

# OAKWOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been an epic start to our Oakwood learning journey for 2026. Thank you to our Oakwood families who have embraced our morning routines and family time. Our Oakwooders are showing great passion and a love for learning with great resilience to get back into the routine of school life, from Kindy all the way through to Year 6. The feeling around school really represents our FiSH! Philosophy, the atmosphere is so positive with an element of PLAY!

The last few weeks have been filled with lots of relationship building with teachers, peers and families, with valuable learning alongside. It is wonderful to go around the classes and see all the children engaging in their learning and telling us what they are learning about. We are so proud of all our students!

We welcome our new Oakwood families and our littlest Kindy Oakwooders who have settled well into Oakwood life. We hope you enjoy your time being part of the family.

## Staffing News

We would love to welcome our new staff to Oakwood and introduce them to our community. We are delighted to have such great practitioners join our Oakwood team to support, teach and nurture our Oakwooders to be the best they can be. Please see the staff list below, some are newbies to Oakwood and some are returning Oakwooders who have been on maternity leave.

|                        |                                                   |
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| <b>Dan Turner</b>      | Deputy Principal—Admin                            |
| <b>Courtney Meier</b>  | School Officer – Admin (Th/F)                     |
| <b>Chelsey Keogh</b>   | Room 8B & 8D – Kindy                              |
| <b>Tiare Soto</b>      | Room 9A & 9C – Kindy (F)                          |
| <b>Jordon Wilson</b>   | Room 5 – Pre-primary                              |
| <b>Beck Fish</b>       | Room 5 – Pre-primary (Th)                         |
| <b>Alesha Thompson</b> | Room 1 – Pre-primary (Th)<br>Room 17 – Year 3 (M) |
| <b>Natasha Jones</b>   | Room 14 – Year 2 (Th/F)                           |
| <b>Gill Dalton</b>     | Room 34 – Year 4                                  |
| <b>Lucy Morgione</b>   | Room 29 – Year 5                                  |
| <b>Lydia Vans</b>      | Specialist – Performing Arts                      |

## Merit Certificates

Merit certificates are presented in our Friday assemblies with Juniors on even Fridays and Seniors being on odd Fridays. If your child is to receive a certificate in assembly your child's teacher will notify you before the Friday that they are to receive a certificate. Assemblies this year are Juniors Year 1 to 3 and Seniors Year 4 to 6.

## 2027 Kindy Enrolments

We are now accepting Kindy applications for 2027, our intake area for 2027 Kindy enrolments will apply. Application forms are located in the front office or on our website. All supporting documents are required at time of enrolment for applications to be considered.

## School Board and P&C

School Board and P&C are very active within our school. The School Board meet once a term and discuss school priorities. The P&C will often send out flyers regarding events or when to attend meetings, if you are interested in joining or are available to help for any events please contact them via email. Please join the P&C Facebook page, even if you're not a member of the P&C it will give you reminders and information of events they are running.

✉ [pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com](mailto:pc.oakwoodprimary@outlook.com)

📘 Oakwood Primary School P&C

## Parking Around School

Please park safely and responsibly around the school. It comes down to individual choices that can put our children at risk when they are coming to school or leaving school. The businesses have said they will contact the Rangers if they see unsafe and illegal parking around the school or at the businesses across the road. Please avoid a fine, and more importantly, keep our precious Oakwooders safe!

## Dates to Remember

**Tuesday 24 February**  
**School Board 7pm**

**Thursday 26 February**  
**P&C AGM Meeting 5:30pm**

**Friday 27 February**  
**Junior Assembly**

**Monday 2 March**  
**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
**Labour Day**

**Friday 6 March**  
**Senior Assembly 2pm**

**Twilight Swimming Carnival**

**Wednesday 11 March—**  
**Monday 23 March**  
**NAPLAN**

**Friday 13 March**  
**Junior Assembly 2pm**

## Canteen

Our canteen, Kingston's Kitchen, has been delivering fantastic food to our students since the first day of school. Please follow their guidelines when ordering lunches for your children. Please use the Spriggy app to set up an account for your child/ren. Also, please ensure the correct classroom number for 2026 is on your child's order.



