

OAKWOOD NEWS

♥ Learning with heart

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a very exciting and active few weeks at Oakwood where the students have embraced every moment. We would like to celebrate our staff and community for keeping on top of all the events that have taken place and motivating the students to be highly engaged and life-long learners.

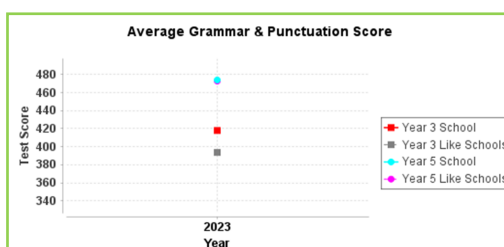
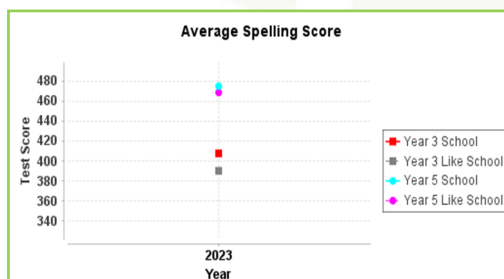
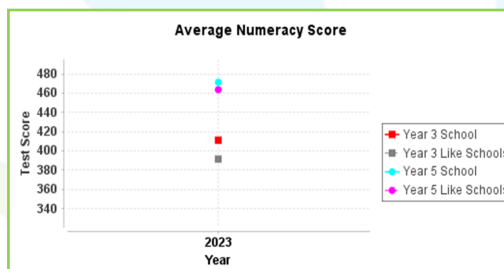
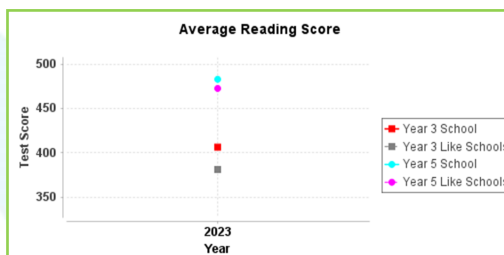
PBS: Act with Integrity, Show Respect, Do Your Personal Best, Be Caring!

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

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN results for 2023 are very positive and we want to share this success with our school community! The school performed above like schools in all NAPLAN areas in both years 3 and 5, achieving 3 green lights in Year 3 in Reading, Numeracy and Grammar and Punctuation. This means in those three areas, we performed significantly above what was expected, which is excellent! This is a result of the consistent implementation of our whole school approaches, use of high impact explicit instruction blended with intentional play and inquiry learning. A huge congratulations to the students who achieved this alongside the wonderful staff at our school, who have worked with dedication and expertise to achieve this.

Whilst academic success is not the only focus we have at Oakwood, it is pleasing to see our student's reaching high standards in his key area. The graphs below show how we performed in Years 3 and 5 in comparison to like schools in Reading, Numeracy, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school that enables us to provide a high quality education for our students.



Dates to Remember

Monday 4 September
Jumps and Throws

Friday 8 September
Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 12 September
Principal's Lunch

Wednesday 13 September
Open Night 5:30pm

Thursday 14 September
Term 3 Road Safety Event

Friday 15 September
PP-2 Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 20 September
Kindy & PP Parents and Carers Morning

Loose Parts Incursion K&PP

Thursday 21 September
Kindy Parents and Carers Morning—9F, 8D

Loose Parts Incursion K&PP

Staffing

We welcome back Miss Lauren Clarke from maternity leave who will be working in Pre-primary and around the school as a specialist.

Please give an Oakwood warm welcome to Ashlee Michael, our new Aboriginal and Islanders Education Officer (AIEO), we look forward to Ashlee working with our students and supporting staff.

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Science Week

Staff and students celebrated Science Week in Week 5 in their usual style by fully engaging in science with the theme of 'Powering Future Industries'. Our students wore professor science lab coats and carried out their experiments with professionalism and inquisitiveness. We also had a visit from 'Critters Up Close' who visited our Year 1's with their wonderful creatures. Thank you to the Inquiry Team who lead this week and supported staff with vibrant and engaging learning.



