

# OAKWOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 4, our final term of the year and what a fun, engaging and busy term it will be! We trust you had a safe and happy holidays, and it is wonderful to see all our little Oakwooders back and energised for their learning.

### School Development Day

Our staff completed professional learning whilst the students had an extra day at home. They all learnt about strategies that can support all students with a range of neuro divergent differences.

### NAIDOC Week

We had a week of wonderful activities to celebrate our connection to land and learn about our First Nations People and culture. It was fabulous to see our staff and students connecting to the land on which we walk. The students were involved in lots of cultural activities where they learnt about animals, drawings, plants, sports and language. On Thursday we had our morning muster, where we had breakfast together with the community. We then had our NAIDOC gathering where we celebrated the art work that Ms Ashlee has produced with the students, Ms Ashlee then stayed for the day to help the children understand the connection to the land. Mrs Meehan a community member, shared stories with the students of First Nations People, the students were in awe and wanted to learn more. Thank you to our community for celebrating with us.

### Constable Care

Our students had the opportunity to work with the Constable Care team. They delivered puppet shows with live interactive performances that promote and encourage safety in the community and personally. This was very engaging with a great emphasis on learning about being safe.



### 2025 Kindy Orientation

We had a wonderful time meeting our newest, soon to be, Oakwooders for 2025. The new families spent time in the Kindy classrooms exploring our fabulous learning environments. We are looking forward to these new students starting their learning journey with us in 2025.

### Thank a Cleaner Day

On Wednesday 16 October we celebrated our wonderful Oakwood cleaners, they are an important part of our Oakwood family and keep the cogs of the school turning. They ensure our Oakwood environment is clean for our students to enjoy and do their best learning. Thank you cleaners!

### Swimming Lessons

Congratulations to our Week 3 swimmers who were flexible with their day and had positive attitudes towards their swimming and the changes to their day. They will continue their swimming in Week 4. That will be all the swimming lessons completed for Oakwood for the year.

## Dates to Remember

**Monday 28 October—  
Friday 1 November**  
**Swimming Lessons continue**  
**Year 1, 2, 4, 5**

**Tuesday 29 October**  
**School Board 7pm**

**Wednesday 30 October**  
**Year 6 Camp Parent Info**  
**Session 5:30pm**

**Friday 1 November**  
**WA Canteen Day**

**Wednesday 6 November**  
**Earbus**

**Friday 8 November**  
**Interschool Athletics Carnival**

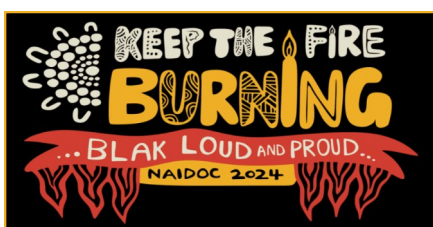
**Sunday 10 November—  
Friday 15 November**  
**Year 6 Camp**

### School Uniform

Please remember to ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.

Navy blue bottoms (skort, skirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, leggings, tights, NO SHORT SHORTS)

School uniform top and school uniform jumper. School hat with faction colour on the inside, NO CAPS. Please label all uniform clearly.



## RSS Sponsorship

Rise Specialised Services have kindly provided funding to our school. These funds have been used for many circumstances including student stationary, swimming lessons, excursions and incursions, breakfast club items, and school uniforms.

We are thankful to have RSS provide this funding to make a difference for our students.



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

[www.rsswa.com.au](http://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](http://www.rsc6210.com.au)



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

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## From the Chaplain

Happy Term 4 and warmer weather Oakwooders! While we now are on the ramp down into the end of year holidays, I must say I am excited for the warmer weather this time of year brings with it! I really enjoy spending time outdoors with the students for our sessions and groups, and I find the students love finding ways to connect with nature in these opportunities too!

### *What's happening through the Chaplain this term?*

Well, great things if you ask me! This term we are very excited to be **RE-launching** our Breakfast Club programme - all students now will have the opportunity to come along! Notices and posters have gone up in each Block and on the Oakwood community Facebook page for further details.

We look forward to hosting some extra group sessions to work towards building resilience, emotional expression and regulation, as well as encouraging a great support network around one another through these sessions. We include Art, Drumming, Outdoors/Nature, Healthy eating learning opportunities, Lunch Play clubs and the usual group or one on one sessions to support our wonderful students.

### *What is going on in our local community?*

Bridge Builders are an amazing support with providing families access to the "Backpack Buddies" program. This Christmas they are also providing families in need with hampers and other relief. For this to be successful they need the community to rally together and make it happen! The details can be found on the webpage, Google or Facebook "Gift of Christmas Bridge Builders" to find out more about their giving advent calendar. There also are a whole bunch of local events and activities coming up! Everything from Art, Sports, STEAM to Family and Christmas events. You can find all the details on the City of Mandurah webpage under What's On Calendar.

