

OAKWOOD NEWS

♥ Learning with heart

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to our students, staff and community on another successful term at Oakwood. We have been able to maintain a wealth of learning opportunities throughout this longer term. I would like to take the opportunity to thank staff on the time and dedication they have given to report writing for our student semester reports. At Oakwood we are very proud of our little Oakwooders and the engagement they show in learning and we hope this is reflected in their reports.

Staffing News

We say goodbye to our much loved **Matt Jones** who will be taking a full time position at Singleton Primary School. Matt has been part of the team for a long time and has contributed outside of the classroom with his community connections to Aboriginal culture and of course, Bob from Betty Beehive and Bob in our newscasts at Oakwood.



We welcome **Cara Ferrari** to our Oakwood family who joined us on June 10, Cara has joined our wonderful team of special needs education assistants, who bring that additional support, strategies and care to our students who need support, along with all our students at Oakwood.



Principal's Lunch

We had our Term 2 Principal's Lunch special guests in week 9, our little Oakwooders. They enjoyed some fabulous food courtesy of Kingston's Kitchen who look after our canteen, they also enjoyed an extra play. They told us why they feel they were chosen, it is great that they recognise how wonderful they are!

Winter Carnival

We are so proud of our Year 5 and Year 6 students who had the opportunity to take part in the Winter Carnival. Oakwood once again were very successful not only in the sports but in their sportsmanship, we are very proud of how our Oakwooders represented the school showing integrity and care towards each other and their opposition. Thanks to Ryan Young, staff involved and the parent volunteers who supported our students to be successful. A huge congratulations to the Netball team and Soccer team who were overall champions. Our Volleyball team and AFL both did well in their tournaments, finishing second. Thank you to parent supporters, for cheering the students on, you made our day!

International Day of Play

We celebrated this day with all of our students because PLAY fosters resilience, creativity and innovation. Play helps build connections in learning, builds relationships and supports problem solving skills. It helps our children to develop the cognitive, emotional, social, and creative skills they need to navigate the world they live in. A special thank you to Bree Van Beek for leading this and to Mrs Harris, Mrs Shellam, Mrs Hulley, Mrs Starbuck and Mrs Fogarty for helping with the clean up!



Dates to Remember

TERM 3

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

Wednesday 24 July
Student Leader and Faction Captain Speeches

Friday 26 July
Interschool Cross Country

Year 3 Scitech Excursion

Our Year 3 students had a wonderful day at their Scitech excursion. We would like to thank our parent volunteers who made this day so successful, Scitech for a wonderful planned excursion where students were able to experience all things science, and a special thanks to our Year 3 staff and support staff who organised an informative learning excursion for our Year 3 students. A fun day was had by all!



Rotary Club Donation

Thank you to the Rotary Club who donated a class set of microscopes for students to bring depth to their learning in Inquiry and Science, these will be a great asset to our students.



Year 4-6 Constable Care Incursion

Constable Care came to visit our students in Week 10 to work with them on understanding of 'Cyber bullying and respectful social media behaviour'. This is vitally important as students begin to navigate online information and connections, and to explore the potential dangers of social media for young people.

RSS Sponsorship

Rise Specialised Services have kindly provided funding to our school. This will support vulnerable families, funds will be used to purchase and provide items such as food, clothing, shoes, school uniforms, and school educational resources such as incursions, excursions and school equipment.



RSS is an electrical company whose focus is in the construction industry with Direct hire, Labour hire and equipment hire.

www.rsswa.com.au



RSS also opened a Racing Simulator Centre in Mandurah early this year with 8 high end racing simulators. More info can be found at:

www.rsc6210.com.au



Pictured is RSS employee Paul with our Principal Will Davis and Chaplain Nikki Hart who will primarily look after allocating these funds.

Winter Uniform

Please remember to take the opportunity over the holidays 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 top and school uniform jumper. Hoodies of any description are not acceptable winter uniform. Please label all uniform clearly.

