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NEWSLETTER

DEC 2023

TERM 4 WEEK 9



*Wishing you a*

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

*from  
Oakbank*



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Department for Education



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## Upcoming Events

November/December  
**Term 4**

W09

<b>Activities Week</b>	
<b>Return Loan Laptops</b> Please return all school loan laptops to the school during Week 9	
<b>FRI 15</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 4 2.25 Dismissal</b> Primary Reports (paper) distributed Secondary School Reports (Daymap) available for viewing

January 2024  
**Term 1**

## New staggered start days

29  
JAN

**Monday 29 January**  
Reception-Year 6 students  
Year 7 & Year 11/12 students  
*(no year 8,9,10 students)*

30  
JAN

**Tuesday 30 January**  
Reception-Year 6 students, Year 7  
and Year 11/12 students  
*(no year 8,9,10 students)*

31  
JAN

**Wednesday 31 January**  
All students (Reception-Year 12)

FEB

<b>New School Photos Date</b>	
<b>THU 08</b>	<b>School Photos details to come</b>

### Oakbank School

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# From the Principal



**Dear Oakbank School Community,**

**As we reach the end of 2023, it's time to reflect on the wonderful year we've had at Oakbank School. From academic achievements to extracurricular activities, our students have excelled in every field.**

## Recognising Excellence

In the past year, our school has been recognised for its excellence in digital technologies, sports, and developing community spirit. Our students have participated in various programs and experiences that have helped them grow and learn. We are proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing them continue to succeed in the future.

## Community Engagement

Our school has also been active in the community, participating in events such as the Royal Adelaide Show and the Murray Bridge Show. Our students attended the Aboriginal STEM Learner Congress, which was a great success. Sporting opportunities for the students have been in abundance this year, with our tennis team excelling in Term 4.

Students have displayed empathy and understanding by being involved in various community service projects, including volunteering with Vinnies and participating in the Winter Sleepout to raise awareness of the current homelessness issues.

## Facilities Upgrades

We have also made great progress in our facilities, with the significant upgrade to our stormwater system, which has been well tested again recently; reopening of our Technology Centre and the installation of our lift, which in 2024 will finally allow full access for everyone to our upstairs rooms after 50 years! We also had our iFarm installed supporting the inclusion of advanced technologies into agricultural studies.

## Presentation Night

Our end of year presentation night allowed us to hear from our very successful old-scholar, Squadron Leader Daniel Evans, RAAF. His journey from reception student to Year 12 then onto Uni and finally the world of work with the RAAF provided inspiration for our 2023 Year 12 graduates. One day we look forward to welcoming them back to share their journeys. A link will be sent to Year 12 families with to download photos from the event shortly.



## Staff Farewells

At the end of 2023 we say goodbye to a few staff members

**Prithi Sachi** has won permanency at Findon High school and will head there in Semester two after her maternity leave.

**Tim Cluff** concludes his contract and has won a teaching role in Whyalla starting in 2024

**Phillip Nguyen** has begun work as an apprentice electrician

**Janette Rule** will be returning to Kadina

**Vicki Wright** who concluded her contract with us

**Peter Cottle** who has leave in semester 1 and has informed the school he will not be returning after this at this stage.

We also have one staff member heading off on well-earned long service leave, **Wayne Mardell** who will be enjoying a well earned break in term 1.



## Welcoming New Staff

We will be welcoming several new staff members in 2024

**FeiFei Ghander**  
Food Technology and Art teacher

**Breandan Wolff**  
Science Teacher and Data Officer

**Lauren Lee**  
Senior Maths teacher

**Grant Lawrence**  
Maths and Science teacher



## Celebrating 2023 Looking to 2024

**Our students and staff have had a wonderful year, with many opportunities to help them learn and grow.**

In 2024 we have more new developments heading our way and am hoping to make some exciting announcements in the new year.

I would like to thank our dedicated staff, parents, and students for their hard work and commitment to making Oakbank School a great place to learn. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Principal of Oakbank school and look forward to another successful year in 2024.

