

# OAKWOOD NEWS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a very exciting and active few weeks at Oakwood where the students have embraced every moment. We would like to celebrate our staff and community for keeping on top of all the events that have taken place and motivating the students to be highly engaged and life-long learners.

**PBS:** Act with Integrity, Show Respect, Do Your Personal Best, Be Caring!

**FISH! Principles:** Choose Your Attitude, Play, Make Their Day, Be There!

### Staff News

We welcome **Kate Veljacich** as one of Deputy Principals on Mondays, and also wish her luck in her new Literacy Intervention role at Pinjarra for the other four days.

We welcome **Beth Foster** into the office as Oakwoods Learning Support Coordinator, she comes into this role with a wealth of knowledge and expertise. Stepping into the Year 2 classroom position is **Tahlia Bartlem**, she is a true Oakwooder and has worked in Year 2 classrooms for a number of years.

We wish **Amy Gilfellon** the best as she embarks on a new life journey as she prepares for a new addition to her family. Amy has been an amazing Year 3 teacher, and she will be truly missed until she returns. We welcome **Hannah Kent** who will be replacing Amy in Year 3. Hannah was trained by our Year 3 teachers on her pre-service teacher placement, we know she will be amazing and a great addition to Oakwood.

You may see around the school lots of Notre Dame pre-service students, they will be supporting classroom teachers one day a week in Term 3, please give them a warm welcome when you see them.

### Kindy Bunnings Incursion

Our wonderful Kindy students took part in a Bunnings planting incursion. They had a fabulous time learning all about plant growth and had the opportunity to plant some seeds. We thank the Kindy staff and Bunnings for their support to make an engaging opportunity for our students.

### Daffodil Day

The school was a bright glow of yellow on Friday of Week 4. The students and staff did their very best to bring the yellow to life. It was an important day to raise awareness and funds for Cancer Research, which has touched so many families in our school community.



### School Board

We have recently shared our wonderful NAPLAN results for Year 3 and Year 5 2025 with our school board. We are very proud to say we have green lights in 4 areas in year 3 and Year 5 and are above like schools in all areas for Year 3 and Year 5.

### Curriculum Week

Staff and students celebrated Curriculum Week in Week 5 in their usual style by fully engaging in Maths Day, Spanish Day, Science Day, English Day and Inquiry/Investigations Day. Our students embraced each day with a fun attitude and an eagerness to learn. Students took part in challenges, parades, culture activities and so much more. We were fortunate to have the opportunity for our community families to be part of some of the week. We hope you enjoyed the churros! As usual our book parade was amazing with such a variety of costumes. Thank you to our staff who were integral to the organisation of this week. We had lots of incursion through out the week including an author.

## Dates to Remember

**Monday 11 August**  
**Principal's Lunch 1pm**

**Wednesday 10 September**  
**Open Night**

**Friday 12 September**  
**PP-Yr 3 Faction Carnival**

**CLC Transition Day #2**

**Monday 15 September**  
**Earbus**

**Friday 19 September**  
**Yr 4-6 Faction Carnival**

**Wednesday 24 September**  
**Crazy Hair and Socks Day**  
**for Kindy 5A, 31B & 7F**

**Thursday 25 September**  
**Attendance Assembly**

**Friday 26 September**  
**Crazy Hair and Socks Day**

**Junior Assembly 2pm**

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## NAPLAN 2025 Results

Oakwood Primary School has achieved two green lights in Year 3 for Numeracy and Punctuation and Grammar, highlighting that those areas exceeds one standard deviation above the expected national result. This is an exceptional result for both progress and achievement. Two green lights were achieved for Reading and Writing in Year 5, which is also to be celebrated, and indicates good progress for this learning area. All other learning areas indicated an above expected performance and were within one standard deviation of expected results. We are very proud of our staff and our Oakwooders.

| NAPLAN Comparative Performance - 2025 |                        |       |        |  | Explanatory Notes |     |     |     |     | 2023 Results >> |     |     |     |     | 2024 Results >> |   |   |   |     |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|--------|--|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Code                                  | Name                   | ICSEA | Decile |  | Year 3            |     |     |     |     | Year 5          |     |     |     |     | Year 7          |   |   |   |     |
|                                       |                        |       |        |  | N                 | R   | W   | S   | P&G | N               | R   | W   | S   | P&G | N               | R | W | S | P&G |
| 5855                                  | Oakwood Primary School | 1005  | 4      |  | 1.4               | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.8             | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 |                 |   |   |   |     |
| School Selection Average              |                        |       |        |  | 1.4               | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.8             | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 |                 |   |   |   |     |

Performance > 1 standard deviation above expected  
 Performance within 1 standard deviation of expected  
 Performance > 1 standard deviation below expected

## Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct Oakwood uniform, we pride ourselves on our presentation and our sense of belonging to Oakwood. As the weather is still cold students will need an Oakwood school jumper, along with an Oakwood school shirt and navy bottoms. No hoodies are permitted.

## School Photos

Well done to our families for ensuring your children were in correct uniform and looking Oakwood Awesome for school photos. The four days were very busy and very successful. We hope you have taken the opportunity to order your photos.



## Choir

Thank you to our Oakwood choir and Miss Anders, Mrs Aust and Ms Mathews who performed at the MAN PAC in Week 6 in the Mandurah schools WAGSMS concert. Miss Anders, Mrs Aust and Ms Mathews have been spending lots of lunch times, along with the Year 1 to Year 6 choir students, practising their big Oakwood hearts out for the concert. They also took part in Yoh Fest, what a few weeks of awesome singing. You guys ROCK!

