

OAKWOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4 is going at a rapid pace with lots of events happening and we are already in Week 7! Students have been working hard on their learning and are showing their success in the assessments that are being implemented by teachers. Our Oakwooders have experienced lots of exciting events in the last 7 weeks with lots more to come in the final few weeks.

Staffing News

We are well in the midst of finalising our staffing for 2026. We take this job very seriously as it takes someone special to be an Oakwooder and we feel privileged that we are able to find the right people to staff our school. I can inform you at this stage that we will be having an additional Deputy Principal in 2026, to support myself and my two other deputies Miss Van Beek and Mrs Hunt. As the school has expanded, we have ensured we have high quality teachers, EAs, special needs EAs and office staff, but we have not expanded our leadership of the school, this is why we are delighted to announce our new, additional deputy for 2026 is... Dan Turner. Dan is moving from Settler PS to Oakwood, with a wealth of experience, knowledge and leadership, and we are very much looking forward to him being part of the Oakwood family.



On a slightly solemn note, Peta Whitfield is flying the nest, at this stage only for the year, as she takes on a role at Pinjarra PS. We know her great quality teaching, her love for learning, her quick wit and her care for all will be missed at Oakwood, but we wish her well as she continues her educational journey. Once an Oakwooder, always an Oakwooder.



We also say von voyage to Bec Curwood. Bec brought value, leadership, encouragement and a wealth of knowledge in her role as teacher at Oakwood. Bec has been on maternity leave and has won a position closer to her home. We will miss Bec and wish her well with her family and her new school.



WA Canteen Day

Thank you to our wonderful Kingston's Kitchen canteen providers, they do a fantastic job on keeping our Oakwooders fed and fuelled to achieve great things in their school day. We love the variety on the menu for each day. Gemma, Gwyn, and Nikki are very much apart of our school community, thank you for 'being there' for our Oakwooders, we appreciate you!

Interschool Athletics

Some of our students attended our Interschool athletics carnival, with a large group of our Oakwooders representing Oakwood in individual and team sports. We are so proud of our super stars who represented Oakwood amazingly with their sportsmanship, talent and resilience. Everyone did their personal best and we were victorious in the overall championship for the third year in a row! A special thanks to our staff and parent helpers who had an early start, these events cannot run without you!

Kindy Sports Morning

Friday of Week 4 we had our second Kindy sports morning for groups 5C, 31D, 7E. It was a fantastic display of fun, laughter, personal bests, kindness and resilience. We are very proud of our Kindy students. Thank you to the staff for their organisation and leadership to make this happen. Thank you to our families for attending, we know the students appreciated it.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 2 December
Chess Tournament at Oakwood 9am-12pm

Friday 5 December
Rhyme Time—Daycare Visit

Out of Area CLC Transition Day

Choir Performing at the Forum

Junior Assembly 2pm

Saturday 6 December
Madora Bay Carols

Tuesday 9 December
Principal's Lunch 1pm

Wednesday 10 December
End of Year Concert and Book Awards

Friday 12 December
Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

Monday 15 December
Semester 2 Reports sent to families

Graduation Excursion

Thursday 18 December
Attendance Assembly 2pm

Last day of school!!!

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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 beautiful mural art work that Ms Ashlee has produced with the students by the Yarning Circle. Mrs Meehan our AIEO, 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.

Reporting To Parents

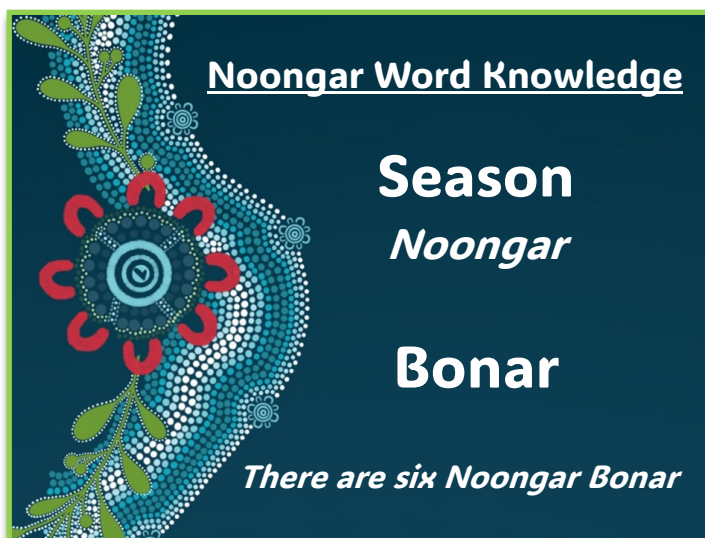
The teachers have been working hard on assessing students and writing comments about each child they teach. Thank you to the teachers for all their hard work with report writing, it takes dedication and many, many hours to complete reports. We are looking forward to sending out the reports in the final week of Term 4.

