



Texas P-10  
State School

# Texas Telegraph

Week 2, Term 3 2025



## Diary Dates

### TERM 3

**Thursday 24 & Friday 25 July**  
Drum Workshops

**Tuesday 5 August**  
PISA Assessment

**Monday 11 August**  
Texas Show Holiday

**Tuesday 9 September**  
Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

**Friday 19 September**  
Last day of Term 3

*Pictured top of page: Athletics Carnival  
(see article on pages 10-11)*

## Permission Notes

Sent Home	Affected Students	Activity	Due Back
14/7	Year 10	Year 10 Careers Fair	OVERDUE
14/7	Year 3	Young Writers Workshop	OVERDUE
17/7	Qualifying students	Border District Athletics	OVERDUE
16/7	Qualifying students	MacZone Athletics	30/7
21/7	Year 9/10	Gym	1/8

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## Principal's Report

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 3. I hope you were able to have a nice break from the routine of school while the kids were at home.

### NAPLAN Reports

NAPLAN reports were posted to school last week. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sat the NAPLAN tests in Term 1. We are carefully going through the reports now as we collate our whole school data. NAPLAN reports will be sent home next week.

### PISA Testing

Texas has been selected to participate in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). PISA is a sample assessment, and as such, approximately 800 Australian secondary schools have been sampled to participate in PISA 2025. The sample selection process is designed in such a way that ensures there is adequate representation of the states and territories, government, Catholic and independent schools, as well as metropolitan, regional and remote schools.

Students fitting the criteria in Year 10 will spend around 3¾ hours completing a computer-based assessment, including answering questions in one or more of the assessment domains (science, reading, mathematics and learning in a digital world), and answering questions about their home background, aspects of students' lives, such as their attitudes and motivation towards learning, availability and use of ICT.

PISA is an age-based sample, and all students enrolled in school, born between 1 May 2009 and 30 April 2010, regardless of year level, will be eligible to participate in PISA. This means that students involved will be 15-year-olds in Year 10.

The PISA assessment has been scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 5 August 2025**, commencing at 9:00am.

### Buddy Reading

Each Monday we have started a buddy reading system during Smash Up time. Older students will read with the younger students of the school. The year level pairings are as follows:

- Prep with Year 6
- Year 1/2 with Year 7
- Year 3 with Year 8
- Year 4 with Year 9
- Year 5 with Year 10

Older year levels join their buddies in the younger year level's classroom, with each group supervised by their form teacher and the Teacher Aides. We had our first week of buddy reading on Monday of this week and it went very well.

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**Student Absence Line: (07) 4653 3366 Operates 24 hrs 7 days a week. Please call by 9:30 am on the day of absence, stating your child's name and year level. A reason for the absence must be provided.**

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**Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible**

## Principal's Report (continued)

### Manual Arts – Term 3

Last term we farewelled Mr John Ryan who has been teaching our Manual Arts classes since the start of 2024. I'd like to personally thank John for coming to our aid and coming out of retirement to keep the Manual Arts program running. It was particularly nice getting to know John and working with him for the past 18 months and we will all miss his regular presence at school. We wish John all the best as he re-enters full retirement. In Term 3 Mrs Christidis will take over as the Manual Arts teacher.

### Drum Workshops

On Thursday and Friday of this week we will be hosting drum workshops delivered by Nick Peel. Nick as worked in our school in previous years with Topology. The workshops will take place over 2 days:

	THURSDAY (24 July)	FRIDAY (25 July)
LESSON 1	Prep	Year 5
LESSON 2	Year 1-2	Year 6
LESSON 3	Year 3	Year 7-8
LESSON 4	Year 4	Year 9-10



The drum sessions will be held on the Multipurpose Courts.

**Sean Cole**  
Principal

## Grant Announcement

### Exciting News: \$35,000 Community Grant Secured for Texas Memorial Hall AV Upgrade

We are thrilled to announce that the Texas P&C, has been successful in securing a \$35,000 grant through the February 2025 round of the Community Benefits Fund. The successful outcome of this application was officially announced over the June/July school holidays.

