



Texas P-10
State School

Texas Telegraph

Week 4, Term 3 2025



Diary Dates

TERM 3

Monday 11 August

Texas Show Holiday

Friday 22 August

School Opinion Survey closes

Friday 5 September

Student Free Day

Tuesday 9 September

Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

Friday 19 September

Last day of Term 3

Permission Notes

Sent Home	Affected Students	Activity	Due Back
21/7	Year 9/10	Gym	OVERDUE
16/7	Qualifying students	MacZone Athletics	CLOSED
22/7	Year 5 & 6	Design Technology	OVERDUE
22/7	Year 9/10	Fishing	4/8
28/7	Year 9	Work Experience	29/8
1/8	Year 3, 7 & 10	Planetarium Brisbane	21/8
4/8	Qualifying students 13-19 Years	Darling Downs Athletics	8/8
4/8	Qualifying Primary students	Mixed Netball Gala Day	11/8

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Principal's Report

School Opinion Survey

It's that time of year again. This year's School Opinion Survey runs from 28 July to 22 August. Parents, carers, students in selected year levels, and staff have been emailed a link to participate. Your feedback will help us understand our school's strengths and areas for improvement. Survey responses are confidential. Find out more on the [School Opinion Survey webpage](#) or contact school administration.

We want to hear from you in the School Opinion Survey. We encourage parents and caregivers to have their say so we can shape better learning environments for our students. We want your feedback. Please feel welcome to provide constructive feedback for improvement, but we would also like to know what you think we are doing well. Please activate the link you have been sent by clicking on it and then it's a simple matter of following the instructions.

School Sports

Term 3 is a busy time for school sports, particularly in Track and Field. Brock has already represented the Darling Downs at the Queensland Cross Country Championships and ran very well. Later this week, some of our primary students will travel to Goondiwindi for the Macintyre Track and Field trials. Last week, a group of our high school students attended the Border District Track and Field trials, and they had an awesome day! Please see Mr Doughty's article for full details. Well done high school!

PISA Testing

On Tuesday, members of Year 10 participated in PISA testing which stands for 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 spent around 4 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 involved all students enrolled in school, born between 1 May 2009 and 30 April 2010.

QTU Strike

Last week all families should have received a letter regarding the Teachers Strike occurring on Wednesday. Please contact the school if you require more information.



Sean Cole
Principal

*Pictured top of page: Texas Show
(see more on pages 7-9)*



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

Head of Department

Supporting Your Child's Learning in Year 1 – Phonics and Numeracy Checks

As part of Queensland's commitment to giving every student the best start to their education, the state has joined the national Better and Fairer Schools Agreement – Full and Fair Funding 2025–2029, announced on 2 July 2025.

One key part of this agreement is the introduction of two important learning checks in our schools:

- A mandatory Year 1 Phonics Check
- A future numeracy check (currently in development)

These checks are designed to help schools identify students who may need extra support with their reading or maths early on, so they can get the help they need as soon as possible.

These initiatives are all about making sure every student gets the best support for their learning, right from the start.

What is the Year 1 Phonics Check?

The Year 1 Phonics Check is a short, one-on-one reading activity that helps teachers understand how well students can use phonics to read. It focuses on a child's ability to decode words by sounding out letters and blending them together.



How does it work?

- Your child will read up to 40 words aloud to a familiar teacher.
- The list includes both real words and made-up (nonsense) words.
- The check usually takes just a few minutes and is designed to be low-stress.

Why include made-up words?

Made-up words like "vap" or "jound" are new to all children. They help test decoding skills fairly, as students can't rely on memory or vocabulary.

What happens after the check?

Teachers will share how your child went and let you know if any extra support is needed. The results help guide teaching to better support your child's reading development.

How can I help at home?

You can practise similar real and made-up words with your child in a fun, relaxed setting. Your child's teacher can tell you which letter-sound combinations they've been learning and how to help at home. You can find some great ideas for supporting your child to read through phonics in our [resources to support reading at home](#).

Attendance

Classes	Week 2	Week 3
Prep	93.33%	83.33%
Year 1/2	90.00%	86.67%
Year 3	97.78%	78.89%
Year 4	81.33%	78.67%
Year 5	81.25%	90.00%
Year 6	78.75%	82.50%
Year 7	89.41%	80.00%
Year 8	87.50%	85.00%
Year 9	86.67%	77.14%
Year 10	86.00%	80.00%
Whole School	87.20%	82.22%

Attendance Matters!



