

OAKWOOD NEWS

♥ Learning with heart

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well what an EPIC start to Term 2!! The students have come back after their Easter holidays and engaged straight back to learning with a passion. It has been a really exciting and enthusiastic start to term with lots of wonderful learning opportunities for student.

Bec Curwood

Bec Curwood is now officially on maternity leave, we could not let her go without acknowledging her contribution to our school. Bec understands the Oakwood Way and projects the Oakwood culture in the way she completes her role, day in, day out. She is proficient in our whole school approaches and has been integral this year in coaching and supporting new staff as well as helping the leadership team. She is conscientious and holds herself to very high standards. She has led in key areas, such as inquiry learning and will be missed while she is on leave. We wish Bec and her partner all the best with this exciting next phase of life and look forward to seeing her with bub in a few weeks time!



Imagine Program

Some of our Year 4 students are starting their journey with our links with Coastal Lakes. They will take part in an enrichment program provided by Coastal Lakes staff that they attend for one afternoon per week, with a celebration at the end of the program. We wish them luck for the term, we know they will represent Oakwood well.

P&C

Our amazing Oakwood P&C volunteers work tirelessly all year round trying to raise funds and prepare and deliver fun events for students. To thank these wonderful volunteers they will be having a morning tea on May 19 at Oakwood and then a special lunch with David Templeman in Mandurah. We really appreciate all that the P&C do for our school and the items they have purchased for the school that really support our students and the environment we are in.

A BIG thank you to the P&C for coordinating and all those involved with the Mother's Day stall, P&C tried something different this year with a mobile shop for students.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to those mother figures to our precious Oakwood students, we hope you have a lovely 'Mother's Day'.

John Tonkin College

Thank you to JTC staff who came to speak with our Year 6 students about their Surf Science Program at JTC. Year 6 students and parents are now thinking where their children will attend high school, we work very hard at Oakwood to support our Year 6 students with transitions to high school that will support them with the big move.

Dates to Remember

**Monday 22 May—
Friday 26 May**
Book Week

Wednesday 24 May
**National Simultaneous
Storytime**

Thursday 25 May
**Book Week Dress Up Day
and Parade 9am**

Friday 26 May
National Sorry Day

National Cystic Fibrosis Day

Tuesday 30 May
School Board Meeting

Friday 2 June
School Development Day
**STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
ON THIS DAY**

Monday 5 June
WA DAY Public Holiday



PBS Day (Positive Behaviour Support)

Thank you to our PBS Team who coordinated a wonderful day for our students and families. Our students had a fun packed day of activities linked to our PBS where they embedded the understanding of behaviours that make each of us a good citizen. Our PBS matrix of expected behaviours underpins everything we do in school to support students and their growth. Students have weekly lessons related to our PBS expectations to teach them expected behaviours.

It was wonderful to have our community family members share lunch with their children, it was a wonderful atmosphere in school.

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Playgrounds before and after school

We are happy for children to play on the Green Playground next to the basketball court before school, providing they are supervised by a parent/carer. We ask that children who are not supervised sit outside their classrooms calmly in the morning as we do not have duty of care until 8:30am. After school, parents are welcome to supervise their children to play on the Green Playground. We like to encourage parents and children to stay and socialise and this area is ideal for this purpose. No other play areas such as the ECE playground or equipment are to be used before and after school. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter

Winter Uniform

Please remember to purchase the correct winter uniform for your children in line with the uniform policy. **Navy blue bottoms** (skorts, skirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, leggings, tights) are compulsory uniform and must not be any other colour. Oakwood shirts along with our school jumpers are also mandatory, and are purchased at Perm-a-pleat. Other jumpers that are unbranded or have logos are not permitted.

ANZAC Ceremony

Our Student Leaders had their first big event opportunity for public speaking in Term 1 when we held our ANZAC ceremony on Thursday 6 April. The student leaders led the service fabulously and with reverence. We would also like to thank our special guests for joining us — David Templeman MLA, Mayor Rhys Williams, Councillor Ahmed Zilani, Petty Officer Adam Crich (ADF), Mr Ray Thompson (ADF), and Adam Hirst CPOET.

Thank you to the student choir, the students and the community for making this event a very respectful and thought provoking event.

Story Dogs



The Story Dog's Mission

'To make reading fun for children, so they become confident lifelong readers. No child should be left behind in literacy.'

When children read to a dog, the outcomes are amazing! It's non-judgemental, children's focus improves, literacy skills increase and confidence soars. The non-judgmental, loving nature of dogs gives this program its magic and helps children relax, open up, try harder and have fun reading to a friendly and calm dog.

Reading sessions take place in a quiet area of the school grounds, such as the library or outside the classroom. A reading session is approximately 20 minutes long, where each child is one-on-one with the dog team.

The children are usually Year 2 students generally between the ages 7-9 years old who are chosen by our school's teachers. Guardian consent is required before a child can participate in the program.

Is this you?

If you are able to volunteer a couple of hours a week, have a passion for helping young children and have a great relationship with your friendly dog, please check the website www.storydogs.org.au, or contact Amanda for more information.

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Yarning Circle

The Dandjoo Committee have worked to create a vision for our yarning circle. The yarning circle is on the grassed area between the Art Room and the oval. The students' painted stones have been embedded in the concrete border and 18 limestone blocks have been installed as seats. The six Noongar Seasons are represented by the six colours of the stones, see if your students can match the colours & symbols to the seasons. This area is for all students and staff to use, including during play times, as a quiet outdoor area to yarn. Thank you to the P&C for contributing and the PALS grant initiative for helping to fund stage 1 of this project.



The Yarning Circle



Kindy Enrolments 2024

Kindy 2024 enrolments are open, if your child was born between **July 1 2019 and June 30 2020** they will be eligible to start Kindy in 2024.

P&C NEWS

On **Friday 19 May 2023** we celebrate **P&C Day WA**. This day has been marked for all schools and communities to say thank you to their P&C's and acknowledge all the challenging work that they do. **P&C Day WA** is also a great opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved over the years.

Our volunteers are a shining light within our school community through their dedication and passion, helping to provide our students with the outstanding educational experience they deserve.

To recognise and thank our wonderful volunteers, Oakwood Primary School is inviting you all to a morning tea to be held on this day in the staffroom, commencing at 9.00am. Whether you 'just baked a cake' or helped at one of our events 'for a few hours', we appreciate your valuable time you gave to our school, and this invite is extended to you all. We look forward to seeing as many of our community attend.

RSVP to
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By Wednesday May 17



I would like to acknowledge and thank our past Presidents – Hayley Norris, Rebecca Jolly, Debbie Hone, Robyn Warnes and Adam Crich, all the Office Bearers who worked tirelessly for their teams, Executive and Financial Members, and the many volunteers who gave their support over the years.

To our Team of 2023, our Office Bearers, Executive and Financial members, and the many volunteers who have already given their support at our events to date, thank you, and we look forward to another successful year.

Since the commencement of our P&C in 2018, we have been a remarkably successful and busy P&C, and through our ongoing fundraisers, our financial contribution made to our school to fulfill their Wish Lists items, totals approx. \$88k. A photo display of the items will be uploaded on our social media page on P&C DAY WA. They will also be displayed on Oakwood Primary Schools P&C web page.

NOTICE BOARDS

There are two notice boards around our school, one outside the Library and the other outside Room 3. We will now be actively using these boards to display important P&C information for our community. For example, information on our upcoming events, current list of donated items, date of our next meeting along with the agenda. Minutes of our meetings however will not be displayed.

If you wish to receive information on how to become a financial member of our P&C, please email us on pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com.

Robyn Warnes
P&C President

