

OAKWOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to a fabulously exciting Term 3 for our Oakwood students. Our Oakwooders have settled back well to rigorous learning and enjoying their play! It has been lovely to see their happy faces back and enjoying the start to the term. It's a credit to them how well they enthusiastically and passionately get back into school life and remember the expectations of our PBS and FISH! Philosophy.

PBS: Act with Integrity, Show Respect, Do Your Personal Best, Be Caring!



FISH! Principles: Choose Your Attitude, Play, Make Their Day, Be There!



Nomination for Beginning Teacher of the Year for Louise Legerstee

Our supportive P & C nominated Mrs Louise Legerstee for WA Beginning Teacher of the Year. Louise is in her third year of teaching and has established herself as an enthusiastic and dedicated Oakwooder, who plans wonderful learning experiences for her students. She is an active team member and collaborates with her colleagues to support our school and students in achieving their goals. We would like to thank the P & C for acknowledging Louise in this way and thank Stacey Hansford for helping to write the application and guiding her through the process. We look forward to the outcome of this process later in the year. Good luck Louise!

School Development Days 19 and 20 July

Whilst the students had two extra days off in the holidays, staff were working hard developing and upskilling in different areas of education. We all had a fabulous day together with the mathematical educationalist, Paul Swan, who supported staff in validating how well they are teaching the maths curriculum and encouraging the use of our practical tools to support maths learning. It was a very valuable learning time for all staff. I'm sure you may have noticed in some classes lots of different maths games are being used!

P&C Day in WA

On Friday 23 July we celebrated our P&C members and all they do for us by sharing morning tea with them. It was lovely to see them relax instead of rushing around or meeting about all the fabulous events they are organising. At Oakwood we are so lucky to have such a committed P&C where they give up so much of their time to support our Oakwood school. They are especially great at organising events and resourcing Oakwood and raising funds for good causes. One of our P&C videos even made it into the social media page of Public Education in Western Australia. P&C members and community members we are so appreciative of all you do, you make our day, every day!

Kindy Enrolments

Kindy enrolments acceptance letters have been sent out for those who have already applied for places and live in the local intake area. If you have a child who is eligible for Kindy and have not applied for a place yet, please see our friendly office staff who will be able to help you with this. Places are limited!

Dates to Remember

Friday 13 August
Senior Assembly

Monday 16 August—
Friday 20 August
Science Week

Tuesday 17 August
Student Leaders Parliament
House Lunch

Thursday 19 August
P&C Free Dress Pyjama Day
Kindy 5B, 6D and 7E

Friday 20 August
P&C Free Dress Pyjama Day

Story and Rhyme Time

Junior Assembly

Monday 23 August
Ear Bus



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Cluster Schools Cross Country

This year our students who were participating in the inter school cross country went to Black Swan Lake on Wednesday 28 July. We thank Lakelands Primary School and the PE network for organising this event for our students. Although, it was an extremely rainy day, our students' competitiveness, resilience, striving for personal best and sportsmanship shone through. With 5 students winning medals and lots of top ten places across the school, and lots of personal best achievements, we were so proud of the team. A huge thank you to Ryan Young for your organising and extra training sessions for the students competing, and a big thanks to our community volunteers Kiah Forrest and Marie O'Neill-Masoe, as always you make these events happen.

Our medal winners were:

- Year 6** **1st** Tyron Tolomei
 2nd Huey Davis
- Year 5** **1st** Jai Roughton
- Year 3** **2nd** Joshua Kelley
 3rd Phoebe Prevost



NAIDOC Commemorations ● ● ●

On Thursday 22 July we celebrated NAIDOC across the school. The students enjoyed learning lots about Aboriginal culture, language, seasons and plant life.

We started our day with a bright and shiny Morning Muster, where our children, families and community members gathered to eat some warm, nourishing breakfast before we all went about our wonderful day. It was great to see so many families enjoy breakfast together. Thank you to all the staff who helped set up, prepare and deliver the food.

Some students across the school had the opportunity with Ben Crockford from 'Nuts about Native' to plant some native plants and herbs that Aboriginal people use in cooking. It was wonderful to have experts to help us plant and explain how we can use these plants once they have grown in our very own Oakwood natural wild plant and native garden. Thank you to Linda Starbuck for organising this event and to our community volunteers, Pauline Taylor, Renae Kaciuba and Denika Meehan AIEO.

