

# OAKWOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a strange start to 2021! We had our enforced extra week at home as COVID 19 struck again. We hope you coped okay with the lockdown and mask wearing. It is fair to say we are very pleased to have our students back at school and even more pleased to no longer have to wear the dreaded masks, which of course were necessary to meet the guidelines. The year has begun positively and the atmosphere around the school is buzzing with the excitement of new learning. We would like to welcome back our existing Oakwooders and say a big welcome to our new children and families – we hope you will enjoy being part of our school community! We have grown to 738 students this year, but as ever we will be working hard to make sure our children and families have a positive learning experience.

### Waste Wise Incursion

This week saw a Waste Wise Incursion arrive at school. The children were treated to learning opportunities related to recycling and understanding why it is so important to place the right materials into the correct bins. There was the chance for children to apply this knowledge into real life situations. Sustainability is an important part of our school's programs and we would like to thank Lauren Clarke and our sustainability team for organising this event.



## Dates to Remember

**Monday 1 March**  
Labour Day Public Holiday

**Wednesday 10 March**  
P&C Free Dress Day for  
Kindy 5A & 6C

**Friday 12 March**  
P&C Free Dress Day

**Wednesday 17 March**  
FISH Day

**Friday 19 March**  
Twilight Swimming Carnival

**Wednesday 24—  
Friday 26 March**  
School Photos

**Tuesday 30 March**  
Principal's Lunch

**Year 6 Transition to CLC**

**Thursday 1 April**  
P&C Easter Raffle Draw

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### Staffing News

On the Tuesday before school finished in December, we received the exciting news that Michelle Nash had been selected to take up an Acting Principal role at East Hamilton Hill Primary School. We congratulate Michelle and wish her well in this role – we know she will be amazing. After an internal process, Mrs Mary Hunt is in the Deputy Principal role for 4 days a week and Miss Kayla Cross is working as Deputy for one day a week and fulfilling Mary's previous role of Learning Support Co-Ordinator the other four days. We welcome Mary and Kayla into their new roles, they have already settled in and are making a positive impact in a wide variety of areas.

We have several new staff to Oakwood PS in 2021, due to growth of numbers, staff getting promoted and maternity leave. A big welcome to the following new staff: Megan Nurse, Christine Jackson, Natalie Cox, Emma Fieldwick, Sarah Rohan, Emma Lomman, Alyse Greenhow, Janet Taylor, Isaac Mitchell, Jacinta Porter, Alice Sunley, Gillian Hulley, Sarah Child and Alicia Bataller. We have published photos of them all so you can put a name to the faces!

We have some staff returning after maternity leave, namely Logan Scott, Jessie Brittain and Sam Oosthuis – lovely to have them back with us!



**Megan Nurse**  
Teacher Room 7E



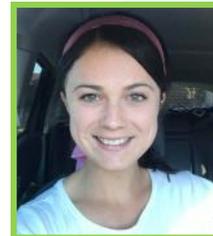
**Christine Jackson**  
Teacher Room 1



**Natalie Cox**  
Teacher Room 12



**Emma Fieldwick**  
Teacher Room 15



**Sarah Rohan**  
Teacher Room 17



**Emma Lomman**  
Teacher Room 24



**Alyse Greenhow**  
Teacher Room 25



**Janet Taylor**  
Teacher Room 29



**Isaac Mitchell**  
Teacher Room 21



**Jacinta Porter**  
Teacher Room 20



**Alice Sunley**  
Education Assistant  
Kindy/Pre-Primary



**Gillian Hulley**  
Education Assistant  
Intervention



**Mary Hunt**  
Deputy Principal



**Kayla Cross**  
Learning Support  
Co-Ordinator



**Sarah Child**  
Teacher Pre-Primary



**Alicia Bataller**  
Cleaner



**Sinead Donohoe**  
Cleaner

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### Crossing Warden on Broadstone Vista

I am delighted to announce that from Monday 22 February, we will have a crossing warden supervising the crossing on Broadstone Vista. The warden's name is Liz and I encourage you to make her feel very welcome! She will be with us until the position is filled permanently when a local warden is fully trained and ready!

Being a School that is new to how a Children's Crossing operates we thought we would let you know the ins and outs of a crossing as it relates to those using it.

These are:

- All pedestrians will be instructed by the Traffic Warden to wait until the warden gives two short blasts of their whistle before crossing. The Traffic Warden will ensure that all traffic has stopped or are clearly stopping before doing so.
- Pedestrians who cycle to/from school will be requested by the Traffic Warden to dismount before entering the carriageway. This is a requirement of the Road Traffic Act.
- Where possible the Traffic Warden will try and group a number of pedestrians before the traffic warden begins to cross them. This helps the traffic/pedestrian flow to work in cohesion with one another. Otherwise traffic jams can become a problem.
- The Traffic Warden will stand for the greater part on the side of the road opposite the school in the morning and on the school's side in the afternoon. This allows them to have greater control of the pedestrians.

We look forward to this crossing contributing to the safety of all our students, family and community members.

### Road Safety and Parking

With increased numbers of students and families at our school, parking your car needs careful consideration. The school was built for 430 students and as you know, we are well above these numbers. We ask that you park with consideration for pedestrians and local residents. If possible, riding or walking to school is desirable, we have plenty of spaces for bikes and scooters in our school. The kiss and drop is located on Pineknoll Gardens and can be used before and after school. If using this, please bear in mind that arriving a little after 2:55pm makes it easier for you to drive up and pick up your child promptly without the need for waiting. If you are early, please do a circuit rather than parking in the spaces and causing a backlog. As with many areas of life, if we take personal responsibility for responsible parking, our students will be safer when travelling to and from school!

### Student Leader and Faction Captain Speeches

Wednesday 17 February saw our Faction Captain and Student Leader speeches. There were lots of candidates and the variety and quality of the speeches were wonderful! We were so proud of everyone who put themselves up for election, it takes bravery and maturity to do so and we applaud all of them. The results will be known very soon and we look forward to our leaders and captains fulfilling their roles brilliantly!

### Student Leader Nominees

Huey Davis  
Amelia Whittering  
Trevor Tabu  
Lexi Murphy  
Peyton Robertson-Stevens  
Megan Moseley  
Hayley Marshall  
Tahlia Backman  
Angel Daw  
Tiana Marino  
Felicity Walker  
Nancy Robinson  
Jonah Gaskin  
Chloe Abiodun  
Lileigh Smith  
Kaylee Baird-Kezic

### Faction Captain Nominees

#### Blue Wren

Huey Davis  
Tyron Tolomei  
Zachary Johnson  
Harley Nixon  
Ava Scott

#### Monarch

Trevor Tabu  
Israel Dutton  
Riley Nicholls  
Jonah Gaskin  
Tahlia Backman  
Neive Heller-Hart

#### Osprey

Kelsie Strange  
Izaiah Brewis  
Noah Dowding  
Thomas Winckles  
Cooper McLennan  
Charlotte Smith-Hall

#### Quenda

Matilda Dawson  
Nancy Robinson  
Samirah Tournay