# **OAKWOOD NEWS**



Learning with heart

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to a fabulously, exciting Term 3 for our Oakwood students. Our Oakwooders' have settled back well to rigorous Explicit Learning with calmness and engagement, they are also enjoying their Intentional Play and Inquiry Learning experiences! It has been lovely to see their happy faces back and enjoying the start to the term. It's a credit to them how well they enthusiastically and passionately get back into school life and remember the expectations of our PBS and FISH! Philosophy.

PBS: Act with Integrity, Show Respect, Do Your Personal Best, Be Caring!

FISH! Principles: Choose Your Attitude, Play, Make Their Day, Be There!



#### SDD - Staff Development Day

Whilst the students had an extra day off at the start of Term 3, staff were working hard developing and up-skilling in different areas of education. We all had a fabulous day together with some staff on professional learning with Teach Well, and the majority of staff in school enhancing their skills in moderation, Talk 4 Writing, Oakwood Learning, NQS and Team Teach. We thank our staff leaders in these curriculum areas for the fabulous presentations.

#### **Staffing Update**

We say goodbye to our wonderful Julia Andrews, who has been such an asset to Oakwood in many different roles, more recently as a specialist for Pre-primary classes. We wish her luck in her full time role at her new school.

#### New Canteen - Kingston's Kitchen

Welcome to Kingston's Kitchen, we look forward to them being part of our Oakwood community. Thank you for providing our students with nourishing food for lunch and recess.



#### Semester 2 Faction Captain and **Student Leader Speeches**

On Wednesday 26 July we held our Semester 2 speeches, where our fabulous cohort of Year 6 students had the opportunity to address the Year 3 to 6 students where they then voted for Year 6 student leaders and faction captains. Year 6 students who wished to go for these leadership roles at Oakwood have been working hard on their speeches and public speaking. They amazed us with their confidence and how they spoke about what the role means to them. More importantly they told their audience who were listening carefully, so they could vote, how they are going to make a difference to our school, lead appropriately and support the younger students. We are sure these students will lead with passion, enthusiasm and respect. We wish them luck this Semester!

### **Dates to Remember**

Monday 14 August— Friday 18 August Science Week

Friday 18 Ausgust

**Constable Care Incursion** Kindy 7A, 8C, 9E, PP, Yr 2

> **Tuesday 22 August Earbus**

Tuesday 22 August— **Thursday 24 August** Father's Day Stall

Friday 25 August

**Constable Care Incursion** Kindy 8D, 9F, Yr 1

**Coastal Lakes College Transition Day 2** 

Tuesday 29 August— Friday 1 September School Photos

**Thursday 31 August WAGSMS Concert** 

#### **Interschool Cross Country**

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS 2023! The Interschools Cross Country was held, Friday 4 August. Well done to our students who succeeded to represent Oakwood at the interschools cross country. They all did their personal best and represented Oakwood with flying colours! What a performance to come away with the overall championship trophy, as well as winning the Year 3, 4 and 5 age categories! This team of runners did us proud, showing grit, speed and bravery to do their personal best!

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 5 of their age categories.

Lottie Wardrope (1st), Isla Plackett (3rd), Dylan Roberts (1st), Alfie Baird (2nd), Marcus Jackson (3rd), Masina Faafete (3rd), Pippa Robinson (4th), Isabel Warman (5th), Mitchell Harris (1st), Ben Mendes (2nd), Liam Sockett (3rd), Joseph Moogan (4th), Phoebe Prevost (3rd), Bodhi Bailey (2nd), Jayden Scheutjens (5th), Seren Aquilina (4th).

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# Pre primary and Year 1 students 100 days of school

Our Pre-primary and Year 1 students looked very different at school in Week 2 and Week 3, they seemed to have aged dramatically, but still looking their Oakwood selves!

This learning is in line with their History curriculum, and celebrating the 100 days enabled them to embed and enhance their learning further. It included lots of fun activities along with the amazing dress ups that families supported their child with. Thank you for entering into the spirit of aging 2 cohorts at Oakwood!!



#### **Oakwood Facebook Page**

Remember we will be showcasing our staff and students in their classrooms and our specialist rooms in response to our growing school, this will support families, P&C and School Board with knowing staff within the school, where they work, and the role the staff have within the school. This will be done over the year and will continue as a strategy for our community to know our Oakwooders. Keep an eye out for your child's class and teacher!

#### **Year 4 PEAC testing**

Well done to our Year 4 cohort who took part in the WA PEAC testing for all schools. This is a State-Wide test that highlights those children in WA who are excelling in academics. A certain percentage of the children within the state are then offered PEAC classes once every two weeks across the state to enhance their learning. We have been lucky enough to have a few children from Oakwood being afforded these opportunities over the years that we have been open. Good luck to our Year 4's with this opportunity!

#### **P&C Silent Disco**

Our P&C held a silent disco on the evening of Friday of Week 3. We thank them for all their hard work and volunteering their time to support our students in having a great silent disco, bringing us together as an Oakwood community and raising much needed funds to resource our ever-growing school. P&C, you are awesome!