Students had lots of fun taking part in rotational activities all linked to learning more about the first peoples, their culture and traditions. We even had our fabulous Mrs Denika Meehan, Aboriginal & Islander Education Officer, who visited classes and read stories and explained lots about the first language and culture of Australia. Thank you to Bree Van Beek and the NAIDOC Committee for supporting staff and students with this day.

We finished the day with a NAIDOC assembly with our guest speaker and local elder Brett Hill. We had a community song where the children sung their hearts out, thank you to our Pre Primary, Room 3, for giving us such a special performance. Brett also shared a story and performed a smoking ceremony, we appreciate being part of such a special tradition, thank you Brett!

Faction Captain and Student Leader speeches.

On Wednesday 4 August we had our Semester 2 Faction Captain and Student Leader speeches, where our fabulous cohort of Year 6 students had the opportunity to address the Year 3 to 6 students where they then voted for Year 6 student to become leaders and faction captains. Year 6 students who wished to go for these leadership roles at Oakwood have been working hard on their speeches and public speaking. They amazed us with their confidence and how they spoke about what the role means to them. More importantly they told their audience who were listening carefully, so they could vote, how they are going to make a difference to our school, lead appropriately and support the younger students. We are sure these students will lead with passion, enthusiasm and respect. We wish them luck this Semester!

Student Leader Nominees

Angel Daw	Tyron Tolomei
Amelia Whittering	Huey Davis
Trevor Tabu	Kaylee Baird-Kezic
Lexi Murphy	Chloe Abiodun
Peyton Robertson-Stevens	Luis Proctor
Megan Moseley	Jonah Gaskin
Mackenzie Lawson	Layla McGlinchey
Braden Bellman	Lincoln Henderson

Faction Captain Nominees

Osprey	Monarch
Kelsie Strange	Trevor Tabu
Cooper McLennan	Megan Moseley
Charlotte Smith-Hall	

Quenda

Matilda Dawson
Ruby Kitney
Samirah Tournay
Luis Proctor
Layla McGlinchey
Nancy Robinson

Blue Wren
Tyron Tolomei
Zachary Johnson

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Road Safety Committee and Activities

This project is currently a parent-led road safety initiative promoting safe movements and sharing of the roads to and from the school in a positive way. Keep an eye out for some great events and initiatives to promote safer movements around our school. The road safety group, led by Jeremy Anderberg (Parent and P&C member) has organised pop up events where students moving safely as they come into school have been rewarded with a place in the draw for a bike voucher. Recently, The City of Mandurah have been out to visit school during the busiest times to look at what can be done to make our students and families safer on the roads around our school. Jeremy and his team of helpers have also registered for the Your Move Schools program, which supports us in promoting safe travel to and from school. We are now a **Your Move School!**

Your Move is a Department of Transport program that encourages students and their families to get active by walking, scooting and riding to school. These behavioural changes help instil lifelong healthy and positive habits and improve concentration and academic performance for students, while also reducing traffic and improving safety around the school.

Everyone can get involved in Your Move. Do you live too far away? Why not drive to a nearby park or café and then walk the rest of the way? Concerned about safety? Why not join your kids in walking or riding to school once a week? Small changes still make a big difference.



We earn Your Move points by posting stories and photos of our active transport adventures on the website; these can translate into grants to fund active transport facilities and activities for the school and other rewards. If you're interested in volunteering to be part of our school's Your Move program, get in touch with our Your Move Champion Jeremy Anderberg, who can be contacted via the P&C Facebook page.

Before riding your bike to school, make sure you give it a quick safety check. Learn how by visiting the Department of Transport website under:

- > **Cycling**
- > **Bicycle riding rules, standards and incident reporting**
- > **Bicycle rules, standards and safety.**

The Road Safety Committee have been working with the City of Mandurah and have received a grant to support Road Safety initiatives across the Mandurah area, a portion of which is accessible to all the local schools.



School Parking

Unfortunately, school parking at any school can be a frustrating affair. As the school has grown rapidly we need to ensure the safety of all students over convenience!