This grant will fund the installation of audiovisual equipment at the Texas Memorial Hall, significantly enhancing the functionality of this much loved community space.

The planned upgrades include:

- **A large motorised projection screen** with remote control
- **A high-quality Laser Projector**
- **A pan-tilt-zoom camera solution** to support live-streaming, recording, and flexible multimedia use

These improvements will allow the Hall to better accommodate a range of community events, presentations, school functions, and more. Bringing lasting benefit to the entire Texas community.

In addition to the grant funding, **Goondiwindi Regional Council** has generously committed to supporting this initiative by providing:

- **Internet access** at the Hall to enable content streaming
- A **laptop** and **associated streaming software** to ensure a seamless user experience
- Coverage of **installation costs**, including materials, hardware, access equipment hire, labour, and system testing
- **All other associated costs** required to fully deliver and activate the audiovisual system

We extend our sincere thanks to **Jillian Hazard** for her work on this application and to the **Community Benefits Fund** for their generous support in making valuable upgrade possible.

Stay tuned for installation updates!



## Head of Department

### Helping Your Child Navigate Social Media

When your child begins using social media, it's important to understand the risks and support them in using it in healthy ways. Here are some things to keep in mind.

Social media often includes images, videos, and experiences that may not be suitable for young minds. Children may not yet have the emotional maturity to process what they see, which can lead to:

- anxiety, depression, or changes in behaviour
- constantly comparing themselves to others
- low self-esteem and body image concerns

We recommend that parents limit social media use for children under 14. If your child is using social media, be actively involved – monitor their activity, offer support, and place time limits while they develop healthy online habits.

### Year 10 Careers Education

In Week 2 of Term 3, our Year 10 students will travel to Stanthorpe State High School as part of their Career Education and SET Planning. This excursion will give students the opportunity to:

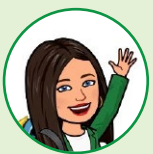
- Explore a range of career pathway options
- Build their knowledge at the Careers Market

Later in the year, Stanthorpe State High School will host a **Subject Selection Information Evening** for students entering Year 11. The evening will begin with a presentation on Senior Secondary schooling and the process of earning a QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education). Students and caregivers will then have the chance to speak with staff and view subject displays to support informed subject selection.

### Attendance

A big congratulations to our **Year 7** and **Prep** students for meeting the whole school attendance target of **90%** for the last five weeks of Term 2! This is a fantastic effort and shows great commitment to learning. A special shout-out goes to our Prep students, who led the way with excellent attendance.

So many classes were close to hitting the target too – Year 1/2, Year 8, and Year 10 were right on the edge. Fingers crossed we see even more classes reach the goal next term! Keep up the great effort, everyone – every day at school really does count!

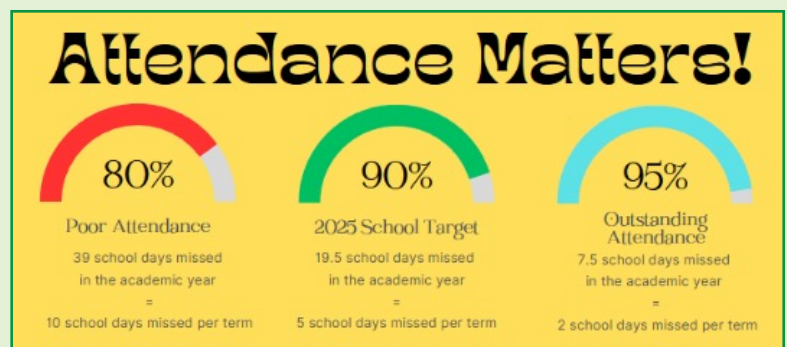


Ms Jillian Hazard  
Head of Department

### Safely introducing your child to social media

Things to try:

- ♥ Keep devices in an area that's easily supervised.
- ♥ Learn to use parental controls (these are available on many devices).
- ♥ Friend/Follow their new social media account, so you can monitor what they're doing online.
- ♥ Encourage them to come to you if they see something that concerns or frightens them.









