

OAKWOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well, Term 1 has reached a conclusion; what an eventful term it has been! It doesn't seem like five minutes since school started back in February and we have packed in an enormous amount of learning, community events and joy in the last 10 weeks. This term ends on *Thursday 6 April* and the students return on *Wednesday 26 April*. We have a school development day on *Monday 24 April*, which is a student free day and *25 April* is of course the ANZAC Day public holiday. We look forward to seeing all of our Oakwooders for the first day of Term 2 on *Wednesday 26 April*.



Staffing News

Kendal Riley (formerly Miss Del Fuoco) has been in the Deputy Principal role for the last nine months, whilst Bree Van Beek has been on maternity leave with baby



lylah. Kendal has done an amazing job and shown great leadership throughout her time on the leadership team, it has been a pleasure to have Kendal working with us. This experience has obviously served her well because she has been offered the opportunity to work as Deputy Principal at Rosalie Primary School in Shenton Park. This is a wonderful opportunity for her to continue her leadership journey, but she will be returning to Oakwood in Term 3. We wish Kendal all the best for Term 2 while she is away.



Bree Van Beek returns as Deputy Principal from the start of Term 2. We look forward to welcoming Bree back, she is raring to go!

Monique Tennyenhuis, our Manager Corporate Services has also been offered a promotional opportunity for Term 2. She will be working in Central Office as a Finance Consultant. Monique is an excellent operator and her strong performance in her role has led to this opportunity. We wish Monique well – she will be missed and we look forward to her being back in Term 3!



Kay Heady will be fulfilling Monique's role for Term 2. She is experienced in school and financial administration and will be an able deputy whilst Monique is away.

Bec Curwood is soon to leave us for maternity leave as she is expecting her first child. Her Physical Education role on Thursdays and Fridays will be filled by **Sean Wilkinson**, a physical education specialist!



We welcome Sean to the team. We will still see Bec until the third week of next term on Mondays and Tuesdays before she begins the next part of her exciting journey as a mother!

Gillian Dalton is also returning from maternity leave after having twin boys! She is coming to work for a rest we think! We look forward to Gillian returning, she is a compassionate and highly skilled Education Assistant and it will be great to have her back!



NAPLAN

Years 3 and 5 took part in NAPLAN testing from 15 – 27 March. They completed tests in Reading, Writing, Maths, Grammar and Punctuation and Spelling. We know they did their absolute best, and we are proud of their efforts! Thank you to Mrs Hunt, who co-ordinated the NAPLAN process so well and to the staff in years 3 and 5 who supported the delivery of these tests.

Dates to Remember

**Friday 7 April –
Tuesday 25 April**
School Holidays

Monday 24 April
School Development Day
STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

Tuesday 25 April
ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Thursday 27 April
P&C Meeting 6pm

Ride to School Day

23 March saw us celebrate Ride 2 School Day. Our P&C volunteers and the Mandurah Over 55s Cycling Club came along to cheer on everyone who rode to school on this day. Our Ride 2 School ambassadors gave out the stickers designed by Memphis McLeod in Year 5 and everyone who rode was entered into a raffle, which was drawn at assembly. It was great to see you all in your colourful free dress, riding to school!

Our winners were:

Junior – Macy-Rae Wardrope

Senior – Declan Bennett



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FISH Day

We celebrated the FISH! Philosophy and the wonderful positive culture it brings to our school on 29 and 30 March. The day began with a lovely community breakfast. It was pleasing to see plenty of families sitting down together to share some brekkie and start the day with a smile! The FISH! Philosophy has 4 clear principles that if we follow, help us to build a positive culture in our school. They are:

Choose Your Attitude – we can't always control what happens, but we can choose the way we respond to what happens. Choosing our attitude empowers us to take responsibility for our actions and control the things we can affect.

Make Their Day – Making people's day can be as simple as a smile or a kind word. Taking the time to notice and acknowledge other people and their efforts can go a long way to make our world a better place to be.

Be There – Being present in the moment and committing your best to what you are doing right now is a great way to ensure you are successful and inspires others to do the same. Learners who participate fully in learning are likely to achieve regular success and build their confidence. Being there for our friends and peers makes our school a better place to be.

Play – Learning is serious business, but it doesn't mean we always have to be serious whilst we do it. Learning to be playful at appropriate times leads to fun and valuable experiences.

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Our community lunches were very well attended on FISH! Day! It was great to see so many family and community members attending and enjoying the experience. As ever, we were overwhelmed by your support and thank you for joining us on this special day in our school calendar. The children took part in special activities to acknowledge and celebrate the FISH! Philosophy throughout the day, as did our staff at a special staff meeting. We hope you enjoyed the day and remember, we can keep the FISH! Philosophy alive and well at Oakwood every day, by displaying the 4 principles in how we approach our lives.



