

OAKWOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We hope you enjoyed the long weekend. The last few weeks have been weeks full of enrichment in explicit learning. We are proud of the way our students are so eager and engaged in their learning. They use their explicitly taught knowledge and skills to inspire their Investigations and Inquiry learning, which is an important part of embedding and bringing depth to their understanding. Our staff are working extremely hard to deliver engaging and enriching programs of learning, along with assessing students and writing semester 1 reports. Thank you to our staff for their ongoing passion.

Staffing Update

We welcome back Megan Russell from maternity leave, we are extremely excited to have her back at Oakwood.

School Review

As you will have seen from Facebook and Compass Oakwood Primary School took part in our second School Review. We are delighted to say that the reviewers were extremely impressed with Oakwood; our students, staff, community, whole school learning approaches, our NAPLAN data, FISH and PBS approaches, in fact everything was positive, so much so we gained the highest return a school can receive, which is 5 years. As principal of Oakwood, I am honoured to lead such amazing staff and students who enable this school to thrive each day!

National Sorry Day

Tuesday 26 May we acknowledged National Sorry Day, we raised awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people from their families, communities and culture.

Reconciliation Week

Wednesday 27 May started the Reconciliation week, we had a range of activities celebrating and fostering the growth of respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians. Our students were involved in a range of activities throughout the week and we had special visitors who came and told their stories to some of our students.

P&C Morning Tea

On May 22 we celebrated and honoured our P&C on WA P&C Day with morning tea and goodies, and then celebrated them in assembly. We wanted to acknowledge our fabulous P&C who work tirelessly and volunteer their precious time to ensure we raise funds for our Oakwood students, so that we have the resources and capacity to enrich our learning environments for your children. Without their efforts and our community contribution we would not be as well resourced as we are. Thank you P&C!

West Coast Fever Cup

In Week 5 we took two teams to the West Coast Fever Cup Netball competition. Our Oakwooders performed well, finishing 2nd and 3rd in their competitions, with positive sporting behaviour displayed by all our players. Big thanks to Ryan Young and Megan Roper for supervising the students. Massive appreciation to our parent coaches, Nat Wetherly, Tiffany Spalding and Charlotte Tucker!



Dates to Remember

Wednesday 17 June
P&C Meeting 5:30pm

Thursday 18 June
Kids in Space Excursion

Friday 19 June
Year 1-3 Cross Country

Senior Assembly

Tuesday 23 June
Principal's Lunch 1pm

Friday 26 June
Year 4-6 Cross Country

Junior Assembly

Monday 29 June—
Friday 3 July
Curriculum Week

Monday 29 June
Reports to Parents

Thursday 2 July
Free Dress Day—crazy hair
and whacky socks
for Kindy 9C, 8D, 7E

Attendance Assembly

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Waste Warriors Excursion

Our Semester 1 Waste Warriors went on an excursion, planting trees to ensure our local environment continues to thrive sustainably. We are proud of them making the world a better place! The engaging activities will help students connect their classroom learning to the real world in a meaningful and memorable way. A big thank you to Mr Harford and Mrs Citrigno, who led the excursion and accompanied them.

They also support our staff and students to create a sustainable environment, they take data from each class on waste free lunch boxes, they speak in assembly, they announce the winning class of the waste free lunches and collect the recycling from the classes. Thank you, Waste Warriors!



Year 4 Excursion

Our lucky Year 4s went to visit the Dolphin Discovery Centre in Bunbury on Wednesday 3 June. The excursion supported students' learning in Science and HASS by exploring different biomes and marine environments. Students learnt about endangered species through the Turtle Rehabilitation Program, including the life cycle, habitat and threats facing loggerhead turtles. They also investigated mangrove ecosystems, understanding their importance in supporting marine life and how human actions impact these environments. The excursion highlighted key concepts such as conservation, biodiversity and food webs, and encouraged students to think about how they can help protect these environments in the future.

Reporting to Parents

Student Semester One Reports are currently being prepared by classroom teachers and specialist teachers. Semester One Reports will include A to E grades (or equivalent) for all required learning areas and a general comment.

Reports for students from Kindy to Year 6 will be emailed on Monday 29 June, please ensure your email is correct on our school system for you to be able to receive the report.

