

OAKWOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a wonderful start to our 2023 Oakwood journey. Thank you to our wonderful Oakwood families who have embraced our Oakwood morning routines. Our Oakwooders are showing great passion for learning and resilience from Kindy all the way through to Year 6. The feeling around school really represents our FiSH! Philosophy, the atmosphere is so positive.

We have had a busy few weeks with lots of valuable learning. It is wonderful to go around the classes and see all the children engaging in their learning and telling us what they are learning about, the office has seen so many wonderful pieces of work from lots of students who are all able to tell us about what they have been learning. We are so proud of all our students.

New Staff

We would love to welcome our new staff to Oakwood and introduce them to our community. We are delighted to have such great practitioners join our Oakwood team to support, teach and nurture our Oakwooders to be the best they can be.

Some staff are newbies to Oakwood and some are returning Oakwooders who have been on maternity leave.

Kindy Enrolments 2024

We are now open for Kindy enrolments for 2024, our new intake area for 2024 Kindy enrolments will apply. Applications for enrolments are available on our website or at our Front Office. When handing in your form don't forget:

- ✓ Birth Certificate
- ✓ Proof of Address
- ✓ AIR Immunisation (Medicare)

Ayudante Especialistas

We announced our specialist helpers who were selected to support our specialist team in school. We look forward to these students 'being there' for staff and students.

2023 Ayudante Especialistas

Samurai O'Neill-Masoe	Evie White
Kasanya Quin-Conroy	Sienna Day
Poppy Spalding	Indiana Meehan
Ruby Fitzsimons	Jayden McFarlane
Romilly Lobor	Matilda Sheridan
Alivia Plackett	Darcy Robertson-Stevens

Dates to Remember

Monday 23 February
Year 5 Camp Info Session

Monday 6 March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday 10 March
Coastal Lakes College
Transition Day 1

Monday 13 March
Year 2 Science IncurSION

Tuesday 14 March
Earbus

**Wednesday 15 March—
Friday 17 March**
Year 5 Camp

**Wednesday 15 March—
Friday 24 March**
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Kristy Rankin
Kindy Room 7A



Brooke Harvey
PP Room 2



Sally Hutchison
Year 2 Room 11



Kim Bunton
Year 2 Room 16



Jacinta Porter
Year 3 and Specialist



Aimee Hearne
Year 4 Room 32



Emily Small
Year 5 Room 27



Daniella Aust
Year 5 Room 29



Jessie Brittain
Specialist



Aimee Hiddlestone
EA



Louise Gormley
EA—Intervention



Claudia Araya
Special Needs EA



Chantelle Thompson
Special Needs EA



Kelly Tartano
School Psychologist



Lisa Michaels
School Officer



Julia Kerr
School Officer

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Story Dogs

We are very lucky to be able to continue with our volunteer program, Story Dogs, this is a unique opportunity, for a select few students, to be supported with their reading. We are very thankful to the program and Amelia and Stirling for their time and expertise. If you have a calm dog, that you feel may be suitable and you have time to volunteer, and would like to be a part of the program please contact:

Amanda Milroy
amanda@storydogs.org.au
0417 993 497

FISH! Day

Wednesday 29 March 2023 we are celebrating our positive school culture day, FISH! DAY. This is a flagship day celebrating our school community and the wonderful families we have at Oakwood. The Fish Philosophy culture that we follow and the common language we use with the students are: Be there, Play, Make their day, and Choose your attitude. We would love for you to use this language with your children at home. We would like to make it a momentous day for the students with lots of activities linked to this Oakwood Way! This year we will be able to celebrate with our community by sharing a community lunch, a letter will be emailed in regards to this.

School Start Time

School starts at 8:30am for family time and the siren will go at 8:45am to let staff, students and caregivers know family time is over and the learning day begins. Please do not let your child/ren arrive at school before 8:20am at the earliest to ensure the safety of all children. **Fun-a-rama** is an out of hours care and is available on school site before 8:20am, please contact them on **0424 492 485**.

Merit Certificates

Merit certificates are presented each Friday at assembly. Junior and Senior assemblies alternate each Friday. If your child is to receive a certificate at the assembly your child's teacher will notify you before the Friday.

Canteen

Our canteen has been delivering fantastic food to our students since the first day of school, with new items on the menu. Please follow their guidelines with ordering lunches for your children. Orders can be done through the app QKR!

School Board and P&C

School Board and P&C are very active within our school. The P&C will often send out flyers regarding events or when to attend meetings, if you are interested in joining they have a meeting on Thursday 16 February at 6pm, or contact them on pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com.

Please join the P&C Facebook page by searching for Oakwood Primary School P&C, even if you're not a member of the P&C it will give you reminders and information of events they are running.

Student Leaders

We were so impressed with our student leader speeches and how they presented themselves during the speeches, they spoke clearly and passionately about how they could support children in the playground, support the school following our FISH! Philosophy and PBS.

