



Texas Telegraph

Week 6, Term 1 2026



Term 1 Dates

Tuckshop will only be available in Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10

11-23 March
NAPLAN

Monday 23 March –
Wednesday 1 April
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 25 March
P&C Meeting and AGM

Wednesday 1 April
Cross Country

Thursday 2 April
Last day of Term 1

Friday 3 April
Good Friday Public Holiday

*Pictured top of page: Mac Zone
Swimming (see article on page 10)*

QParents Consents

Affected Students	Activity	Due Back
High School Students	Broncos Cup Rugby League Training	3/3
All Students	ANZAC Day Service	21/4
Ag Science Students	Field Trips	3/3
Year 7-10	Shake & Stir Performances	14/9
All Students	Run Club	27/3
P-Year 6	Shake & Stir Performances	16/3

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Principal's Report

Welcome to Week 6. As usual, there are plenty of things happening in and out of the classrooms.

NAPLAN 2026 – Parent information

On Tuesday students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in a NAPLAN Practice test. The actual testing dates for NAPLAN this year will be 11, 12, 13 and 16 March as shown in the schedule below.

Other information for parents:

- NAPLAN is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year.
- It is the only national assessment all Australian students can undertake.
- NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents and carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards.
- NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with more information about students' educational progress.
- Students do the NAPLAN tests online, although all Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.
- NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.
- Students will sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy with questions that align to the Australian Curriculum in English and Mathematics.
- Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN but parents can support students by letting them know that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and by reminding them to simply do their best.

NAPLAN 2026 Schedule

	Wednesday 11 March	Thursday 12 March	Friday 13 March	Monday 16 March
Lesson 1	Year 5 Writing	Year 5 Reading	Year 3 Language Conventions	Year 3 Numeracy
Lesson 2	Year 7 Writing	Year 7 Reading	Year 7 Language Conventions	Year 7 Numeracy
	Year 9 Writing	Year 9 Reading	Year 9 Language Conventions	Year 9 Numeracy
Lesson 3	Year 3 Writing	Year 3 Reading	Year 5 Language Conventions	Year 5 Numeracy

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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.

1 Flemming Street, Texas QLD 4385

Phone (07) 4653 3333 principal@texasss.eq.edu.au

https://texasss.eq.edu.au /Texas P-10 State School

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

Principal's Report (continued)

Supervisor Visit

Last Monday we were joined by our new school supervisor, Meaghan Rodgers. Meaghan spent time discussing our school data and then went on a walk through our classrooms. Meaghan expressed that she was very impressed with the level of teaching evident in the classrooms and the student's level of engagement. Meaghan went on to say that Texas P-10 State School was among the best P-10 schools in our region and even in the state regarding student and teacher performance. This was very well received feedback as I know how hard everyone works at our school. Well done us!!

GRIP Conference

This week, students in Year 6 and 10 attended the annual GRIP Leadership Conference. The primary school conference was held in Warwick while the high school conference was held in Toowoomba. Students have reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the day. *(See more in Miss Loader's article below.)*

2 Positives and a Polisher

Each week on assembly I feedback to the student body on 2 positive things which are worthy of praise, as well as something which students need to work on, which is known as a polisher. This week:

2 Positives:

1. Mrs Rodgers (school supervisor) reported that during her walk through, the students working exceptionally well.
2. Year 4 were using kind words while playing league tag at break time last week.

1 Polisher

1. Warning: Do not bring vapes into the school.



Thanks and have a great week!

Sean Cole
Principal

Year 10 GRIP Leadership Conference

Three of our Year 10 students recently had the opportunity to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference, a dynamic and engaging event designed to develop leadership skills in young people. The conference brought together student leaders from a range of schools, providing a valuable opportunity to learn, reflect, and be inspired.

Throughout the day, students participated in interactive sessions focused on what it means to be a positive and effective leader. Presenters encouraged students to consider how leadership is not just about holding a title, but about taking initiative, supporting others, and making a meaningful contribution to their school community. Students explored practical strategies for building confidence, working as part of a team, and leading by example.

The conference was both entertaining and thought-provoking, with engaging speakers, group discussions, and real-world examples that helped students connect leadership concepts to their own experiences. Our students represented the school with maturity and enthusiasm, and they should be proud of their willingness to step outside their comfort zones and embrace this opportunity.

We look forward to seeing them apply their new skills and ideas in their roles at school and continue to grow as leaders within our community.

