

# OAKWOOD NEWS

♥ Learning with heart

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to a fabulously, exciting Term 3 for our Oakwood students. Our Oakwooders' have settled back well to rigorous Explicit Learning with calmness and engagement, they are also enjoying their Intentional Play and Inquiry Learning experiences! It has been lovely to see their happy faces back and enjoying the start to the term. It's a credit to them how well they enthusiastically and passionately get back into school life and remember the expectations of our PBS and FISH! Philosophy.

**PBS:** Act with Integrity, Show Respect, Do Your Personal Best, Be Caring!

**FISH! Principles:** Choose Your Attitude, Play, Make Their Day, Be There!



## SDD – Staff Development Day

Whilst the students had an extra day off at the start of Term 3, staff were working hard developing and up-skilling in different areas of education. We all had a fabulous day together with some staff on professional learning with TEACH WELL, and the majority of staff in school enhancing their skills in the National Quality Standards and Whole Class Reading. We thank our staff leaders in these curriculum areas for the fabulous presentations.

## Staffing

We wish our wonderful Lauren Clarke, who is off on maternity leave, the best of luck with her growing family. We can't wait to meet her new bundle of joy!



## Student Leader and Faction Captain Speeches

On Wednesday 24 July we held our Semester 2 speeches, where our fabulous cohort of Year 6 students had the opportunity to address the Year 3 to 6 students where they then voted for Year 6 student leaders and faction captains. Year 6 students who wished to go for these leadership roles at Oakwood have been working hard on their speeches and public speaking. They amazed us with their confidence and how they spoke about what the role means to them. More importantly they told their audience who were listening carefully, so they could vote, how they are going to make a difference to our school, lead appropriately and support the younger students. We are sure these students will lead with passion, enthusiasm and respect. We wish them luck this Semester!

### Semester 2 Student Leaders

|                  |                         |
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| Ryder Wilson     | Dylan Hampson           |
| Charlee Davidse  | Toby Bright             |
| Charlee Steele   | Harry Dodd              |
| Sullivan Jackson | Darcy Robertson-Stevens |

### Semester 2 Faction Captains

|                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Monarch</b>   | <b>Quenda</b>         |
| Heinro Karg      | Jackson Wightman      |
| Bella Oddy       | Bodhi Bailey          |
| <b>Blue Wren</b> | <b>Osprey</b>         |
| Mason Crich      | Samurai O'Neill-Masoe |
| Amelia Moseley   | Holley Bull           |

## Traffic Lights Countdown

Late last term, the countdown timers on the crossing at Mandurah Rd were finally installed. This makes the crossing easier to understand for our Oakwooders and therefore safer for everyone!

Thank you to David Templeman MLA and his team for the support to get this installed!

## Dates to Remember

**Tuesday 6 August**  
School Board 6pm

**Thursday 8 August**  
Student Leader Parliament  
House Lunch

**Monday 12—Friday 16 August**  
Science Week

**Tuesday 13 August**  
Yirra Yaakin Incursion  
PP-Yr 6

**Thursday 15 August**  
Jumps and Throws

**Friday 16 August**  
Dress up Day  
(dress as a scientist)

**Tuesday 20 August—  
Friday 23 August**  
School Photos

**Friday 23 August**  
CLC Transition Day #2 for  
students in area and enrolled

**Friday 30 August**  
Faction Carnival PP-Yr 3  
P&C Father's Day Event

## 100 Days of School

Our Year 1 students looked very different at school on 100 days of school, they seemed to have aged dramatically, but still looking their Oakwood selves!

This learning is in line with their History curriculum, and celebrating the 100 days enabled them to embed and enhance their learning further. It included lots of fun activities along with the amazing dress ups that families supported their child with. Thank you for entering into the spirit of aging your children!

## Interschools Cross Country

The Interschools Cross Country was held, Friday 26 July. Well done to our students who successfully defended our Cross Country title, winning it for the second year running. The determination and skill shown by our competitors was outstanding – they fully deserve the rewards of their efforts. Their exemplary sporting behaviour was also on show throughout the event, it is important to show this regardless of the result! A big thank you to the Coastal Sports Association for organising the event. Mr Young, Mrs Harris, Miss Halse and Mrs Bishop accompanied the team on the day – we really appreciate their leadership and support. It was great to see many parents and family members supporting our runners on the day! Go Oakwood!

