

# OAKWOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What an EPIC start to Term 2!! The students have come back after their Easter holidays and engaged straight back to learning with a passion. It has been an exciting and enthusiastic start to term with lots of wonderful learning opportunities for student.

### Staffing News

We congratulate Geordey Mclean and her family on the birth of their son, Jagger. We wish them happiness and health as they grow as a family.

We welcome to Oakwood, Sinea Taylor, Kristie Searle, Peta Knight, Megan Roper, Heidi Jones and Josephine Pitts all of whom show great care and passion in the learning journey of our Oakwooders. We know they will be a wonderful addition to Oakwood.

A huge welcome to our new school psychologist, Paris Dunn, who will be a great addition to our Learning Support Service team, she comes with a wealth of experience and will be a huge asset to supporting our families and Oakwooders.

### ANZAC Ceremony

Our Student Leaders had their first big event opportunity for public speaking when we held our ANZAC ceremony on Thursday 24 April. The student leaders led the service fabulously, with reverence. The faction captains, gave out rosemary to the community and supported students laying wreaths.



Thank you to the student choir, the students and the community for making this event a very respectful and thought provoking event.

### World Autism Awareness Day

On Friday 26 April we took the time as a school to acknowledge World Autism Day. It was a day that enabled the staff and students to recognise the unique strengths, achievements, and individuality of people on the Autism spectrum. We acknowledged this



day by wearing a sea of colours of the rainbow. Thank you for supporting your children to grow with awareness and understanding.

### PBS Day (Positive Behaviour Support)

Thank you to our PBS Team who coordinated a wonderful day for our students and families. Our students had a fun packed day of activities linked to our PBS where they embedded the understanding of behaviours that make each of us a good citizen.

It was wonderful to have our community family members share lunch with their children, it was a wonderful atmosphere in the school.

Our PBS matrix of expected behaviours underpins everything we do in school to support students and their growth. Students have weekly lessons related to our PBS expectations to teach them expected behaviours.

### Imagine Project

Some of our Year 4 students have started their journey with our links with Coastal Lakes. They will take part in an enrichment program provided by Coastal Lakes staff that they attend for one afternoon per week, with a celebration at the end of the program. We wish them luck for the term, we know they will represent Oakwood well.

## Dates to Remember

**Thursday 23 May**  
Book Week Dress Up Day  
and Parade 9am

**Thursday 30 May**  
Year 4 Nostalgia Box Excursion  
(Room 33 & Room 35)

**Friday 31 May**  
Year 4 Nostalgia Box Excursion  
(Room 32 & Room 34)

**Monday 3 June**  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
WA Day

**Friday 7 June**  
Winter Carnival

### Thank a Traffic Warden Day

Friday 10 May we celebrated Thank a Traffic Warden Day. Our Traffic Wardens do an exceptional job, day in and day out, to keep our families and our treasured Oakwooders safe on our roads. Today we acknowledged and thanked them for their kindness and care shown towards our Oakwooders.

### P&C Mother's Day Picnic

Our amazing Oakwood P&C volunteers work tirelessly all year round trying to raise funds and prepare and deliver fun events for students. A BIG thank you to the P&C for coordinating and all those involved with the Mother's Day first ever Oakwood picnic. This will be a fun filled event on Friday evening of Week 4 with visiting food vans, where we can come together and celebrate. We would like to extend a huge thank you to those mother figures to our precious Oakwood students, we hope you have a lovely 'Mother's Day' this weekend.

## School Board

### Term 2 Meeting 1

The Oakwood Primary School board hopes that everyone had a wonderful break over the April school holidays, and we are happy to report that we have been having a productive and exciting start to Term Two.

Firstly, we were excited to hear that our new classroom is operational and in use, which was incredibly welcoming news for Mrs Pritchard's class! In addition, we have had some important community days. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the ANZAC Service, and made this a memorable occasion. We also thank everyone involved in our ASD Awareness Day and PBS Day, and for promoting these within our community. We have many more exciting days ahead this term, and we hope to see as many community members as possible at these events.

It is also important to mention the teacher action that occurred towards the start of term. We would like to acknowledge the hard work of all staff in education, and support their campaign for improved workplace conditions, which ultimately leads to improved education for all children.

We have also had some changes to our board. We would like to sincerely thank Michelle Sumpton for her significant contributions to our board. Unfortunately for us, she is resigning for some her exciting upcoming life events, and we wish her all the very best. I am also happy to announce that I have been re-elected as chairperson, and thank our board greatly for their confidence and support.

We wish you a pleasant Term Two, and thank you for all that you do in keeping our children 'at the heart of our school'.

