



Dear Oakwood Parents

**Oakwood's Day Out: A picnic and games in the Helderberg Nature Reserve on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

It is with great excitement that we inform you of the outing that we have planned for Oakwood. In Wacky Week we have many exciting activities planned, you will be receiving a letter with all the necessary information regarding the week.

On the last day of Wacky Week – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – we would like to take the children to a calm and 'comfortable' outing to the Nature Reserve. Most of the children have visited the Nature Reserve so they will be familiar with their surroundings which is important at this age. We ask that parents **drop them off from 07:30** and **leave by 08:00** so that we can start our activities – we respectfully ask that you don't 'hang around' at the Nature Reserve after 08:00 so that the children and teachers can get on with the morning's programme. We have a picnic snack and picnic lunch planned for the children which include juice and water so there is no need to send your child with anything – we will label their disposable 500ml bottles of water as well as their juices so that they don't get muddled and we can dispose of the plastic before we leave.

Please note the following:

- All children should wear their Smiley T-Shirts so that we can easily identify the Oakwood children
- Children should wear comfortable, closed shoes, appropriate for walking and running (we don't want to lose slippers and sandals so shoes will stay on their feet)
- All children must wear a school hat – a white floppy hat or navy blue cap (the blue cap is a nice option for running around without them falling off)
- Please do not send water bottles or bags along (teachers will take along a first aid kit, a few spare items of clothing for emergencies and tissues)
- Please apply sunblock to faces, arms and legs

We have a short, age appropriate walk as well as games and activities planned for each age group and the Grade Rs will listen to a talk on Nature Conservation by one of the Nature Conservationists. After all the fun we will finish up with an early lunch and **all children are to be collected at 12:30**. We are aware that for some working parents it will be hard to fetch your child at 12:30 but ask that you find a friend who can assist you in dropping your child back at school for aftercare, HipHop and XtraEdge as usual or to arrange a playdate with them.

Miss Court (Our Deputy Head), Mrs van Greunen, Mrs Elbrink, Miss Hodge, Miss Tongo, Mrs Du Plessis, Mrs Fingers, Mrs Botha, Miss Burke, Mrs Caldecott, Mrs Angus, Mrs Bind and Miss Abrahams will all be going along on the outing so your children will be well taken care of.

Should the weather look bleak, we will make the call on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, and inform you of the alternative plan. Please fill in the consent form attached and return it to your class teacher by Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any queries, please chat to your class teacher.

Kind Regards

THE OAKWOOD TEACHERS