Sincerely,  
**Lee Knight**  
Principal



## 2024 Changes

### Timetable changes

**Our secondary timetable will move in 2024 from having two doubles per week to having one double and two single lessons each week per subject.**

This will give the students 3 touch points per week with their teachers and mean that any missed lessons due to illness or other commitments such as VET will have less of an impact.

### Adjusted School Finish Time

**Our school day in 2024 will be shortened by 5 mins, to finish at 3:15pm instead of 3:20pm, on each day except Wednesday.**

This slight adjustment puts our school on the correct minutes per week, 1600, for student learning time.

### 2024 School Finish Times

**3.15 pm** Finish  
Mon-Tue & Thu-Fri

**2.25 pm** Early Finish  
Wed

## Staggered start to the beginning of the 2024 school year

**The beginning of the year will see a staggered start for our secondary students. This will allow our newest students and our senior school students to have a comprehensive orientation and set them up well for the important year ahead.**

Students will start the school year as follows:

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# From the Minister for Education



Government  
of South Australia

Hon Blair Boyer MP  
Member for Wright

Dear parent/caregiver

Every child deserves access to a great education – one that supports them to learn and thrive.

To achieve this, we need to remove barriers for students with a disability so they receive appropriate support, and we need to give schools extra funding to ensure they have the resources they need.

We've heard from parents, families, teachers and principals, that the application process to receive funding for children with additional needs can be a barrier to effective inclusion.

As such, we are implementing new arrangements from term 1, 2024, to give schools greater autonomy to respond to the needs of their students quickly.

Schools will no longer need to apply for funding to support individual students at Levels 1 to 3. These levels will be abolished, and schools will now automatically receive a grant based on the number of students with a disability.

The changes will mean schools will have access to funding from the start of the year to help plan for staffing, programs and resources that respond to the needs of their students.

It means better, more targeted support to the students who need it the most.

It will see an additional investment of more than \$50m over the next four years to strengthen support for students with disability.

The Inclusive Education Support Program (IESP) changes will reduce the workload for our staff while giving teachers and leaders greater autonomy and flexibility over how they use those funds – working with families to get the supports right.

For those children and young people who require intensive support, schools can still apply for additional funding above the grant.



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## 2024 Bonfire Night Organising Committee

### Expressions of Interest

Last year's Oakbank School Bonfire Night was a huge success, and we are aiming to hold the event again in 2024. The planning and coordination of such a significant event is no mean feat, therefore, the Oakbank School Governing Council invite parents/caregivers who would like to be involved to express interest in becoming an Organising Committee member.

As a committee member, you would support the School and event team with sponsorship seeking, entertainment planning, catering preparation, general event planning and on-the-day attendance. It is anticipated that meetings will take place monthly until closer to the event when meetings will be more frequent. By commencing planning with considerable lead time,, we hope that we can stage an even bigger and more successful event for the community.

As a member of the Organising Committee, you will not only help with the event you'll get to know other parents and foster new friendships.

If you would like to be involved, please contact by emailing [dl.0762.events@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0762.events@schools.sa.edu.au), calling the **Front Office** on **8398 7200** or completing the **expression of interest form** via the **link** or **QR code** below.

Register your interest here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/2YZZd72zjp>





