

OAKWOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Huge congratulations to our students and staff for a wonderful Term 3. We have had so many exciting and engaging opportunities for learning and for involving our community in the students learning journey. Thank you to all our families for being responsive to events that happen at the school. We would like to wish you all a happy holidays!

Staffing News

In Room 11, Kate Veljacich will continue her Deputy role at Beenyup Primary School for Term 4, we are very proud of her! Jaye Fogarty has increased her days to full time to teach Room 11, this will bring continuity to the students and the Year 2 team.

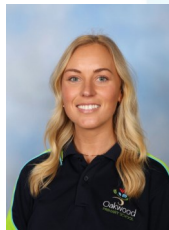
In Room 17, Jake Doubikin is packing up and heading off to Albany at the end of this term, we wish him the best of luck on his new adventure. Jake has been a true Oakwooder and part of our Oakwood family for a while. The wonderful Amii Kyte will continue in Room 17 for the two days and Haley Taylor who completed her final pre-service teacher placement at Oakwood will take over Jake's days, we know this team will work well together.



In Room 18, Emily Boyle has won a permanent position at Carcoola Primary School starting in Term 4, congratulations to Emily! Emily has been a great asset to Oakwood, and we will miss her, as will her students. Dani Aust will step into the Year 5 teacher role for Term 4, Dani has worked in Year 5 previously and will bring consistency with our whole school approaches for Room 18 students.



In Room 32, Aimee Hearne will be going on leave to travel, we wish her a wonderful experience on her travels and look forward to hearing all about them on her return. We welcome Marilu Botes, who will be stepping into this Room 32 role, Marilu has been working as relief at our school and is very knowledgeable on our whole school approaches.



Faction Carnivals

We had our Year 4–6 carnival on Monday 2 September. All students did their personal best in their races, team games and novelty events. The sportsmanship and comradery was outstanding and it was wonderful to see the students try and succeed for their factions. Well done to our families for ensuring your children had their faction shirts on and their colours paraded brightly for their Faction Carnival.

Overall winners, for the third time in a row were **BLUE WREN**. Huge congratulations to Blue Wren. Our team game winners were Osprey, congratulation working so well as a team. All factions have won the Faction Carnival since Oakwood opened.



Principal's Lunch

A highlight in the termly calendar, where staff choose students who follow our FiSH! Philosophy and show our PBS consistently. This is such an accolade for a child to achieve and means they are exceptional in the way they lead their school life at Oakwood, being great role models for class members.

Dates to Remember

**Saturday 21 September—
Monday 7 October**
School Holidays

Monday 7 October
School Development Day
Students do not attend school on this day

Tuesday 8 October
First day of Term 4!

Friday 11 October
2025 Kindy Orientation
9am & 10am

Kindy Constable Care Incursion
Kindy 5A & 31B

Wednesday 16 October
Thank a Cleaner Day

Thursday 17 October
NAIDOC Ceremony

Friday 18 October
2025 Kindy Orientation
9am & 10am

Kindy Constable Care Incursion
5C & 31D

Friday 25 October
World Teachers' Day

Day Care Visit

**Monday 21 October—
Friday 1 November**
Swimming Lessons
Yr 1, 2, 4, 5

EA Appreciation Week

Our fabulous Education Assistants and Special Needs Education Assistants work tirelessly day in, and day out, to provide the best care, education and support to Oakwooders, both students and staff. They are the cog that keep us all going, and we would be at a loss without them. To show our appreciation the staff and students gave them gifts of appreciation, along with something special for them each day of the week. We hope our EAs feel valued and know how important they are!

Open Night

This is one of our favourite events where staff and students get to 'show off' the excellence that is Oakwood. The children love to show their work to families, they feel a sense of achievement, success, and the sense of belonging to something great! As a positive school we tell students, each and every day, how wonderful they are, when they try their personal best and show their love for learning. Open Night is their time to shine and present what they are so proud of, to you, the most important people in their lives!

Thank you to staff for always going above and beyond with their welcoming environments and display of student work. We would like to acknowledge the Art Exhibition of all student art work across the school and the Inquiry display, contributed to by classes across the school.



Swimming

Congratulations to our Week 9 and Week 10 swimmers who were flexible with their day and had positive attitudes towards their swimming and the changes to their day.

R U OK Day!

It was lovely to hear our students checking in and being there for one another. As a staff, we all connected and checked in with one another too.

A CONVERSATION CAN CHANGE A LIFE!

R U OK? Inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around them and start a conversation with those in their world who may be struggling with life.

Kindy Sports Carnival

How exciting... our littlest Oakwooders got to star in their own Faction Carnival. We loved welcoming families to watch their children in their events.

Father's Day Event

Thank you to our fabulous P&C for making our families feel so special. It was wonderful that families could come to Oakwood on a Friday evening and share dinner or take part in family activities.

School Uniform

Please remember to take the opportunity over the holidays to purchase the correct uniform for your children in line with the uniform policy.

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

School uniform top and school uniform jumper. Hoodies of any description are not acceptable uniform. School hat with faction colour on the inside. Please label all uniform clearly.

Book Fair

Thank you to Mrs Parr and Mrs Barker, these supportive volunteers, and the community for embracing the book fair and buying books to support our school and your children. It was a vibrant part of Open Night with a real buzz, plus the amazing jungle display with the interactive jeep kept our families entertained!