Classes	Week 10	Week 1
Prep	91.43%	95.00%
Year 1/2	93.00%	87.78%
Year 3	94.44%	92.22%
Year 4	88.00%	89.33%
Year 5	78.95%	91.25%
Year 6	78.82%	71.88%
Year 7	86.25%	85.88%
Year 8	88.89%	88.75%
Year 9	85.71%	85.00%
Year 10	91.67%	86.67%
Whole School	87.72%	87.38%

FIVE WEEK AVERAGE						
	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	TOTAL AVERAGE
Prep	95.71%	94.29%	95.71%	92.14%	91.43%	93.86%
Year 1/2	87.00%	92.00%	92.00%	85.00%	93.00%	89.80%
Year 3	80.00%	82.22%	90.00%	78.89%	94.44%	85.11%
Year 4	77.33%	92.00%	84.00%	86.67%	88.00%	85.60%
Year 5	85.00%	81.58%	83.16%	86.11%	78.95%	82.96%
Year 6	84.12%	89.41%	84.12%	89.41%	78.82%	85.18%
Year 7	92.50%	89.38%	90.00%	95.00%	86.25%	90.63%
Year 8	88.89%	91.11%	93.33%	83.33%	88.89%	89.11%
Year 9	72.50%	85.00%	72.86%	68.57%	85.71%	76.93%
Year 10	81.67%	95.00%	76.67%	90.00%	91.67%	87.00%
Whole School	84.47%	89.20%	86.18%	85.51%	87.72%	86.62%



## Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 1	Student		Reason
Prep		Flynn	For your stellar behaviour and work ethic coming back into Term 3. We are super proud of you and hope you keep showing your amazing potential. You are a SUPER Prepaheero!
Year 1		Ahzari	For improved attendance.
Year 2		James	For working independently.
Year 3		Hugo	For always showing excitement and enthusiasm in the classroom with all your subjects. Keep it up!
Year 4		Chase	For being a great friend to all. You are so caring and kind to everyone around you. You really think about the work we undertake and have very thoughtful questions. We love having you in our classroom.
Year 5		Harry	For working well on your Texas Show entries. You added lots of amazing details to your illustrations and presented your work neatly.

Term 3 Week 1	Student		Reason
Year 6		Briar	For your excellent work in all subjects - your quality of work is always outstanding. Well done, Briar.
Year 7		Lachlan	For beginning the term with great focus and dedication to your studies.
Year 8		Georgianna	For smashing your research task in HASS - you have shown great application and dedication.
Year 9		Rihan	For applying yourself diligently to your work in English and HASS.
Year 10		Matthew	For the great work ethic and independent learning that you are displaying in HASS.



## SRC Pancakes and PJs

### Pancakes, Pyjamas and the Perfect End to Term

What better way to wrap up a big term than rolling into school in your pyjamas and enjoying a pancake breakfast! That's exactly what our students did on the final day of Term 2, thanks to the Student Representative Council's Pancakes and Pyjamas Day!

There were fluffy stacks, plenty of syrup, and some very impressive bedhead on display as students celebrated the last day in style. The event brought laughter, full bellies, and a sense of fun – the perfect ingredients for a memorable morning.

A huge thank you to our SRC members and staff who helped flip pancakes and keep the good vibes going. It was a fantastic way to end the term, and a well-deserved treat for all.



Well done, students – you truly earned every bite!

**Ms Jillian Hazard**  
Head of Department





## Year 1 and 2

On the final day of term, Year 1 and 2 proudly hosted the official opening of their brand-new classroom. The event was a celebration of community, learning, and student achievement.

Prep and Year 3 classes, along with families and community members, were invited to attend the special occasion. The students of Year 1 and 2 took the lead in planning and organising the ceremony, showcasing their teamwork and leadership skills. Some students spoke during the event, while others worked diligently behind the scenes, decorating the classroom and preparing the party area to make the day extra special.

A few students took on important roles, such as supporting official guests and capturing the day as official photographers.

The new classroom is a source of great pride for Year 1 and 2. They feel extremely privileged to be the first class to learn in the new space, which features modern learning corners, updated equipment, and the latest technology.

