

# OAKWOOD NEWS

♥ Learning with heart

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What an Oakwood Awesome, busy term, we have had, in a short 9 weeks the students and staff have achieved so much! We are so proud of our Oakwooders who have settled so well in to their new classes maintaining the high standards as always with the FISH! Philosophy and PBS expectations. We thank you for supporting your children and school during this term, we appreciate all that you do!

### Staff

We welcome back Enrico Citrigno from parental leave after the birth of his son. We congratulate both Emily and Enrico and wish them luck with their new family life.



We say a fond farewell to our lovely Geordey Mclean, who has gone on parental leave in preparation for her new arrival. We wish her the best of luck as she comes towards the end of her pregnancy.

We welcome back Logan Scott who has been on long service leave, we hope she had a refreshing break and is ready for Term 2.

### Exciting News

Our Room 37 classroom, which you may have seen being placed next to Room 36 classroom, will be operational for Term 2. We thank Mrs Pritchard and the resilient Room 37 students who have been working this term from the library. We thank the whole school staff and students who have been limited in their access of the library. We also thank the parent/carers of Room 37 students who have waited so patiently for this to happen.

### Interschool Summer Carnival

On the Friday of Week 6 our Year 6 and Year 5 students took part in the Interschools Carnival. We are so proud of the students and their sportsmanship, their resilience, their encouragement for each other and their skills shown for the sport they were participating in. We thank the staff and parent helpers who coached the teams. We were fortunate enough to come away with a shield for Basketball and Teeball.

### NAPLAN

During Week 7 and Week 8 students from Year 3 and Year 5 have taken part in the online National government testing for Reading, Writing, Numeracy and Conventions of Language. The students showed great excitement to be taking part in these tests, we are very proud of their perseverance that they showed during the testing period. Thank you to all the staff and families for setting these children up for success during this time.

### Principal's Lunch

Tuesday 19 March was our first 2024 Principal's Lunch, the children were welcomed to a yummy hot food lunch with dessert and then invited to a fun playtime on the green adventure playground. It was wonderful to hear all about why they think they had been chosen to attend the lunch; we already knew how Oakwood awesome they are! Thank you to Nikki Fairhurst from School Board for supporting this event and speaking with the students.

### Road Safety

Thank you to our Year 5 students who manned the gates and gave out raffle tickets to support the Your Move program to encourage families and students to walk or cycle to school. Thank you to Mrs Veljacic for coordinating this event and making sure the Year 5 students were prepared.

## Dates to Remember

### TERM 2

**Monday 15 April**  
**School Development Day**  
*Students do not attend school on this day*

**Wednesday 17 April**  
**P&C Meeting 5:30pm**

**Friday 19 April**  
**Senior Assembly 2pm**

**Tuesday 23 April**  
**School Board Meeting 7pm**

**Wednesday 24 April**  
**ANZAC Service 9am**

**Thursday 25 April**  
**ANZAC DAY**  
**Public Holiday**

**Friday 26 April**  
**ASD Awareness Day**  
**Junior Assembly 2pm**

**Friday 3 May**  
**PBS Day**  
**Earbus**  
**Senior Assembly 2pm**

### P&C Free Dress Fundraiser

Thank you to our P&C who held an Easter inspired free dress day on the last day 2 days of term, what a fun way to finish off a fabulous term. Thank you to our families for supporting this, money raised is going towards the Kiss and Drive shelter for our students.



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Attendance Draw

We celebrated the wonderful Oakwood attendance of children over 90% by drawing students from a hat to win prizes during our final assembly. The lucky winners took home gift vouchers.

## Year 5 Camp

We wished our intrepid Year 5 students' luck on Monday as they embarked on their first school camp, hosted at Point Peron. They had a fabulous time interacting with each other and participating in lots of water skill adventure activities, orienteering, abseiling and archery. Our Oakwood students excelled themselves and plucked up the courage to experience these adventurous activities. We are so proud of them!



## From the Chaplain

Well! Would you look at that we are already at the end of TERM 1 and what a fantastic start to 2024 it has been! Personally, It has been an absolute pleasure to see all the wonderful Oakwood students and families - returned and new, and to be here another term as an avenue of support, love and welcome to those who've needed it .

With all the pressures going on post covid such as the housing crisis, inflation, illnesses and everything in-between - we understand things can get tough for us all one way or another at any given time. Pulling together as the wonderful loving community Oakwood is, ensures we all keep getting ahead together!

So *please do not* hesitate to reach out to any of our wonderful staff or myself if you are needing a helping hand - or are in the position to give back. In saying that - I must give a tremendous shout out to the families and local businesses that have donated to our uniform box, our return to school packs and even in such generous ways of contributing towards the Chaplain budget. This all ensures students have all the necessities such as breakfast, lunch, uniforms, supplies and any other levels of support we give a helping hand with! With this generosity it not only helps the learning of our students or the continued supports, but also models to the children the kind of love, care and culture we are about!

~ Learning With Heart ~

A couple of local shout outs this term for sharing the love -

- RSSWA
- Mandurah Muscateers
- Oakwood P&C
- Coastal District Care Rockingham

Thank you for the amazing blessings you have so greatly shared!

I wish EACH AND EVERY ONE of our Oakwooder friends and families a refreshing and chocolate filled holiday break, and look forward to the incredible opportunities TERM 2 has in store!

Thanks and Blessings,  
Miss Nikki Hart

## School Board

### Term 1 Meeting 2

What a wonderful start to 2024 we have had! Term One has flown by quickly, and we are sure that many of our Oakwood Primary School students, staff, parents, and community members are eagerly anticipating a well-earned holiday break. We are yet to have anything further to report from the board as we rescheduled our last meeting, but we look forward to sharing with you next term.

The Oakwood School Board want to wish everyone a safe and pleasant long weekend, and a wonderful term break. We look forward to the many exciting events that will take place when we return for Term 2.

Thank you for all that you do in keeping our children 'at the heart of our school'.

Kind regards,

Nikki Fairhurst  
Board Chairperson