P&C Disco and Free Dress Days

Thank you to P&C for their huge effort in raising much needed funds for resourcing Oakwood through the community disco on Friday 14 June and our Week 11 fluoro free dress day. The students had such fun glowing in the dark and dancing the night away at the disco and there was a full array of fluoro on free dress day. All funds have a huge impact on the teaching, learning and environment for our Oakwood students. The P&C embody our vision, 'Children are the heart of our school' with their consistent drive to support our school. They could not be as successful as they are without all the support and volunteers that make these events so successful.

PMA Music Lessons - Term 3

Perth Music Agency have a limited number of vacancies for PP-Year 6's in Term 3.

Lessons offered are for Piano, Ukulele & Guitar. The weekly 20 min lessons are held on-site during the school day. Please contact Perth Music Agency for more details or download an enrolment form from their website.

Perth Music Agency

Phone: 0478 969 130

Email: admin@perthmusicagency.com.au

Website: www.perthmusicagency.com.au

Cross Country

In Week 10 and 11 we were lucky to complete our Faction Cross Country for Years 1 to 3 and Years 4 to 6. Now we know cross country can be a challenge for many students, but once again, our Oakwooders rose to the challenge, showed resilience, their sense of fun, their passion to achieve and most of all their support for each other. Well done to all our students and especially to our podium winners who brought their talent out on the day. We would like to give a special mention to our Faction Captains who supported our younger students on the track and encouraged them throughout the race. Thank you to our staff and community who were track marshalls around the track, without you cross country could not take place.

Huge congratulations to **OSPREY**, our overall cross country winners!!



Muddy Gully Incursion

Our Kindy and Pre primary students celebrated the week with a 'Muddy Gully' incursion. Yes, you guessed it ... they got muddy and loved it, that includes the staff!



Free Home Internet

The Australian Government School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) is offering free home internet for eligible families with school-aged students until 31 December 2025.

To be eligible, families must:

- have no active broadband service
- have a device capable of accessing the internet
- live in premises where they can access a standard NBN service
- have a child living at home who is enrolled in an Australian school.

The free broadband starts from the day the service is activated with a participating internet provider. Families will not be placed on a paid service by the internet provider at the end of the free service without consent.

For more information and a list of participating internet providers, visit NBN Co School Student Broadband Initiative or call 1800 626 269.

If you think you are eligible and want to self-nominate for the free broadband offer:

- call the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 (Monday to Friday, 10 am to 6 pm Australian Eastern Daylight-saving Time)
- visit the School Student Broadband Initiative website.

Parking Reminder

We have been contacted by businesses at the shops on Broadstone Vista and the message is clear. Oakwood families who use this parking area before and after school may face consequences for doing so. It is private parking for people using the businesses and their customers are often unable to park there. They are requesting that Oakwood families do not park here for school drop off and pick up. As a school, we are encouraging you to park responsibly and want to ensure you avoid being fined, clamped or towed as a result. It does come down the choices individuals make at the end of the day.

School Board

Term 2 Meeting 2 - The Oakwood Primary School Board meeting opened with a very exhilarating ice breaker, and we are excited to show you some photos below! Apparently our board members are very competitive, and it was great fun to demonstrate this through the shaving cream and Cheetos throwing competition! However, it isn't all fun and games, we also thoroughly enjoyed discussing some of the wonderful events that have taken place over this busy term. We are very proud of the community spirit at each of these events, and thank everyone who was involved to make them memorable.

Will also presented some pleasing data showing the wonderful growth that is being experienced across the school, including consistent improvement in spelling and attendance! It is wonderful to hear that attendance is the best it has been since pre-COVID times.

We are sad to announce that Louise Legerstee has resigned her position from the board after years of wonderful contributions to our school. We thank Louise sincerely, and wish her the very best. We have now welcomed Peta Whitfield as our newest staff member to join the board. We look forward to Peta sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm with our team. We are also pleased to share that Stacey Hope is joining our board as a community member. Stacey works for Down South Therapy, and we are excited to have her expertise guiding our school.

We wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday break, and look forward to seeing you again in Term 3. Thank you as always for keeping the children "at the heart of our school".

