Texas P-10 State School

Texas Telegraph

Week 6, Term 4 2026



Diary Dates

Week 6

Friday 13 November
- World Kindness Day
- Super Spooky Soaker Social

Week 8

Tuesday 24 November
- Awards Night

Friday 27 November
- Year 10 Final Assembly

Saturday 28 November
- Year 10 Farewell Dinner

Week 9

Monday 30 November - Wednesday 2 December
- Year 7-9 Camp

Friday December
- Year 6 Graduation

Week 10

Friday 11 December
- Last day of Term 4

QParents Consents

Affected Students	Activity	Due Back
Year 7	Swimming	13/11
Prep-Year 2	Mingoola Place	18/11
Year 8	Golf	20/11
Selected Students	2026 Awards Night Practice	20/11
Year 3	Swimming	26/11
Prep - Year 2	Swimming Carnival	2/12
Selected High School Students	High School Helpers P-2 Swimming	2/12
Selected Primary Students	Term 4 Primary School Rewards Day	3/12

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Principal's Report

Welcome to Week 6 of the final Term of 2026. We have plenty happening at this time of year with a full calendar leading into the year's conclusion.

Classes for 2027

Primary School:

Miss Celotto:	Prep/Year 1
Mrs S Finlay	Year 2
Mrs L Finlay	Year 3/4
Mrs Lang	Year 5
Mrs Trim:	Year 6 (TBC)
Mrs Doherty:	Prep-4 HASS, Prep-2 Technology, Year 3 PLD
Mr Doughty:	Health and Physical Education
Mrs Christidis:	Year 1 PLD, Year 3-6 Technology
Mrs Mitchell:	Year 5-6 Japanese

Secondary School:

Mrs Mitchell:	Year 8 Form, 7-8 Japanese, 7 HASS, 8 English, 8 PBL and 7-10 Sport
Miss Eaves:	Year 7 – 10 Science, 9-10 Maths, 7-10 Sport (TBC)
Mrs Spriggs:	Year 10 Form, Year 8 HASS, Year 9-10 English, Year 9-10 HASS, Year 10 PBL, Year 10 Active Volunteering Cert II, 7-10 Sport
Mr Doughty:	Year 7 Form, Health and Physical Education, 7-10 Sport, 7-8 RR
Mrs Christidis:	Year 7 – 10 IDT, Year 7 – 10 Agriculture
Mrs Byrnes:	Year 9 Form, 7 Maths, Year 7-10 Arts
Mrs Ryan:	Student Support, Year 7-10 Food and Fibre

Celebrating First Nations Culture and Knowledge *(Pictured top of page)*

Three Texas P-10 State School students, Lachie B, Coosti W and Cooper T, have been recognised for their outstanding efforts in the Darling Downs and South-West Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aspirations Program Challenge. The boys researched the importance of preserving First Nations culture and knowledge, focusing particularly on the significance of the river to the local Bigambul and Kambuwal people. They brought their research together by producing a podcast and accompanying artwork, exploring the importance of maintaining connections to culture and Country. Although they did not secure a podium finish in the regional competition, their work was highly commended by the Darling Downs and South-West Education Office. The boys were presented with certificates of commendation at last week's assembly. We congratulate Lachie, Coosti and Cooper on their efforts and the pride they have shown in celebrating and sharing their cultural heritage.

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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)

Art, Halloween and Community Celebrations

Texas P-10 State School students enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of creativity and Halloween fun on Saturday 31 October. Celebrations began with the official opening of the 2026 Texas School Art Exhibition at the Texas Art Gallery, attended by approximately 30 students with parents. The exhibition is of an exceptionally high standard, showcasing the creativity and artistic talents of every student. Following the opening, students dressed in their Halloween costumes and took part in Halloween procession around town before finishing the afternoon with food and a movie at the Texas Hall, courtesy of the Texas School P&C. The exhibition will remain on display throughout November, and I strongly encourage everyone to take the opportunity to visit. It is a wonderful showcase of our students' talents and something our community should be extremely proud of. A big thank you to everyone involved in organising the afternoon, particularly our P&C.





Prep students Violet, Tessa, Evie and Angus with the SS Prepafins Yellow Submarine.



Ruby N with her skateboard deck.