End of Year Concert

Our students have been rehearsing for the end of year concert, putting all their effort into making sure they are stage ready. They are very much looking forward to performing in front of their families on Wednesday 10 December. We hope to see you all there!

2026 Kindy Information Sessions

We would like to thank all our new parents and existing parents who have kindy children starting at Oakwood in 2026, for attending the information sessions. We are very much looking forward to you being part of our community and Oakwood family.



Student safety

At Oakwood we pride ourselves on the safety of our students. It has come to our attention that community family members are parking in spots that cause students not to be able to view the roads they need to cross and therefore are being put at risk. Please remember these students are children and they are not necessarily road wise effectively. Please, as adults, park appropriately to ensure the safety of all our students, they are precious to us! Ensure you use parking bays, kiss and drop and the roads correctly and with the forethought of the students. Thank you for putting all our Oakwooders first!

School Board

Our School board met for the final time for 2025. We appreciate this body of people who have the interests of Oakwood at their heart. Thank you to all the members for everything you do to support the school, staff and most importantly our students.

From the Board Chairperson

"The Oakwood Primary School Board met for our final meeting of the year on Tuesday 4 November, and were thrilled to be updated with a range of exciting accomplishments and events across the school. We always love hearing about the success of the children and our school community. Our meeting started with a challenging Lego building icebreaker as part of our team building, which resulted in lots of laughs! I also distributed my annual Board Chair report, which will be publicly available on the school website, where I share the changes to our board, and celebrate school achievements and events throughout the year. We also decided to start providing a Board Member Spotlight through our newsletter posts, and we are excited to share the first one with you below!"



Board Member Spotlight

Mrs Peta Whitfield is one of our fabulous and enthusiastic teachers who has been with us since beginning as a graduate in 2022! She has been very involved in a range of school processes and is valued highly for her contributions. In her spare time, Peta keeps us entertained with the amazing (but possibly ridiculous) names of her many farm animals. We are sad to announce that she will be completing a 2026 at Pinjarra Primary School, but we wish Peta every success and thank her very much for all her work on our School Board. We hope that you will return to Oakwood again soon!

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Year 6 Camp

We are so, so proud of our fabulous Year 6 Oakwood students who represented Oakwood amazingly in Coral Bay. They lived by our PBS and FISH! Philosophy standards and enjoyed real quality bonding time with their peers. This was a great way for them to experience a different environment not only with landscape, but ocean life and developing their knowledge of marine biology. They were able to build on independent life experiences, upskilling their life skills, team building and co-operation techniques. I want to acknowledge the staff who supported myself on camp and left their own families to support the children, Mr Schoeppner, Mr Shellam, Miss Bassan, Mrs Botes, Miss Loney, Mrs Schoeppner, Miss Gaskell, Mrs Berryman, Mrs Harris, Mr Mercer and Mrs Hunt, and you the families who entrusted your precious loved ones into our care. I would also like to acknowledge the Year 6 Oakwooders who stayed in school, they did a wonderful job, even though they missed their classmates.



Events to come...

2026 Class Lists

Teachers, leadership and administration have been working very hard in the background to create great classes for 2026. Class lists will go up around the Office and Library windows on the Tuesday before school finishes.

Year 6 Graduation and Excursion

On Friday of Week 9 our Year 6 students will have their Graduation ceremony, we are looking forward to celebrating these Oakwood foundation students. On Monday in Week 10 they will then have their final primary school excursion to Adventure World!

 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

Catalogue 8 is our final Scholastic Book Club issue for the year, with orders closing **Friday, 28th November 2025**. This last catalogue is filled with wonderful options for all ages—from our 3-year-old beginners through to our keen teen readers.

Alongside a fantastic range of books, you will also find science **kits, activity packs, and hands-on learning sets**—perfect for keeping young minds engaged during the long summer break when the “I’m bored!” moments appear.

A standout for me in this issue is the ***Wings of Fire*** collection. Fans can not only dive into the series itself but can also purchase a **stained glass art book** plus a **step-by-step drawing book** that teaches readers how to sketch and colour more than 40 dragons—a great creative activity for the holidays.

Wings of Fire is an exciting fantasy series that transports readers into a world ruled by dragons, prophecy, and bravery. Each book follows a different dragon’s point of view, giving readers a rich look into the unique tribes, cultures, and challenges of the dragon world. Packed with action, mystery, and heartfelt moments, the series explores friendship, courage, and what it truly means to choose your own destiny.

This is a fantastic pick for confident readers who love adventure and imaginative worlds—perfect for those ready to dive into a longer, engaging series.



Thank you to all our families who have purchased from these catalogues throughout the year. Your support helps our school purchase equipment and books for the library, along with encouraging a love of reading for everyone.

- Book Club Co-ordinator