### Podium Winners

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| Year 3 Girls | 2nd—Elvina Foster<br>4th—Ava Tucker                         |
| Year 3 Boys  | 1st—Jeziah Medcraft<br>2nd—Liam Campbell<br>4th—Manava Pera |
| Year 4 Girls | 1st—Isla Plackett<br>2nd—Lottie Wardrope                    |
| Year 4 Boys  | 2nd—Marcus Jackson  |
| Year 5 Girls | 1st—Isabel Warman<br>4th—Ruby Dryden                        |
| Year 5 Boys  | 1st—Mitchell Harris<br>2nd—Ben Mendes<br>3rd—Liam Sockett   |
| Year 6 Girls | 2nd—Samurai O’Neill-Masoe                                   |
| Year 6 Boys  | 2nd—Bodhi Bailey  |



## Science Week

Oakwood will be celebrating National Science Week in Week 5 this term! The theme this year is all about Species Survival! Students will be completing activities in their classrooms and our wonderful library ladies will be adding to the fun with activities and a display. There will be a scientist dress up day on Friday 16th and students can nominate to go into a draw to win a chance to ‘Be a Scientist for an Hour’. We are looking forward to celebrating all things science!

## Year 4 PEAC testing

Well done to our Year 4 cohort who took part in the WA PEAC testing for all schools. This is a State-Wide test that highlights those children in WA who are excelling in academics. A certain percentage of the children within the state are then offered PEAC classes once every two weeks across the state to enhance their learning. We have been lucky enough to have a number of children from Oakwood being afforded these opportunities over the years that we have been open. Good luck to our Year 4’s with this opportunity!

## 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](http://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

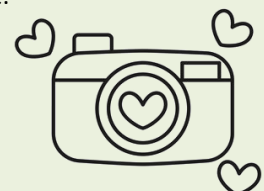
- \* Envelopes can be picked up from the Front Office.
- \* Family photos are taken each morning before school.

*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.



## Government Funded Program: Saver Plus

Many children will have a positive experience starting school or moving from primary to high school and despite some initial nervousness, most will settle in very quickly. However, we know some parents/carers may be very concerned about the upcoming changes e.g. buying uniforms, books or devices and that's where we can help.

What is Saver Plus: Saver Plus is a free online money skills program for people on lower incomes and matched savings program. It's about strengthening financial skills, to build and develop (and keep) good savings habits.

Saver Plus encourages parents to save \$50 a month (for 10 months). Savings are then matched - a free \$500 for education costs.

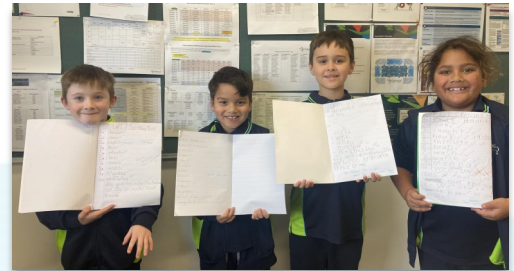
Now accessible to any eligible Australian – no matter where they live.

To be eligible for Saver Plus, you must have all of the following:

- Centrelink payment\*
- Hold a Health Care Card/Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in school yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\* /Carers Payment / Child Support or Cash in hand.
- Be 18+ years old
- Not have completed the program previously.

*\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible, see the Saver Plus terms and conditions for more information [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)*

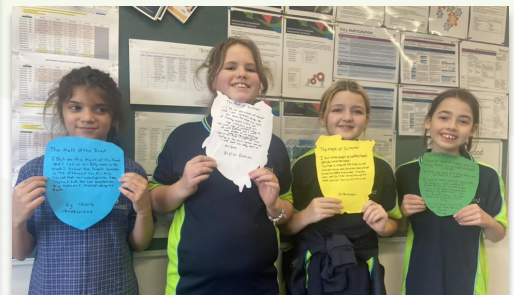
## Oakwood Awesome Students



Chase, Harrison, Matthew and Tama with their amazing spelling



Jacob, Adela and Jack's awesome pop art



Poetry creations by Charlie, Elise, Izabella and Ciara



Oakwood Interschool Superstars

## From the Chaplain

TERM 3! Can you believe it! It has been wonderful coming back from the holiday break to see all the students and get back into a routine...but there is still fun to be had!

There is a challenge I wanted to share with families, it is the Education Ministers Running Challenge! Through this amazing incentive to get up and moving, students, families, carers and staff all can work towards hitting healthy goals, and as an awesome bonus, can win some fantastic prizes along the way!