Celebrating  
Excellence





# Oakbank Secondary School Presentation Night Awards

## Year 12 Curriculum Awards

### Creative Arts Award

Rylee Burgess

### Essential English Award

Josh Windebank

### English Award

Gypsy McDowell

### Food & Hospitality Award

MacKenzie Hocking

### General Maths Award

MacKenzie Hocking

### Biology Award

Mackenzie Hocking

### Research Project Award

Henry Green

Riley O'Shea

### Sport Studies Award

Kayleigh Hubbert

### Woodworking Award

Casey Muster

## Scholarships

### Year 12 Kavel Scholarship

Siannah Hyland

### Onkaparinga Lions Club Scholarships

\$1,000 each for educational purposes whilst at Oakbank School during 2023/2024

### Year 10

Darcy Meade

### Year 10

Charli Plummer

### Year 11

Levi Homes

Willow Tindale-Dugan

## Special Awards

### Mayo Community Service Award

Adam Foweraker

### School Council Sports Award

Kieran Welsh

### VET Award

Abigail Birchall

Tyler Bath

### Agriculture Award

Nick Chassiotis

### Greening School Pride Award

Tyler Wilcock

Sam MacPherson

### District Council of Mt Barker - Star of the Hills Award

Rylee Burgess

## DUX Awards

### DUX Awards - Year 11

Levi Homes

### DUX Awards - Year 10

Ava Smith

### DUX Awards - Year 9

Inara Castle

### DUX Awards - Year 8

Dylan Roberts-Hann

### DUX Awards - Year 7

Carmelina Bettio

## Major Awards

### Long Tan Leadership & Team Awards - Yr 10

Ava Smith

### Long Tan Leadership & Team Awards - Yr 12

Tyler Bath

### ADF - Future Innovators - Yr 10

Duncan Hyland

### ADF - Future Innovators - Yr 12

MacKenzie Hocking

### Ampol Best All Rounder - Yr 12

Jana Tonkin

### Rotary Club of Onkaparinga - Leadership and Contribution to Community Award

Gary Files

### Lions Club of Onkaparinga - Outstanding Service to School Award

Addelie Flavell

### Lions Club of Onkaparinga - Leadership and Academic Excellence Award

MacKenzie Hocking

*Congratulations!*



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# Oakbank Year 6 Graduation Night





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## Uniform Update

Dear parents and caregivers,

Uniform is an important part of defining who we are as the community of Oakbank School. Wearing the correct uniform is a requirement of attendance at our school and reinforces our values of **Connection, Respect & Responsibility**. Wearing correct uniform helps maintain a safe school environment.

Recently we have had an update to our school uniform policy that has been approved by Governing Council. As part of our efforts to provide more versatile and comfortable uniform options, **navy jeans are now an acceptable part of the school uniform in 2024.**

**To meet the required uniform specifications for navy jeans they must have; no rips, no embellishments, or be acid wash and must be worn at the waist, with no visible undergarments.**

We understand the importance of affordability and want to assure you that there are affordable options available for navy jeans, ranging from \$10-\$20 at Kmart to \$60 at Jeanswest. We have collated a selection of examples and cost-effective choices. Please make sure to check the uniform guidelines provided by the school to ensure that the selected navy jeans comply with our uniform policy.

**Overleaf are the 2024 Uniform requirements. Please ensure your child has these ready before the beginning of the 2024 school year. Pop up shop opening times are in this newsletter.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new addition to the uniform policy or need assistance in finding affordable options, please feel free to contact the school office at **8398 7200** or **dl.0762.info@schools.sa.edu.au**.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we strive to enhance the overall uniform experience for our students. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining a positive and cohesive school environment.

Kindest regards

**Lee Knight**

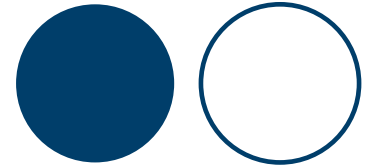
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# Uniform Requirements

## School Colours are Navy & White



### 1. Polo shirts

- R-12: Navy polo with white logo
- All school polo tops must have a school logo.
- Undershirts must be navy.

### 2. Jackets/Windcheaters

- Primary, Middle, and Senior schools: ¼ zip navy fleece jumper with white school logo or navy soft shell jacket with white school logo
- Year 6 and 12 commemorative tops, in school colours, as organised by the school.

### 3. Shorts

- Plain navy

### 4. Skirt/Skort

- Plain Navy/tartan

### 5. Pants

- Plain navy pants, trousers, or neat track pants
- Neat dark blue demin jeans will be trialled in 2024

### 6. Special uniforms

- Tops for sporting teams will be supplied.
- Agriculture – show team: navy & white checked shirt, navy vest, jeans.

### 7. Hats

- Beanies and/or navy & white caps may be worn in winter.
- Bucket hat with white school logo (with NO drawstrings) must be worn in each break during Terms 1 and 4 for all primary students.