*Nikki Fairhurst
Board Chairperson*



SCHOOL PHOTOS

August 20-23

Class Photos/Portraits

- * Every student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- * You will receive an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey.
- * Log onto www.msp.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order.
- * If you lose your shootkey, please contact the Front Office to get this.
- * The last day to order online will be Sunday 1 September, any orders received after this will incur a \$30 archive fee.
- * Spare order envelopes can be obtained from the Front Office if you chose to pay with cash.

Family Photos

- * Envelopes can be picked up from the Front Office.
- * Family photos are taken each morning before school.

A to F - Tuesday 20 August

G to L - Wednesday 21 August

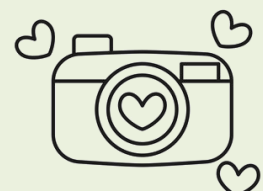
M to S - Thursday 22 August

T to Z - Friday 23 August

- * Payment envelopes are to be given to the Photographer on the day of the photo.
- * Family photos **cannot** be ordered online.

Specialty Group Photos

- * Students who are in specialty group photos (i.e. Faction Captain) will receive a link to purchase these photos online.



P&C NEWS

Term 2 Events

Oakwood In The Dark was the theme for our **DISCO** held on the 14 June 2024. We are thrilled to report that the event was a tremendous success! The children had an absolute blast, dancing the night away and creating memories with their friends. Special thank you to my team, Michelle Barker, and Aaron Landwehr, for your dedication, along with countless hours of demanding work that we put into this event to make it a success for our students.

Drew Hampson, thank you for being our fantastic DJ. You kept the energy high and the music pumping throughout the evening. The kids enjoyed the great tunes and fun atmosphere. The senior group definitely kept you busy with their request list.

We also want to extend our gratitude to the many volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to ensure everything ran smoothly. Your hard work in assisting us to set-up, during the night, and clean-up, made this event so much easier for us all. Additionally, our appreciation goes to the Oasis Coffee Co and Mini's Fairy Floss van who kept everyone fuelled and happy with their treats and refreshments. Thank you also to the following business for your sponsorship/donations towards our event: Coles Meadow Springs, Kmart Lakelands, Woolworths Foreshore, Costco Casuarina, Lions Club of Falcon, Refuelling Solutions Rockingham, and Ashley Landwehr on behalf of the Prodigal Sons CMM. The amount raised totalled **\$5822.28**.

Car Park Raffle for Term 3 is now in its final days. Good luck and congratulations to the winner.

Free Dress Days were held on the 27 June 2024 for Kindy classes 5C & 31D and 28 June 2024 for the whole school. For a gold coin donation, everyone dressed in their best "Fluoro" outfits.

Our **Fundraising Thermometer** total is sitting at **\$14,400**. We are so close to our goal of **\$15,000**.

Term 3 Events

Sports Days – PP-Yr3 Friday 30 August 2024 and Yr4-Yr6 Monday 2 September 2024. On these days we plan to hold our sausage sizzles, cake stalls and raffles.

Open Night - 4 September 2024 we have at present the following food vans attending: Just Chillin', Street Food Lab, Demz Cones, Stroopie & Co Waffles, and Hendo Coffee Co.

Father's Day/Special Grown Up Day Family picnic to be held on the Friday 13 September 2024. This date has been changed, as the school's calendar at the end of August 2024 up until this day is terribly busy.

Free Dress Days Wednesday 18 and Friday 20 September 2024.

General Business

Sponsorships/Donations — We are thrilled to announce **Hayes Tree Care** are generously sponsoring our Sausage Sizzles on both of our Faction Sports Days as well as sponsorship funds towards our Colour Run. The **Hon David Templeman MLA** will also be donating Toy World vouchers towards the Colour Run for our two highest fundraisers, and we thank them both for their commitment to our school community. If there are any businesses, large or small, that would be interested in becoming a sponsor of an event, to minimise the need to use 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, through our school's newsletter, signage at the event, alongside the online promotion of the fundraiser.

Volunteer Grants Officer — We are still seeking a motivated and meticulous 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.

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 attend virtually. 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**. To become a financial member of our P&C, the annual fee is \$1.

If you would like any further information regarding our P&C, please contact us on email.

Enjoy the holidays everyone and stay safe.

Robyn Warnes
P&C President



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