



# Texas Telegraph

Week 6, Term 2 2026



## Term 2 Dates

- Wednesday 27 May**  
Broncos Cup  
P&C Meeting 5:30pm –  
Admin Communication Room
- Friday 29 May**  
Walk Safely to School Day
- Friday 5 June**  
Day for Dolly Dress Down Day
- Saturday 20 June**  
P&C Quiz Night
- Wednesday 24 June**  
Student reports emailed home
- Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 June**  
Athletics Carnival
- Friday 26 June**  
Pancake and PJ Day  
Last day of Term 2

## QParents Consents

| Affected Students | Activity                  | Due Back |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Year 4,5 & 6      | Beauty and the Beast      | 13/5     |
| Year 3            | Ekka                      | 15/5     |
| High School       | Broncos Cup Goondiwindi   | 20/5     |
| High School       | Discus & Javelin          | 26/6     |
| Primary           | Discus                    | 26/6     |
| Prep-Yr 2         | Mingoola Place            | 18/11    |
| Year 7/9          | Mingoola Place            | 6/7      |
| Prep-Yr 6         | Shake & Stir              | 14/9     |
| Year 7-10         | Shake & Stir Performances | 14/9     |
| Whole School      | Run Club                  | 18/9     |

## Connect with us



## Principal's Report

Welcome to Week 6 of the newsletter. There is plenty happening in and around Texas P-10 State School as usual:

### Change to Year 5 Maths

Ms Hazard has taken over the teaching of Year 5 Maths. This has allowed Mrs Ryan more time to tend to her student support duties. This situation has been in place for a week now and Ms Hazard, as well as the students, are enjoying the new situation.

### Macintyre Gazette Articles

You may have noticed school articles in recent editions of the Macintyre Gazette. The MG has been printing articles regarding the school since 2025. The articles provide interesting stories about some of the things happening in and around the school. If you get a chance, check out school news in the Macintyre Gazette.

### VCCAQ Car Rally

On Friday, Texas students were treated to the VCCAQ Car Rally doing a drive past the school. The rally consisted of many very well-kept vintage cars. Students from Prep to Year 10 clapped and cheered as the cars did two drive bys. It was a lovely way to start the day, and the students were suitably impressed. The cars had a stop-over in Texas on their way to Bonshaw.

### Darling Downs Cross Country

This week, nine Texas primary and secondary students will travel to Toowoomba representing the Macintyre Zone and the Border District to compete at the Darling Downs Regional Cross Country Championships. Lochie B, Mitch, Harley, Addi, Tyson, Indy B, Lachie C, Patrick and

Blair will be competing after outstanding performances at zone and district trials.

I believe after school sports and Run Club are directly attributable to the success Texas students are having at interschool and zone level trials. This is a remarkable achievement for the students of Texas.

### Jewellery and Make-up

Recently we have reminded students of the school policy around the wearing of jewellery and make-up at school. As stated in the previous newsletter, we would appreciate your help from home in ensuring that the students are coming to school suitably attired. The jewellery and make-up policy is as follows:

- One set of simple studs or sleepers in the ears are permitted.
- Earrings with hoops or otherwise are identified as a safety risk are not permitted.
- Visible facial piercings are not permitted.
- Accessories such as necklaces, chains, bangles and rings are not permitted.
- Accessories and jewellery may be required to be removed for practical subjects due to workplace health and safety.
- Jewellery for religious/cultural purposes are acceptable however should be worn modestly and may need to be removed for practical subjects.
- Students ARE NOT to wear any makeup to school.
- Nail polish and fake nails are not allowed.
- Hair accessories must be of modest size and green or gold in colour.

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Pictured top of page:  
Book Fair (see more on page 5)



📞 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

## Principal's Report (continued)

### 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. Organisation of the Year 10 sports shed is going well with the Year 10s helping to maintain order in a safe and tidy manner.
2. Book Fair was a huge success. The jungle themed Book Week Parade was well supported with students and teachers participating in the fun. Thanks to Mrs Spriggs and her helpers for another awesome Book Fair.