## Other clothing and accessories

### 8. Footwear

- Students must wear trainers for physical education classes.
- Fully enclosed flat shoes are required.
- No Ugg boots, thongs or slip on shoes for safety reasons.
- R-6 students may wear sandals or trainers; Year 7-12 require full enclosed trainers or school shoes

### 9. Rain jackets and wind breakers

- Rain jackets and wind breakers can be worn over, but not instead of, school jumpers.
- No oodles, blankets or other lounge attire.

## Acceptable Navy Jeans examples



## Acceptable Shorts / Skirt / Skort examples





Uniform  
Supplier

**MT BARKER  
POP UP SHOP**

2 HAMPDEN ROAD, MT BARKER

17 JANUARY  
2:00 - 6:00 PM

18 JANUARY  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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**MODBURY STORE**  
*\*bookings essential from Nov-Feb*  
SHOP 24, CLOVERCREST PLAZA  
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**TRADING HOURS:**  
MON-FRI 9:00AM – 5:00PM  
SAT 10.00AM – 1:00PM  
CLOSED ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS



Windcheater



Soft Shell Jacket



Polo

  
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**Secondary School  
Semester 2 Reports now  
available on Daymap.**

**Primary  
School  
paper  
reports  
distributed**

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# Primary School (Rec-Year 6) Materials & Services Charges for 2024

The Governing Council has polled the Oakbank School parent community for approval of the 2024 Materials & Services Charges.

**Poll 1 outcome: Years Rec to Year 6** - returned in majority favour of the charge being **\$385.00**.

The Governing Council has approved these prescribed sums for 2024 at their meeting held on 1 December 2023.



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Oakbank School - 0762		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2024		
Notice of Charges for R-6		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$0.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$60.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$55.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$90.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$45.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$95.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</b>	<b>\$230.00</b>
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$40.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)</b>		<b>\$385.00</b>

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
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	\$0.00



# Secondary School (Year 7-12) Materials & Services Charges for 2024

The Governing Council has polled the Oakbank School parent community for approval of the 2024 Materials & Services Charges.

**Poll 2 outcome: Years 7-13-** returned in majority favour of the charge being **\$630.00**.

The Governing Council has approved these prescribed sums for 2024 at their meeting held on 1 December 2023.



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Oakbank School - 0762		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2024		
Notice of Charges for 7-13		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$0.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$90.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$25.00
	0	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$145.00
	Access to Machinery	\$60.00
	Access to Equipment	\$100.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$180.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</b>	<b>\$485.00</b>
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$30.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)</b>		<b>\$630.00</b>

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00



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# Purchase a Recommended Laptop

[oakbank.orderportal.com.au](http://oakbank.orderportal.com.au)

Oakbank School has selected Learning with Technology (LWT) to offer selected laptops to our students which meet our minimum specifications.



Visit the LWT Oakbank School Online Ordering Portal for full specifications, comparisons, pricing and availability.

Multiple payment options are including up to 12 months interest free, subject to the finance provider's approval.



Lenovo laptops with 3 years warranty + accidental damage available now!



**Touch Model**  
AMD Ryzen 5 13.3" with pen



**Non-Touch Model**  
Intel Core i5 14"

## Why purchase a laptop from LWT Portal?



### Easy Graphical Comparison

To help parents choose the right device LWT uses easy to understand graphic icons to help parents compare units using a side by side comparison of key specifications to help their choice.



### Commercial Grade Devices

The devices LWT offer via their portals are commercial grade that you won't find in a retail store. Built to a higher quality and with a **3 year warranty** they are designed to last longer than their retail counterparts.



### Delivered directly to you

Orders are processed straight away and usually arrive in 1-2 weeks via Australia Post eParcel. The Portal gives a general idea of availability and wait times for orders.



### Hassle Free Quick Onsite Servicing

The student environment often leads to a higher number of repairs. Onsite support at the school greatly reduces frustrations for parents. Getting a retail device repaired usually takes weeks and quite often re-quires the parent to take time out of their day.



### Accidental Damage Protection

We offer well priced **insurance options** that give **Accidental Damage protection** with quick repair times. We use Manufacturers Insurance to help guaran-tee parts availability.