Year 1 and 2 would like to extend their thanks to all the families, classmates, staff, and community members who joined them for the opening. Your presence meant a great deal and helped make the day truly memorable.

Thank you for sharing in this exciting milestone!



**Mrs Sonya Finlay**





## Year 4



Since last term students have showed off their creative skills in dressing up for Book Fair and in Technology designing and building their very own pinball machines. It was great to see how the students used their critical thinking skills to make them.

**Mrs Lisa Finlay**



## Year 9-10 Ag

Students in Year 9/10 Ag were lucky to see some peanut harvest when they recently went on farm for a visit. Farmer Greg talked them through all the elements of what a harvest looks like. The students got to pick some peanuts and eat them fresh from the field. The students are finishing off their irrigation systems and have been enjoying the build process.



**Mrs Lisa Finlay**





## Year 8 Science

### Year 8s Get Hands-On with Gravity Buggies

This term, Year 8 Science students have been putting Newton's laws into action as they conducted their highly anticipated gravity buggy experiments.

As part of their Physics unit, students were challenged to design, build, and test gravity-powered buggies – vehicles that rely on the force of gravity to move, rather than motors or batteries. Using simple materials like cardboard, skewers, wheels, and string, students worked in teams to create buggies that could travel the furthest distance using only a falling weight as their energy source.

Throughout the project, students developed their understanding of key physics concepts such as gravitational potential energy, friction, force, and motion. They made predictions, tested variables like mass and ramp height, and recorded data to measure how different changes affected the performance of their buggies.

The school's hallways became a makeshift test track, full of excitement and scientific thinking. There were moments of triumph (and a few crash landings!), but all were valuable learning opportunities. Students reflected on what worked, what didn't, and how they could improve their designs based on scientific reasoning.



This engaging, hands-on investigation not only brought science to life but also encouraged creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork. Well done to all the Year 8 students for their effort, enthusiasm, and innovation in this exciting experiment!

**Miss Anthea Loader**





## Year 9 Mathematics

### Year 9 Students Dive Into Probability

This term, Year 9 Mathematics students have kicked off their new unit on probability with curiosity, collaboration, and a bit of chance!

The unit began with students exploring **theoretical probability**, learning how to calculate the likelihood of various outcomes in different situations – such as flipping a coin, rolling a die, or selecting a card from a deck. Students quickly discovered how useful fractions, decimals, and percentages are when calculating and comparing probabilities.

To bring the numbers to life, students conducted **real-world probability** experiments. The classroom became a lively lab of learning as students flipped coins, rolled dice, and spun spinners – collecting data and analysing how their experimental results compared to what they expected theoretically.

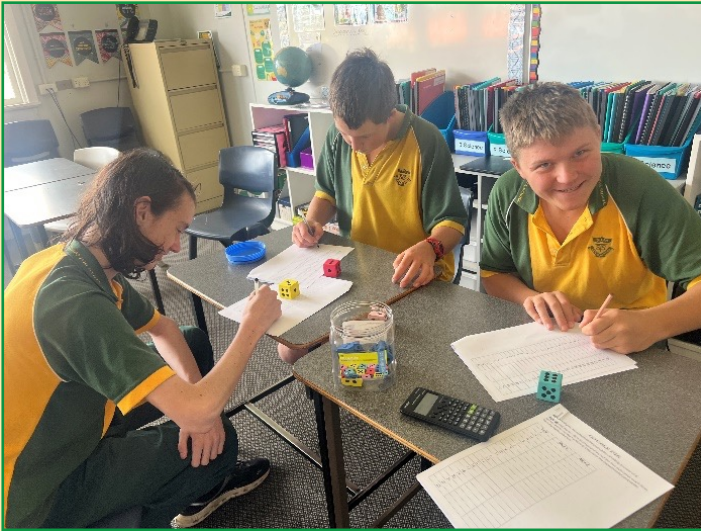
These hands-on activities helped students deepen their understanding of randomness, fairness, and sample size. Many were surprised to find that real results often varied from expected ones, especially with smaller sample sizes, sparking important discussions about chance, variation, and patterns in data.