#### 1 Polisher

1. Poor sportsmanship in handball.



**Sean Cole, Principal**

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

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

**28th Mar**  
 Tortoise & Hare  
 Event finished.  
**THANK YOU!**  
 Serving drinks. Approx 2 hours.

**1st April**  
 Cross Country  
 Event finished.  
**THANK YOU!**  
 Serving drinks. Approx 2 hours.

**20th June**  
 Quiz Night  
 Serving drinks.

**Twice a term (Fridays)**  
 Tuckshop  
 Preparing and serving food. Approx 3 hours.

Contact **Shannon Teese**  
 0429 180 682

# P&C QUIZ NIGHT













## Save the date!

P & C are hoping to host a Quiz Night  
 Saturday 20 June at the Memorial Hall.  
 More details coming soon...

## Students of the Week

| Term 2<br>Week 4 | Student   | Reason  |
|------------------|---|---|
| Prep             |  <b>Leonard</b>     | For bringing your energetic, enthusiastic and friendly attitude into our classroom every day. You are a curious and valued member of our class. So proud of you, you are Fintastic! |
| Year 1           |  <b>Violet</b>      | Congratulations on your high standard of bookwork, your polite manner and your friendly nature.   |
| Year 2           |  <b>Jack</b>       | Congratulations on improved attendance, reading and writing.  |
| Year 3           |  <b>Presley</b>   | For being such an active learner. You have really shown a strong understanding of your learning in all your subject areas. Congratulations!   |
| Year 4/5         |  <b>Tyson</b>     | For the improvement you have shown in Maths and your willingness to keep challenging yourself.  |
|                  |  <b>Charlotte</b> | For your thoughtful contributions in English. Your enthusiasm for learning shines through your work.  |
| Year 5/6         |  <b>Kendall</b>   | For always putting your hand up in class and making such valuable contributions to our class discussions. Stay engaged and stay curious - it's your superpower. Well done!          |
|                  |  <b>Hunter</b>    |   |

## Students of the Week

| Term 2 Week 5 | Student   | Reason          | Term 2 Week 5 | Student  | Reason   |                 |
|---------------|---|-----------------|---------------|--|--|-----------------|
| Prep          |    | <b>Evie</b>     | Year 7        |    | <p>In recognition of your participation in the Broncos Cup, you displayed strong teamwork, encouraged others, and maintained a positive attitude throughout the day. We are proud of your efforts and the way you contributed positively, representing our school with pride, commitment, and sportsmanship.</p> |                 |
|               |    | <b>Angus</b>    |               |    |  | <b>Lachlan</b>  |
| Year 1        |   | <b>Cooper</b>   | Year 8        |   |  | <b>Zeppelin</b> |
| Year 2        |  | <b>Frances</b>  | Year 9        |  |  | <b>Megan</b>    |
| Year 3        |  | <b>James</b>    |               |  |  | <b>Kelli</b>    |
| Year 5/6      |  | <b>Hamish</b>   | Year 10       |  |  | <b>Addison</b>  |
|               |  | <b>Scarlett</b> |               |  |  | <b>Amelia</b>   |

# Head of Department

## ATTENDANCE -

### Let's Beat the Monday & Friday Slump!

Here's how our whole school attendance is tracking so far in 2026:

| 2026 Year to Date Whole School Attendance Rate – By Day |         |           |          |        |       |
|---|---------|-----------|----------|--------|-------|
| Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Total |
| 88.5%   | 91.5%   | 90.0%     | 89.6%    | 85.5%  | 89.1% |

#### Can you spot the trend?

It looks like Mondays and Fridays are our trickiest attendance days!

We know it can be hard to get moving after the weekend or push through to Friday, but every school day counts! Important learning, fun activities, assessment, sport, and classroom challenges happen EVERY day – not just in the middle of the week.

#### Big Attendance Shout-Outs!

| Week 4 Champions    | Week 5 Champions    |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 🏆 Year 3 – 95.45%   | 🏆 Year 4/5 – 94.17% |
| 🏆 Year 1/2 – 95.00% | 🏆 Year 1/2 – 92.73% |
| 🏆 Year 5/6 – 94.58% | 🏆 Year 8 – 91.11%   |

Special mention to Year 8 for a HUGE improvement!

Let's see if we can BOOST our Monday and Friday attendance over the next few weeks!

Can we crack 90% on Fridays?