Ms Jillian Hazard
Head of Department

Supporter Cap

Purchase on FlexiSchools

The supporter cap is \$30 and now available to purchase on the FlexiSchools app.

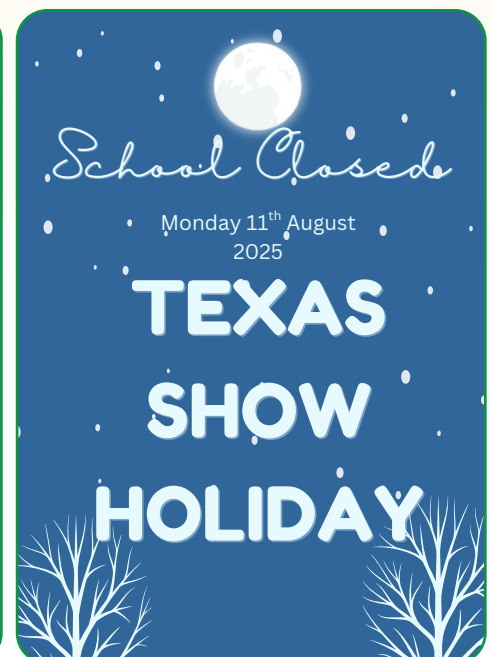


Lost Property

PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM ITEMS

We are getting an increased number of lost property items which don't have any names.

Items are washed and kept for one term and then donated to the second hand shop if unclaimed.



Gus Gordon Workshop

On Thursday the 24th of July the Year 3s had a wonderful opportunity to attend a workshop with Australian author and illustrator, Gus Gordon, at Inglewood State School. Gus discussed with students how he started his drawing journey as a young child and then later moved into writing children's books. He showed a great PowerPoint with pictures of him as a young boy and his first drawing. He also informed us how he creates his amazing illustrations using different mediums and art forms such as collage and drawings. He finished the workshop by drawing a picture of a dog using paper and a Nikko pen. All the students enjoyed his discussion and were impressed by his drawing. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Lang and the Macintyre Young Writers committee for organising such a wonderful opportunity and thank you to Inglewood State School for welcoming us at their school.

Aida Daher



Kindy Notice

THE TEXAS & DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN IS HOLDING A PICTUREPRODUCTS FUNDRAISER

PICTURE PRODUCTS ARE A WONDERFUL MEMENTO FOR YOUR TO KEEP CHILD'S ARTWORK. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE PICK A FLYER UP FROM THE OFFICE OR KINDY OR CONTACT DEBBIE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON 0429042222

Prices are
picture plates or tote bags- \$30 each
2026 Calendars- \$20 each

All orders and payment need to be completed by 25th August

Items will be returned to kindy by mid November

Expectation of the Week

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EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK



BE SAFE BE RESPONSIBLE BE RESPECTFUL
Be an engaged learner

BE AN ACTIVE LEARNER!

- Clarify or question what you don't understand
- Concentrate on what your teacher is explaining—does it make sense?
- Be present—don't daydream, don't look out the window
- Have a go, answer questions, be involved, share your opinions, take on others' points of view, think creatively!
- Be willing to try and try again
- Encourage others and others will encourage you in return

Participate!




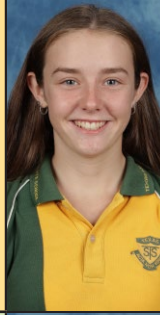

Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 2	Student		Reason
Prep		Xavier	For your exceptional work in Maths this week. You worked really hard and completed most of your work independently. You are a dedicated learner who always gives his best. You are a SUPER Prepahero!
Year 1		Frances	For being an enthusiastic and dedicated member of the Year 1 and 2 Team.
Year 2		Akeem	For listening carefully and trying hard in Maths.
Year 3		Leo	For your amazing effort with using modal verbs and rhetorical questions in English! Keep it up.
Year 4		Matilda	For your creativity you have shown this year. Your bookwork is always spot on and your drawings are beautiful.
Year 5		Lachlan	For working well in class. You always get in and get the job done and make sure you ask questions when you need help.

Term 3 Week 2	Student		Reason
Year 6		Everley	For approaching all that you do with maturity and enthusiasm. You are a great role model to our younger students.
Year 7		Annah	For a great start at a new school, you have embraced all aspects of Texas P-10 State School.
Year 8		Blair	For consistently working hard across all subject areas.
Year 9		Lillie	For your consistent hard work throughout last term and this term.
		Addison	
		Amelia	
Year 10		Emma	For your consistent hard work throughout last term and this term.

Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 3	Student		Reason
Prep		Johannah	For the exceptional work writing out your spelling words during PLD. You independently wrote and coloured in during rotations and we could not be prouder of you! You are a SUPER Prepahero!
Year 1		Thea	For demonstrating great enthusiasm and contributing to class discussions.
Year 2		Kadence	For showing great persistence and stamina in last week's Maths challenge.
Year 3		Skylah	For being an attentive learner and following any given instructions. Keep it up.
Year 4		Vanessa	For being our quiet achiever. You get in and get the job done without complaint. You should be proud of your efforts this year. Keep up the great work.
Year 5		Sofia	You are a thoughtful student and are always offering to help others. It is great to see you enjoy coming to school and trying your best!

Term 3 Week 3	Student		Reason
Year 6		Jake	For your determination to conquer fractions in Maths as well as your enthusiasm for our class novel, <i>Spud</i> . Keep up your zest for learning!
Year 7		Harley	For <i>fantaTexastic</i> effort in representing Texas.
Year 8		Blair	For <i>fantaTexastic</i> effort in representing Texas.
Year 9		Addison	For <i>fantaTexastic</i> effort in representing Texas.
Year 10		Brock	For earning age champion at Border Districts.

Year 3

Hello everyone,

Welcome to Week 4! We have been a busy class with all sorts of learning happening.

In Science, we have been looking at day and night and what we can see when in the daytime and at night. We also learnt how important the and the Moon is in our solar system. Fun facts, the Sun is only a dwarf star, and it is holding the whole solar system together with its gravity! We made Sun cookies using icing, lollies and choc-chip cookies to represent the features of the Sun.

We have been looking at persuading in English and learnt about modal verbs, rhetorical questions and emotive language. The students have also been practising debating about whether they would rather have a robot butler or live in a castle or control the wind or the rain. Some very interesting arguments!

In Maths, we have been measuring using mm, cm and m. We have measured hands, arms, feet, classroom objects and heights.

Miss Aida Daher

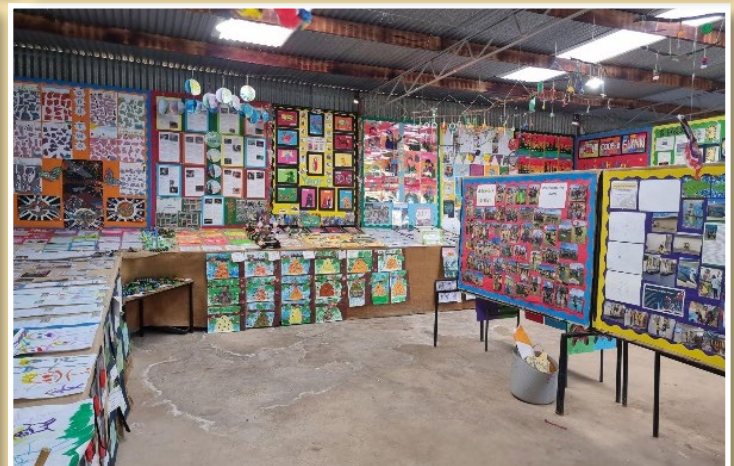
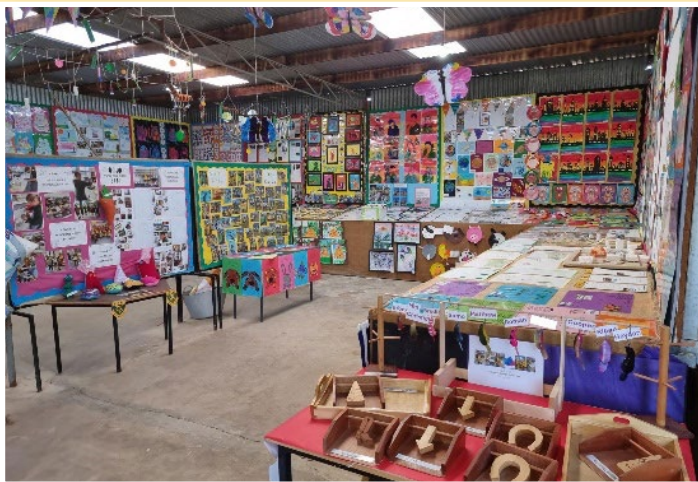


