



Texas P-10
State School

Texas Telegraph

Week 6, Term 3 2025



Above: Mac Zone Athletics

Diary Dates

Friday 22 August

School Opinion Survey closes

Monday 25 August

Year 9/10 Agriculture Excursion
(new date)

Bookings open for Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 5 September

Student Free Day

Tuesday 9 September

Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

Monday 8 - Thursday 18 September

Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 17 September

Under 8's Day

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

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 3.

Sick Leave

I have been away sick for the past week with a form of influenza. I encourage everyone to keep warm and stay healthy. I have found it quite difficult to recover from this one as it is particularly nasty. I'm back on deck now, so looking forward to getting back to the work of teaching and learning at Texas.

Ms Hazard News

Ms Hazard has taken an acting position as Deputy Principal at another school for the remainder of Term 3. She only found out about the short-term contract last Wednesday. Ms Hazard has assured us she is genuinely happy at Texas but sees the acting contract as a chance to develop and try something new. Ms Hazard will return at the start of Term 4 to continue the excellent work she does here. I'd like to wish her the very best in her acting role and hope it is a rewarding and enriching experience for her.

School Opinion Survey

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, 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.

I encourage ALL parents to participate in this year's school opinion survey. If you are having difficulty locating the link, please contact me at school and I can help. **You still have until the 22 of August to complete this year's survey.**

Term 3 Parent-Teacher Interviews

Next Monday 25 August, bookings will be available by using the school online booking system. Parents can access SOBS to book interviews with your child's teachers or call Admin from Monday of Week 7. Students in Year 4, please contact the school to book as Mrs Finlay will be conducting interviews from 19 - 28 August.

SOBS parent access: <https://eq.sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=71015>

School Supervisor Visit

We have a visit from our school supervisor, Ash Roediger, this week. We always enjoy time with Ash, and he has shared many times that he enjoys visiting Texas. Ash has expressed many times to me that he is impressed with the work we are doing at Texas to improve student learning.



Sean Cole, Principal



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

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Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

Head of Department

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Term 3

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held from Monday 8 September to Thursday 18 September. The event will occur between 3:20 – 5:20pm with some morning times available. You can access SOBS to book interviews from 25 August - 8 September with your child's teachers or call Admin. Students in Year 4, please contact the school to book as Mrs Finlay will be conducting interviews from 19 - 28 August.



Acting Deputy Principal Opportunity

I wanted to let our school community know that I've accepted a short-term contract as Acting Deputy Principal at Chinchilla State School for the final five weeks of this term (Weeks 6–10).

Please know that I am very happy here at Texas P-10 State School and remain committed to our students, staff and families. This opportunity is simply a chance for me to stretch myself professionally, grow as a leader and experience something new for a short time. There is no possibility of extension, so I will definitely be returning in Term 4.

I will certainly miss being here with you all but I look forward to returning in Term 4, re-energised and full of new ideas.

Bullying. No Way!

How can families respond?

Schools can be much more effective when parents report bullying and support their efforts to deal with it.

If your child reports that bullying is occurring at school, or the bullying involves students from the school outside of school, you should let the school know the situation.

Working together with the school is the best way to help your child resolve bullying issues.

Schools will work with you to resolve the situation and will also work with the other student's parents. Due to privacy laws, we are not be able to share information about any other students involved.

Tips for contacting the school

Remain calm and focus on being constructive (even if you feel upset).

Prepare by:

- checking your school website for any information regarding their policy or procedures for managing bullying
- making a time to talk with your child's teacher, school counsellor or guidance officer
- writing notes (and any other records) based on what your child has told you so you can be as clear as possible about what happened.

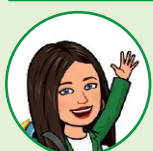
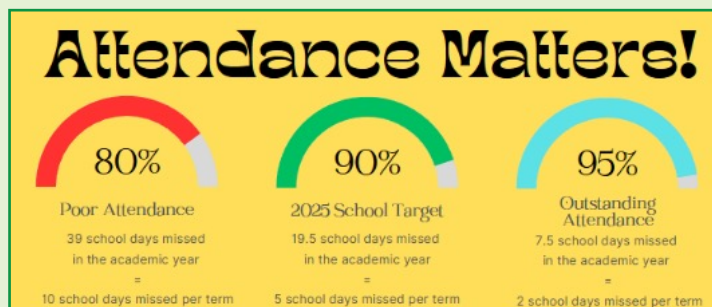
Tips for working with school staff

Continue to be calm and constructive. In the first instance contact your child's teacher if possible.