#### Semester I Reporting

As we heading into the final weeks of this term, students will be finalising a number of assessment tasks across the curriculum areas. Student reports will be emailed to families on Wednesday 24 June. *Please ensure that your email addresses are up to date with administration.*



#### Year 10 Careers Education

During Term 3, our Year 10 students will attend Stanthorpe State High School as part of our Career Education and SET Planning. The aims of this excursion is to:

- Understand what a QCE is and how you can obtain one by the end of Year 12.
- Decide on Senior Pathway – VET or ATAR
- Investigate Career Path options
- Increase career knowledge via Career's Market

A **Subject Selection Information evening** for students entering Year 11 will be held at Stanthorpe State High School on later in the year. The information evening will begin with a presentation about Senior Secondary and the process of obtaining a QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education). Students and caregivers will then be able to meet with staff to discuss the Year 11 subjects and browse subject displays.



**Ms Jillian Hazard**  
Head of Department

| Classes      | Week 4        | Week 5        |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Prep         | 90.83%        | 76.67%        |
| Year 1/2     | 95.00%        | 92.73%        |
| Year 3       | 95.45%        | 87.50%        |
| Year 4/5     | 91.74%        | 94.17%        |
| Year 5/6     | 94.58%        | 86.67%        |
| Year 7       | 88.00%        | 77.33%        |
| Year 8       | 81.67%        | 91.11%        |
| Year 9       | 82.86%        | 77.14%        |
| Year 10      | 92.00%        | 90.00%        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>90.24%</b> | <b>85.92%</b> |

### HIT OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET!

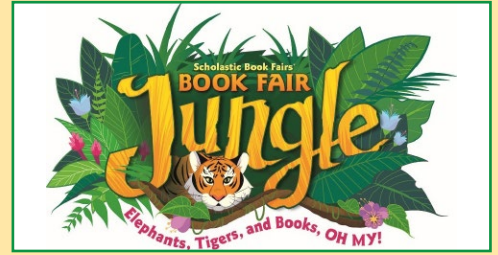
Our 2026 Whole School Attendance Target is 90%

- Below 80% Attendance**  
More than 39 days absent all year.  
This is equal to more than 10 days absent each term.
- 80-89% Attendance**  
20-38 days absent all year.  
This is equal to 5 - 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.

# Book Fair Thanks

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BOOK FAIR!

Wow! What a fantastic success our Book Fair Week was! We were inundated with enthusiastic students and parents who browsed our display tables and purchased many quality books for their bookshelves at home. I have already had students come to tell me how much they have already enjoyed reading their purchases. Thank you so much to all parents and students who supported our fair. Our great sales mean that we have earned over \$918.00 in books for the school library – a great result!



The school looked like a library of books had come to life on Friday 15th when students came to school dressed as their favourite book character or in a themed costume (for our Book Fair Jungle theme) – what a great effort! Students also supported our week with their fantastic entries into our Colouring-in (Prep-Year 3 and Years 4-6) and Design-a-Bookmark (Years 7-10) competitions. There were some beautiful and creative entries. Winners were:

|            | PREP-YEAR 3       | YEARS 4-6            | YEARS 7-10   |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>1st</b> | Heidi H           | Matilda W            | Addi I   |
| <b>2nd</b> | Frances R         | Sam S                | Nevaeh O   |
| <b>3rd</b> | Ava N             | Angel S              | Lillie W   |
| <b>HC</b>  | Evie J & Xavier R | Olivia C & Cameron E | Sophie M, Zeppy T, Megan B, Kayla H (2), Lachlan B, Addi I, Samuel J |

