

OAKWOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Leaders & Faction Captains

Our Student Leaders and Faction Captains have been elected and have commenced their roles. They support and provide leadership in many ways throughout the school. We were very impressed with how the student leaders led the first senior assembly two weeks ago, their confidence and calmness was pleasing to see. The Faction Captains are also fulfilling their roles enthusiastically and we commend them on the start they have made. They are pictured below so you can put names to the faces.

2023 Semester 1

Student Leaders



Ava Mante



Tayla Oosthuis



Chase Williams



Isabella Moogan



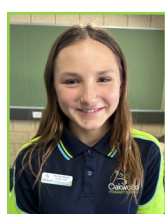
Grace Bailey



LeBron Grace



Ivy-Rose Burley



Lilly Paschkewitz

We also have our Audio/Visual Technicians who support us during assemblies. They do a great job with the music and the projector each week. They are: Blayne Brooks, Jackson Kain, Chase Desmond and Tyler Strange.

Voluntary Contributions

Each year Oakwood PS request parents to pay the voluntary contributions if able to in accordance with the Western Australian Education Act. Oakwood PS Board have endorsed the amount of \$50 per student for 2023.

This financial support plays a significant role in providing resources that extend the school's capacity to add value to the learning experiences of students by supplementing the school's annual budget and allowing the school to provide additional opportunities and resources for your child/ren. There are a number of ways you can pay your Voluntary Contributions, these are; via EFT, at the office with EFTPOS or cash, or over the phone with credit card. You can also pay in instalments. Oakwood Primary School values your support. **BSB:** 066 040 **ACC:** 1990 3805.

Faction Captains

Osprey



Isabelle Winckles



Jacob Westley

Blue Wren



Harry Pinto



Israel Acton

Monarch



Seren Aquilina



Miqhaail Norisham

Quenda



Remmy Benton



Blake Melling

Dates to Remember

**Wednesday 15 March—
Friday 24 March
NAPLAN**

**Thursday 23 March
Ride to School Day—
Colourful Free Dress Day**

**Friday 24 March
Year 4-6 Twilight
Swimming Carnival**

**Tuesday 28 March
Principal's Lunch**

**Wednesday 29 March
FiSH! Day**

**Friday 31 March
Summer Carnival**

**Thursday 6 April
ANZAC Ceremony 9am**

Attendance Assembly

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Coastal Lakes Year 6 Transition Day

Last Friday, our Year 6 students attended Coastal Lakes College for the first transition day of the year. All of the students were able to attend, regardless of whether they are applying to attend Coastal Lakes College for Year 7 onwards. It was an exciting day, with varied activities that help the students to understand the differences between primary and high school. The Coastal Lakes staff were excellent and enjoyed working with our Oakwooders throughout the day. The day as a whole was a great advert for Coastal Lakes College and we look forward to supporting our year 6s with their transition to high school throughout the year.



Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 cohort were lucky enough to attend camp at Point Peron last week, taking part in lots of exciting activities, such as kayaking, snorkelling and archery to name a few! We look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return to school.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing is taking place between 15 –27 March for students in Years 3 and 5. The tests are mostly completed online and we wish our students well as they complete this important set of assessments. We do try to keep things as 'normal' as possible during NAPLAN, so that students feel relaxed and calm and are set up for success. A big thank you to Mrs Hunt, who has co-ordinated the NAPLAN process, which is an enormous job!

Ride to School Day and Your Move

Ride to School Day is on Thursday 23 March and will also be a free dress day with a gold coin donation organised by the P&C. We hope to see our families riding to school on this day, there are some special visitors coming to support us on the day. We have recently achieved Gold Status with Your Move due to the proactive way we promote road safety in our school with regular events. A big thank you to Jeremy Anderberg, who leads this aspect of the P&C's work, it is appreciated!

Harmony Week

As part of Harmony Week, Mr Davis read the story *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox over the PA system. The book focuses on the fact that wherever we live in the world, people are different in many ways, but also similar in many ways. It promotes the celebration of differences and the tolerance and acceptance that everyone has the right to experience. We live in a multi-cultural society and as a school, we promote these values in daily life amongst our students.