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Principal's Report (continued)

Student Leadership – 2027

Applications for the 2027 Student Leadership positions closed last Friday 23 October. We are now in the process of reviewing applications, with interviews, speeches and student voting to take place over this week for eligible applicants.

We look forward to seeing our students demonstrate their leadership qualities, confidence and commitment to making Texas P-10 State School a great place to learn.

Wellbeing Week

Last week, Mrs L Finlay organised fun activities to celebrate Wellbeing and Belonging Week. The students enjoyed a LEGO challenge, Minute to Win It challenges and a whole school game of Capture the Flag. The students enjoyed the activities, and we'd like to thank Mrs L Finlay for the extra effort she put into creating fun activities for Texas students.

Coming Up

This part of the year is filled with events and activities:

November: The Texas Art Exhibit at the Art Gallery.

November: NRL After School League Stars (Friday afternoons).

9 November: Leader Speeches and Staff/Student Voting.

11 November: Remembrance Day.

13 November: World Kindness Day & Super Soaker Social.

24 November: Awards Night.

27 November: Year 10 Final Assembly.

28 November: Year 10 Farewell Dinner.

30 November - 2 December: Year 7-9 Camp.

4 December: Year 6 Graduation.

7-11 December: Year 9 Work Experience.

9 December: Prep-Year 2 Swimming Carnival.

11 December: Break-up Day.

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. There has been an improvement in the general behaviour of students in the classroom and playground this week.
2. It was great to see so many students get involved in the 'Minute to Win It' challenge last Wednesday. Thanks to Mrs L Finlay for organising the fun activities.

1 Polisher

It's getting hot again. Students need to be wearing their hats for Smash Up, PE and play. Don't forget hats and drink plenty of water.