Miss Loader



Head of Department

GRIP Leadership Conference – “I Accept the Challenge”

What does it take to be a great student leader? Our Year 6 and Year 10 students recently explored this question when they attended the GRIP Leadership Conference, an inspiring day focused on confidence, responsibility and action. Year 6 students travelled to Warwick, while our Year 10 leaders attended the conference in Highfields, joining students from schools across the region.



Throughout the day, students engaged in interactive sessions built around the theme “I Accept the Challenge”. They learnt that effective leadership means choosing what is necessary rather than what is easiest and worked through a structured process to identify and prioritise real challenges within their own school community.

Students also explored the personal challenges of leadership, including meeting expectations, stepping outside their comfort zones, increasing their capacity and leading with integrity. Elective workshops allowed students to tailor their learning, with sessions focused on running successful school events, improving public speaking, building positive and inclusive friendships, and turning new ideas into action by gaining support and momentum.

We would like to thank **Mrs Trim, Miss Loader and Miss Milly** for accompanying our students on the day. Their guidance helped make the experience both meaningful and enjoyable.

Our students returned with fresh ideas, renewed confidence and a strong sense of purpose. We look forward to seeing them put their learning into action as they continue to grow as leaders within our school.

RACQ Streets Ahead

The RACQ Community and Education Team will be delivering the RACQ Streets Ahead road safety lessons to Prep to Year 10 students Wednesday 4th March.

If you would like to reinforce and extend your child’s learning of pedestrian, passenger and riding safety, you can access resource packs with different age-appropriate activities in each. In addition to these packs, there are also four educational videos demonstrating the strategies taught for Prep – Year 2 students. These resources will assist you to continue teaching road safety, implementing the strategies your children will learn, and applying them to your everyday lives.

<https://www.racq.com.au/streetsahead>

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews are **Monday 23 March – Wednesday 1 April between 3:15 – 5:00pm** with some morning times available. You can access SOBS to book interviews with your child’s teachers or call Admin.

Booking platform available from 9 – 20 March.



Attendance Data

Prep are officially unstoppable! Four weeks in a row with the highest attendance... are we surprised? Not even a little bit. When you are five and school is the best place on Earth, you just show up. Every. Single. Day.

A big shout out to **Year 1/2** who were hot on their heels in second place – we see you coming!

Slight improvement in **high school**, but we would love to see even more growth. Great to see that momentum building!

And... drum roll please... our whole school has hit the attendance target again this week!

Keep it up legends. Prep might be hard to beat... but we love a good challenge!

Ms Jillian Hazard
Head of Department

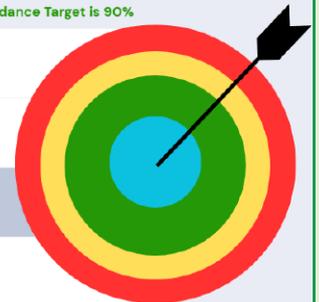


Classes	Week 4
Prep	95.38%
Year 1/2	94.29%
Year 3	93.33%
Year 4/5	90.43%
Year 5/6	90.00%
Year 7	92.86%
Year 8	88.75%
Year 9	80.00%
Year 10	90.00%
TOTAL	90.56%

HIT OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET!

Our 2026 Whole School Attendance Target is 90%

- **Below 80% Attendance**
More than 30 days absent all year.
This is equal to more than 10 days absent each term.
- **80–89% Attendance**
20–30 days absent all year.
This is equal to 6 – 9.5 days absent each term.
- **90 – 95% Attendance**
11–19 days absent all year.
This is equal to 2.75 – 4.75 days absent each term.
- **Above 95% Attendance**
Less than 10 days absent all year.
This equates to no more than 2.5 days of absence each term.





P AND C AGM & GENERAL MEETING

DATE
25 MARCH 2026

TIME
AT 5:30PM

LOCATION
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

ALL WELCOME



EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK

RESPONSIBLE & RESPECTFUL

We are organised and
ready to learn.

Texas P-10 State School



P&C QUIZ NIGHT

Save the date!

P & C are hoping to host a Quiz Night on Friday 15th May at the Memorial Hall.
More details coming soon...

TEXAS P-10 STATE SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

We're recruiting volunteers for our Term 1 fundraising events. Get involved today!

