Park Primary 2019 Transition Dates – Foundation 2020

Children enrolled to begin Foundation at Oak Park Primary School in 2020 are invited to participate in our Transition to School Program.



It is highly recommended that children attend all transition sessions to ensure you have all necessary information required before your child commences school. Our program also gives students an opportunity to familiarise themselves with our school and help make the transition to school process a smooth and exciting one.

Please note that during our transition sessions, future students will be randomly arranged into three different colour groups (either 'Purple', 'Orange' or 'Green'). These groups will be your child's class for the duration of our transition program. These groups are not your child's final 2020 class grouping or teacher. These will be communicated during our last transition session.

### Transition Session 1 (Specialist Program):

Date: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 9.15am – 10.45am

#### Session Outline:

During our first transition session, parents and future Foundation students will be introduced to our Japanese, Performing Arts and Physical Education teachers. Our school's current Foundation teachers will accompany parents and their children as they participate in 30 minute activities within each specialist class.

Please note: Parents and children are both required to attend on this day.

### Transition Session 2 (Foundation Classroom Activities and Parent Information Session):

Date: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 9.15am – 10.45am



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During our second transition session, future Foundation students are invited to participate in a variety of fun activities within the Foundation classrooms. The session will give your child an opportunity to familiarise themselves with our Foundation classrooms and current Foundation teachers. While your child is participating in these activities parents are invited to our 'Foundation 2020 Information Session' which will take place in our school's Multi Purpose Room. The session is designed to provide parents with a detailed insight into Oak Park Primary and general requirements before your child commences school. A 'Friends Form' will be distributed during this session which will allow parents to indicate any current friendships your child may have that you would like us to consider when forming grades for 2020. This form can either be returned on the day or at the third transition session. (Please note that we aim to place your child with at least one friend or familiar face within their 2020 grade). During this session, our PFA (Parents and Friends Association) will also have a second hand uniform stall set up where parents will be able to purchase pre-owned uniforms.

**Please note: Parents and children are both required to attend on this day.**

### Transition Session 3 (Foundation Classroom Activities):

**Date:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November: 9.15am – 10.45am

During our third transition session, future Foundation students are again invited to participate in a variety of fun activities within the Foundation classrooms. Parents are not required to stay for this session and are welcome to leave the school premises and return by the Transition sessions' conclusion. Parents are also welcome to wait at our school and use our playground with younger brothers/sisters while waiting. During this session, our uniform supplier, 'A Plus Schoolwear' will be available to order/purchase new uniforms.

Please note that this is the final date for 'Friends Form' submissions.

**Please note: Only children required to attend on this day.**

### Transition Session 4 (Meet the Teacher):

**Date:** December – Final date and time TBC

During our fourth and final transition session, future Foundation students will find out their 2020 class and teacher. They will also have an opportunity to meet their 2020 Grade 6 Buddy. Grade 6 buddies will gift their Foundation buddy with a personalised library bag containing a variety of educational activities. During this session parents will receive a letter detailing their child's staggered start time for the first day of school and their Foundation Entry Test date and time for 2020.

**Please note: Only children required to attend on this day.**



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