

OAKWOOD NEWS

♥ Learning with heart

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a wonderful start to our 2024 Oakwood journey. Thank you to our wonderful Oakwood families who have embraced our Oakwood morning routines and family time. Our Oakwooders are showing great passion for learning and great resilience to get back in to the routine of school life, from Kindy all the way through to Year 6. The feeling around school really represents our FiSH! Philosophy, the atmosphere is so positive.

The last few weeks have been filled with lots of valuable learning. It is wonderful to go around the classes and see all the children engaging in their learning and telling us what they are learning about, the office has seen so many wonderful pieces of work from lots of students who are all able to tell us about what they have been learning. We are so proud of all our students.

Staffing Update

We would love to welcome our new staff to Oakwood and introduce them to our community. We are delighted to have such great practitioners join our Oakwood team to support, teach and nurture our Oakwooders to be the best they can be. Please see staff list below, some are newbies to Oakwood and some are returning Oakwooders who have been on maternity leave.



Bec Curwood
Year 3 Room 16



Kim Bassan
Year 5/6 Room 19



Sarah Gourdis
Year 1 Room 36



Natalie Puzey
Year 1 Room 8



Jaye Fogarty
Year 2 Room 11



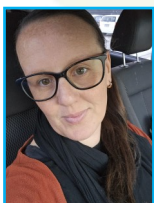
Natasha Price
Year 2 Room 13



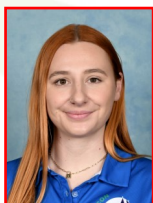
Beth Foster
Year 2 Room 23



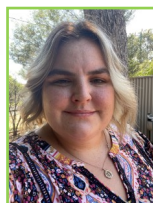
Enrico Citrigno
Year 3 Room 24



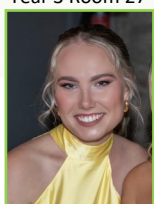
Kerry-Ann Chestnutt-Berryman
Year 3 Room 27



Emily Boyle
Year 5 Room 18



Laura Wallace
Year 5 Room 28



Courtney Loney
Year 5 Room 29



Pattina Fulton
Front Office



Christine Tatascoire
Psychologist

Crossing Warden

Please remind your children to cross the road safely, please go over how to use the lights correctly, and to also cross where the crossing warden is near the school, thank you.

Kindy Enrolments 2025

We are now open for Kindy enrolments for 2025, our new intake area for 2025 Kindy enrolments will apply. Come pick up an Application Form from the front office.

Dates to Remember

**Wednesday 21 February—
Friday 8 March**
Junk Play Incursion K-6

Friday 23 February
Perth Dream & Lead
Conference (Year 6 Leaders)

Junior Assembly 2pm

Twilight Swimming Carnival

Friday 1 March
CLC Year 6 Transition Day #1

Interschool Summer Carnival

Senior Assembly 2pm

Monday 4 March
LABOUR DAY Public Holiday

Wednesday 6 March
FiSH Day

Friday 8 March
Junior Assembly 2pm

Canteen

Our canteen, Kingston's Kitchen, has been delivering fantastic food to our students since the first day of school. Please follow their guidelines with ordering lunches for your children. Please use the Spriggy app to set up an account for your child/ren.

Staff leaving

We said goodbye to Lisa Michaels, one of our wonderful office administrators, at the start of this year. She was successfully appointed a position at another school. We will miss her cheery smile around Oakwood, but wish her every success with her new position.

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Merit Certificates

Merit certificates are presented in our Friday assemblies with Junior assembly being the even Friday and Senior assembly being the odd Friday. If your child is to receive a certificate in assembly your child's teacher will notify you before the Friday that they are to receive a certificate.

Student Leaders

We were so impressed with our student leader speeches and how they presented themselves during the speeches, they spoke clearly and passionately about how they could support children in the playground, support the school following our FISH! Principles and our PBS values. Our student leaders are;

Chloe Duthie
Ry Lamkum

Ruby Fitzsimons

Darcy Robertson-Stevens

Charlee Steele
Sullivan Jackson

Darcey Walsh

Evie White

Faction Captains

What a week we had with all our elections for Faction Captains, they all spoke amazingly, speaking about sportsmanship, their passion for their faction, the roles they will play in supporting their faction and the Oakwood Way!