Please use the designated 'Kiss and Drop' provided by the council on Pineknoll Gardens to drop and pick up students if you do not wish to PARK and get out of the car.

All other designated parking around the school are to be used to PARK only, please DO NOT use the back car park, by Funarama, as a 'Kiss and Drop', there are only designated parking places there and no stopping or standing areas for cars.

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!

Uniform Reminder

We expect a high standard and presentation of uniform at Oakwood, thank you to the families noting and following the school uniform policy in the enrolment booklets.

Winter uniform expectations and policy:

School jumper, School hat, School top, Navy blue bottoms (leggings, pants, skorts, skirts, shorts), **NO black and NO denim!**

Oakwood Awesome Students

100 Days at School—Room 22



Year 4 students—Inspire Project



Fabulous Writing by Cooper and Jasper



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P&C NEWS

Welcome to Term 3.

Today is **Australian Primary Schools Principals Day**. A day in which we get to celebrate, acknowledge, and truly thank our Principal, Mr. Davis, for his continual strong support of Oakwood Primary School's P&C. Mr. Davis, thank you for showing your continuous support at all our meetings, and for allowing us to conduct all our fundraising events for our community, which you thoroughly enjoy getting involved in, wearing with pride any costume request asked of you. You have instilled in our members that "Children Are the Heart of our School", and this is always in the front of our conversations when planning our events. Mr. Davis, you honestly and whole heartedly put our children first, and we are blessed to have struck gold having yourself as Oakwood's Principal. This year we were recognized as being a successful P&C in WA, however your Leadership support played a big part in this title. Enjoy your day and one thing I know you will be saying, a "Leader is only as good as his Team".



23 July 2021 saw us celebrate **P&C Day WA**, whereby our P&C was recognized by the Education Department as being a successful P&C. What an amazing achievement. This has been made possible by members past and present who work tirelessly to put together our fundraising and charity events that are always strongly supported by our Leadership Team, Office Ladies, Teachers, students, volunteers, and our amazing Oakwood community. Funds raised are then put back into the school on equipment that will benefit our students. Thank you for our morning tea, and to the staff and students that put together our 'thank you' video.

Fundraisers for Term 3

Today is the last day for returning your order sheets for **Jolly Socks**. Requests will now be collated together, and orders placed. Our lead, Chevvy Mahanga, has done an amazing job with our fundraiser, and Chevvy will keep you all updated as to when the socks are expected to arrive. Thank you so much to our Oakwood community for your support in purchasing 'jolly socks', and we all look forward to seeing a sea of coloured legs at our school. Thank you so much Chevvy and her team for organizing this fundraiser.



Flyers should have or will be coming home now for our Term 3 Free Dress Day. For a gold coin donation, our theme this Term will be **'Pyjama Day'**. These days will be celebrated on Thursday 19 August for Kindy classes 5B, 6D and 7E, and Friday 20 August for the whole school. Thank you so much Kirsty Shanahan and Kerry Butterworth for organizing this fundraiser. Enjoy your 'jammy' day kids.



Our **Father's Day Stall** will be conducted on the 1-3 September. All gifts will be \$5, and children will be given the option to purchase more than 1 gift, for the other special adults in their lives. Gifts for mothers will be available too. Flyers will be out very soon, and our Lead, Simone Harris will also be seeking out volunteers to assist the children on these days. Thank you so much to Simone and her team for all your work with this event.

The **Educators Market** will be held for everyone across our state on Sunday 19 September. If you feel you have products that teachers, day care workers, family day care workers, community kindergartens, home schoolers and parents/caregivers would want to buy, such as new or used educational resources and products relating to education and educators health and well-being, please contact our Lead, Stacey Hansord on educatorsmarket2021@outlook.com for further information and application form. Thank you so much Stacey for all your time, hard work and effort you are putting into our event, to make these markets a success for our community.

Our Term will finish with an event jointly presented with our School. This day, Thursday 23 September, will be our **Grandparent/Grand carers day**. A day where children will celebrate Grandparents or a significant Adult who is in their lives. Further information to be sent out closer to the date.

Office bearers can always be contacted via our email address - pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com

Robyn Warnes
P&C President

Our next meeting will be held in the school staff room on **Tuesday 31 August** at 9.00am.

