

OAKWOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to our students, staff and community on another successful term at Oakwood. We have been able to maintain a wealth of learning opportunities throughout this extremely long term. I would like to take the opportunity to thank staff on the time and dedication they have given to report writing for our student semester reports from Kindy through to Year 6. At Oakwood we are very proud of our little Oakwooders and the engagement they show in learning, and we hope this is reflected in their reports. We wish you all a happy and safe holidays.

Staffing Update

We wish Taryn Kitney, one of our amazing, flexible and talented teachers bon voyage as she and her family embark on a new and exciting journey to Jurien Bay. Taryn will take up a teaching role at Jurien Bay District High School.



We welcome back our much loved Brooke Harvey who has been on maternity leave. Brooke will take over the Monday teacher role in Room 26.

We are sad to announce that Denika Meehan (Mrs D) will be stepping down from her role as our Student Wellbeing Officer at the end of this term, we would like to thank Denika for the wonderful job she has done supporting our Oakwooders over the last 18 months, it is appreciated, she has made a significant difference and will be missed from this role.



We are fortunate enough to have her continue her role as our Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer, her expertise, knowledge and enthusiasm is a gift to our school and community!

We would like to congratulate Di Mearns, who is already a valuable staff member at our school, for winning the position of Student Wellbeing Officer and will continue Mrs D's role as of next term. Di's wealth of knowledge along with her caring and thoughtful approach, she is bound to make a positive impact and thrive in this position. We are fortunate to have Di work closely with Mrs D to ensure continuity for our Oakwooders.



International Day of Play

We celebrated this day over two days due to weather conditions, with all of our students taking part. PLAY fosters resilience, creativity and innovation. Play helps build connections in learning, builds relationships and supports problem solving skills. It helps our children to develop the cognitive, emotional, social, and creative skills they need to navigate the world they live in. A huge thank you to the staff involved with the planning and preparation to make these days fun!

Principal's Lunch

We had our Term 2 Principal's Lunch special guests in Week 10! They enjoyed some fabulous food courtesy of Kingston's Kitchen, they also enjoyed an extra play. They told us why they feel they were chosen by their teacher, it is great that they recognise how wonderful they are.



Dates to Remember

**Saturday 4 July—
Monday 20 July**
School Holidays!

Monday 20 July
School Development Day
*Students do not attend
school on this day*

Tuesday 21 July
First day back for Term 3

Friday 24 July
Senior Assembly

Wednesday 29 July
**Semester 2 Student
Leader and Faction
Captain Speeches**

Friday 31 July
Interschool Cross Country

Junior Assembly

Thursday 6 August
Book Week Parade

P&C Meeting 5:30pm

Friday 7 August
Primary Principals' Day
Senior Assembly

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Cross Country

Year 1 to Year 6 ran their socks off at the end of Week 9 and 10, running a long distance to beat their personal bests and to score points for their factions. We know cross country can be a challenge for many students, but once again, our Oakwooders rose to the challenge, showed resilience, their sense of fun, their passion to achieve and most of all their support for each other. Well done to all our students and a special mention to our podium winners who brought their talent out on the day. We would like to give a huge shout out to our Faction Leaders who supported our students on the track and encouraged them throughout the race. Thank you to Ryan & Lucy for coordinating these events, to our staff, and community who were marshals around the track, without you cross country could not take place.

Huge congratulations to **BLUE WREN**, our overall cross country winners, and to the following Champions and Runner Ups!

Year 1

	Girls	Boys
C	Hazel Evans	Te Hurinui Rumble
RU	Lexie Morris	Hudson Cullen

Year 2

	Girls	Boys
C	Issy Ferris	Mason Doohan
RU	Amiyah Edwards	Pheonix Allen

Year 3

	Girls	Boys
C	Lucie Foley	Rhino O'Neill-Masoe
RU	Chloe McQuillen	Ryan Roberts

Year 4

	Girls	Boys
C	Ellie Doohan	Knox Allen
RU	Aria Birch	Jack Eddy

Year 5

	Girls	Boys
C	Lilli Aust	Jeziah Medcraft
RU	Elvina Foster	Reuben Grace

Year 6

	Girls	Boys
C	Lottie Wardrope	Zac Carley
RU	Emily Ward	Dylan Roberts

P&C Silent Disco

Thank you to our wonderful P&C who are very active in always trying to raise money for our school so that we can purchase much needed resources for our students. We celebrated the end of week 10 with a silent disco, which the students loved! Thank you to all the community volunteers who made this happen for our students.



Story Dogs

We are very excited to welcome the Story Dogs program back to Oakwood in Term 3. Story Dogs is a valuable volunteer program that supports students in developing their reading confidence and enjoyment. Generous volunteers give their time, alongside their specially trained dogs, to provide a relaxed and encouraging environment for students to practise reading.

We are delighted to welcome Marion and her dog, Jessie, as well as Anna and her dog, Reyna, to Oakwood next term. We know our students will greatly benefit from this wonderful program with our Story Dogs teams.



Reporting to Parents

On Monday 29 June, Student Semester One Reports were emailed to our families from Kindy to Year 6, please ensure you received the report. Please download your child's report to be able to keep it. The link expires in 28 days. We thank all our teachers for assessing students for each subject and writing a comment about each child in their class. You will see that the reports look very different from previous reports, these new changes have been mandated by the Education Department.

Maths Gamers Club

Thank you to our Maths gamers who came early to school once a week to partake in Maths games for Semester One. This was an exciting and engaging experience to take part in games Maths related. Challenges were accepted, problems were solved and the competition was on! Thank you to Karl, Stacey, Taryn and Enrico for running this in Semester One. We celebrated with games, and a party for the students and parents. We look forward to more students taking part in Semester Two.



Winter Uniform

Please remember to take the opportunity over the holidays 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. Hoodies of any description are not acceptable winter uniform. Please label all uniform clearly.

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Year 1 Water Corporation Incursion

Our Year 1 students had a wonderful incursion with the Water Corporation. We would like to thank the Water Corporation who made this day so successful, our students were able to experience and make links to their Science curriculum learning about the water cycle and how it used in our homes, school and the wider community. A special thanks to our Year 1 staff who organised this to compliment what students are learning about in Science.

Crazy Hair and Wacky Socks Day

Thank you to the P&C for another fantastic end of term fundraiser! The burst of colours and craziness was so fun to see, thank you to the parents and carers who put the effort into these events to help support our fabulous school!



Curriculum Week

For our final week of Term 2 we celebrated this long term with a fun filled curriculum week, highlighting subjects for the whole day. These days were engaging, different and motivating. We had a day for Maths, English, Inquiry (Science, HASS, Technology), Art, & Sport. Our Oakwooders showed how great they are at problem solving and challenges.



Kids in Space Showcase Excursion

32 of our selected Year 5 and Year 6 students represented Oakwood at the STEM initiative, Kids in Space Program. Students displayed their learning from our Kids in Space project. They have created a design to solve a problem using space technology that we face on earth or solve a problem that astronauts face in space and used the 3D printer to print off their design. Students successfully shared their learning with teams from other schools. They had an amazing time presenting to a panel of judges. We are very proud of them! Thank you to Miss Hearne and Ms Botes who led and accompanied our Oakwooders for this exciting opportunity.



Noongar Word Knowledge

Mookaroo

Noongar

**We are currently in the
Noongar season of
Mookaroo (June-July)**