2023 Semester 1 Student Leader Nominees

Seren Aquilina	Myah-Lei De Los Reyes	Levi Griffin
Bella Taua	Molly McCormack	Isabella Moogan
Ava Mante	Harry Pinto	LeBron Grace
Braxton Salter	Bella Cordina	Tahlee Hulin
Tayla Oosthuis	Nevaeh Bywaters	Ivy-Rose Burley
Chase Williams	Indi Delaporte	Chelsea Perry
Garrett Lundstrom	Grace Bailey	Karli Billington
Natalia Burnby	Maika Taua	Lilly Paschkewitz

Faction Captains

What a week we had with all our elections for Faction Captains, they all spoke amazingly, albeit by video, speaking about sportsmanship, their passion for their faction, the roles they will play in supporting their faction and the Oakwood Way!

We will announce our Faction Captain elected leaders in due course for; Quenda, Monarch, Blue Wren and Osprey.

Semester 1 Faction Captain Nominees

Monarch

Seren Aquilina
Mackenzie Arbuckle
Cooper Adam
Mikhail Norisham
Catalina Mante

Quenda

Remmy Benton
Marlee Savell
Natalia Burnby
Blake Melling
Trae Neves

Blue Wren

Harry Pinto
Maika Taua
Logan Powell
Lilly Paschkewitz
Israel Acton
Chase Desmond
Scarlett Van Niekerk

Osprey

Isabelle Winckles
Jacob Westley
Levi Griffin
Chris Harding
Caylee Harding
LeBron Grace

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Reminders

Crossing Warden

Please remind your children to cross the road safely, please go over how to use the lights correctly, and to also cross where the crossing warden is near the school, thank you.

A Polite Request from The Traffic Wardens

"If you ride a battery powered Electric Scooter or a battery assisted push bike to school, whether you are a parent or student. We request that you please dismount and walk the bike or scooter across the road. This rule applies to all school and pedestrian crossings.

There are a few simple rules you need to follow when crossing the road at the school crossing:

- When you arrive at the crossing, please stop and wait for the warden to stop the traffic.
- The warden will give two short blasts of their whistle to indicate it is safe to cross the road.
- Please walk across the road between the broken lines—and please, no running.
- When you arrive on the other side of the road, please walk behind the red and white posts.

Thank you."

- Linda and David

Outdoor Play Spaces

Can we please remind the community that outdoor play equipment in ECE and Junior and senior school are not to be used before and after school by students or other siblings dropping off or collecting siblings. The green playground by the basketball courts is available before school/after school play if the parent of the child is present

School Uniform Expectations

We would like to remind all of our families that children wearing correct school uniform is mandatory on enrolling at Oakwood Primary School. This includes:

- ⇒ Oakwood Polo — Faction Shirt on Wednesdays
- ⇒ Oakwood Hat
- ⇒ Oakwood Jacket
- ⇒ **Navy Blue** shorts/skort/pants

All uniform should be labelled with your child's name. Please ensure your child is wearing correct uniform every day, we appreciate your support with this.

Dogs on School Grounds

Please refrain from bringing dogs onto school grounds for the safety of our students and family members, lots of children have a fear of dogs and this can set them up for an anxious start to their school day.



Waste Wise Warriors

Our new Waste Wise Warriors were also selected to do this important role. They will be leaders in helping the school be sustainable and environmentally friendly. Good luck to these students who will do an amazing job supporting our staff on the sustainability committee.

2023 Waste Wise Warriors

Aaliyah Shevchenko	Hannah Turner
Ali Acton	Tristan Craigie
Amelia Tamms	Bailey Edwards
Braxton Mullins	Dylan Hampson
Holly-Eve Burley	Qhafy Norisham
Indi Wright	Ava Moffat
Gracie Stone	Ruby Dryden
Kohan Fenemor	Carter Strong

P&C NEWS

Welcome to 2023, which will be an exciting year ahead with the numerous events planned. I hope that you all had a wonderful time over the Christmas break.

The purpose of our P&C is to support our students to reach their full potential by building relationships between the school and our community.

I would first like to thank everyone that was involved in the P&C in 2022 as without you, none of the events could of happened. I would also like to make a special mention to the P&C Office Bearers, some of you would not realise but to run the P&C in the background takes a lot of time and dedication to ensure that it runs smoothly.

As we are already in Term 1 we have hit the ground running with the following fundraisers to occur this term:

- Combined Free Dress & Sausage Sizzle with Easter Raffle
- Ride to School Day
- P&C Carpark raffle

Dates for these events will be sent out prior.

On Thursday 16 February we conducted the P&C AGM with the following personnel voted in for 2023.

President — Robyn Warnes

Vice President — Chevy Mahanga

Secretary — Amanda Beard

Treasurer — Michelle Barker

Executive Committee — Kirsty Shanahan, Ashleigh Frame, Jeremy Anderberg, Mel Steele, Kiah Forrest.

I would like to thank the newly elected committee for 2023.

If you would like to be a financial member of our P&C, which allows you to vote on any motions put through on the agenda, please email pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com and we will send you the necessary documents. The cost is \$1. Please feel free to email us with any concerns that requires our attention.

Adam Crich

2022 P&C President