In August there is an opportunity for our superhero students in our close community who take on each day with additional needs to enjoy a specialised carnival day known as The BEST DAY EVER at Eastlake Church, endorsed by the City of Mandurah. There will be quiet spaces, and plenty of fun spaces to accommodate all unique capabilities, while also promoting inclusion and making friends within this community who can identify alongside one another with what support in this capacity looks like. Please reach out to me for more information, an invite or even how to volunteer to this amazing event. I am in office Wed, Thurs and Fri or feel free to leave a message with the office and I will get back to you.

Just a reminder to our Oakwood families **Helping Hands** is here for any assistance we can provide or guide in the right direction for anyone in our Oakwood community needing it! You can reach out through the office, class teacher or any staff you may feel comfortable speaking with, or even ask to speak with me directly and we can have a private chat around the best ways towards giving a helping hand. We are a school "Learning with Heart", but a community "Supporting with Heart", we are here to help any way we can!

And of course, a very big thank you to each and every one who contributes towards making this a supporting community. All the donations we have received this year have gone towards so many beneficial projects from uniform and school supplies assistance, food assistance, breakfast club, creating some unique learning program opportunities and also making many smiles happen each day! If you find you are in the position to give towards helping hands, the uniform donation box can still be found in the front office, we could benefit with donations of shoes and lunch box or drink bottles this term if you have any you can spare - It does make a big difference!

Many blessings and best wishes, Miss Nikki



## P&C NEWS

Hope everyone had a lovely holiday break, although we are now into week 3, it seems a while ago.

### Events from Term 2

Hope Stone was the lucky winner in **Car Park Raffle for Term 3**. Congratulations Hope and enjoy the parking space when attending the school.

The students enjoyed our **Free Dress 'Fluoro' Days**. They love getting dressed in anything other than their school uniforms, and why not! Thank you Chevvy Mahanga for organising these days. Funds raised over the 2 days totalled **\$884.10**.

### Events for Term 3

Our **Sports Days** this year will be sponsored by **Hayes Tree Care**. We are extremely grateful for their donation. On these days you will be able to purchase sausage sizzles with rolls, cake stalls, drinks, and raffles. Oasis Coffee Co van will also be in attendance from early morning. Dates for the carnivals are PP-Yr3 Friday 30 August 2024 and Yr4-Yr6 Monday 2 September 2024. Volunteers will be needed to help us with the cooking and serving, so if you can spare an hour or so, please contact the P&C, or look out for our volunteer roster closer to the dates.

**Open Night** – To be held on 4 September 2024, and we have the following food outlets available for everyone to come along and enjoy the evening with your family: Just Chillin', Street Food Lab, Demz Cones, Stroopie & Co Dutch Waffles, Hendo Coffee Co. and our canteen, Kingston Kitchen.

**Father's Day/Special Grown Up Family Picnic**. This gathering for our community will be held on Friday 13 September 2024. Our school's calendar at the end of August 2024 and entering September 2024, is terribly busy, hence why we have moved this celebration day. We are still finalizing details for the night; however food trucks will be in attendance, and we encourage our community to come along and enjoy this family event.

**Free Dress Days** Theme for Term 3 will be Crazy Hair/Crazy Socks. Wednesday 18 and Friday 20 September 2024.

### General Business

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to the incredible support of our school community, we have successfully reached our fundraising goal of \$15,000 towards the schools Kiss and Drive shelter.

This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication and generosity of our parents, students, and staff. We deeply appreciate every contribution, big and small, that helped us reach this milestone.

We are now waiting for the school's Leadership Team to provide us with a list of items they would like us to purchase or support with funding. Once we have this information, the P&C through our meetings, will discuss and decide how to allocate the funds effectively.

We welcome any parents who wish to be part of these discussions and decisions. Your voice and input are invaluable to ensuring that the funds are used in the best interests of our school community. If you would like to join our P&C, and help shape the future of our school, please reach out to us. Thank you once again for your unwavering support!

Our **Meetings** are 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 28 August 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, contact us via email.

*Robyn Warnes*  
P&C President



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**MEET YOUR 2024**  
OFFICE BEARERS AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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| <br>PRESIDENT<br><i>Robyn</i>   | <br>VICE-PRESIDENT<br><i>Chevvy</i> | <br>TREASURER<br><i>Michelle</i> |
| <br>SECRETARY<br><i>Kellie</i>  | <br>EXECUTIVE<br><i>Kirsty</i>      | <br>EXECUTIVE<br><i>Ashleigh</i> |
| <br>EXECUTIVE<br><i>Michael</i> | <br>EXECUTIVE<br><i>Korra</i>       | <br>EXECUTIVE<br><i>Aaron</i>    |