HARMONY WEEK

Road Safety and Parking

Parking around the school is challenging, but as ever, we all need to make considered decision about where we park and how we drive around school.

Please consider others when doing so. Please use the kiss and drop area on Pineknoll Gardens if possible, we appreciate that a number of families do use this facility regularly. We are looking at the possibility of installing a shelter close to the kiss and drop to support students when the weather is not so friendly! This will be something we approach the P&C to support also.



Chaplain Update

Hey there Oakwood families!

How great is it to be back for 2023!?

Just wanted to let you know I am here 3 days a week this year on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday! If you would like your child to have a Chaplain visit please fill in a referral form from the front office, even if your child was seen last year we are doing new referrals for the 2023 list. We as a school, with the support of so many wonderful families who have sent in donations, are offering support packs to help those needing a helping hand. If you would like a helping hand with school uniform, supplies or even lunch boxes and bags please do not hesitate to come see us or email me on:

nicole.hart@education.wa.edu.au

I can also assist families with the referral process to other local organisations for support, so if you would like to reach out for anything else please do.

Many thanks and Blessings,

Miss Nikki—School Chaplain

School Board

Our School Board will be meeting on Tuesday 21 March at 7pm in the staff room. All community members are welcome to attend this meeting, which will provide an insight into the important role our school board plays in the life of the school!

P&C NEWS

Welcome everyone, to our year of 2023.

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all of 2022 Office Bearers, Executive members, and general members. What a fantastic year your P&C conducted for our school. Thank you all so much for all the hard work you gave to our community to support Oakwood Primary School.

I would like to thank all who attended our first two meetings of the year, and welcome to our 2023 Team. Lots of room to welcome more to our Parents and Citizens Group, so please know that everyone is more than welcome to attend our meetings. At present we have 15 families represented. You may not wish to become a financial member, however having the right to vote for things you do or don't support, is very important. Annual fee to become a financial member is only \$1.

Fundraisers

Ride2School Day

This event will be held on **Thursday 23 March 2023**, led by Amanda Beard and Ashleigh Frame, and what a great event to commence our year. Not only are we having a free dress day in bright colours along with a gold coin donation towards our P&C funds, but our main aim is also to relay to everyone the importance of our children knowing the road rules, especially crossing at the main traffic lights at Mandurah Road/Lord Hobart Drive and Broadstone Vista. Do the children know that even when the little man glows 'green' to walk, they first need to take a look around them to make sure all the traffic has stopped?

Do they cross Broadstone Vista under the safety of our 'Lollipop' people? Yes, the Warden's may not be positioned at a spot that suits everyone, however, taking a few minutes to walk to the crossing, may save a near miss when crossing elsewhere on the street and taking risks.

Too often we hear people share their 'near miss' stories of events they have witnessed with our children, therefore we must be certain that the children practise their road rules at all times.



Mandurah Over 55s Cycling Club will be joining the Road Safety Team on this morning and will be visual in their yellow lycra shirts with their logo printed on the back and will be placed at the sights marked with a yellow dot on the map below, to assist the children to cross the roads safely.



Easter Raffle

This is being led by Michelle Barker and Ashleigh Frame. The raffle tickets will be \$5 each and will be sold online from **27 March 2023 until 2 April 2023**. Drawing of the raffle prizes will take place on the **3 April 2023**. How can we help Michelle and Ashleigh? If you are a small business owner and have arts and crafts or any goods that you would love to donate towards our raffle, please let the ladies know. They can be contacted on our email address as listed below. They definitely will not shy away from chocolate. The ladies are hoping to be able to put together a few baskets as prizes.



Car Park Raffle

Sale of Term 2 tickets will be conducted during the school holidays, from **17 April 2023 until 23 April 2023** then drawn on **24 April 2023** by Michelle Barker and Mr Davis. The lucky winner will be able to commence using the car park on Wednesday 26 April 2023.

General Business

Just a reminder that Issue 2 **Book Club** orders need to be placed by **22 March 2023**. Orders are to be placed online using LOOP. See our P&C Facebook page for more information.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Thursday 27 April 2023** commencing at **6.00pm** in the schools staffroom.

We look forward to another wonderful year.

Regards,

Robyn Warnes

P&C President

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