

# OAKWOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 1 is at an end – what an action packed and event filled term it has been! It is wonderful to visit the classes and see all the children engaging in their learning and eagerly telling us what they are learning about. The students have then been applying what they have learnt into our Oakwood Learning Investigations or Inquiry Learning. We are so proud of them!

### Staffing News

We have a couple of staff changes for Term 2. **Rebecca Curwood** has been successful in gaining a 9 month position supporting Graduate Teachers across Perth. We congratulate Bec on attaining this position and wish her well. She will be missed for the remainder of this year, having joined in 2019 as a Foundation staff member. Chelsea Butterworth will be taking Monday to Wednesdays in Room 17 alongside Ms Kyte. Welcome Chelsea!

Brooke Harvey has been advised by her doctor to drop to four days for next term, so Chelsea Butterworth will be teaching on Thursday in Room 11 during Term 2. Miss Harvey will not be going on maternity leave until the end of Term 2.

Leanne McEvatt, one of our Lead EAs has been successful in securing a Lead EA position at Coastal Lakes College in the Integrated Learning program. Leanne was part of our school steering committee in 2017 and 2018. She has been an Oakwooder for many years and her excellent skills in working with students with diverse needs and challenging behaviours have seen her support and help many Oakwooders to thrive. Her expertise and skills will be missed by us all and we wish Leanne well with her future endeavours.



**Courtney Meier**, who works with Room 1 has secured a 12 month position with the Department of Communities. Courtney has been with us for a few years and her positive influence will be missed.



**Janice Rotarangi** will be replacing her as the Education Assistant in Room 1. **Kiah Bear** is also joining the Oakwood team as an Education Assistant in Kindy group 7F.

Welcome Chelsea, Janice and Kiah!



### FISH Day

FISH Day took place on Wednesday 26 March. It was a wonderful way to celebrate and acknowledge the role the FISH Philosophy plays in helping to shape our Positive School Culture. We held breakfasts in the quad and community lunches and these events were very well attended by our families and community members, the atmosphere was electric! We thank you all for supporting this so passionately. During the school day, our staff and students embarked on activities that promoted the FISH principles of *Choose Your Attitude*, *Be There*, *Play* and *Make Their Day*, which reinforced the reasons we love the FISH Philosophy even more. A big thank you to the Dandjoo Committee at school and to all the staff who made this possible – it was a successful event!



## Dates to Remember

**Monday 28 April**  
**School Development Day**  
*Students do not attend school on this day*

**Friday 2 May**  
**Parent Maths Workshop**  
**8:45am-10:10am**  
Year 2

**Senior Assembly 2pm**

**Wednesday 7 May**  
**P&C Meeting 5:30pm**

**Thursday 8 May**  
**Parent Maths Workshop**  
**8:45am-10:10am**  
Year 1

**Oakwood's Got Talent Grand Final**

**Friday 9 May**  
**Junior Assembly 2pm**

**Tuesday 13 May**  
**Parent Maths Workshop**  
**8:45am-10:10am**  
Kindy & PP

**Wednesday 14 May**  
**Year 2 Mandurah Museum Excursion—Rm 6 & 22**

**Thursday 15 May**  
**Year 2 Mandurah Museum Excursion—Rm 11 & 12**

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## CLC Transition Day

The Year 6 students visited Coastal Lakes for a Transition to High School day titled, 'A day in the life of a Coastal Lakes student'. The students had a great day, tasting what high school is all about. We had some wonderful feedback from the High School staff. Below are two emails I received about our wonderful Year 6 students.

*'I just wanted to send you a message about the amazing school spirit demonstrated by the Year 6 Oakwood PS students today. Additionally, I witnessed one of the most beautiful and heart warming moments of my career today. One of our Year 8 Inclusive Education students was so excited to see the Primary kids and the Year 6 students were so accepting of him. As the Year 6 students sat on the grass for an assembly, the Year 8 student stood in front of them and proceeded to lead them in a sing song of Wheels on the Bus. All of the Oakwood students joined in and it was such a beautiful moment.'*

- Manager of Direction CLC

*'I am just sending a quick note to tell you I had the absolute pleasure of taking Group 1 for Science transition today. I told the students I was going to email their Principal to tell him what a great first impression they made on me! They were respectful, listened to instructions and showed courage attempting to do something they had never done before- lighting a Bunsen burner. When they formed groups, no student was left out and they ensured everyone took turns and experienced success.'*

- Science Teacher at CLC

Well done Year 6 students – we are proud of you!



## School Board

School Board have met again in Week 8 on 25 March. During the meeting, a decision was made to invite Megha Jensen as a community board member on to the board. We welcome Megha to the board, she has extensive experience in her work life and her involvement in community hockey. We look forward to our board benefitting from her expertise. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10 June at 7pm.

## Year 5 Camp

Year 5 Camp was a wonderful couple of days! The students visited Point Peron and took part in a plethora of adventurous activities including abseiling, archery and water based activities to name a few. The students conducted themselves brilliantly and gave everything a go! They even got some sleep at night! Mr Dave Mercer led the camp in his usual thorough and enthusiastic manner.



We would also like to acknowledge and say thank you to the following staff who gave up their time to attend camp:

Amii Kyte, Rebecca Curwood, Laura Wallace, Enrico Citrigno, Peta Whitfield, Tara Halse, Leanne McEvatt, Claudia Rivera, Gillian Hulley, Katie Gregory and Kate Berryman. We appreciate you!