## EA Appreciation Week

Our fabulous Education Assistants and Special Needs Education Assistants work tirelessly day in, and day out, to provide the best care, education and support to Oakwooders, both students and staff. They are the cog that keep us all going, and we would be at a loss without them. To show our appreciation the staff and students gave them gifts of appreciation, along with something special for them each day of the week. We hope our EAs feel valued and know how important they are!

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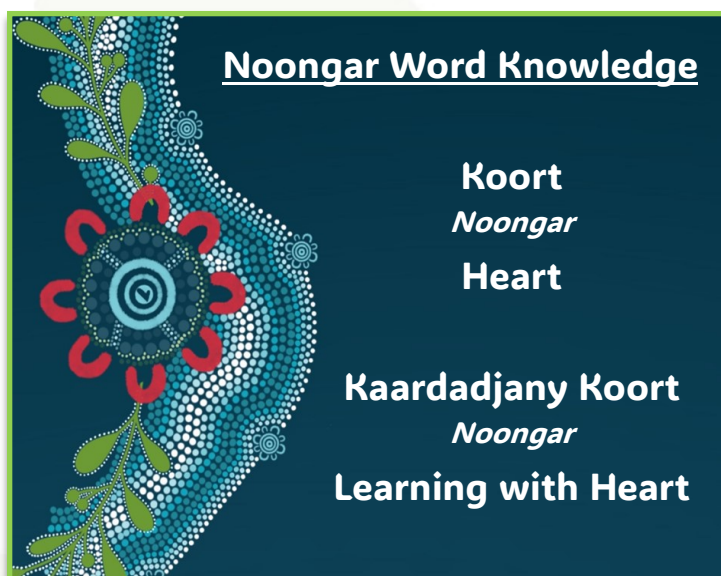
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## Year 5 Your Move Team

Thank you to our Year 5 Your Move Team who were there to greet students arriving at school embracing active transport. It was wonderful to see families, walking, scooting or cycling to school.

## Jumps and Throws

Our Oakwood awesomeness from students shone threw in their personal best throws and jumps, representing their factions. We are so proud of how they supported each other and encouraged each other to achieve.



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## Coming Up!

### Open Night – Save the date!

Wed 10 September 5:00pm – 6:30 pm.

You have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom to look at their work, take part in activities, visit the Science in Block 3, or visit the Art room to see the work exhibited. Please come along and enjoy the school grounds and buy your dinner from the Oakwood Canteen or the Food Trucks that the P&C have organised, from 4:00pm until 6:30pm. We also have our annual Book Fair visiting, pop in and visit our Librarians Gill Parr and Michelle Barker and see if you would like to purchase a book.

### Faction Carnivals

How exciting! It is that time again to get dressed up in your faction colours, zinc up with faction colours, maybe even colour spray your hair with your faction colour.

Parents we would love to see you there to support your child and their faction, even bring lunch to share with your child. We are always happy for more parent helpers too!



### Wizard of Oz

Thank you to our Miss Anders, Mrs Aust and their team who put lots of hard work and energy into rehearsing with students for our first ever Oakwood drama performance. We look forward to seeing the students perform in the Wizard of Oz



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## Book Club

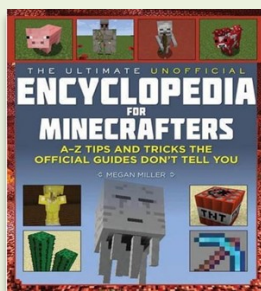
Catalogue 6 was distributed last week and closing date for ordering is the 12 September 2025.

Books from Catalogue 5 were also sent out last week, and what a fantastic arrange of books and gadgets that where ordered. Thank you to all the families for your orders.

**Book Week** dress up days where once again amazing days of costumes. Thank you to all the mums, dads and carers for all the time and costs you put in, to organizing the costumes for the children.

Another success this term was the **Principal's Reading Challenge**. Students were encouraged to read a book from start to finish—either independently or with a parent/guardian—to build their comprehension skills. Older Lexile students completed quizzes through Literacy Pro, and every book read earned a raffle ticket for the prize draw. Congratulations to our winners who received book vouchers and prize hampers!

Our **Book Fair** is in full swing, and the library looks fantastic thanks to our talented librarians, Mrs Parr and Mrs Barker, who have decorated it with amazing Minecraft models. The display has created lots of excitement, and it's wonderful to see so many children exploring the fair and choosing new books to enjoy. Minecraft is the one game that children, parents, and teachers all agree on. The Library will be open for purchases on Open Night. To celebrate the Minecraft theme, I would like to highlight a popular title from our recent catalogue: *The Ultimate Unofficial Encyclopedia for Minecrafters* by Megan Miller.



This full-colour guide is packed with tips, tricks, and secrets to help players **mine, build, farm, and survive** in the world of Minecraft. From rescuing a baby zombie villager to making a secret passageway using paintings, young gamers will discover new hacks and strategies to take their game to the next level. It's a must-have for both beginners and seasoned players, and a fun way to combine reading with gaming. Thank you to everyone who has supported our Book Fair and Book Club—your purchases help fill our Library and classrooms with even more wonderful books for our students.

-Book Club Co-ordinator