# OAKWOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are halfway through Term 3 already! It has been action packed with Science Week, School Photos and Inter School Cross Country. This week has seen our newest class, Room 26 begin life as our newest class in the school. Miss Cassandra Mair is their teacher and she has spent many weeks building strong relationships with them. They have had a great first week as a class and we are very proud of the resilience and positivity they have shown.

We look forward to the events coming up on our calendar and to seeing our students make great progress using our whole school approaches to teach our students. Our staff are very dedicated to providing the best learning experiences for the children and I would like to thank them for all of their hard work.

### Science Week

Last week we celebrated National Science Week (one week early) and engaged with a wide variety of meaningful science-relating learning that centred around this year's theme of Deep Blue: innovations for the future of our oceans. Our students had opportunities to engage in hands-on learning that highlighted the importance of looking after our oceans and developing sustainable practices. Thank you to our Science Team who coordinated the events and learning opportunities throughout the week, in particular Miss Fairhurst, Miss Clarke and Miss Van Beek.

### Mrs Baxter

We wish to inform the school community that due to a physical injury and doctor's advice, Mrs Baxter will be taking leave for the remainder of Term 3. While we are very sad not to have Mrs Baxter at Oakwood PS during this time, we are excited to share that Mr Karl Whitehurst, who has been doing relief in Room 25 for the last 2 weeks, will remain with us for the term. This will provide consistency for the class during Mrs Baxter's absence, and maintain a high level of quality learning. We wish Mrs Baxter a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing her return in Term 4.

### NQS External Verification

On Tuesday we welcomed Amie Fabry from the Early Childhood Education branch within the Department of Education, and Natalie Cox to our school as they conducted our first 3-yearly external verification against the National Quality Standards. The national standards comprehensively identify the minimum benchmarks for high-quality early childhood education and care across 7 Quality Areas. As a school we will receive the official report from this verification in the coming weeks and we look forward to sharing this with the community when it arrives. Overall, it was a very positive day with our verifiers visiting all classrooms from Kindergarten to Year 2, taking time to talk with staff about our approaches and practices and experiencing all aspects of our school throughout the day. Special thanks to Linda Starbuck and Rachel Pritchard who guided the verifiers during the day and shared all the wonders that make Oakwood an awesome place for high quality learning.

## Dates to Remember

**Wednesday 26 August**
**Book Week Dress up Day and Parade**

**Wednesday 2—Friday 4 September**
**Father's Day Stall**

**Wednesday 9 September**
**Open Night**

**Tuesday 8-Friday 11**
**Book Fair**

**Tuesday 15 September**
**CLC Year 6 Transition Day**

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### Open Night

This term we are excited to continue our preparations for Open night and Sports Carnivals as we move into the second half of the term. As Western Australia will remain in Phase 4 restrictions during these key events on our calendar, we are putting some additional measures in place to ensure we are adhering to social distancing and gathering requirements mandated by the State Governments. For all of these events, although we usually love nothing better than welcoming as many of our extended family members to attend, we ask that no more than 2 adults per student be in attendance.

Our Open Night will now be extended from 5:30-7:30pm with set timeframes that parents can physically visit the classrooms. This will either be a 5:30-6:30pm timeslot, or 6:30-7:30pm. Further information will be communicated to parents early next week and we will ensure that siblings have the same timeslots to make it easy for families. The time restrictions relate only to the classroom visits. All families are welcome to be onsite for the entire evening if desired as the P&C will be hosting a variety of food options from 4:30pm and we do encourage you to enjoy a picnic dinner on the school grounds.

### Sports Carnivals

The Sports Carnivals will be separated and will now be a two-day (consecutive) event with the Year 3-6 students participating and competing on one day, and our Year 1 and 2 students on another day. The Kindergarten and Pre-Primary morning carnival events will remain as scheduled in Week 9, on 17 and 18 of September. We will provide families with further information and definite dates for the Year 1-6 carnivals next week. The team spirit of faction-based events is always a joy and we are looking forward to seeing this in action again this year!

### Hot Dog Day

Our P&C team worked incredible hard yesterday to prepare and deliver just over 500 hot dogs to hungry students! It was an incredible feat that was greatly appreciated by our students who loved enjoying a hot dog treat for lunch. Thank you to all families who participated in this fundraiser that has seen a total of $1997 being added to the P&C's fundraising total for the year. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the day!