Kate Spriggs, Book Fair Coordinator



Year 1-2



Year 3



Year 4-5



Year 8



Year 10 Girls

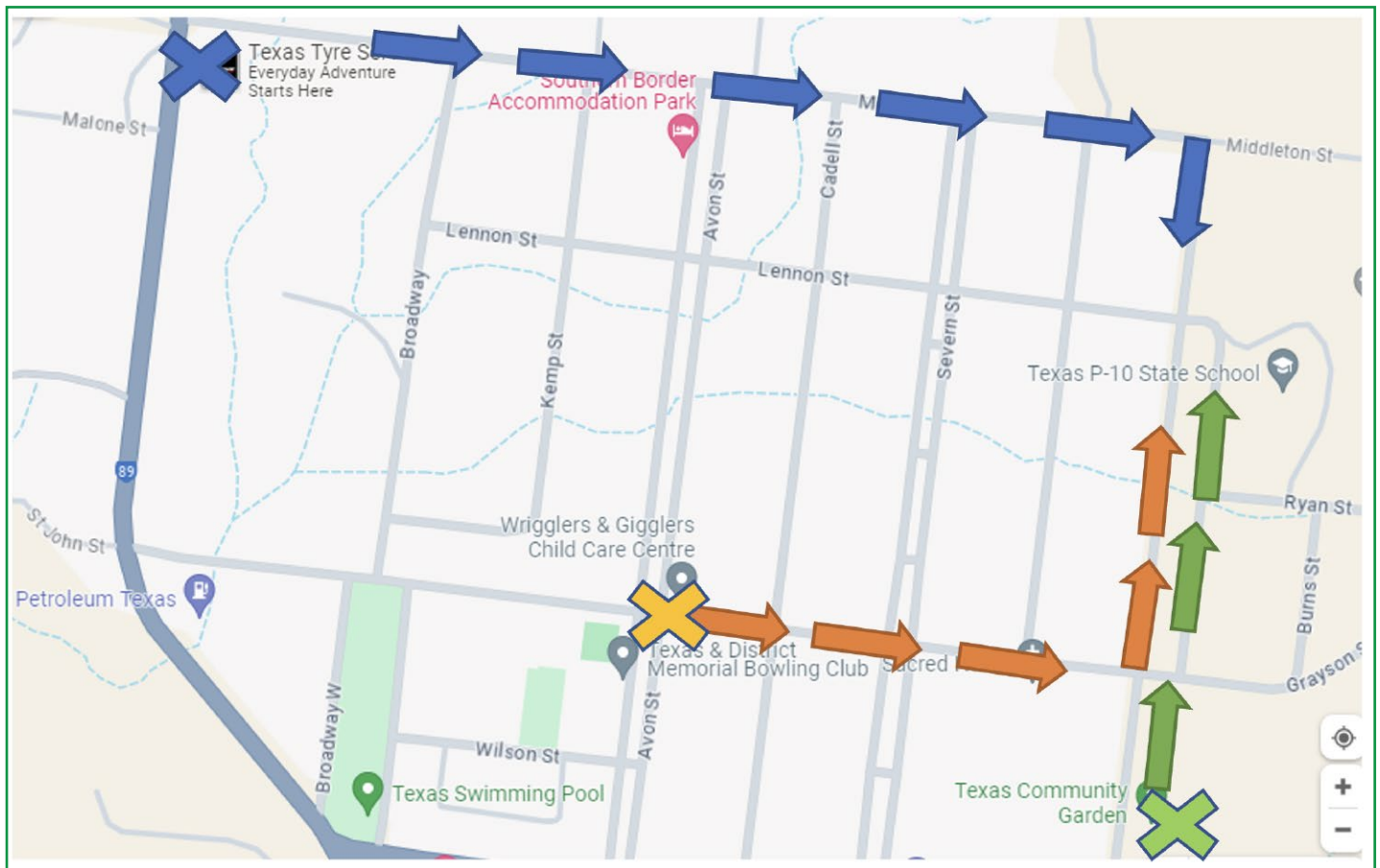


## Friday 29 May – Walk Safely to School Day

**National Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday 29 May.** It is an annual event, where all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. We would love Texas P-10 State School students to support this event!

### Departure Zones

- Location 1:** Top of Middleton Street, next to Texas Tyre Service. Meet at 8:15am for the first departure and then a second departure will occur at 8:30am.
- Location 2:** Starting at Wrigglers and Gigglers at 8.30am.
- Location 3:** Near the Community Garden, on the corner of Flemming Street. Meet at 8:30am, walk along Flemming Street towards the school.



### Guidelines:

Please make sure you are at the Departure Zone on time. If you do not live near one of the Departure Zones, you are welcome to drop your child there and wait for a staff member to arrive. Or alternatively, if you live along one of the routes, feel free to join on the way. Buses will be dropping students at one of the locations if they want to participate otherwise they will be dropped off at school. Please make sure students attend with a hat and water bottle. Parents and siblings are welcome to join in the walk and we encourage as much participation as possible!