We also had some parent helpers who came along to join in the fun. A big vote of thanks to James Brownlee, Steven Nikolic, Shawn Goodings, Katie Halford and Robert Smith for attending and sharing this camp with us.

## Crossing Warden

We are very fortunate to have crossing wardens supporting students crossing the road. Please remind your children to cross the road safely and cross where the crossing warden is. The crossing wardens also choose a student each week to receive traffic warden award for crossing safely that is present at assembly.

## Outdoor Play Spaces

Please remember that our outdoor play equipment in ECE, Junior and Senior school are not to be used before and after school by students or other siblings. They are set up for students to use at lunch and recess. The green playground is available before and after school for families. Your child must be in your sight, at all times, whilst playing on the green playground. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## Summer Carnival

The Coastal Sports Association Summer Carnival was a great day out for Oakwood. All students tried their personal best and were commented on for their sportsmanship by teachers from other schools and helpers from Coastal Lakes College. Overall it was a fantastic day for Oakwood, as we won the League Tag and Basketball shields. Oakwood also finished 2nd in the cricket and 4th in the Tee ball competition. Well done to all students who participated! Many thanks to Matthew Carley, Paula West, Damien Harris, Mechelle McNamara, Lee Hansord and Kyla White who were parent helpers on the day and coached teams to ensure the smoothness of the day.

Thank you to our staff who coached on the day - Mr Citrigno, Mr Mitchell, Mr Schoeppner, Ms Botes and Mrs Dalton!

Would also like to thank Aurelie Harris and Brooklyn Harris for help, support and photos.

A massive thank you to Ryan Young who was once again at the forefront of our school's Physical Education program and led and organised the event with our Coastal Sports Association colleagues.

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## Principal's Lunch

A great time was had by all who attended the Principal's Lunch for term 1! The students enjoyed some fabulous food from our Kingston's Kitchens Canteen, got to socialise and tell us why they had been chosen by their teacher and also had some extra play on the green playground. As ever, the time went quickly. It was a pleasure to spend this special time with these fantastic Oakwooders – they sure earned it!

## ANZAC Ceremony

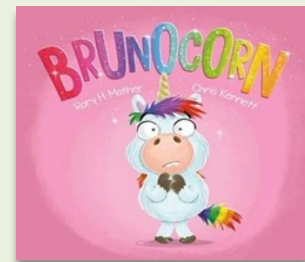
Our ANZAC Ceremony took place on Thursday 10 April. The opportunity to show reverence and thanks to all those present and ex service people who have fought in the armed forces. Our student leaders led the service brilliantly. The choir performance was spine tingling, a big thank you to Miss Anders, Mrs Aust and Mrs Mathews for preparing them, so well. We were joined by several community members who have served or are currently serving, it was great to have them all present. A special thank you to Brien Bush a veteran from the Mandurah RSL, who spoke brilliantly alongside Retired Petty Officer Kelly Dalglish – we appreciate them contributing to this occasion. Big thanks to Bill Dalglish, Sophie and James Whisson, Adam Hirst, Katie Penman, Avaline Macauley, Gillian Keary, Councillor Shannon Wright and Councillor Ahmed Zilani for attending our ANZAC ceremony.



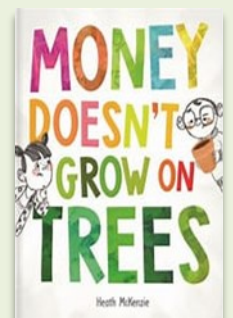
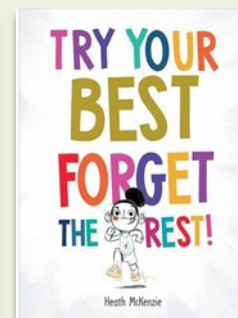
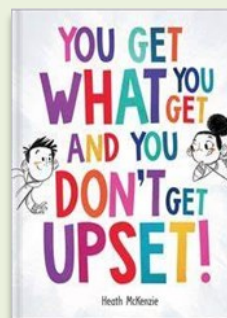
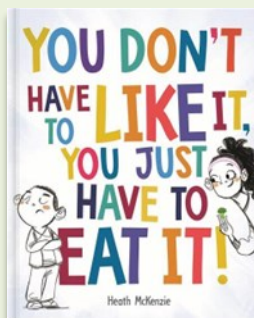
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## Book Club

Issue 2 books were distributed to the children's classrooms on Monday, so hopefully all the children have received their orders. Thankyou so much for all the families who placed an order. We hope everyone enjoys the books purchased. Just a quick reminder for orders that you have marked as "Gifts," the distribution process for these books is that the Parent/Carer will be called by the Office Staff for the order to be collected from the school office. Please make sure that an Adult only collects these books.



The popular books ordered this issue were – **The Speedy Sloth** – an inspiring story to celebrate all winners ... especially those who don't come first, **Brunicorn** – a clumsy unicorn whose magic never works properly, and a **4 Pack set of Life Lessons** books with common phrases that kids hear from the older generations! The books successfully use humour and repetition to explore a popular maxim through the eyes of children.



Issues 1 and 2 earned our school Scholastic Rewards monies to the total of \$276.30, which is 15% of every book purchased, and these funds are used to buy valuable educational resources for the school and the children.

National Family Reading Challenge will be held during the month of May 2025. For the families that got to register before the closing date on 31 March 2025, we hope you enjoy the many activities that will be delivered to you directly from Scholastics.

Enjoy the holidays.

Book Club Co-ordinator