Texas Show 2025

The Texas P-10 State School display was a vibrant and colourful display of student work completed in Term 1 and 2. Students created some amazing work for our school show display and it was great to show the local community what all the classes have been working on. Preps were on the mark with their Prepahero city landscapes whereas the rainbow fish and lizards made a colourful display by the Year 1 class. The Year 2 class displayed their animal poster projects and the backpack art by Year 3 were amazing. The information reports from the Year 4s was very interesting while the Year 5s created some bright and colourful Pete Cromer inspired collages. The portraits by Year 6 were very beautiful and the high school produced some remarkable work across their learning areas. Our terrific dancers and singers performed and entertained all show goers, and the cooking and craft made an excellent display – especially the 3D display by the Prep and Year 1/2 classes. It was a great effort from staff and students!

Congratulations to Georgianna C and Addison I who did an incredible job as Junior Show Girls.

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	Highly Commended
Prep – Animal plates	Hector R	John S	Nathanial T	Xavier R Cooper P Violet N
Year 1/2 – Busy Bees	Frances R	Kadence T	Lacey B	Vincent B Heidi H
Year 1/2 – Caterpillar	Presley T	Thea B	Liam M	Tyler S Lacey S
Year 3 – Drone pictures	Cameron E	Karla W	Mere S	Skylah A Leo M
Year 4 – Bee poster	Scarlett O	Issac W	Melodie M	Matilda W Charlotte N
Year 4 – Agriculture Map	Holly B	Mitchell B	Scarlett O	Melodie M Justin H
Champion Exhibitor for the school	Scarlett O			



Texas Show 2025 (continued)



Texas Show Creative Writing Show Winners

Congratulations to all of our students for creating some amazing stories for the show display. It was great to read the amazing stories and writing tasks being created in our busy classrooms.

Our winners are:

- **Year 1/2** – 1st Heidi H, 2nd Garrett M (Bonshaw), 3rd Lacey B, Highly commended Kadence T and Ty T (Bonshaw)
- **Year 3/4** – 1st Justin H, 2nd Melodie M, 3rd Lachlan M (Bonshaw), Highly commended Riley S and Jonathon R
- **Year 5/6/7** – 1st Hunter P, 2nd Lachlan C, 3rd Kingsley B, Highly commended Aubree S and Kendall M
- **Year 8/9/10** – 1st Brock D, 2nd Addison I, 3rd Coen W, Highly commended Micheala R and Lillie W
- **Adult** – 1st Molly T and 2nd Madison R



Mrs Jane Lang



Border Districts Athletics

In Week 3, 10 Texas students headed to Warwick for the Border Districts Athletics Carnival. Each of them representing our school in different events on the track and in the field. It was an excellent day and all the students did such a fantastic job. Everyone got into their events and gave it their all. Nevaeh was in shot put and made some fantastic throws, narrowly missing out on third place, but she still held her head high after a terrific effort. Declan was in the 100m sprints in his last ever Border Districts Athletics carnival representing Texas, and he did not disappoint. Although he missed out on a podium finish, he ran hard and did incredibly well. Alisha was in a number of running events and placed very well in her heats, picking up a 2nd place in the 800m. Haydan was competing in the discus and made a few really good throws. Blair was another student who participated in a whole bunch of running events. Placing really well in his heats, he managed a first-place finish in his 800m. In the same race, Harley also scored himself a third-place finish. Both boys did a fantastic job. Harley also scored himself a 2nd place finish in the 1500m with a great run. Kingston was another student taking place in throwing events, coming in 3rd in his shot-put event. Georgianna took place in the short distance sprints and picked up 3rd in the 100m and 1st in the 400m. Addison was our long distance sprinter for the girls. She picked up 3rd in the 800m and 2nd in the 1500m. Both girls did an incredible job. Brock was competing in a number of events in both the track and field. Brock finished the day with 2nd place in his triple jump and 100m sprint. He also picked up first place in 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m. Brock was also named Age Champion for his age group with his efforts on the day. It was incredible to see all the students do so well, and they were all rewarded for their efforts as Texas picked up not one, but two trophies!!! Texas was the winning Small School and the winning Aggregate School!!!

It is very easy to say how proud we all are of these students and that they should be super proud of themselves too! The hard work and effort they put in has definitely paid off. Congratulations to everyone!

Mr Lochlan Doughty