 <p>28th March Torture on the Border Triathlon Set Up and Pack Up.</p>	 <p>1st April Cross Country Carnival Serving food. approx 2 hours.</p>
<p>15th May Quiz Night Serving drinks.</p>	 <p>Twice a term (Fridays) Tuckshop Preparing and serving food. Approx 3 hours.</p>

Contact Shannon Teese
0429 180 682

Students of the Week

Term 1 Week 5	Student	Reason
Prep		Dusty For always giving everything a go and showing a positive attitude towards your learning. You try your best and never give up, even when something feels tricky. Keep it up, I am so proud of you. You are Fintastic!
		Allie For showing a positive attitude towards school and finding the excitement and best things out of every day. Keep it up, I love hearing about your 100 favourite things and seeing a big smile on your face. So proud of you, you are Fintastic!
Year 1		Cooper Congratulations for listening well, following instructions and completing work properly.
Year 2		Frances For always putting 110% effort into everything you do. Your work is exemplary.
Year 3		Lacey For always being a great example of an active learner in our classroom. You are always willing to lend a hand, listen well, and participate in class discussions. Keep up the great work!

Term 1 Week 5	Student	Reason
Year 4/5		Mere
		Samvir
Year 5/6		Holly
		Kadence
Year 7		Cohen For the great application that you are showing in all subject areas. You are a dedicated student who always tries your best.
Year 8		Lachlan For your great engagement in our lessons about the Middle Ages in HASS. You involve yourself in class discussions readily and complete all activities to a high standard.
Year 9		Blair For your fantastic contributions to lessons in HASS and English. Your responses in class discussions are logical and well thought out.
Year 10		Amelia For your enthusiastic engagement in our novel study in English. You are responding well to all activities and are very keen to find out what happens next.

Students of the Week

Term 1 Week 6	Student	Reason
Prep	 Evie	For your fantastic work in class. You are an engaged learner who joins in all classroom discussions, and you always try your best. Keep it up, I am so proud of you. You are Fintastic!
	 Angus	For your awesome handwriting. You try so hard when forming your letters and are always striving to make sure your work is neat. Keep it up, I am so proud of you. You are Fintastic!
Year 1	 Tessa	For always trying hard to complete work correctly.
Year 2	 Thea	For demonstrating good problem solving skills.
Year 3	 Amelia-Anne	For trying your hardest in all your learning areas. You are a kind friend and always come into the room with that amazing smile on your face ready to learn.
Year 4/5	 Jaxton-Lee	For bringing your wonderful smile and enthusiasm to the class every single day. You brighten up the classroom.
	 Matilda	For your positive attitude to your learning and giving everything a go. Also for being a great independent learner.

Term 1 Week 6	Student	Reason
Year 5/6	 Indyanna	For your mature approach to learning at all times; regardless of the subject area you are committed to excellence and contributing to the vibrancy of the class. Thank you for always sharing your beautiful brain with us all.
	 Baxter	
Year 7	 William	For always trying your hardest across the curriculum and doing the right thing! It is a joy to have you in our classroom.
Year 8	 Zeppelin	For your hard efforts and continuous good work in Health.
Year 10	 Nic	For your fantastic job in cleaning and organising the sports shed. I have never seen it so clean!
	 Lillie	

Year 1 & 2 News

It has been a busy and exciting start to the term in Years 1 and 2!

English

In English, students have been exploring wonderful stories by the much-loved Australian author Mem Fox. We have enjoyed reading and discussing:

- *The Magic Hat*
- *Possum Magic*
- *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*

Through these stories, students have been learning to identify plot, characters, and setting. They have enjoyed retelling events, describing their favourite characters, and discussing where and when each story takes place. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing as they share their ideas.

Maths

In Maths, students are developing their understanding of 2- and 3-digit numbers. They have been practising reading, writing, and representing numbers in different ways.

We have also been:

- Collecting and organising data
- Revising the days of the week
- Revising the months of the year

Students have been working hard to explain their thinking and show their understanding using numbers, words, and pictures.

Science

In Science, we are learning about the external features of plants and animals. Students have been identifying different body parts and discussing how these features help living things survive. We have also been exploring different habitats and learning about how plants and animals live in environments suited to their needs.