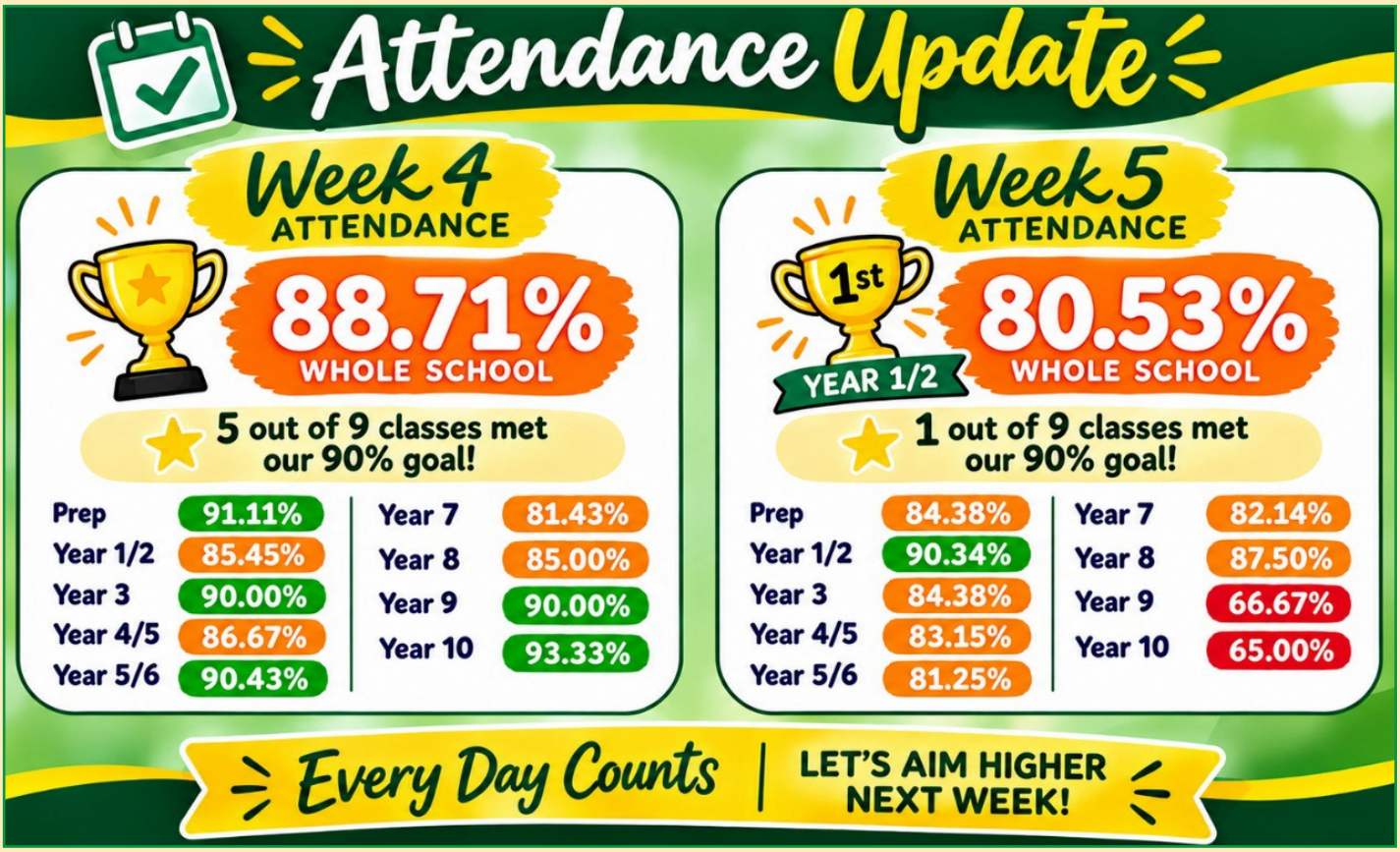


Sean Cole
Principal





Head of Department



Every Day Counts – Attendance Update!

Our attendance results for Weeks 4 and 5 are in, and we're continuing to work towards our whole-school attendance goal of 90% or higher!

In Week 4, our whole-school attendance was 88.71%, with an impressive 5 out of 9 classes achieving our 90% attendance goal! A special congratulations to Year 10, who topped the leaderboard with 93.33%, followed by Prep (91.11%) and Year 5/6 (90.43%).

Week 5 was a little more challenging, with whole-school attendance dropping to 80.53%. However, a big congratulations to Year 1/2, who claimed first place with 90.34% attendance and were the only class to reach our 90% goal!

We know there was a lot of sickness going around in Week 5, and we hope everyone who has been unwell is feeling much better! Fingers crossed we're all on the mend and our attendance figures are back on the improve in Week 6.

Remember, every day at school counts! Regular attendance helps students stay connected with their friends, build confidence and make the most of their learning opportunities.

Let's keep working together towards our 90% goal, while making sure everyone takes the time they need to recover when unwell. Here's to a healthier, happier Week 6!

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Head of Department (continued)

