

OAKWOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Huge congratulations to our students and staff for a wonderful Term 3. We have had so many exciting and engaging opportunities for learning and for involving our community in the students learning journey. Thank you to all our families for being responsive to events that happen at the school. We would like to wish you all a happy holidays!

Staffing News



In Room 31, **Kelsie Zanotti** will start her maternity leave, we wish her the best of luck at this happy time. **Chelsey Keogh**, who has been working in Room 31 this year will take on the teaching load, Chelsey has completed her Internship with us in Room 31 and is a great asset.



Aimee Hearne is returning from her year of travelling, which looked amazing, we are very excited she is back at Oakwood with us!

After 4 years of Oakwood service, **Dave Mercer** has been appointed Deputy Principal at Lakelands PS. We are delighted for Dave on his promotion, and we know he will be as amazing as he was at Oakwood. We thank him for his contribution to our school and community.



Family/Carers Afternoon

Thank you to our fabulous ECE staff for making our ECE families feel so special. It was wonderful that families could come to Oakwood and celebrate how important you all are in your child's life.

Faction Carnivals

We had our Pre-primary—Year 3 and our Year 4—Year 6 carnivals over the last few weeks. All students did their personal best in their races, team games and novelty events. The sportsmanship and comradery were outstanding, and it was wonderful to see the students try and succeed for their factions. Well done to our families for ensuring your children had their faction shirts on and their colours paraded brightly for their Faction Carnival.

The 2025 overall winners were... **OSPREY!**

Congratulations Osprey, who were also the winners of the team games shield, well done on working well as a team!

All factions have won the Faction Carnival since Oakwood opened.

Huge applause for our individual Champions and Runner Ups for each Year Group below.

Year 1

Mason Doohan
Darcy Gardiner

Sadie Balfour
Ella Eddy

Year 2

Rhino O'Neill-Masoe
Ryan Roberts
Thomas Mendes

Ivy Brewer
Zoe Spalding
Sophie Balfour

Year 3

Jordan Tate
Knox Allen

Franki Baird
Amelia Hughes
Devon Bowden

Year 4

Jeziah Medcraft
Reuben Grace

Maddison Dryden
Lilly Gullan

Year 5

Jaxon Gronow
Logan Dutton

Lottie Wardrope
Caprice De Pedro

Year 6

Mitchell Harris
Leigh Barker

Pippa Robinson
Masina Faafete

Dates to Remember

**Saturday 27 September—
Monday 13 October**
School Holidays

Tuesday 14 October
First day back for students

Wednesday 15 October
Thank a Cleaner Day

**Wednesday 15 October—
Friday 24 October**
**Swimming Lessons Group 1
PP, Yr 4 and 6
(excluding Room 30)**

Friday 17 October
**2026 Kindy Orientation
9am and 10am**

Senior Assembly 2pm

Friday 24 October
**2026 Kindy Orientation
9am and 10am**

Junior Assembly 2pm

**Monday 27 October—
Friday 7 November**
**Swimming Group 2
Yr 1, 2, 3, 5, and Room 30**

Thursday 30 October
**Student Leader Parliament
House Visit**

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Principal's Lunch

This is a highlight in the termly calendar, where staff choose students who follow our FISH! Philosophy and show our PBS consistently. This is such an accolade for a child to achieve and means they are exceptional in the way they lead their school life at Oakwood, being great role models for class members. Well done to those who attended this term.

Book Fair

Thank you to Mrs Parr and Mrs Barker, their supportive volunteers, and the community for embracing the Book Fair and buying books to support our school and your children. It was a vibrant part of Open Night, with a real buzz, plus the amazing Minecraft display was amazing. This year, you the community, spent a whopping **\$12,023.96!**

Open Night

This is one of our favourite events where staff and students get to 'show off' the excellence that is Oakwood. The children love to show their work to families, they feel a sense of achievement, success, and the sense of belonging to something great! As a positive school we tell students, each and every day, how wonderful they are, when they try their personal best and show their love for learning. Open Night is their time to shine and present what they are so proud of, to you, the most important people in their lives!

Thank you to staff for always going above and beyond with their welcoming environments and display of student work. We would like to acknowledge the Art Exhibition of all student art work across the school, the Inquiry display, contributed to by classes across the school, the Spanish display of work and the outstanding performance of the choir.

Coastal Lakes Transition #2

Thank you to Coastal Lakes for hosting the second Oakwood transition for those students who will be starting at Coastal Lakes College in 2026. Our students had a wonderful time and really enjoyed watching the cooking and being able to taste test it!