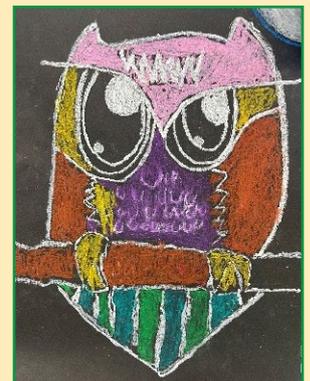
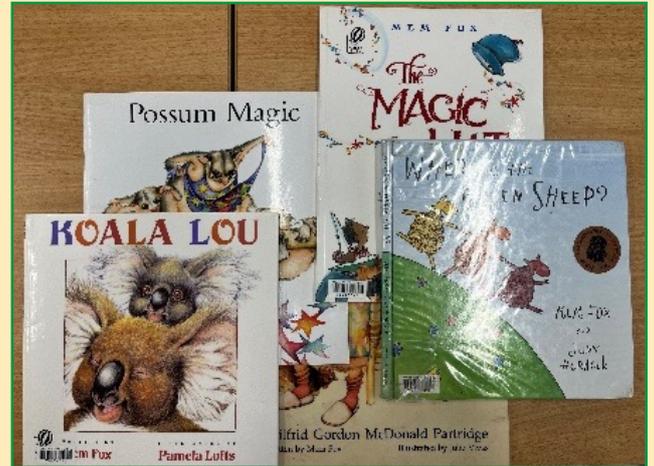
The Arts

Students have been painting and drawing a variety of animals, carefully observing colours, shapes, and features. We have also been practising our dances for the SRC Induction Ceremony.

Reminders

- Parade is on Monday.
- Thursday is Library Day.
- Homework is handed in every Friday.

Mrs Sonya Finlay



Year 4/5 News

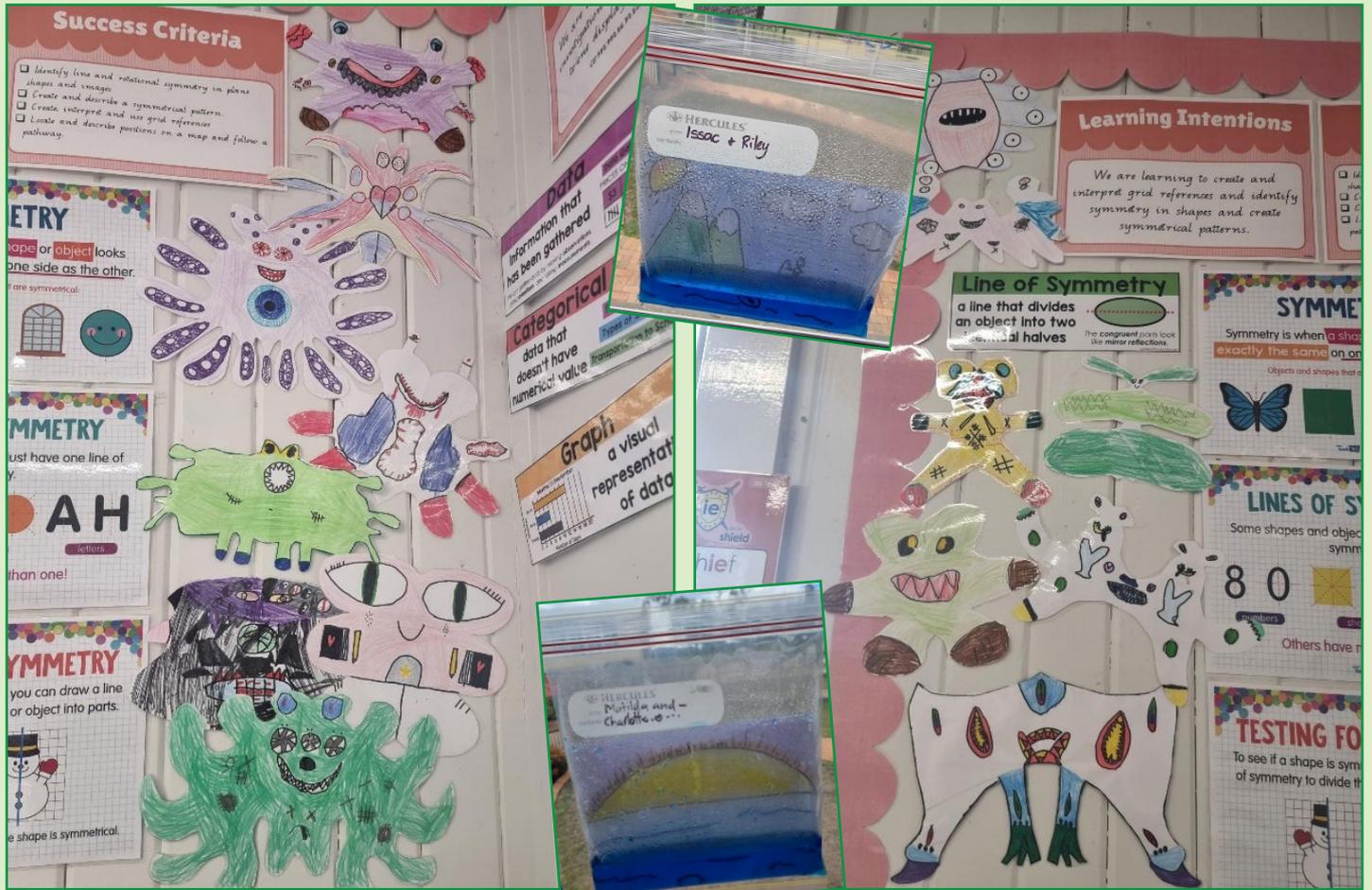
We have had a great Term 1 so far and have been learning lots of new information.