Year 3 and Year 5/6 Learning Legends





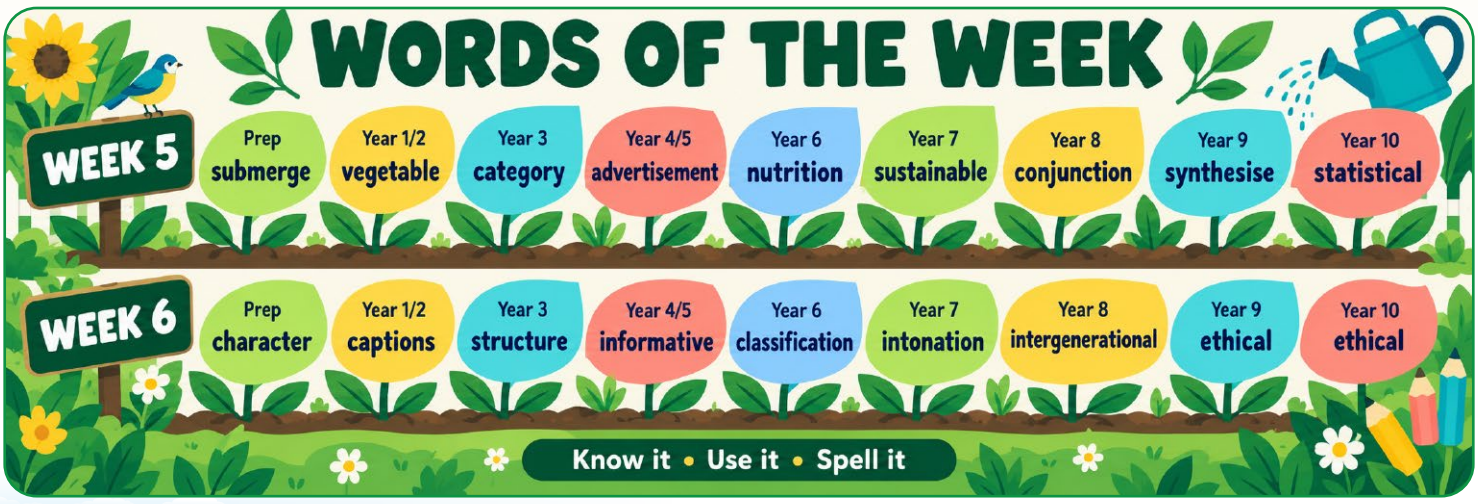









Ms Jillian Hazard
Head of Department



Students of the Week

Term 4 Week 4	Student		Reason
Prep		*Angus*	For your enthusiastic participation in our Science lessons. You always show curiosity and excitement when exploring new concepts and ask lots of scientific questions. Keep it up, you are Fintastic!
Year 1/2		*Tessa*	For trying really hard to complete work in a timely manner.
		*Ava*	For actively participating in class discussions and making valuable contributions.
Year 3		*Amelia-Anne*	For working hard and trying your best in all your learning areas. You get in and get the job done and are always up to sharing your thoughts with the class. Keep up the good work!
Year 4/5		*Skylah*	You are an enthusiastic and active learner who consistently asks thoughtful questions and contributes valuable ideas to class discussions. Your positive attitude, curiosity, and commitment to doing your best are wonderful qualities to celebrate. Keep up the fantastic effort!
		*Willow*	

Term 4 Week 4	Student		Reason
Year 5/6		*Hamish*	For your enthusiastic participation in all subjects and your valuable contributions to class discussions. Keep up the great work!
		*Holly*	For the way you approach every day with extreme enthusiasm and a brilliant sense of humour. Your bright spirit and zest for life are valued in our classroom.
Year 7		*Braxton*	For working hard to complete your seasons speech to a high standard.
Year 8		*Zepplin*	For studying and completing your Science exam to a high standard.
Year 9		*Kingston*	For working conscientiously towards completing your Maths and Science projects.
Year 10		*Kayla*	For always striving for excellence in both Maths and Science.

Students of the Week

Term 4 Week 5	Student		Reason
Prep		*Mahlee*	For returning to Prep with a big smile and settling back into our classroom routines so beautifully. Your friends were so excited to have you back, and it has been wonderful having you with us again. You are Fintastic!
Year 1/2		*Hector*	For showing great research skills.
		*Lacey*	For demonstrating the ability to cooperate with a diverse range of people.
Year 3		*Akeem*	For having a great attitude to your learning. You tried hard in some challenging work in Maths and it is really showing in your results.
Year 4/5		*Issac*	For coming to school with a smile each morning. You have been working well in class and participating in class discussions.
		*Olivia*	For always giving 100% effort in all your learning. You participate in classroom discussons and are a good friend to many. Keep up the good work!

Term 4 Week 5	Student		Reason
Year 5/6		*Kendall*	For your leadership and creativity within your dance group. You have such a great understanding of themes and how these can be communicated with your body through movement. Well done!
		*Olliver*	For your leadership and creativity within your dance group. You have such a great understanding of themes and how these can be communicated with your body through movement. Well done!
Year 7		*Davee*	For being brave and trying different tasks and flavours in Food and Fibre!
Year 8		*Sylar*	For always greeting staff in the mornings with eye contact and a smile!
Year 9		*Blair*	For always greeting staff and your peers in the morning. We appreciate your 'hello'!
Year 10		*Addison*	For your consistent effort and excellent sense of humour in Food and Fibre!

Community Notice

Darling Downs Health

Queensland Government

Mobile Women's Health Services

Free and confidential services

- Cervical screening including self collect
- Breast care information
- Sexual health care
- Family planning and contraception
- Perimenopause and menopause support
- Bladder control and confidence
- Puberty, periods and hormone health
- Pregnancy care options and support
- Domestic violence
- Healthy lifestyles
- Free talks to community groups/ workplaces about Women's Health topics
- Osteoporosis and heart health information

Scan the code to learn about our clinics and available locations

Western Downs

Upcoming clinics will be held at the following locations

Phone 0438 059 016 for available times

Scan the code to view available dates and times for your preferred location in this region — Western | Southern | Central

