

OAKWOOD NEWS

♥ Learning with heart

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The last few weeks have been weeks full of enrichment in explicit learning. We are proud of the way our students are so eager and engaged in their learning. They use their explicitly taught knowledge and skills to inspire their Investigations and Inquiry learning. Our staff are working extremely hard to deliver engaging and enriching programs of learning, along with assessing students, writing semester 1 reports.

Staffing News

We congratulate **Mrs Amy Gilfellon**, previously Miss Amy Taylor, and **Mrs Natasha Jones**, previously Miss Natasha Price on their recent marriages. We wish them both happiness and health on their new adventure.



National Sorry Day

Friday 24 May (Sunday 26) we acknowledged National Sorry Day, we raised awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people from their families, communities and culture.

Book Week and Book Parade

What a fabulous book week we had. The theme, reading is magic, meant that our school changed from Oakwood to Hogwarts overnight, with our very own Quidditch pitch and classroom doors with a magical entrance. Thank you to Gill Parr and Michelle Barker and the book week team for dressing the school and adding the magical touches. Thank you to Miss Anders and Mr Jones for their incredible Book Week Daily News and the story each day.

Our Book Week parade was a roaring success with lots of varied characters all around the school. Thank you to our community for coming in your droves to watch your children parade with their class and for all the effort you put into the costumes. Thank you to the staff for another riveting flash mob dance.



Simultaneous Story time

Thursday 23 May we celebrated Simultaneous Story Day, we all enjoyed the book *Bowerbird Blues*, by Aura Parker. The students loved hearing the story over the PA read by Mr Davis.

Reconciliation week

Monday 27 May started Reconciliation week, we had a range of activities celebrating and fostering the growth of respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians. Our students were involved in a range of activities throughout the week. Several Oakwooders attended a Reconciliation Week event at Karinga Rd Camp, San Remo, which was organised by the City of Mandurah. George Walley, Mayor Rhys Williams and community members assembled for a walk, smoking ceremony and the unveiling of a plaque to celebrate the shared history of this site. Both First Nations people and more recently, cattle farmers sued this site as a campsite as it has a well and provided great shelter from the elements!



Dates to Remember

Wednesday 12 June
Muddy Gully Incursion
Kindy 5A & 31B, PP Rm 1 & 2

Thursday 13 June
Muddy Gully Incursion
Kindy 5C & 31D, PP Rm 3 & 4

Friday 14 June
P&C Disco

Monday 17 June
Year 3 Scitech Excursion

Friday 21 June
Year 4-6 Cross Country

Monday 24 June
Year 1-3 Cross Country

Semester 1 Reports sent out

Thursday 27 June
Attendance Assembly 2pm

Free Dress Day (P&C)
(Kindy 5C & 31D)

Friday 28 June
Free Dress Day (P&C)

P&C Afternoon Tea

On May 10 we celebrated and honoured our P&C with an afternoon tea. We would like to acknowledge our fabulous P&C who work tirelessly and volunteer their precious time to ensure we raise funds for our Oakwood students so that we have the resources and capacity to enrich our learning environments for your children. Without their efforts and our community contribution we would not be as well resourced as we are. Thank you P&C!

Kiss and Drop

REMINDER: Please use the Kiss and Drop correctly, it is important to keep all students safe and work together to protect all students. Using the Kiss and Drop inappropriately can put other students at risk and upset community members who are doing the right thing.



Kiss and Drive ■

Parking Bays ■

Winter uniform

Please remember to purchase the correct winter uniform for your children in line with the uniform policy. Navy blue bottoms (skort, skirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, leggings, tights). School uniform polo and school uniform jumper.

Reporting to Parents

Student Semester One Reports are currently being prepared by classroom and specialist teachers. Semester One Reports will include A to E grades (or equivalent) for all required learning areas and a General comment.

Reports for students from Pre-primary to Year 6 will be emailed on Monday 24 June, please ensure your email is correct on our school system for you to be able to receive the report. Kindergarten reports are on a different format and will be sent home during Week 11.

Road Safety

Recently, it has been brought to my attention by community members that the crossing of Kirkland Way, near the end of Oakwood Gate has become quite hazardous due to the volume of people and traffic using this area.

In the near future, myself and Amelia Bancroft (a parent) will be meeting with Tania Gigg, who works for the Department of Education in the area of Road Safety and representatives from the City of Mandurah to establish whether we may be able to apply for a crossing on this road. I will keep you updated with the progress of this.

Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Day

On Friday May 24 was 65 Roses Day for Cystic Fibrosis awareness and Maddie and her family were in school selling roses to raise money and awareness. They did a great job and were very well supported by our community. Well done Maddie for trying to make a positive difference in the world!



Incursions and Excursions

Our Year 1 students were involved with a wonderful incursion where they viewed toys and implements from the past. Thank you to Mandurah Museum for providing this hands on opportunity for the students linked to their History curriculum concepts.

Our Year 4 students went to Nostalgia, where they got to experience gaming in the past, this was a very enjoyable excursion and linked to their Digi Tech and History curriculum.

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

Events—Term 2

We held our first **Mother's Day Picnic** earlier this month and saw our community gather as families to celebrate the special people in our lives who Mother and love us as much as we love them. We would like to thank Ashleigh Frame, Michelle Barker, and Kirsty Shanahan for your many hours of planning in putting this event together to make it the success it was, you all did an amazing job.