As the unit continues, students will apply their knowledge to more complex scenarios and even design their own probability simulations. It's been fantastic to see such enthusiasm, critical thinking, and teamwork from the Year 9s as they develop valuable skills in mathematical reasoning and data analysis.



We can't wait to see what probabilities they'll uncover next!

**Miss Anthea Loader**



## QLD Cross Country State Championships

Brock recently attended the QLD Cross Country State Championships held in Nudgee, Brisbane. Brock had a total of 103 people in his race with 58 of them being in his age group. There were also 12 boys from Darling Downs in the same race as Brock. Brock ran a fantastic race, setting a time of 21 minutes and 34 seconds for 6km! He was the third boy from Darling Downs to cross the line in his race and finished 37th in his age group! Such an incredible effort.

The next day was relay day. Brock was running the 4th leg for the Darling Downs team, and he absolutely smashed it. Setting a time 4 minutes 38 seconds for the 1.5km run.

Brock has done an absolutely incredible job and it was his last Cross Country representing our school. It has been a pleasure having you represent us! We are all super proud of you!

**Mr Lochlan Doughty**



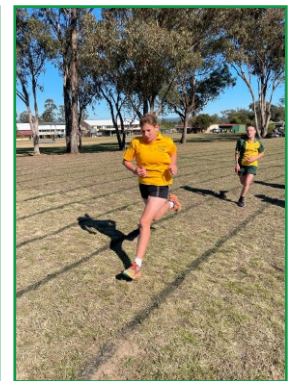


## Athletics Carnival

In Week 10 of Term 2, Texas held our annual interhouse school carnival. It was a great day that saw students showing off their athletic abilities. It was wonderful to see all the students who attended on the day giving it a go and cheering each other on. There was great showing of sportsmanship and costumes with everyone cheering on their peers and their houses.

At the end of the day there could only be one winner. With the carnivals tied at I-I (Burilda – swimming Carnival, Coolac – Cross Country) this was the one to win to take the bragging rights. Burilda emerged victorious at the end of the day and claimed those bragging rights. Although Coolac did walk away being War Cry Winners and didn't make it easy for Burilda.

**Mr Lochlan Doughty**





## Athletics Carnival (continued)





## Expectation of the Week



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### EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK



BE SAFE BE RESPONSIBLE BE RESPECTFUL

Be an organised learner

- Be Punctual
- Have everything you need for the day
- Have all your items clearly named
- Sharpen pencils and have your own eraser
- Keep your tidy trays and bags clean and tidy

Start everyday the right way!



## Community Notices



### Texas Show

26/27 July 2025

Texas Showgrounds

[www.texasshowsociety.com.au](http://www.texasshowsociety.com.au)

#### Saturday

Campdraft 7am  
Main Ring 8.30am  
Sheep Dog Trials 8 - 4 pm  
Showjumping 9am  
Dressage 9.30am  
Fat and Store cattle 9am  
Stud Cattle 9am  
Poultry 9am (Sat only)  
Outdoor Markets and Displays  
Lazer Tag  
Rockwall Climbing Wall  
Facepainting 10.30 - 12 pm  
Sideshow Alley  
Pig Races 11- 5 pm  
Opening of show 12pm  
Texas SS performances 12.30 - 1pm  
Celebrity Chef demonstration 1.45 pm  
Whip Cracking Competition  
Barrel Races  
Rodeo 3pm - 8pm  
Fireworks 6.30 pm  
The Gold Creek Band 8 - late

FREE  
ENTRY  
SUNDAY

#### Sunday

Campdraft 7am  
Sheep Dog Trials 8 - 3pm  
Dog Show 9.30am  
Lazer Tag  
Pig Races 4 sessions  
Rockwall Climbing  
Pushbike Challenge 11am  
Ute Competition 12 pm  
Tough Texan Challenge 12pm  
Motorbike Competition 1pm  
Woodchop after Dogs. 10.30 pm  
Raffle Draw 3.45pm



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