- **2 November** Goondiwindi Hospital phone 07 4578 2400
- **4 November** Chinchilla Hospital phone 07 4662 8888
- **5 November** Jandowae Multipurpose phone 07 4668 4555
- **10 November** Millmerran Multipurpose phone 07 4695 3111
- **11 & 25 November** Miles Hospital phone 07 4628 5600
- **12 November** Inglewood Multipurpose phone 07 4652 0777
- **16 November** Tara Hospital phone 07 4678 7900
- **18 November** Chinchilla Hospital phone 07 4662 8888
- **19 November** Taroom Hospital phone 07 4628 9900
- **23 November** Texas Multipurpose phone 07 4653 3203
- **24 November** Dalby Hospital phone 07 4669 0512

Healthy Women – Stronger Families – Stronger Communities

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FREE KINDY

Wrigglers & Gigglers Child Care Centre

Kindy 2027 Information Session

Join us to learn more about our Kindergarten program for children starting Prep in 2028.

When: Thursday 12th November 4:30pm

Where: Wrigglers & Gigglers Child Care Centre 19 St John Street Texas QLD 4385

We will cover:

- QLD Free Kindy and eligibility
- The days and hours
- What families can expect
- Our Kindergarten program
- Our Bush Kindy experiences
- Transitions to Prep
- A chance to ask questions
- And more...

Come and see our learning environment, meet our team and find out how we support curious, confident and capable learners through play, nature and meaningful experiences.

More information about QLD Free Kindy can be found at: https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/freekindy#/search

BONSHAW PUBLIC SCHOOL COLOUR RUN!

LET'S GET COLOURFUL!

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

10:30AM QLD TIME

BONSHAW PUBLIC SCHOOL

GOLD COIN DONATION

BBQ

BAKE SALE

LOTS MORE AND OTHER SURPRISES ON THE DAY!

MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS SCHOOL RESOURCES

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

TEXAS TORNADOES NETBALL CLUB

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

JUNIOR STATE AGE NETBALL

UNDER 14'S BOYS

JULY 5 - 6 2027

AT SUNSHINE COAST NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Players must commit to regular training sessions December onwards.

There will be some carnivals in the lead up.

Please contact Shannon on 0429180682 to put your name down or for more information.

Community Notice

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE
Rude, Mean, or a Bully?

Not all hurtful behaviour is bullying. Understanding the difference helps us respond in the right way and teach our children important skills.

RUDE

Thoughtless behaviour



Rude behaviour is unintentional and often happens in the moment. It is usually the result of not thinking or being unaware of how our actions affect others.

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

- Happens by accident
- Usually not intended to hurt someone's feelings
- Can happen to anyone
- Often a one-time incident
- May be due to stress, frustration, or lack of awareness

EXAMPLES

- Interrupting someone
- Not saying "please" or "thank you"
- Talking too loudly
- Cutting in line
- Not including someone

RUDE IS A MISTAKE.
We can learn, do better, and be more thoughtful.

MEAN

Hurtful behaviour



Mean behaviour is intentional and is meant to hurt someone in the moment. It is usually a single incident or happens occasionally.

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

- Done on purpose
- Meant to hurt someone's feelings
- Usually a one-time incident or occasional
- Often based on a strong emotion like anger or jealousy
- Can be resolved with an apology and a change in behaviour

EXAMPLES

- Calling someone a name
- Making a hurtful comment
- Laughing at someone
- Being deliberately unkind
- Leaving someone out on purpose

MEAN IS HURTFUL.
We can take responsibility, apologise, and make a change.

BULLY

A pattern of hurtful behaviour



Bullying is intentional, repeated behaviour that involves a power imbalance. It is meant to hurt, frighten, or control another person and can be physical, verbal, social, or online.

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

- Done on purpose
- Repeated over time
- There is a power imbalance (physical, social, or emotional)
- Meant to hurt, scare, or control
- Can happen in person or online
- Often makes the target feel unsafe
- Requires intervention and support

EXAMPLES

- Repeated name calling
- Spreading rumours
- Excluding someone over and over
- Threatening or intimidating
- Hitting, pushing, or damaging belongings
- Cyberbullying (hurtful messages, posts, or comments)

BULLYING IS A SERIOUS ISSUE.
It requires support, intervention, and a consistent plan to keep everyone safe.