

OAKWOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The last few weeks have been weeks full of enrichment in explicit learning. We are proud of the way our students are so eager and engaged in their learning. They use their explicitly taught knowledge and skills to inspire their Investigations and Inquiry learning.

Our staff are working extremely hard to deliver engaging and enriching programs of learning, along with assessing students, writing Semester One reports and being observed by leadership on their great quality and rigor of teaching. We would like to acknowledge our staff for the wonderful passion, commitment and perseverance they are living by to ensure your children remain the focus, 'children are the heart of our school'.

P&C Day in WA

On May 19 we celebrated and honoured our P&C and volunteers with a morning tea. We would like to acknowledge our fabulous P&C who work tirelessly and volunteer their precious time to ensure we raise funds for our Oakwood students so that we have the resources and capacity to enrich our learning environments for your children. Without their efforts and our community contribution we would not be as well resourced as we are. In the last 5 years the Oakwood P&C have donated **\$85,000** to fund big ticket items for our school, ranging from the Foundation Tree in the Undercover Area, the time capsule, the primary store shed, the huge industrial fan, plus so much more. Thank you to our incredible P&C and volunteers!



Simultaneous Rhyme time

Wednesday 24 May we celebrated Simultaneous Story Day, we all enjoyed the book 'Speedy Sloth'. The students loved hearing the story over the PA, read by Mr Davis who was dressed as, yes you guessed... a bright, blue sloth! Thank you to Mrs Parr for another fetching costume for Mr Davis, the kids enjoyed the blue sloth and of course were inspired by the story.



65 Roses Day—Cystic Fibrosis Day

Friday 26 May was also the National Day of Awareness for Cystic Fibrosis. Thank you to the community for getting on board with this, it was wonderful to see our students wearing a sea of red and bringing a gold coin donation to support this worthy cause. The research over the years from donations gives people who live with Cystic Fibrosis a much higher life expectancy than 20 years ago. The total amount raised from selling roses and gold coin donations was a whopping **\$1,650**, thank you for being such a great community!

Room 1 Performance

Room 1 amazed us with their wonderful performance of 'Sing a Rainbow' at our assembly. They used Key Sign Word as actions for the song. The children had practised this to help them learn Key Sign Words so they can communicate with their class friend Vinnie. It is great to see the students engaging with this so that they can communicate with their friend.

Dates to Remember

Friday 16 June
Winter Carnival (Year 5-6)

Tuesday 20 June
Principal's Lunch

Thursday 22 June
Year 1-3 Cross Country

Monday 26 June
Year 4-6 Cross Country

Reports sent home

Thursday 29 June
Attendance Assembly

Reconciliation Week

Monday 29 May started the Reconciliation Week, 'Be a voice for generations', we had a range of activities celebrating and fostering the growth of respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians. Our students were involved in a range of activities throughout the week. Our commemorative 'hands' flags were flying in the Bush Tucker garden during this week that the ART club produced.

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National Sorry Day

Friday 26 May was National Sorry Day, we acknowledged and raised awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people from their families, communities and culture.



Facebook class photos

As you are aware our school seems to get larger each day. We are understanding the need to inform our community in a fun way of our ever growing classrooms and staffing. You will see your child highlighted along with their class, teacher and year group friends over the coming year.



Winter uniform

Please remember to purchase the correct winter uniform for your children in line with the uniform policy.

Navy blue bottoms (skort, skirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, leggings, tights), school uniform top and school uniform jumper, along with a school hat. Please ensure your child is NOT wearing shorts that can't be seen under their top!

Road Safety Event

Thank you to our Year 5 students who supported our school with the Road Safety event in Week 7. They gave out fruit and stickers to all our students who walked, scootered, cycled to school using road safety guidelines.



Eye Clinic

We were very fortunate to have an eye clinic work in collaboration with Oakwood to provide an eye screening service for our Year 1 students. The students were so excited and listened carefully to the eye practitioners. We love having outside agencies supporting our students in school.

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.

Donations

Thank you from the bottom of our Oakwood hearts for all the kind donations. In recent times we have had donated Lego, bookmarks, coffee pods, chocolates and toys. Thank you to the Price, Harwood, Forest and Pereira families for these recent donations. These donations bring joy and make the day of our students and staff.

Kiss and Drop

REMINDER: Please use the kiss and drop correctly, it is important to keep all students safe and work together to protect all students. Using the Kiss and Drop inappropriately can put other students at risk and upset community members who are doing the right thing.

Book Week and Dress Up Day

Wowzers, just wowzers, we hope that you, the community, got to see our Book Week dress up parade, it was outstanding. The students dressed up as a character from a book and paraded their outfit with pride and style. Well done to parent/caregivers who enabled their children to enjoy this opportunity.

A huge thank you to our Book Week Committee who made all the arrangements for the school, to all staff for dressing up the outdoor spaces for students to enjoy in the theme of 'Dr Suess'. A huge shout out to Miss Anders and Mr Jones who did our Daily News for the week, which is always a highlight for students, a lot of time and effort went into prepping students to be on camera and perform. Big shout out to our choir who performed 'Naughty' from Matilda the Musical, the students were amazing, thank you to the staff who led them through the weekly practises. Thank you to all staff and students taking part in the teacher and student community dance at the end of the parade, it was super. Did anyone see the Cat in the Hat driving around school grounds at great speed? It was Mrs Parr.... don't worry she was issued with a speeding ticket!



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School Development Day

Before the long weekend, when the students had Friday 2 June off from school, our teachers and EA's were in school working hard with a Mathematics specialist. The Mathematics specialist came in to work with staff on importance of 'hands on' concrete resources in the learning and understanding of Maths. It was a great learning day for staff who will build on implementing these strategies in their classrooms.

Reporting to Parents

Student Semester One Reports are currently being prepared by classroom and specialist teachers. Semester One Reports will include A to E grades (or equivalent) for all required learning areas as well as graded comments for English, Mathematics and a General comment.

Reports for students from Pre primary to Year 6 will be emailed on Monday 26 June, please ensure your email is correct on our school system for you to be able to receive the report. Kindergarten reports are on a different format and will be sent home during week 10.

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

DONATIONS WANTED!

Donations of used laptops, personal computers etc.

These may have appeared to have reached the end of their working life with you or your organisation, but Mandurah Muscateers (Charity Computers) can refurbish them and use the funds generated through sales to support disadvantaged and under-privileged students throughout the Peel Region (and beyond).

Based in Mandurah, MMCC will pick up from anywhere in the Peel Region or Metro area. In just the past 4 years it has helped students by providing \$200,000 to be spent on uniforms, swimming lessons, camp and excursion fees, book lists, specialists fees and much more.

MMCC also donates much in the way of refurbished IT equipment to eligible applicants.

MMCC works through YouthCARE school Chaplains.

Your help is urgently needed, so if you can help please contact us.

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