Our Faction captains are;

Monarch

Bella Oddy

Qhafy Norisham

Quenda

Jaydin Chalmers

Ryder Wilson

Blue Wren

Rhylee Ferris

Amelia Moseley

Osprey

William Palmer

Zac Fairbrass

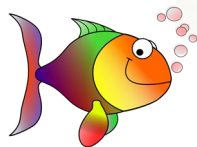


School Board and P&C

School Board and P&C are very active within our school. The School Board meet once a term and discuss school priorities. The P&C will often send out flyers regarding events or when to attend meetings, if you are interested in joining, contact them on pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com. Please join the P&C Facebook page by searching for *Oakwood Primary School P & C*, even if you're not a member of the P&C it will give you reminders and information of events they are running.

FISH! Day

Wednesday 6 March 2024 we are celebrating our positive school culture day, FISH! DAY. This is a flagship day celebrating our school community and the wonderful families we have at Oakwood. The Fish Philosophy culture that we follow and the common language we use with the students are: **Be There, Play, Make Their Day, and Choose Your Attitude**. We would love for you to use this language with your children at home. We would like to make it a momentous day for the students with lots of activities linked to this Oakwood Way! This year we will be able to celebrate with our community by sharing a community breakfast and lunch, a letter has been emailed in regards to this.



School Start Time

School starts at 8:30am for family time and the siren will go at 8:45am to let staff, students and caregivers know family time is over and the learning day begins. Please do not let your child/ren arrive at school before 8:20am at the earliest to ensure the safety of all children. Fun-a-rama is an out of hours care provider and is available on school site before 8:20am, please contact them on 0424 492 485.

Story Dogs

Story Dogs, is a reading program that provides a unique opportunity, for a select few students, to be supported with their reading, we have had this opportunity at Oakwood over the past few years, but we are now looking for a new person and their dog to be able to provide this opportunity again for our Oakwooders. If you have a calm dog, that you feel may be suitable and you have time to volunteer, and would like to be a part of such a program please contact: **Amanda Milroy on 0417 993 497.**

School Uniform Expectations

We would like to remind all of our families that children are to wear correct school uniform and is stipulated when enrolling at Oakwood Primary School. This includes:

Oakwood Polo (Faction polo on Wednesday)

Oakwood Hat

Oakwood Jacket

Navy Blue shorts/skort/pants

Enclosed shoes

All uniform should be labelled with your child's name. Please ensure your child is wearing correct uniform every day, we appreciate your support with this.

Outdoor play spaces

The outdoor play equipment in ECE, Junior and Senior areas of the school are not to be used before and after school by students, or other siblings who are on school site dropping off or collecting siblings. We would encourage you to utilise the green playground space by the basketball courts which is available before school and after school play if the child is supervised.

Dogs on School Grounds

Please refrain from bringing dogs onto school grounds for the safety of our students and family members, lots of children have a fear of dogs and this can set them up for an anxious start to their school day.

From the Chaplain

Welcome 2024 Oakwood families!

What a wonderful start to the year it has been already and so beautiful to see so many familiar as well as new faces smiling around the school.

There has been some stationery and school supplies donated all in brand new or almost new condition, if you need anything that may have been missed off the list or an upgrade, please feel free to chat to your child's class teacher or the admin staff and they can help arrange a meeting or a call back with me.

We have many resources to help out families experiencing a need for a helping hand, so please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our wonderful staff to see how we can best give you a helping hand!

Also, If you have any uniforms or school supplies in new or near new condition to donate, we would highly appreciate the support to help support others.

The referral process for students to see me has changed a little.

This year you will need to have a chat with the class teacher to gain a referral and return to the class teacher to then be handed up to me.

This ensures the teacher is aware and also can be involved in the best support possible!

We are also operating Breakfast Club for those who may be finding times hard, have missed breaky or even want a friendly chat before the start of the school day. Please also chat with class teachers if you would like your child involved 😊

I am looking forward to seeing everyone about and around the school through out the year!

*Blessings, Miss Nikki
Chaplain*