Kind regards,

*Nikki Fairhurst*

*Board Chairperson*



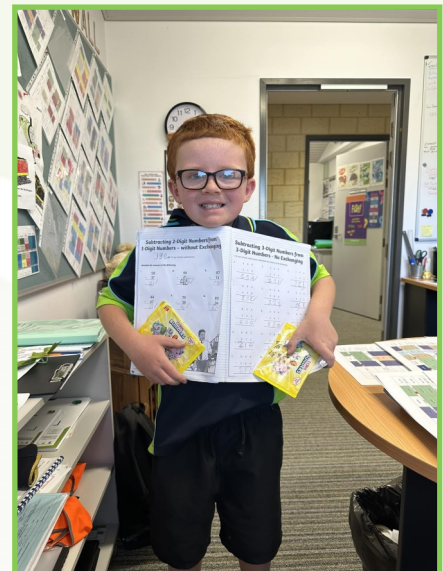
Stirling, Liam and Connor at the ANZAC Service



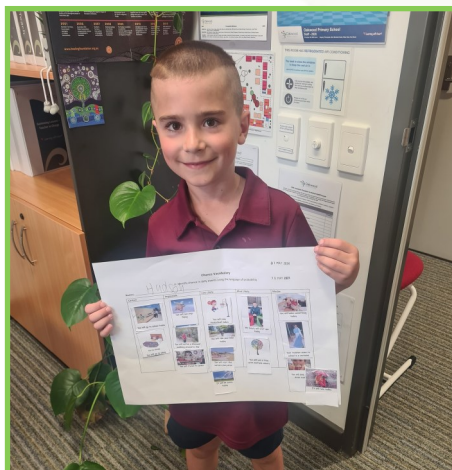
The Student Leaders led the ANZAC Service amazingly



PBS Day Community Lunch



Jye did amazing triple digit subtraction



Hudson's fantastic probability work

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## P&C NEWS

We have now commenced Term 2 for 2024, and hopefully the students enjoyed their holiday break.

### Events

**Term 1** saw us finish with our **Free Dress days** with the theme being Easter Dress. Thank you to Chevy Mahanga, Ashleigh Frame and Kirsty Shanahan for assisting with the event. Amount raised was **\$893.35**.

Rena Reid won our **Car Park Raffle** for Term 2. Congratulations Rena. Thank you to all those who purchased tickets. Final amount raised was **\$270.58**.

**Term 2** will see us hold our **Mother's Day** family picnic in place of our 3 days of stalls. Ashleigh Frame and her team have been busy preparing for the event which will be held on Friday 10 May 2024. Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic to enjoy the afternoon, however the following food vans will also be attending - Little Sunshine Coffee Co, Demz Cones and P&J The Food Story. Hoping the weather gods are on our side during the hours of the event, that being from 3.30pm-6.30pm. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered their time on the night.

Our **Disco** is scheduled to be held on the 14 June 2024, with the theme being 'UV/Glow in the Dark'. Full details of this event will be distributed over the next few weeks. This will not be a silent disco. Your P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle on the night with Oasis Coffee van and Minis Fairy Floss attending as well.

Our **Free Dress Days** will be held on the, 27 and 28 June 2024, with the dress theme being "Fluoro".

**Car Park Raffle** for Term 3 will also be conducted in weeks 10-11.

**Terms 3 and 4** have the following events planned; celebration for Father's Day, Sausage Sizzles on both of our faction Sports Days, Movie Night, Colour Run, Xmas Charity Drive, along with each terms Free Dress days.

A lot of hours are spent on planning for each and every event by our P&C members. At present we have 14 members from approximately 650 families, hence why we rely on volunteers for our events to go ahead and be successful.

### General Business

**P&C DAY WA 2024** will be celebrated on Friday 24 May. I would like to recognise and acknowledge our amazing P&C members and volunteers who have been active with our school since 2018. You have all contributed so much to the school with your dedication and passion to help provide Oakwood students and teachers with the equipment they deserve to assist them with their everyday education. To date, through fundraising monies and grants, our P&C has donated an estimated total of \$94,000 with another \$15,000 to be donated this year towards the funding of the Kiss and Drive Shelter, with approximately 1200 volunteer hours worked each year. This year we have also made connection with a majority of our Classroom Reps who are assisting us by posting P&C information directly to your pages. To these ladies, thank you so much. We are incredibly grateful with the time you are saving our team by getting our important information directly to families. If your classroom does not receive such posts, please have your Social Media rep contact us. We must always remember, "Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

Your P&C now have their own **Tear Drop flag** which will be displayed at each event we attend. Thank you so much Michelle Barker for your time in completing the design.

You will notice on our Social Media page that we have now started a **Community Business Engagement Post**. Thank you to Ashleigh Frame for setting up the page. This will be a regular segment that we will post, and our aim is to promote family-owned businesses (big or small), young entrepreneurs or anything in between, operated by the families of our school.

Often there are members of our community looking for a wide range of businesses. Sometimes people are on the hunt for Teachers gifts, labels for school belongings, local tradesmen, or homemade goodies, and why not support those connected to our wonderful school.

If this is you, then we invite you to comment on the posts whenever it is displayed on our social media page, with a link to your Facebook page if you have one; feel free to include a small paragraph about what services or goods you provide. Please limit your comments to one per business so everyone gets the opportunity to be seen and the post is not spammed. We would appreciate it if you could share the post of our Facebook page to your page. Thank you to the people who have already advertised their business, it is amazing to see the connections.

Going forward, we have now set down permanent weeks for our **meetings**, which will now be held during the 2nd and 7th week of each term, on a Wednesday evening commencing at 5.30pm. There may be that time when a change will need to be made, however notice of the change will always be given. New members are always welcomed. If you would like to be included however cannot attend in person, there is always the opportunity to be there via telecommunication linkage. Please let us know the morning of our meeting if this is required.

*Robyn Warnes*  
P&C President

**Next P&C Meeting**  
29 May 2024—5:30pm



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