Father's Day Stall

In Week 6 our P&C have been outstanding, as always, they have worked so hard with many community volunteers to sell Father's Day gifts so that our students can celebrate a significant father figure in their life. Over three days our P&C and volunteers have spent time supporting students to choose a gift, the students were very excited, as you can imagine.

School Photos

Well done to our families for ensuring your children were in correct uniform and looking Oakwood Awesome for school photos. The four days were very busy and very successful. We hope you have taken the opportunity to order your photos. You can still place orders until September 8, a \$30 archive fee will be issued after this date.



Year 4 Perth Zoo Excursion

Our Year 4's had a fabulous time at the zoo meeting lots of variety of animals. The students explored the habitats of different animals looking at how they survive and live in their environments. Thank you to the Year 4 staff for organising this exciting trip, and thank you to support staff and parent volunteers who enabled the trip to take place and support the 130+ students who went.

Choir

Thank you to our Oakwood choir and Mrs Paganini and Ms Mathews who performed at the MAN PAC last night in the Mandurah schools WAGSMS concert. Mrs Paganini and Ms Mathews have been spending lots of lunch times, along with the Year 1 to Year 6 choir students, practising their big Oakwood hearts out for the concert. We are proud to say they were AMAZING and their Matilda melody went down with wonderful applause from the audience! You guys ROCK!

EA Appreciation Week

In Week 7 we celebrated our EA's, mainstream and special needs, for the wonderful work they do at Oakwood. They passionately go above and beyond for all our Oakwooders. They work with all our children and nurture and support their growth in every way, from academics to social and emotional. We would be lost without these wonderful educators. We celebrated them with an afternoon tea on Tuesday.



Sponsor a Book Award

We are currently in the process of obtaining sponsorship for our end of year book awards. We would love for our Oakwood families, community or Oakwood family businesses to be part of this, if you would like to sponsor a book award (\$35 per award), please pop into the office or direct debit into our school's account! Thank you we appreciate you!

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Constable Care

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Constable Care for Kindy through to Year 2. The students enjoyed what they learnt and were engaged with the activities.

Coming Up!

Faction Carnivals

How exciting! It is that time again to get dressed up in your faction colours, zinc up, maybe even colour spray your hair with your faction colour.

We have Year 3-6 faction carnival on **Friday 8 September** and Pre-primary, Year 1 and Year 2 faction carnival on **Friday 15 September**. Parents we would love to see you there to support your child and their faction, even bring lunch to share with your child. We are always happy for more parent helpers too!

Open Night

Wednesday 13 September 5:30pm-7:00 pm. You have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom to look at their work, take part in activities or visit the Art room to see the work exhibited. Please come along and enjoy the school grounds and buy your dinner from the Oakwood Kingston's Kitchen Canteen or the Food Trucks that the P&C have organised, from 4:30pm until 7:00pm. We also have our annual Book Fair visiting, pop and visit our Librarian Gill Parr and see if you would like to purchase a book.

P&C NEWS

Welcome.

The first six weeks of this term has been quite busy for our P&C and with more to come to finish off the term.

FUNDRAISING

Friday, 4th August 2023, we held our **Pyjama Party Silent Disco**. Thank you to our Leads, Michelle Barker, Chevvy Mahanga and Ashleigh Frame for all the planning and time you put into this event. Thank you to Woolworths Singleton for your donation, Grounds for a Rest – Alishia Mulder for attending with your coffee van at our last-minute search, @Instagram.com/the.wedshed, Triss Haines for the photo backdrop, Silent Groove – Silent Disco Perth for the music and equipment hire, and lastly to our volunteers, Kiah Forrest, Kirsty Shanahan, Kerry Butterworth, Laura Thomson, Candice Dibley, Stacy Hansord, Michaela Robertson-Stevens, Denika Meehan, Daniel Saggars and Matthew Rich-Bowles, whom without your help and support, the night would not have been possible. The final amount raised was **\$2940.02**.