Wizard of Oz Production

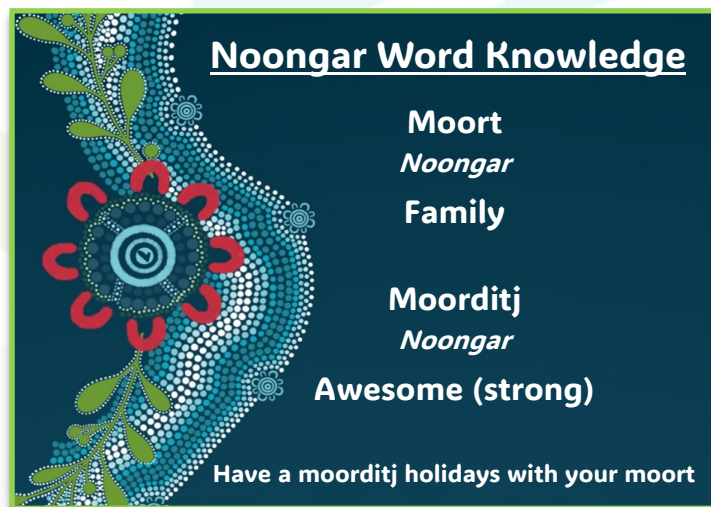
Congratulations to all the cast and crew of the Wizard Of Oz, our first ever Oakwood musical. These performers and staff have put a huge amount of time and effort into this production to ensure it is ready for the sell out shows. Thank you to the families for your commitment to ensuring your Oakwooder was available for each rehearsal. Thank you to Lori Anders and her stagehands, whether they are staff or high school students, for their dedication and passion to bring this show alive!

Kindy West Oz Wildlife Incursion

We had the sweetest, cutest little animals come to visit our Kindy students. The staff and students hearts were delighted to have the opportunity to see these special animals up close and personal. Thank you to West Oz Wildlife for this engaging incursion.

State School Competition Science and Technology Expo

Some of our senior students had the opportunity to showcase and compete in a state competition where they presented their prototypes that they made to make a difference in the universe. They designed technology that would make an impact on earth or in space using space technology. Three groups had very different designs, for very different purposes and used a 3D printer to make their prototypes. We are so very proud of them, thank you Mr Flood and Miss Wallace for supporting and allowing these students to thrive.



School Uniform Reminder

Please remember to take the opportunity over the holidays to purchase the correct uniform for your children in line with the uniform policy.

Navy blue bottoms (skort, skirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, leggings, tights, **NO SHORT SHORTS**). School uniform top and school uniform jumper. Hoodies of any description are not acceptable uniform. School hat with faction colour on the inside. Please label all uniform clearly.

Attendance Assembly

At the end of each term we hold an attendance raffle for all students with attendance above 90%. Our lucky winners for this term were...

Leo Smith	Mya Carolan	Utah Brewis	Cameron Smith
Asta Brice	Archie Waters	Knox Allen	Alaina Montgomery

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Crazy Hair, Socks and Clothes Day

Thank you to the P&C for organising yet again another exciting fundraising event for our students who came to school with their craziest get ups for the day. We loved all the variety of styles!

Coming Up!

2026 Kindy Orientation

We look forward to welcoming our perspective Kindy 2026 students to a morning in an Oakwood classroom.

Celebrating Oakwood Staff

Wednesday 15 October—Thank a Cleaner Day

We will celebrate our wonderful cleaners who keep our school shining bright!

Friday 31 October—World Teachers' Day

We will celebrate our wonderful teaching staff, who educate, care for and support, each and every Oakwooder.

Book Awards

Thank you for the generous donations from local businesses and parents so far for our End of Year Book Awards. If you would like to sponsor a book for our End of Year Book Awards please see the office staff. If you sponsor a book, we will place a label in a book with your business or family name. Thank you for your support for our end of year awards.

Mandurah Surf Life Saver Incursion

As our community are aware at the start of 2025, the Harris family lost their beloved husband and father. The family have been part of our Oakwood community for a long time: Aurelie who works as a lead EA and Mitchell who has done his schooling here. They are also part of the Mandurah Surf Lifesavers with their eldest daughter part of the youth surf rescue team. With the support of Mandurah Surf Lifesaver leader Stacey Bower, they have put together a vital presentation for school aged students about beach safety. The Mandurah Surf Rescue Youth, who are volunteers, are presenting this to schools which has now been endorsed by WA Surf Lifesavers. It is the first of its kind in the whole of Australia and at Oakwood we are lucky to be the pilot school for this incursion which was held today. Please ask your child about the beach safety messages that were taught and learn the actions, the meaning of the signs and take note of the BEN (beach emergency number), when you go to the beach. Stay safe at the beach!

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Book Club

Paws and Pages: Reading with a Friend

The Wellbeing Power of Regular Reading

Research tells us there is a clear link between regular reading and social, emotional, and physical health. It is wonderful how a simple story can help children feel calmer, happier, and more confident.

Sometimes reading aloud can feel a bit scary for kids, especially in front of grown-ups. That is where a friendly dog can help. Dogs do not mind mistakes and they do not laugh — they just listen. It makes reading feel easier and a lot more fun.

Of course, not every family has a dog, and that is okay. A favourite teddy, a doll, or even just reading aloud to themselves can help children practise too.

However it is done — to a parent, a pet, or a toy — every page turned is a little step towards learning, confidence, and good health.

And just a little reminder — next term will be our last term of the year, with only two catalogues left to come out. With Christmas just around the corner, books make a wonderful gift for someone special.

I want to thank all our families for supporting Book Club this year. Every order not only brings joy to your children but also helps us add more books and resources to our school library. So far this year we have raised \$642.24 for our library. Your support means so much, and I am grateful.



Have a lovely break everyone.

-Book Club Co-ordinator