#### **School Photos** Tuesday 29 August—Friday 1 September

#### **Class Photos/Portraits**

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not
- Oakwood has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student Shootkey
- Log onto www.msp.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order
- If you lose your Shootkey the Front Office will have a copy to quote back to you
- The expiry date for online ordering is the **Friday 8th of September 2023**. Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee
- Spare order envelopes (green) will be available at the Front Office if parents prefer to pay with cash

#### **Family Photos**

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration
- Family Photos are taken each morning before school
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the photographers on the day of photos
- If you do not have the correct money MSP will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school
- Family photos **cannot** be ordered online









#### **P&C NEWS**

Welcome everyone to our first newsletter for Term 3. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and thank Amanda Beard for the work she has done in the past 1½ years in her role as our Secretary, and would now like to welcome Kellie Wright into the position. Thank you, Kellie, for volunteering to be our next P&C Secretary. Kellie is a community member who always volunteers at our events, however, has taken the next step to become an Office Bearer of our P&C, which are very busy roles, however very rewarding.

#### **Fundraising**

We completed our Term 2 with the following events:

Free Dress Day – Come as Yourself. The children loved this theme and there were a lot of pyjamas worn that day. Thank you to Ashleigh Frame and Kirsty Shanahan leading the two days. The final total amount raised was \$805.55.

Car Park Raffle – this was also conducted over the last week of the term and the winner again, and how lucky is this family, the Stone family. Well done Hope and enjoy the car park space for Term 3. The amount raised in Term 2 was \$260.96. Thank you, Michelle Barker, for conducting this raffle.

We have a remarkably busy Term 3 coming up with our events.

On Friday, 4th August 2023, we held our **Pyjama Party Silent Disco**. Our Leads, Michelle Barker, Ashleigh Frame and Chevvy Mahanga were busy co-ordinating the event. Disco lights lit up the room, and I did ask Michelle to see if they could load some ABBA tunes to the music list. I know, old people's music hey. We also had the coffee van, Isle of Lace join our night selling their refreshments. Thank you so much ladies for attending our event. I hope the children all had a great night and thank you to all the community members who volunteered to assist.

Father's Day Stall. Due to the school calendar being quite busy in the week leading up to the day we celebrate those who father, our stall will be held earlier on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th August 2023. Leads Kerry Butterworth and Kirsty Shanahan have already put their amazing gifts together and will be holding the stall in The Shed between classrooms 22 and 23 over the three days. Our flyers are now being displayed on social media, in the classrooms as well as being emailed out from the school to all our families.

Please make sure that you have checked when your children's rooms will be attending, however please do not send any monies in until your rostered day. It is not the responsibility of the teachers to look after the monies before their classrooms allotted buying day. Gifts left over from the Mother's Day stall will also be available for purchasing. Any gifts remaining after the three days, will be available for purchase after the assembly on Friday 25th August 2023.

**Car Park Raffle Term 4.** Once again will be conducted towards the end of the term. Look out for the email and social media flyers. All monies raised from our Car Park Raffle goes towards the Year 6 Graduation.

Free Dress Day for this Term will be Crazy Hair, Crazy Socks. Chevvy Mahanga will be coordinating this event. Fundraising will be a gold coin donation with all monies going towards our Kiss and Drive shelter. Dates will be the 20th September 2023 for Kindy 7A, 8C and 9E, and 22nd September 2023 for the whole school. Flyer will go out advertising the day and dates.

Yarning Circle plus Kiss and Drive Shelter. The school is in the process of completing the Yarning Circle of which the P&C donated a total of \$2500 towards the structure. The Wishlist item we are now fundraising for is the Kiss and Drive Shelter to be built to shield the children from the weather whilst they are waiting to enter their cars. The shelter will be on school land, however not enclosed by fencing, and will be situated at the beginning of the Kiss and Drive bays. The fencing that is in place there now will be re positioned back towards Room 27.

P&C are donating funds towards this shelter, therefore over the next year into 2024, all monies from our fundraising events will go towards this project. Amount to be donated will be confirmed after our next meeting.

#### **General Business**

Open Night will be held on the 13 September 2023, and the P&C have organised food vans for the evening. They are — SIP Mobile Coffee Van, Kara's Soft Serve (Ice cream van), The Food Bazzar, your School Canteen, and our regular, Just Chillin. We are finalising their menus to make sure that there will be no double up. Thank you, Amanda Beard, for organising the vans. Their service times will be 4.30pm—7.00pm. I hope you all enjoy the night and viewing the work the students have on display in their rooms.

We have had success in getting assistance from the City of Mandurah re the Kiss and Drive bays being painted in a distinct colour to the back bays. Parking Inspectors have frequented the area over the last 2 months and reported that while there are a few drivers who are still not aware of the correct procedure on using these bays, there are also those who chose not to comply with the parking rules, therefor the Council Department will complete an information flyer specifically on how to use our Kiss and Drive zone. Once to hand these will be emailed out to all families. The P&C has now assisted as much as we can with this area, especially that these parking bays are not part of our school grounds. Therefore, going forward, I ask that any further complaints/ concerns that you may wish to raise, in conjunction with the Kiss and Drive parking bays, be addressed directly to the School or the City of Mandurah.

Michelle Barker is also in the process of setting up our new Facebook page. We will go from a "Private Group" to an "Open Page'. Terms and Conditions will be in place for all to abide by. Our Office Bearers will be the Administrators of the page which will display posts relating to the P&C. There are to be no photos of children displayed on the page. We will let the community know when the page is complete and ready for you all to follow.

Last Friday was Principal's Day. Thank you, Mr Davis, for being our Principal. Your hard work, dedication, and passion for education are truly inspiring. On this special day, we recognized and thanked you for your unwavering commitment to our school community. We hope you all had a great day!

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on the evening of 6th September 2023 in the school Staff Room commencing at 6.00pm. New members are always welcome.

If you would like information on joining our P&C, cost being \$1, please email the Office Bearers on pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com.

Robyn Warnes President