Book Awards

Thank you for the generous donations from local businesses and parents so far for our End of Year Book Awards. If you would like to donate a book for our End of Year Book Awards please see the office staff. If you sponsor a book, we will place a label in a book with your business or family name. Thank you for your support for our end of year awards.

2025 Kindy Orientations

We look forward to welcoming our perspective Kindy 2025 students to a morning in a classroom at Oakwood.

Favourite Colour Free Dress Day

Thank you to the P&C for organising yet again another exciting event for our students who came to school in their favourite colours for the day. We loved all the variety of colours.

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P&C NEWS

It is hard to believe that we have now come to the end of another Term for 2024. It has been a busy one for your P&C, however our events planned for Term 4 make the closing Term for 2024 an exciting one.

Term 3

Sports Days Sausage Sizzle. Our Junior and Senior sports days were two great days, and we want to thank the community, volunteers, ladies who baked the cakes, business's who donated towards our event, and our major sponsor, Hayes Tree Care, for their support. The final amount raised for our P&C was \$2512.95.

DADS DAY OUT. Thank you to all our community who attended our family picnic, hopefully you all had an enjoyable time with the children. Congratulations to the winners of our Lolly Jar raffle, Jayden Room 3 and our \$100 note raffle, Yvonne MacKay. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. Once again, we were lucky to have the following food vans attend our event. Demz Cones, P&J The Food Story, Moroccan Food Station and our canteen, Kingston's Kitchens. Thank you also to Simone and her team from the Bunnings Store in Mandurah, who provided herbs, pots, and potting mix. You both assisted the children in decorating the pots and planting the herbs. The children really enjoyed your stall.

Car Park Raffle for Term 4 was drawn today. Congratulations to Emily Hall!

Free Dress Days For a gold coin donation towards our P&C, our theme for this term is "Dress in your Favourite Colour." We look forward to the school being a bright, colourful day.

Upcoming Fundraising Events: Stay Tuned for Exciting Projects!

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting our school community, your P&C Association is actively preparing several fundraising events. While we are in discussion with the school regarding specific projects to support, rest assured that your funds raised will go directly towards enhancing our students' learning environment.

We are excited to collaborate with the school to identify key areas where your contributions can make a meaningful impact. Once we have finalized these details, we will be sure to share the news with you. In the meantime, we encourage everyone to participate in our fundraising activities and help us continue to make a positive difference for our students.

Term 4

Our events for the final Term of 2024 will see your P&C hold a **Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Mandurah** with the Year 6 families on Sunday 27 October 2024. Funds raised from this event will be shared between the P&C and the Year 6 students, for the costs towards their graduation day. Thank you to Kyla White, Westurn Engineering and Kingston's Kitchens for your donations towards our day.

Our **Christmas Charity** drive will be held on the days of 21 November 2024 and 22 November 2024. Full flyer and details will be available early in Term 4. The groups we will be assisting this year are, Bridge Builders, The Hands Up Team and our own school chaplain, Nicki Hart. These days will also be our Free Dress days for Term 4.

Our **School Colour Explosion** event this year is in 'full swing' so to speak and will be held over the two days of 27 and 28 November 2024. Event and fundraising information booklets and flyers have already been sent out with the children. We will always place details on our Facebook page, as well as the school assisting us in getting the information out to you all. Please make sure you all keep up to date. Final day for registrations and fundraising is 7 November 2024. If you would like to be a sponsor, and have your name displayed at one of the stations set up over the two days, please send an email through to our address.

General Business

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 16 October 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, our contact details via email is – pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com.

Have a safe and wonderful break.

Robyn Warnes
P&C President



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Colour Run

Incentive Prizes

Fundraising for our Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun is entirely online. At the end of the fundraiser either order prizes to receive or donate to a cause – Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), The Smith Family (reading support) or OzHarvest (providing meals).

You only need to raise a minimum of \$10 to receive an incentive prize and \$20 to donate to a cause!

Fundraising dates are 9/9/2024-7/11/2024 and Prize ordering is 7/11/2024-14/11/2024.

The highest fundraising class will receive a Dominos Pizza Lunch donated by Dominos Meadow springs.

The two highest fundraising students will each receive a \$100 Toyworld voucher donated by David Templeman.

Monty the Monstar Prizes!

Monty the MonSTAR is giving away lots of extra prizes to help you reach for the fundraising STARS! Will you collect them all? Check out your sponsorship booklet to see what Monty has up for grabs.

\$10,000 Budget Booster Bonanza Shopping Spree!

What would your family buy with a \$10,000?! The highest fundraising student in our school will go into the draw to win: \$2,500 Coles Card, \$2,500 Woolworths Fuel Card, \$2,500 Harvey Norman Card and a \$2,500 Visa Card.

Win a PlayStation 5 Gaming Bundle!

Do you have a need for speed? The highest fundraising student in Australia will take home an awesome PlayStation 5 gaming bundle, complete with a NEW PlayStation 5 Console, VR2 Headset and Sense Controllers!

You have to be in it to win it! If you haven't already, make sure you start fundraising online at www.australianfundraising.com.au.

Happy fundraising!