In English we have been reading the novel 'Storm Boy' and will be creating comparing the book to the two movies. We will then present a speech. There are some amazing conversations and insights.

Students have been exploring tessellating shapes and symmetry in Maths. It has been so much fun creating symmetry monsters and tessellating birds. This week we are moving onto direction, mapping and grid co-ordinates.

In Science, we are examining water. We have made a water cycle in a bag and are investigating evaporation. It has been so much fun seeing what happens to water when heat is added!
Enjoy the rest of the term!

Mrs Jane Lang



Year 6

Year 6 is always an exciting year for students as they reach the peak of their primary school journey. It is meaningful and symbolic and can carry with it many highs. Students have been blessed with several highs already this year; the first being receiving their Year 6 shirts (*picture 1*). These shirts are symbolic of the end of their primary school years as well as the maturity and leadership that comes with it.

In true leadership style, our Year 6 students pitched an idea to Mr Cole, asking that they be able to wear their shirts on more than just one day of the week. With careful planning and consideration around their reasons why, Mr Cole was invited to the classroom to hear students' thoughts. After some deliberation and consultation with staff, Mr Cole delivered the good news this week that our Year 6 students have been granted permission to **wear their senior shirts on Mondays and Fridays**. The normal school uniform is to be worn on all other days as well as when representing the school for sports.

Lastly, all Year 6 students were lucky to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference in Warwick on Monday 23rd February (*picture 2*). Students learnt a lot about the qualities of a good leader and were challenged to think of ways they could serve their school and community in a leadership capacity. We have returned with many great ideas – stay tuned!

Monique Trim



Year 7 Art

I had the pleasure of joining the Year 7 Art students during a recent lesson on perspective. Students have been learning how to draw buildings and structures using perspective techniques to create the illusion of depth and distance in their artwork.

Throughout the lesson, students explored how lines and angles can be used to make objects appear closer or further away. They learned about key concepts such as horizon lines and vanishing points, and how these help artists create realistic drawings of streets, cities, and architectural scenes. It was fantastic to see students applying these techniques to their own drawings, carefully constructing buildings that appeared three-dimensional on the page.

Miss Anthea Loader



Sport

Border District Winter Trials

During Week 4, the majority of Texas high school students headed over to Warwick for the Border District Winter Trials. These trials consisted of three sports students could choose from – soccer, netball and rugby league.

Only three students selected soccer, but they had a fantastic day. Coosti, Sam and Cody all put in a fantastic effort and really enjoyed their time.

The girls headed off to netball for a fun-filled day. All the Texas girls were placed in the one team and had some competitive games. Unfortunately, no one was selected but the girls can hold their head high with the quality of netball that they played.

The boys at rugby league had a terrific day with all of them getting stuck in and getting a few runs. They all really impressed with some quality tackling, passing and running. They all had a fun day getting to play some footy.

Mac Zone Swimming

Week 4 also saw our younger students head over to Goondiwindi for Mac Zone Swimming. 13 students headed over for the day to give it their all in the pool. Each student can be incredibly proud of how they swam! It was another fun-filled day and the students represented Texas outstandingly well. Out of the 13 Texas swimmers who attended on the day, 6 were selected to be in the Mac Zone Team and will be heading to Gatton for the Darling Downs Regional Trials. Congratulations Kadence, Baxter, Mitchell, Charlotte, Lachlan and Aubree!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mac Zone Netball

Week 5 also saw several students head back to Goondiwindi for Mac Zone Netball. 17 Texas students were in attendance! It is always nice to see so many students wanting to participate and get involved in sport! All the students had a great day playing some good netball. There were even four Texas students who were selected for the Mac Zone Team and will now head off to Toowoomba for Darling Downs Regional Trials. Congratulations to all students who attended and well done to Indyanna, Kendall, Lachlan and Baxter for being selected in the Mac Zone Team!