A few **Thank You's** for the continued support of our local organisations who generously help so much towards the services I provide:

- ♥ Oakwood P&C - THANK YOU!
- ♥ Foodbank - THANKYOU!
- ♥ New Begging's Outreach - THANK YOU!
- ♥ Eastlake Church - THANKYOU!
- ♥ AMPS Opportunity Shop - THANK YOU!
- ♥ RSS WA - THANK YOU!

As always, families are encouraged and welcomed to reach out for school or home supports—if that is an opportunity you would like to explore. Please reach out through any of our caring staff, or directly to myself through the office staff! Everyone at Oakwood is here to offer a helping hand.

Thanks and Blessings,  
Miss Nikki

## P&C NEWS

Now that we are entering our final Term for 2024, we have been busy putting the final additions in place for our last three fundraisers.

As part of our ongoing commitment to improve our school facilities, we plan to donate funds to the school to assist them expand the Senior School playground and install artificial turf in the Year 1 play area. While the final amount we will be donating towards these projects has yet to be confirmed, we will update you once the details are finalised.

### Term 4 Events

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle** This will be held at the Mandurah Store on Sunday 27 October 2024. Funds raised from this event will be shared between the P&C and the Graduation Day expenses for our Year 6 students. We will be there from 7.30am until 4.00pm, so come down, say hello, and grab a good old Aussie snagger, which we know can be eaten any time of the day.

**Christmas Charity Drive and Free Dress Day** This is our annual event which displays the generosity and kindness of our Oakwood Community, and the joy we bring in making people's days. There are many families who are experiencing life a little harder right now, and this is where our community always makes a difference. Your gifts directly help provide vital services such as food assistance, books, play equipment as well as essential school supplies. Together, we can make a lasting difference. Our event will be held over the days of **21 November 2024 for Kindy classes 5C and 31D**, and **22 November 2024 for the whole school**. Groups we will be assisting this year are the **Bridge Builders, Hands Up Team, and Youth Care**. All groups provide vital food relief as well as the important essential school supplies, and support individuals and families in the Mandurah and Bindjareb (Peel) region. These two days will also be our Free Dress days for Term 4. The theme for this day is **Christmas or Festive Dress**. Students can dress in their favourite Christmas attire or any fun, colourful outfit to help celebrate the end of the year.

**School Colour Explosion** What a fun and colourful way to finish what has been a remarkably busy 2024 year. We will be holding this event over two days. On **Wednesday 27 November 2024** will see the Kindy classes **5A and 31B** along with the **Years 2, 3, and 5**, then on the **28 November 2024**, Kindy classes **5C and 31D** will join the **Pre-Primary** students as well as students in **Years 1, 4, and 6**.

Last day for registration and fundraising is 7 November 2024, so if you are still to complete both for your children, please visit [www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au), scroll down to 'my profile page login' and complete your child's fundraising profile and registration. By sharing your child's profile on your social media page, it also allows your family and friends to donate to them as well.

There are also many gifts that you can purchase for the children through their fundraising money, nothing like being prepared for Christmas, or they can donate the funds towards one of these five causes – Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), The Smith Family (reading support) or Oz Harvest (providing meals). The top two students who raise the most funds also receive a \$100 gift voucher for Toy World donated by MLA David Templeman. The classroom who raises the most funds will also receive a Dominos Pizza lunch. At the time of completing this report, (Thursday morning), the leading five classrooms are Room 6, followed closely by Room 5, then Room 4, Room 9, and Room 8. Funds raised to date is an amazing amount of **\$14,630.70**.

This year, in addition to our students' donations, we are also offering families or community businesses the chance to be sponsors by purchasing a colour to support the event. For **\$170**, you can choose from one of the following colours available: **pink, orange, purple, yellow, blue, or red**. As a thank you, we will advertise your business or family name on our social media page, and proudly display any banners you provide during the event. It is a fantastic way to support the school while getting your name out in the community! Thank you to Hayes Tree Care who are Corporate Sponsors of the event and have chosen the colour *green* as their sponsored colour. To contribute or become a sponsor, please email us on [pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com](mailto:pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com).

Thank you for your continued support. We cannot wait to see everyone at the Fun Run!



### General Business

**World Teachers' Day** Hats of to our Incredible Teachers! On World Teachers Day, we take a moment to celebrate and honour the amazing educators in our school community. This year's theme truly reflects the admiration and gratitude we feel for all that you do.

Your dedication, passion, and tireless efforts inspire not only our students but the entire school community. You wear many hats every day-from mentor to motivator, from problem solver to role model-and you do it all with grace and resilience.

As we celebrate this day, I would like to take a moment to express our deep appreciation for the incredible support you all provide, not only in the classroom but also in strengthening our P&C's connection with the wider school community. Your commitment to sharing information about our events and initiatives ensures that we reach families effectively and create a vibrant, engaged school environment. Thank you for all that you do, today and every day.

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 **20 November 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 email us.

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P&C President



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