We have just completed our Father's Day Stall which was held over 3 days - 22nd, 23rd, 24th, also on Friday afternoon 25th August 2023 after the assembly. This fundraising event was held a week earlier due to the busy week on our school's calendar leading up to Father's Day. Amazing gifts were purchased and some handmade by our leads Kerry Butterworth and Kirsty Shanahan, and for this we say thank you so much ladies. I hope the receivers of the gifts enjoy them too. Thank you to the following volunteers who helped Kerry and Kirsty over the 4 days to make the stall the success that it was. Belinda Desmond, Natasha Sheridan, Vicstar Williams, Rebecca Jolly, Michelle Kendall, Robyn Warnes, Kellie Wright, Ashleigh Walton, Candice Dibley, Alix Harding, Alisa McGlen, Daniel Saggars, Chevvy Mahanga, Michaela Robertson-Stevens, Michelle Barker, Tarryn Dawson, Kylie Servante and Yvonne MacKay. The final amount raised was approx. **\$3162.46**.

We will be holding Sports Day Sausage Sizzles this year on the 8th and 15th September. If you are available to volunteer at any time during the days, please email us or message myself. Thank you to the parents who have already advised us that they can assist. Set up will be from 8.00am and hoping to commence selling from 9.30am. Funds raised will go towards Kiss and Drive shelter.

Term 4 Car Park Raffle will be held on the dates of 8th – 14th September, to be drawn on the 15th of September, so look out for the flyer. This is a great opportunity to have your own parking bay at the school for Term 4.

Free Dress Day for Term 3, theme *Crazy Hair, Crazy Socks* will be held on the 20th of September 2023 for classes 7A, 8C & 9E, and then on Friday 22 September 2023 for the whole school. Chevvy Mahanga will Lead this event. Gold coin donations will go towards the Kiss and Drive shelter.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Principals Day. This year our P&C donated to the school in the way of purchasing the signage. Wasn't it an amazing display. I would also like to thank Michelle Barker for making the 36 calico ties for the school that the children from each room decorated for Mr Davis. I was speaking to one child at the disco, and they told me that all the words they wanted to put on the tie had already been written, so they just wrote 'banana'. So cute. I hope you had a memorable and enjoyable day Mr Davis.

Open Night. Food vans have been booked for this night on the 13th of September 2023. They will commence serving from 4.30pm. We invite all our Community to bring down a picnic rug and enjoy a family meal before you head off into the classrooms to look at all the amazing work the children have completed over the year. Vans booked are: **Just Chillin** – Mexican Food, **The Food Bazaar** – Nepalese Fusion Food, **Kingston's Kitchen** – our Canteen Lessee, **Unicone Soft Serve** – Dessert Van, **Grounds for a Rest** – Coffee Van.

WACSSO Conference 2023. Ashleigh Frame and I represented Oakwood Primary at this year's conference. Once again, an excellent weekend with an amazing list of guest speakers, especially our youth speakers. The theme for the conference was 'Yours, Mine, Ours. Taking Collective Care of our Children', and the guest speakers spoke to this topic in their different employment roles. We were asked at the beginning "How important is it that your children finish their education with the best academic outcomes they can achieve", or "How important is it that your children finish their education with a love of life and learning, hope and confidence." I will leave that answer up to yourselves.

Social Media. We have started up a new Facebook page which will be a Public Page and we will close the Private Group page down over the coming weeks. You are more than welcome to join our new page. Information on this page will be P&C related only. If you make a comment on any of the posts, we ask that you please make sure it is Kind and Courteous, No Bullying or Negativity and to Respect everyone's Privacy.

<https://www.facebook.com/OakwoodPrimarySchoolPandC/>

If you would like information on the P&C or are interested in becoming a member, please email us on:

pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com.

Looking forward to a busy few weeks, then we can all relax during the holidays.

Robyn Warnes

President



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