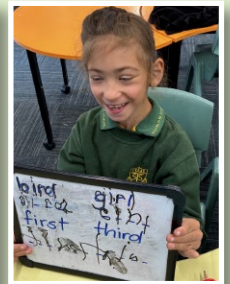
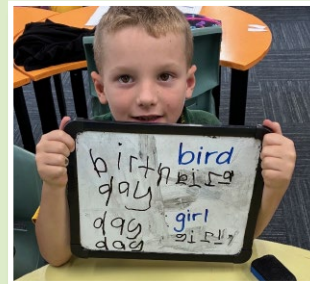


## HASS, PLD & Technology



Prep students have been learning about logical sequencing of familiar events and situations in **HASS**. Here, hands on learning has been used to sequence significant events in a child's young life, before retelling to a small group of similar ability peers the sequence they have created. The learning concludes with the student explaining their reasons for the selected order. This type of learning engages metacognitive processes where students are required to think about their own thinking. Even in Prep, this intentional approach helps students build deeper understandings in learning rather than simply recalling or parroting what they have been told. In turn, students can make sense of learning and retain knowledge in more effective ways.

During **PLD** sessions I facilitate groups with spelling and dictation in small ability-levelled group rotations. Shown in the photographs are two students whose learning was differentiated to encourage word and spelling awareness at the end of a PLD session first by tracing, then copying before writing the spelling words independently in their books. The letter formation of these students has improved significantly through this type of repetition.



Students in Year 1 and 2 **HASS and Technology** lessons have loved doing creative music-based brain breaks which also connect to learning elements. Students also enjoy the chance to sing and dance to learn words to describe location, position and direction. Their learning continues to be very hands on. In the photographs, students are using their observation skills to classify food into "good to select" and "bad to select". There is also lots of discussion-based learning happening where students use a technique called "Turn and Talk". In this process, ideas are discussed in pairs and then perspectives and ideas are contributed to whole of class discussion. This is a research proven process that ensures students are actively engaging their thought processes on topics whilst also considering other perspectives.



Deanne Doherty

## IDT Update

In **Year 7**, the students mastered the art of cutting timber rebate joints to craft timber cases with sleek acrylic lids. They have dedicated a lot of time to sanding, learning the essential techniques to prepare raw timber for a professional oiled finish. Very smart looking boxes indeed!

The **Year 8** cohort stepped up their woodworking skills by constructing timber serviette holders and mastering complex box joints. Each student personalised their project with a unique weight design, experimenting with wood-burning tools for decorative finishing touches. Like the Year 7s, they spent hours sanding to ensure a flawless, oil-ready finish that looks terrific!

**Year 9/10** students have put the stunning final touches on their mortise and tenon jointed side tables – and they look spectacular! In addition to their workshop hours, the class attended an exciting laser-cutting workshop at Art at Allambie right here in Texas. They are now learning to develop 3D and intricate cut designs for the CNC laser cutter, using MDF to achieve flawless, high-precision results with virtually zero material waste. Very impressive!

**Mrs Christidis**



## Year 5/ 6 Japanese

Students have been working hard to learn their vocabulary for the unit - All About Me. These words include; colours, numbers, adjectives, family, animals and body parts. Good luck with your studies Year 5/6.

**Mrs Mitchell**



## Community Notices

# Day for Dolly Dress Down Day

"Do It For Dolly Day" is a national Australian day of action dedicated to ending bullying. Australians across the country wear blue –Dolly's favorite color –to spread kindness, start vital conversations, and raise funds for the anti-bullying charity, Dolly's Dream.



## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Come to school dressed in blue and bring a gold coin donation



## Texas P-10 State School



# Pancake & PJ Day



FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Come to school dressed in your comfiest PJ's and enjoy some delicious pancakes

Served out of the tuckshop for breakfast club from 8:15am-9am



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## Australian Government mobile service centres

If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile service centres (MSCs) travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia to provide help and support. During natural disasters and emergencies, they can provide on-the-ground support for disaster recovery efforts.

Services Australia staff travel with the MSCs and can help you with Medicare and Centrelink payments and services. Our MSCs also have disabled access.

Our staff can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the MSC and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the MSCs.

### Information and help you can access on board the MSCs

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Medicare and Centrelink information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

### More Information

To view the latest itineraries for the MSCs, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice)

The stopping locations are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

## Monday, 1 June 2026

10 am to 4 pm

Near the memorial hall, High Street

TEXAS