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## Student Leaders

We were so impressed with our student leader speeches and how they presented themselves during the speeches, they spoke clearly and passionately about how they could support children at Oakwood and be the role models they need to be to ensure our FISH! Principles and our PBS values are at the forefront of our students and staff interactions. We look forward to them leading effectively. Well done to the following Semester 1 Student Leaders;

**Kohlaia Brownlee**

**Jax Van Beek**

**Eugene Newman**

**Jio Nikolic**

**Ryder Grimlinger**

**Braxton Mullins**

**Emily Ward**

**Indie Hoffman**

## Faction Captains

What a week we had with all our elections for Faction Captains, they all spoke amazingly, speaking about sportsmanship, their passion for their faction, the roles they will play in supporting their faction and the Oakwood Way!

Our Semester 1 Faction Captains are;

**Quenda**

**Ollie Fraser**

**Katie Courtney**

**Monarch**

**Kyran Lang**

**Lottie Wardrope**

**Osprey**

**Dylan Roberts**

**Finn Turner**

**Blue Wren**

**Pippa Wetherly**

**Justin Araya**

## Dogs on School Grounds

Please refrain from bringing dogs onto school grounds for the safety of our students and family members, lots of children have a fear of dogs and this can set them up for an anxious start to their school day.

## Outdoor Play Spaces

The outdoor play equipment in ECE, Junior and Senior areas of the school are not to be used before and after school by students, or other siblings who are on school site dropping off or collecting siblings. Staff spend a lot of time in the morning setting up these spaces for students to enjoy during lunch and recess. We would encourage you to utilise the green playground space by the basketball courts which is available before school and after school play if the parent of the child is present.

## Crossing Warden

Please remind your children to cross the road safely, please go over how to use the lights correctly, and to also cross where the crossing warden is near the school on Broadstone Vista, thank you.

## School Start Time

Classrooms open at 8:30am for family time then the siren will go at 8:45am to let staff, students and caregivers know family time is over and the learning day begins. Please do not let your child/ren arrive at school before 8:20am when the gates open to ensure the safety of all children.

*Fun-a-rama* is an out of hours care provider and is available on school site before 8:20am, please contact them on **0424 492 485** if you cannot arrange drop off or pickup outside of school hours.

## School Uniform Expectations

We would like to remind all of our families that children are to wear correct school uniform and is stipulated when enrolling at Oakwood Primary School. Correct uniform includes:

Oakwood Polo (Faction Shirt on Wednesdays), Oakwood Hat, Oakwood Jacket, **Navy Blue** shorts/skort/pants.

All uniform should be labelled with your child's name. Please ensure your child is wearing correct uniform every day, we appreciate your support with this.

## Reminders

### NAPLAN

During Week 6 and 7, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be completing NAPLAN standardised national testing. Please ensure your children come to school on time to limit the disruption to these students who will be in their classrooms, around the school, taking these tests.

### Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 students will be taking part in their first school camp at Point Peron in Week 8. This is a fun, adventurous camp with lots of great skilled activities. It will be a great experience for them, with team building, co-operation skills and challenging activities. We hope they have a wonderful time.

### FISH! Day

Wednesday 1 April 2026 we are celebrating our positive school culture day, FISH! DAY. This is a flagship day celebrating our school community and the wonderful families we have at Oakwood. The Fish Philosophy culture that we follow and the common language we use with the students are:

**BE THERE**

**PLAY**

**MAKE THEIR DAY**

**CHOOSE YOUR ATTITUDE**

We would love for you to use this language with your children at home. We would like to make it a momentous day for the students with lots of activities linked to the Oakwood Way! This year we will be able to celebrate with our community by sharing a community breakfast and lunch, a letter will be emailed in regards to this closer to the time.