Thank you to the food vans who attended our Picnic. Little Sunshine Coffee Co, P&J The Food Story and Demz Cones. We definitely kept them all busy throughout the night, and Demz has asked us to pass on her appreciation of the support and patience shown by our wonderful Oakwood community.

Our school choir did an amazing job with their version of 'Mom,' and a lot of practice was put into getting their performance together. On The Sticker Walls, hopefully families found the time to read your child/ren's messages of love and gratitude that they wrote to that special person in their lives. The photo booths were kept busy as well as families enjoying the giant games, and the children making their Mother's Day cards at the craft table. Thank you to the families who purchased from our P&C stalls - the cupcake table, raffles, and gifts table. Winners of our raffle were Kay McBroom, Ashleigh Walton, Isabelle Clare, Michaela Robertson-Stevens, and Casie Smith. Congratulations to you all.

Chloe Bishop was our Junior Entrepreneur selling her home-made cards, bracelets, earrings, keyrings, and necklaces. This event was a great start for Chloe to sell her products. Inspirations Paints also had a successful display. Winner of their major raffle was Robbie Brandstone. Winners of the colouring competitions were **Years K-PP** Evie Room 2: **Years 1-3** London Room 15: **Years 4-6** Trinity Room 22. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy your prizes.

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Lastly and very importantly, thank you so much to all the businesses who donated their products for us to utilize, the many large and small businesses who donated to our raffles, absolutely amazing gifts, and all the volunteers who assisted the P&C from setting up, baking, working on the stalls, at the photo booths and checking on the giant games, thank you all so very much. Your gifts and time in assisting us was invaluable.

Oakwood In The Dark is the theme for our **DISCO** to be held on the 14 June 2024. Our DJ will be spinning the latest hits and classic favourites to keep the children dancing, and we may also have a few games to play with the children in the disco as well. Make sure to wear light coloured clothing so you get to GLOW with our UV Lights and your fluoro strips.

Your P&C will be conducting a sausage sizzle stall on the night. Included in the cost of the student's ticket is a sausage sizzle plus a juice box or water. When they attend the stall to obtain their sausage and drink, they must have their wristband marked, so please make sure that no one else asks for your child's sausage sizzle without them being in attendance. Families who stay at the school while your child/ren are dancing the night away, you may also purchase from the stall. Sausages will be gluten free, and there will also be the option of vegetarian/vegan sausages available as well as GF bread. Cost will be \$3. All drinks will be \$2, water, juice box, or Cool Drinks, which will be served to adults only. We will also have Oasis Coffee Co van as well as Mini's Fairy Floss Mandurah join our evening

For registration and purchasing tickets, please use the URL:

<https://oakwoodpnc.square.site/>

Our night will not be the success we would like it to be without the support of volunteers. Please use the following link to register [volunteersignup.org/A7B4R](https://oakwoodpnc.square.site/volunteersignup.org/A7B4R).

If there are any children who are required to complete hours for their Christian Service Learning, you are more than welcome to use the link to register too as a volunteer, and your booklet will be signed.

For further details of the Disco, please make sure that you read the notes on the back of the flyer. We cannot wait to see you there for an unforgettable night of fun and friendship. Let us make this school disco an enjoyable night! See you all on the dance floor!

Car Park Raffle for Term 3 will also be conducted in weeks 10-11. Look out for the notice on our Social Media page as well as the school's page.

Free Dress Days will be held on the, 27 June 2024 for Kindy classes 5C & 31D and 28 June 2024 for the whole school. Come to school in a 'Fluoro' themed outfit for a gold coin donation.

General Business Sponsorships/Donations

We have many events booked for the second semester of the year. The following events planned is a picnic for Father's Day, Sausage Sizzles and Cake Stalls on both of our faction Sports Days, Movie Night, and Colour Run. If there are any Businesses, large or small, that would be interested in becoming a sponsor of an event, which will save utilising P&C funds, please email us with your interests. We would appreciate all contributions, big or small. In return, we would be able to advertise your business within our school community of 602 families, through our school's newsletter, signage at the event alongside the online promotion of the fundraiser.

P&C DAY WA 2024 was held on the 24 May 2024. We were treated to a lovely Afternoon Tea in the school Staffroom and were presented with messages of appreciation and gratification for our P&Cs Past and Present, from our wonderful students, Teaching Staff, Office Staff, Leadership Team and our Canteen. Thank you everyone so much for really making the P&C feel valued.

Volunteer Grants Officer

We are seeking a motivated and detail-oriented Volunteer Grants Officer to join our P&C. This member will play a crucial role in collaborating with P&C members through our meetings, to identify funding needs and budget for projects, researching potential grant opportunities, preparing and submitting proposals.

If you are interested in this role, please contact us through our email address, pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com, or attend our next meeting which is scheduled to be held on 24 July 2024 in the school's staffroom commencing at 5.30pm. To become a financial member of a P&C, the annual fee is \$1.

Our meetings are now 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 in advance. 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.

Date of our next meeting will be 24 July 2024 commencing at 5.30pm.

If you would like any further information regarding our P&C, our contact details via email is – pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com

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