During meetings with staff:

- refer to your written notes to be as clear as possible about what happened and write notes of the discussions with your child's teacher or other staff
- ask what steps will be taken and if a plan is to be developed with home and school strategies
- recognise that investigating the situation at school will require time
- keep a written record of when you contacted the school, who you have spoken with, and any agreements that were made
- stay in touch with the teacher and let them know if problems continue or something new happens.
- If you are unable to achieve a satisfactory solution with the class teacher or counsellor, make an appointment to meet with the Head of Department or the Principal.

Attendance



Ms Jillian Hazard
Head of Department

Classes	Week 4	Week 5
Prep	76.67%	89.58%
Year 1/2	83.33%	84.72%
Year 3	86.67%	77.78%
Year 4	93.33%	85.83%
Year 5	92.50%	85.29%
Year 6	95.00%	71.88%
Year 7	85.88%	98.53%
Year 8	92.50%	90.63%
Year 9	80.00%	62.50%
Year 10	78.18%	73.86%
Whole School	86.41%	82.06%

Excursion Date Change – Year 9/10 Agriculture

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, the **Year 9/10 Agriculture Excursion** originally scheduled for Monday, 18th August has been rescheduled.

- **New Date:** Monday, 25th August
- **Event:** Year 9/10 Agriculture Excursion

We appreciate your understanding and support with this change.

Change of
Date

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.



TEXAS ROCK STARS!

LAST WEEK, THE STUDENTS SWAPPED PENCILS FOR DRUMSTICKS IN A HIGH-ENERGY BUCKET DRUMMING WORKSHOP!

OVER JUST ONE SESSION, THEY LEARNED TO LOCK IN RHYTHM, PLAY AS A TEAM, AND PERFORM WITH CONFIDENCE—AND WE CAPTURED THE WHOLE THING ON VIDEO!

➡ SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO WATCH THE KIDS IN ACTION!



Kindy Notice

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HOLDING A PICTUREPRODUCTS FUNDRAISER

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INTERESTED PLEASE PICK A FLYER UP FROM THE
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Prices are
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2026 Calendars- \$20 each

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

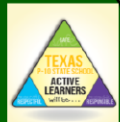
Items will be returned to
kindy by mid November

Expectation of the Week



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EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK



BE SAFE BE RESPONSIBLE BE RESPECTFUL

Use kind words and actions






- STOP and think before you speak
- Be friendly - a smile, a wave and a greeting can make a difference to someone's day
- Use your manners
- Be fair - take turns and include others
- Do not use inappropriate language

**TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE
TREATED!**









Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 4	Student		Reason
Prep		All Prepaheroes	For completing 100 days of school! I am so beyond proud of each of you. You are all superstars and have worked so hard. Keep up your fantastic work! You are a class full of SUPER Prepaheroes!
Year 3		Elikai	For your amazing participation in class discussions. Your hand goes up that fast I haven't even finished the question! It shows that you always have your active listening on. Keep it up!
Year 4		Scarlett	For being an excellent class member. You get in and get the job done without complaint and you are always one of the first to lend a hand to anyone who needs it. You show great leadership ability and really care for your peers. Keep up the great work.
Year 5		Kendall	For using your active listening skills in the classroom so well and being an amazing active learner. It is so nice to see. Keep it up!

Term 3 Week 4	Student		Reason
Year 6		Hayley	For always coming to school with a 'can do' attitude and a willingness to help both students and staff. Your bright and bubbly demeanour is valued in our classroom. Thank you for being you!
Year 7		Levi	For demonstrating curiosity and insight through your thoughtful questions and contributions during class discussions on the impact of bushfires on native Australian wildlife.
Year 8		Sophie	For showing focus and enthusiasm while developing your microscopy skills in Year 8 Science.
Year 9		Lillie	For your conscientious attitude towards learning new skills in Excel and your consistent effort across all subject areas.
Year 10		Roman	For your positive approach to challenges and your commitment to completing all tasks to a high standard.

Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 5	Student		Reason
Prep		Cooper	For your incredible independent work during our Maths lessons. You are taking ownership of your learning and working hard to understand difficult concepts. Keep up your hard work! You are a SUPER Prepahero!
Year 1 & Year 2		The entire Year 1/2 class	For your positive attitude and enthusiastic participation in the classroom. Keep up the good work!
Year 3		Ontari	For wowing me with your understanding with multiplication and division! You blew me away!
Year 4		Kadence	For always trying your best in your school work. You have come back this term with a very positive mindset and it shows in your understanding of concepts in the classroom. Keep it up!!
Year 5		Mia	For displaying positive behaviour in the classroom and playground. You follow the school expectations and set a great example for other students.

Term 3 Week 5	Student		Reason
Year 6		Braxton	For mastering fractions in Maths, sharing willingly, getting involved in class discussions and always showing up with a smile. Keep it up!
Year 7		Cody	For consistently working well in class. Awesome work!
Year 8		Megan	For your fantastic skills and confidence when sewing!
Year 9		Amelia	For your excellent cooking skills in Food and Fibre. You always ask great questions.
Year 10		Michela	For your confidence, fantastic skills and dedication to Food and Fibre.

Year 5 News

We have had a great start to Term 3. Students have been learning about persuasive arguments and have been practising presenting arguments to the class. At the end of the term students will write a persuasive letter to Mr Cole asking him to add a facility or activity to our school grounds. They will then present their letter to the class.

In Maths we have been learning how to add and subtract fractions. We can now convert fractions so that it is easier to add and subtract them. We completed our first assessment last week!

In Art we are creating lots of different landscapes. We will be sewing a landscape using different textiles that will be displayed at the Texas P-10 State School Art Exhibition next term. We have used the work of Carinne Meyerink as our inspiration. Thank you to Mrs Muggleton for helping us to learn how to stitch and sew the pieces together.

Mrs Jane Lang



Carinne Meyerink artwork



ITD Update

Design Technology in the Year 5 and 6 classes have been held in the workshop. The student are learning to join timber and use basic hand tools to create different projects. They are preparing for their design in nature project.

The Year 7 students have just about completed their timber pencil cases and are starting their bridge designs. They will be using a variety of joining techniques to complete this project.

In Year 8 the students have completed their metal caddies and have just commenced their new timber wall shelf project. I can't wait to see their different designs!

The Year 9/10 class had much success with their lures, taking them to the river and testing their ability to swim. I would like to report that all lures worked as designed! The students have also been working on a hexagon shaped timber bowl. The two coloured, angled joints have certainly tested their patience. It is like a 3D jigsaw puzzle! This week, they learned how to make a tenon and mortise joint using only hand tools. This is to prepare them for their upcoming new furniture project, making a coffee table.

Mrs Diane Christidis



Food and Fibre

Year 8 Food and Fibre

In Year 8 Food and Fibre, the class have been machine sewing tie-dyed pencil cases! First, they created fantastic tie-dye designs with calico, before choosing a complimentary inside fabric. Year 8 then used straight stitch and zig zag stitch to sew their creations together with a velcro close. Their work ethic and skills learnt while using the sewing machine have been fantastic! What a great class.



Year 9/10 Food and Fibre

In Year 9/10 Food and Fibre, the class have been investigating Global Cuisines! We have focussed on Italian and Spanish cuisines so far. Each week, the students learn about new flavours and techniques from a demo cook and then bring in their own ingredients from a production plan they created to independently cook the following week. We have enjoyed the process of making a Napoli sauce, tiramisu, panna cotta, cookies, carbonara, bolognese, chorizo paella, patatas bravas and churros! I am super proud of their fantastic skills and ability to try new things!

Mrs Anja Ryan



Mac Zone Athletics

In Week 4, 26 Texas students attended the Mac Zone Athletics Carnival in Goondiwindi. It was not the nicest of days with constant rain drizzle and the wind making everything very cold, but that didn't stop the students from Texas P-10 State School giving it their all. Students competed in an array of events, in both track and field and they all did a fantastic job. Some highlights were; Kendall scoring third in high jump, Indyanna placing third in 800m, Lachlan winning his 800m, Baxter getting 2nd in his 200m and Zeppelin achieving third in shot put. All students did an amazing effort and represented our school to an outstanding level. From all the students who attended, both Lachlan and Baxter have both been selected in the Mac Zone team to head to Darling Downs trials in a few weeks' time. Well done boys! A big congratulations to all the students who attended and competed.



Mr Lochlan Doughty



Mac Zone Athletics (continued)