PBS Reward Osprey and Blue Wren

Tuesday 4 April was the day we had Osprey and Blue Wren students in free dress for the day because they have reached their fourth PBS milestone for positive behaviour outdoors! We congratulate both of these factions and look forward to Quenda and Monarch following them soon!

From the School Chaplain

Hey Everyone!

Recently I have had more parents, carers and families asking about their children's mental health and how they can support or keep an eye on that at home. This new app for parents and guardians comes highly recommended from Relationships Australia and can help keep the communications flowing as well as help identify when there is a cause for concern and what do next. The information can be found on the website Relationships Australia, searching 'The mental health of my child—is there an app for that?' will take you to the article. If you need any advice on any other resources or courses to help support please send me an email.

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Online Behaviour and Impact at School

Recently, we have seen an upsurge in students using social media and online applications to communicate. On some occasions, individuals are not behaving appropriately online, and this has an impact in school and on others. May we remind you that social media apps have a minimum age of 13 for users so no primary aged child should be using them. Apps such as Tik Tok also have lots of content that is inappropriate for children and can influence them negatively. We urge you to pay attention to your child's online activity and remind you that technology time should be balanced with playing outside and activities that do not involve electronic devices. We appreciate your support in this area.



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Principal's Lunch

What a special occasion the Principal's Lunch was on Tuesday 28 March. One child from each class attended the staff room for lunch with myself and the leadership team. They were served delicious food and drinks and we got to hear all about the reasons they have been selected by their teachers. Good listening skills, enthusiasm for learning, kindness and doing their personal best were some of the reasons they mentioned, but there were many more! The lunch concluded with an icy pole and a play on the green playground. What a privilege it was to spend time with these awesome.



Summer Carnival

The Summer Sports Carnival of the Coastal Schools Sports Association took place on Wednesday 5 April at two venues, Coastal Lakes College and Meadow Springs Sports Facility. For the first time, 5 Schools competed in the carnival, with Madora Bay Primary School joining in basketball, league tag, tee ball and cricket. This was a historic moment for the Coastal Schools Sports Association as we grow in numbers – it was great to have the area's newest school join us! Our Tee-ball team won the B division title, the boys Basketball team won their division and Oakwood won the overall Basketball shield! Oakwood finished second in League Tag and the Cricket team placed fourth. We are so impressed by the sportsmanship of our Oakwooders, well done to all that represented our school.

School Board Report

I am proud to be writing my first School Board Report as the newly elected board chair for our meeting on the 21st March 2023. We would like to extend our sincerest thank you to Cameron Hall, the exiting board chair, for his strong leadership and direction of our school. We are very grateful for Cameron's expertise, time and dedication to his role.

This board meeting covered the following key items:

- Mary Hunt provided an interesting and enlightening presentation about the role of Deputy Principal, and in particular we heard about the challenges of administering NAPLAN within our school. Specifically, the significant planning and mobilisation of resources for supporting the students to feel as successful, safe and relaxed as possible during this challenging time. Thank you to the leadership team for your constant dedication in supporting our Oakwooders in all that you do.
- The Principal's Report, provided by Will Davis, included updates around student and staffing numbers, as well as a general update on school activities.
- The finance update, presented by Monique Tennyenhuis, provided an overview of the current student contributions for 2023, and further discussed strategies for making payment more convenient.
- A review of membership roles was conducted, and membership details were shared and updated. A vacant community position was also discussed, and strategies for enlisting a new member was added as an item to the next board meeting agenda.

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 on Tuesday the 30th of May at 7pm in the Staff Room, anyone is welcome to join us and observe the meeting.

ANZAC Ceremony

Our ANZAC Ceremony took place on Thursday 6 April. We were joined by David Templeman MLA, Rhys Williams, Mayor of Mandurah, Petty Officer Adam Crich (Navy) and several other veterans and serving military officers who have a connection with our school. It was an honour to host this event and our student leaders led the service beautifully. A big thank you to Mary Hunt, for organising and co-ordinating this event. We would also like to acknowledge the choir, who performed 'Can you hear the children marching?' at the service. They sang in perfect harmony and with reverence. Mrs Paganini, Ms Mathews, Mrs Aust and Mrs Young worked hard with them in preparation for this performance and it was much appreciated! Thank you to all who attended, **Lest We Forget.**



Playgroup

Thursdays 8:45-10:30am

Oakwood Primary School in Room 7

Research by the Telethon Institute has shown that children who attend playgroup are more prepared socially, emotionally and developmentally entering school. Children who attend a school based playgroup are more settled and developmentally ready when entering school. Parents attending playgroup are able to build lasting relationships and form life long bonds. Playgroup is a fun and affordable activity. A flyer can be found on Oakwood's Facebook page with all information.

Many thanks, Jenny Smith