Mr Lochlan Doughty



Community Notices

Darling Downs Health



Mobile Women's Health Service

Providing women living in regional, rural, and remote Darling Downs access to holistic preventative healthcare including:

- » Cervical screening
- » Breast awareness
- » Contraception and family planning
- » Relationship concerns, including domestic violence and sexual assault
- » Healthy lifestyles
- » Sexual health screening and referral
- » LGBTQI+
- » Quit smoking
- » Menopause and hormone replacement.

Scan the QR code to see available dates and times for your preferred location



Western Downs

Upcoming clinics will be held at the following locations *Phone for available times*

- » **3 March**
Goondiwindi Hospital
phone 07 4578 2400
- » **4 March**
Chinchilla Hospital
phone 07 4662 8888
- » **5 March**
Jandowae Multipurpose Health Service
phone 07 4668 4555
- » **10 March**
Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service
phone 07 4695 3111
- » **11 March**
Miles Hospital
phone 07 4628 5600
- » **12 March**
Inglewood Multipurpose Health Service
phone 07 4652 0777
- » **16 March**
Tara Hospital
phone 07 4678 7900
- » **18 March**
Chinchilla Hospital
phone 07 4662 8888
- » **19 March**
Goondiwindi Hospital
phone 07 4578 2400
- » **23 March**
Texas Multipurpose Health Service
phone 07 4653 3203
- » **24 March**
Dalby Hospital
phone 07 4669 0512
- » **25 March**
Miles Hospital
phone 07 4628 5600
- » **30 March**
Wandoan Outpatients Clinic
phone 07 4627 4444

Western Downs

Upcoming clinics will be held at the following locations *Phone for available times*

- » **1 April**
Chinchilla Hospital
phone 07 4662 8888
- » **7 April**
Goondiwindi Hospital
phone 07 4578 2400
- » **8 April**
Miles Hospital
phone 07 4628 5600
- » **9 April**
Jandowae Multipurpose Health Service
phone 07 4668 4555
- » **20 April**
Tara Hospital
phone 07 4678 7900
- » **21 April**
Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service
phone 07 4695 3111
- » **22 April**
Miles Hospital
phone 07 4628 5600
- » **28 April**
Dalby Hospital
phone 07 4669 0512
- » **29 April**
Chinchilla Hospital
phone 07 4662 8888

TORTURE

ON THE BORDER

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2026

EVENTS

7/8/9 yrs Individuals/Teams	100m Swim	1.2km Ride	600m Run
10/11/12 yrs Individuals/Teams	200m Swim	3.6km Ride	1.1km Run
13/14/15 yrs Individuals/Teams	300m Swim	11.9km Ride	2.0km Run
Open Male & Female	750m Swim	26km Ride	4.0km Run
Male/Female Team	750m Swim	6km Ride	4.0km Run
Mixed Team	750m Swim	26km Ride	4.0km Run
Tempor/Masters (50+)	200m Swim	11.9km Ride	2.0km Run

ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026
<https://events.barefootsport.co.nz/event/1855>

ADULTS (INC. TEMPTER) \$60 + ADMIN FEE
ADULT TEAMS \$120 + ADMIN FEE
CHILDREN'S INDIVIDUAL & TEAMS FREE

LIMITED REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

RACE BRIEFING 2:30PM FOR 3PM START

SCAN ME

Torture on the Border Triathlon TEXAS QLD

LEAGUESTARS.COM



The League Stars program appeals to the true nature of kids, in all their messy, high energy, love of fun and play. Each week, your child will participate in specially designed games that get them smiling and sweating.

League Stars kids have loads of fun with their friends, old and new, but the program delivers so much more. Each week they'll unlock more of their unique strengths, building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them take on challenges big and small, now and in the future.

REGISTER FOR LEAGUE STARS
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WHEN: 13/3/2026 - 15/5/2026
TIME: Friday 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm
LENGTH: 6 sessions
AGE: 5-12 Years
COST: \$89

WHERE:
 Texas State School
 Fleming Street
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 QLD 4385

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