

# OAKWOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we are drawing to a close of Term 4 2022 and the 2022 school year, I would like to thank all of our Oakwood students, staff and community, you have all done amazingly to keep our precious children at the heart of our school. We wish you all a safe and happy holidays ready for an Oakwood awesome year in 2023.

There are lots of events that have happened over the last few weeks and we are very proud of our Oakwooders for keeping up with the rigor and pace.

### Staffing changes

We acknowledge the fabulous work of **Mrs Nerida Bulich** who has been an Oakwooder since the time that Oakwood began, from the Steering Committee in 2017 to 2022 as School Officer.



Thank you for being amazing Mrs Bulich and good luck with your new role as Manager of Corporate Services at your new school. Mrs Bulich is due to return to Oakwood in October 2023 which we will look forward to.

We will be saying goodbye to our wonderful



**Miss Beth Stalker** at the end of the year who has contributed so much to the Oakwood team and the Oakwood children. We wish her the best of luck in her onward journey in 2023.

We would like to say bon voyage to **Mrs Candace Ashfield** who will be moving to pastures new. We thank her for all her hard work and contribution to our Oakwood Team.



We wish **Miss Kelsey Leach** a wonderful career move to her new school for 2023, and we thank her for the fabulous contribution and impact she has had on her Pre-primary students and the Oakwood staff.



A huge thank you to **Miss Kelly Cure** who is leaving us to take up a permanent position at another school, we wish her the best and thank her for her wonderful contribution to staff and students at Oakwood.

We would like to thank **Miss Alice Sunley**, who departs our shores with her family to the UK. We wish her all the luck and thank her for her contribution to Oakwood and especially the ECE students who were lucky enough to be in her care.



Thank you to **Mrs Santrona Jackson** who will be leaving us after doing such a fabulous job in the office. It has been great to have San as part of the Oakwood family.

We would like to thank **Miss Sophie Bell** for her wonderful work in Term 4 supporting the office and dealing with administering medicine and nurturing unwell students. Her calmness and support have been a blessing.



We also would like to say a huge thank you to **Mr Keith Perry** from IMSS who has taught so many at Oakwood to be talented in guitar. We hope he has a relaxing retirement.

### P&C Christmas Free Dress Day

SO PROUD! Thank you to the P&C team that organised and kindly gave up their time to support such worthy causes especially over the holiday period where families might be struggling more than usual. It was a very emotional assembly with the two charities, **Helping Hands** and **Ovis**, thanking our community for their fabulous contributions, it is fair to say they were overwhelmed with gratitude. This could not have been a success without our fabulous community being so generous and donating much needed food, toiletries and children's toys to these causes. Hopefully it makes you all feel warm and proud of who you are and the Oakwood family that we all are!

### Reports

We are delighted to say that all reports from PP to Year 6 should now be received via email. If you have not yet accessed this and downloaded if you wish to, the link expires within 28 days. Kindy students will receive their reports from their teacher.

### 2023 Class lists

Class lists for 2023 were displayed on the Office and Library windows, please ensure you know which class and room number your child is in for their new class. A chance to view these again will be at **2pm on Tuesday 31 January**.

### Assembly Contributions

Thank you to the Oakwood Canteen, Flip Out Mandurah, The Local Shack and the Traffic Wardens for acknowledgment certificates and vouchers for our wonderful Oakwooders who follow the Oakwood Way. Your contribution keeps our Oakwooders happy and acknowledges them for being Oakwood Awesome.

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### Principal's Lunch

On Tuesday 29 November, we had special little Oakwood guests in the staff room where the leadership team served them a special lunch, and then took them for an extra awesome play. We would like to congratulate these children for bringing Oakwood awesomeness to life and living the Oakwood Way! Thank you to our special guest, Jacqui Norris, who spoke to the children about how awesome they are.

### End Of Year Concert

Wowzers... from Kindy to Year 6 every class performed their Oakwood hearts out, all the awesomeness of Oakwooders shone through, as always, and they sang and danced to make our community so proud! Thank you to all the staff and students for making this fifth year of Oakwood that extra special! Thank you to Bob from Music Force and to the P&C for organising the food vans to make this such a great community event.