### School Board Member Update

"Hi I'm Renae; mother of three young children with my eldest attending Pre Primary at Oakwood this year. As a parent of a young Oakwooder I have a vested interest in how the school operates and it's position within the community. I consider being a member of the school board to be a great privilege.

I'm a big lover of the outdoors and nature and this is a big part of our family life - we frequently go camping and exploring and are always either packing for our next trip or doing all the washing from the previous trip. In my previous life I worked in the jarrah forest, researching ways to improve forest rehabilitation following mining.

I have been incredibly excited by the commitment and passion of staff to the schools children and ethos; the children really are the heart of the school. Seeing both the school and it's community grow and develop has been wonderful. 2020 has had its challenges but the way our staff, families and children have tackled these together has been extraordinary and paves a great foundation for the years ahead. We're very proud to be a part of the journey!!"

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## P&C News

“We are already half way through Term 3! This year is flying along, our P&C were very busy organising Hot Dog Day that occurred on the 20 and 21 of August. It was a lot of collecting and sorting of forms. We were super excited to put the baskets that were donated by the P&C to use for delivering the orders to classrooms. We hope that all the kids enjoyed their lunch. We were overwhelmed as usual with the amount of people who were willing to help make and distribute the hot dogs, thank you for your help!

As everyone is aware Father's Day is fast approaching, flyers for the Father's Day stall are coming home soon. We have some amazing gifts to be purchased, as well as for the first time some made items by the P&C for your children to come and purchase, they may come to the stall during school hours. We have tried our very best to have lots of options for the kids to choose from, we are looking forward to seeing the kids' faces when they come to the stall.

Bakers Delight's fundraiser is still going for the weekdays in August, for every block loaf purchased, when you mention Oakwood Primary School, the school receives 20% back of the loaf! This is to celebrate Bakers Delight's 20 years in the business. So pop down grab a loaf or two and support a business that is supporting our school.

Oakwood Primary School’s Open night is on the 9 September, we are pleased to say we have booked Soul Van, Street Fusion and Black Velvet and Honey for the night. Vans will be serving from 5pm, so grab some food and enjoy an amazing night touring the school. We are also pleased to say our Lovely Tania in the school canteen will be open with great menu options for you to enjoy also. I'm sure Tania will be there with a big smile on her face ready to feed your family.

Some very exciting news for one of our Oakwood Families, VIP Parking for the rest of this term! Our very lucky WINNER was Pania Ford. Pania purchased 3 tickets out of the 666 sold and now has her very own parking bay, it just shows you have to be in it to win it. It was a fantastic fundraiser which saw us raising a massive $666 to put towards Year 6 Graduation. A big thank you to Pelican's Line Marking for donating the marking of the P&C parking bay, we can't thank them enough for helping our school. If you missed out this time, on the last week of term we are going to be selling tickets again, they will sell for $2 and the winner will win the car space for the whole of Term 4! Also, we would greatly appreciate if everyone can use our Oakwood Awesome Respect and not park in this space unless you are the permit holder, this will make this way of fundraising more worthwhile. Congratulations Pania and Family!

A few notes:

- Entertainment Books are still available for purchase online at http://www.entbook.com.au/94u9681 Discounts for the whole family at restaurants, hotels and activities. If you purchase a book the school receives 20% back on the book sales. Alternately keep your eyes peeled for advertising on Oakwood Primary School Facebook pages. Coming soon is the chance to have a 6-week free trial. Keep your eyes peeled for this!
- Our community Costume Swap page has been opened, if you would like to join, we will share the link on the Oakwood Pages. With book week coming up this might be handy for our families.
- Black Velvet and Honey will be at the faction carnival for all your coffee needs on the 23rd of September so please grab a cup to keep warm and cheer on the kids.
- Ponytails and Fairytales have an online shop with hair accessories you may need for a faction carnival. We will have links on our Facebook page in the coming weeks to purchase faction attire. Oakwood Primary P&C will receive 20% donation from all purchases.

As always all of these events wouldn't be possible without the amazing effect of the P&C working together with our amazing school to help provide our kids with fun events and help our school to purchase great things for our children to use and enjoy.

Thank you everyone involved either on the P&C or who volunteer when needed, we appreciate all of your efforts!

If you would like further information on what we do please email **pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com** we are always needing new members with new ideas to join our team.

Have an Oakwood Awesome day.

Debbie Hone

P&C President