2027 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently accepting Kindy applications for 2027. If your child is born between July 2022—June 2023, they are eligible for Kindy in 2027. Please submit your applications with the accompanying documents to the front office. Applications close on July 23 with outcomes being sent via mail.

Fremantle Dockers Clinic

Earlier this term, some of our Year 4 and Year 6 students were lucky enough to spend some time with players from the Fremantle Dockers Football Club!

The players put students through a range of football drills, shared some of their skills, and generously answered plenty of questions about life as an AFL footballer.

The visit was a fantastic opportunity for students to be active, engaged and inspired by positive role models. A huge thank you to the players Luke Jackson, Jye Amiss, Pat Voss, Judd Mcvee, Joshua Treacy and Jordan Clark, for taking the time to visit Oakwood Primary School and create such a memorable experience for our students.



Bunnings Kindy Incursion

We were excited to welcome Simone and Denver from Bunnings to Kindy to teach us about growing fruits and vegetables. The Kindy children enjoyed learning about how plants grow and the importance of caring for them.

As part of the visit, each child had the opportunity to decorate their own pot and was gifted a strawberry plant to take home. They are looking forward to caring for their plant, watching it grow, and hopefully enjoying some delicious strawberries when they are ready to harvest!

Each Kindy classroom was also given a strawberry plant to care for together, providing a wonderful opportunity for the children to observe and learn about the growing process firsthand.



Muddy Gully Incursion

Our Kindy and Pre-primary students were lucky enough to participate in an incursion to celebrate International Day of Play! They got to enjoy a hands on experience where they got messy and muddy. The students, staff, and parent helpers all enjoyed themselves despite the chilly weather. We were so happy to see the element of PLAY in full force. Thank you to the team that helped make this fun filled incursion happen for our littlest Oakwooders!

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Free Dress Day

Last week students enjoyed a Free Dress Day in support of the Peel Soup Kitchen, where they got to come to school in free dress for a can of soup. Thanks to the generosity of our students, families and staff, we collected more than **900** cans of soup for those in need!

A special thank you to our Mandurah Junior Council representatives, Marley and Archie, who did an outstanding job organising and promoting the event.



Interschool Winter Carnival

We are so proud of our Year 5 and Year 6 students who had the opportunity to take part in the Winter Carnival. Oakwood once again were very successful not only in the sports but in their sportsmanship, we are very proud of how our Oakwooders represented the school showing integrity and care towards each other and their opposition. Thanks to Ryan Young, Lucy Morgione, Alec Hay, staff involved and the parent volunteers who supported our students to be successful. A huge congratulations to the Soccer team who were overall champions. Our Volleyball and AFL teams achieved a strong second place in their tournaments too. We congratulate our Netball team for their solid performance and great sportsmanship. Well done all teams!

Thank you to parent supporters, for cheering the students on, you made our day!

Safe Routes to School

We are delighted to introduce our Safe Routes to School Access Guide, developed by the Your Move Leadership Team in partnership with our school and local community. This practical guide highlights safe and popular walking, wheeling, and riding routes to school, along with key features such as bike parking, crossing guard locations, park-and-walk options, local amenities, and important safety information.

This initiative reflects a strong commitment to student wellbeing, safety, and sustainability, encouraging more families to choose active travel. We thank everyone involved in creating this valuable resource and look forward to sharing the completed guide with our school community soon.

Winter school uniform

Please remember to purchase the correct winter uniform for your children in line with the uniform policy.

Navy blue bottoms (skort, skirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, leggings, tights)

School uniform top and school uniform jumper. No hoodies or non school jumpers are permitted.

Simultaneous Storytime

We celebrated Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 27 May, we all enjoyed the book **Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller** by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd read by Mr Davis over the PA.

The students found the costume that Mr Davis had to wear very entertaining as he walked around at recess, as did the staff!



Kiss and Drop

REMINDER: Please use the kiss and drop correctly, it is important to keep all students safe and work together to protect all students. Using the Kiss and Drop inappropriately can put other students at risk and upset community members who are doing the right thing.

Noongar Word Knowledge

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Koodjal Koodjal, Maar**

Noongar

**One, Two, Three,
Four, Five**