As Year 5 sang... **'School's Out!'**

### Kindy Graduation

We would like to thank all our Kindy parents and families for attending our Kindy Graduation and celebrating your wonderful children who will start full time education in 2023. We are very much looking forward to your children being with us full time. Thank you to the Kindy staff for a wonderful celebration of our Kindy Oakwooders.

### P&C Colour Run

Our students had the best finish to their Oakwood year on the 13 or 14 December with the P&C colour run. No doubt you had some colourful children on your child's Colour Run day. Thank you to everyone involved in organising this event.

### School Board Report Term 4

The School Board met on November 29 for our Term 4 meeting which was also our Annual Public Meeting, and we were pleased to have 2 non-board members present to observe the meeting. A reminder that all school board meetings are open to everyone to observe (unless specifically noted), not just this one.

This board meeting covered off on the following key items:

- Principal's report on general school updates (presented by Will Davis) including student and staffing numbers, impacts on enrolments (limited so far) of Madora Bay PS opening and plans for 2023.
- Board chair's report (presented by Cameron Hall) summarising 2022 from the board's perspective and noting the great achievements of the school during the year across many of our business plan objectives including the very positive Year 3 NAPLAN results.
- Finance update (presented by Monique Tennyenhuis) including presentation of the 2023 budgets for review and discussion by the board.
- Discussion on our annual board review process survey results (overall the board believes it is performing well in its role).
- School review including the following:
  - \* Detailed NAPLAN results review against like schools in all 5 areas. Overall, this is a very positive set of results for Oakwood, particularly in Yr3 which is the first cohort to have been at Oakwood since Kindy.
  - \* Writing progress achievements.
  - \* Staff trust matrix survey responses, very stable compared to previous years.

For more information, please refer to the board meeting minutes which are published on the school website (once they have been approved at the following meeting). Our next school board meeting will be in Term 1 2023, date TBC. Enjoy the holidays!

### PBS at Oakwood

#### Meet Grit!



#### Who is Flex?

Grit, the Echidna is our PBS mascot for our behaviour expectation of 'Act with Integrity'.

#### What does it mean to act with integrity?

At Oakwood, acting with integrity means we show honesty and choose to do the right thing.

#### 'Act with Integrity' tokens

We can earn yellow PBS tokens in our classrooms when we demonstrate 'acting with integrity' and outdoor tokens during lunch and recess.

We 'act with integrity' when we...

agree on and follow game rules

attend school regularly

speak truthfully

use the outdoor equipment purposefully

do the right thing even when no one is watching

are prompt

follow all procedures

use the toilets sensibly

stand up and speak out quickly when we notice something is not right

enter and exit the classroom with permission

carry and store technology safely

take ownership of mistakes and make amends

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### Attendance Assembly

We celebrated the wonderful Oakwood attendance of children over 90% for 2022 by drawing students from a hat to win prizes during our final assembly. The lucky winners Zachary Moir, who took home a scooter, Jaxon Cahepe, Aliyah Wetherall, Jasper Wetherly, Hannah Turner, and Struan McGlen took home Flip Out vouchers.

### Year 6 Graduation

On Monday 12 December we celebrated our amazing Year 6 Oakwooders with a beautiful Graduation ceremony and a fun excursion to ice-skating. They have been such fabulous role models to our younger Oakwooders and although we know they will take with them their strong Oakwood values and be true to the person they are, we will miss the positive contribution they have had at Oakwood. We wish them the best of Oakwood luck on their new education adventure and want them to know they are always welcome as Oakwooders!

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION



**Successful Learner**  
Beau Mondy



**Endeavour Award**  
Jessica Higgs



**Oakwood Fish Award**  
Jai Roughton



**Double Reds Resiliency Award**  
Aurora Cuow



**Coastal Lakes College Award**  
Maya Radegonde



**Visual Arts Award**  
Vanessa Ryland



**STEM Award**  
Aden Thompson



**Physical Education Award**  
Byron Meier



**Spanish Award**  
Noah Sharrett



**Performing Arts Award**  
Aila Thanas



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