

OAKWOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we are drawing to a close of Term 4 2025 and the school year here at Oakwood, I would like to thank all of our Oakwood students, staff and community, you have all done amazingly keeping our precious children at the heart of our school. We wish you all a safe and happy holidays ready for an Oakwood Awesome year in 2026.

There are lots of events that have happened over the last few weeks and we are very proud of our Oakwooders for keeping up with the rigor and pace, and of course our staff!

Staffing

We would like to thank Peta Whitfield, who has been a tremendous asset to our Oakwood family. We also thank Emma Mattin (formerly Ms Lomman), Julia Kerr, Julie Jones, Meredith Curley, Hannah Kent, Dani Aust, Tim Less, and Leia Bezuidenhout.

We welcome back Mrs Jones from maternity leave in 2026, who will commence teaching in a Year 2 classroom. We also welcome Beck Fish who will be joining the team on a part time basis. We also congratulate Gillian Dalton and Jordon Wilson who will commence their teaching careers at Oakwood, after being part of the Oakwood family for many years as special needs education assistants.

Principal's Lunch

We had special little Oakwood guests in the staff room, where the leadership team served them a special lunch, and then took them for an extra awesome play. We would like to congratulate these children for bringing Oakwood awesomeness to life with their personal bests each and every day, and living the Oakwood Way! Thank you to Kingston's Kitchen who catered for our Oakwooders, as they have all year.

End Of Year Concert

Wowzers, our end of year concert was outstanding! From Kindy to Year 6 every class and the choir performed their Oakwood hearts out, all the awesomeness of our students shone through, as always. They sang and danced to make our community so proud! Thank you to all the staff and students for making this eighth year of Oakwood that extra special! Thank you to Bob from Music Force and to the P&C for organising the food vans to make this such a great community event.

A huge congratulations to our book award winners and thank you to the sponsors of these awards without whom the awards could not happen.

Maths Gamers Club

Thank you to the Schoeppner's and their teacher support network who have helped run a weekly before school maths gamers club. This has been an exciting club where lots of different maths strategies were used to complete the games. We loved the celebration!!!

Chess Tournament

For the first time in the history of Oakwood we held a chess tournament. There were over 30 students competing. It was a tense, but supportive atmosphere as students battled their strategies against each other. We thank Stan who has been running chess club this year.

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

I would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful school community for supporting the Scholastic Book Club throughout the year. Thanks to the orders placed by our families throughout the year, which earned our school \$848.04 in reward monies. These monies will be used to purchase new books and resources for our school library to support and benefit our students.

This year our primary school was proudly recognised with strong NAPLAN results, especially achieving a high rating in reading. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the importance we place on developing strong reading skills both at school and at home.

As we head into the holiday break, I encourage families to keep supporting and encouraging reading — whether it's children reading independently, sharing stories together, or even setting aside some 'quiet time' with a good book. The holidays are a great opportunity for children (and the whole family!) to enjoy reading in a relaxed and positive way.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the Scholastic Book Club and for helping to nurture a love of reading within our school community.

Enjoy the holidays, stay safe, and for those leaving our school to start a new chapter at another, we wish you all the best.

For Oakwooders returning and those starting, welcome to the best community, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

- Book Club Co-Ordinator

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Year 6 Graduation

On Friday 12 December we celebrated our amazing Year 6 Oakwooders with a beautiful Graduation ceremony at Coastal Lakes College and a fun excursion to Adventure World on the Monday. They have been such fabulous role models to our younger Oakwooders and although we know they will take with them their strong Oakwood values and be true to the person they are, we will miss the positive contribution they have had at Oakwood. We wish them the best of Oakwood luck on their new education adventure and want them to know they are always welcome as Oakwooders! Once an Oakwooder, always an Oakwooder! Thank you to Coastal Lakes College for hosting us, to our special guests who spoke and presented awards and to Kingston's Kitchen for catering for all our Year 6 students and their families.

2025 Graduation Award Winners



Spanish Award
Phoebe McCormack



Physical Education Award
Mitchell Harris



Visual Arts Award
Chloe Hobson-Mustill



Performing Arts Award
Harry Sreedath



Successful Learner
Logan Hope



Endeavour Award
Emily Snowdon



Double Reds Resilience Award
Paige Humphreys



STEM Award
Dean Zhu



Coastal Lakes College Scholarship
Zoe Berryman



FiSH! Award
Isabelle Clare

School choir

Our school choir have been busily performing at many venues over this Christmas season, we would like to congratulate the choir students for their dedication, commitment and passion. They have represented Oakwood out in our community and we have had wonderful feedback on their behaviour and performances. Thank you to Miss Anders, Mrs Aust and Ms Mathews who train them weekly.

Class Lists

Class lists for 2026 have been placed on the Office and Library windows please ensure you know which class and room number your child is in for their new class. Lots of hard work from teachers goes into creating the new class lists that will ensure optimum learning for all students.

Reports

We are delighted to say that all reports from Kindergarten to Year 6 should now be received by you via email. Thank you to all our staff for their dedication, judgement against the curriculum standards, and care that they have taken with the reports. We appreciate all the hard work that goes into each and every report.