



Texas P-10
State School

Texas Telegraph

Week 8, 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: Year 8 Science

QParents Consents

Affected Students	Activity	Due Back
Year 9/10 Home Ec	Café Design	16/3
Year 4	Sleepover	25/3
All Students	ANZAC Day Service	21/4
Year 7-10	Shake & Stir Performances	14/9
P-Year 6	Shake & Stir Performances	16/3

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Principal's Report

Welcome to Week 8. It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of another Term. There has been plenty of activity at school since our last newsletter and there are some exciting things happening between now and the end of term. I will be out of school in the last week of school to have some minor surgery.

NAPLAN

Although some schools across the state had technical issues whilst attempting to administer the online NAPLAN testing, it couldn't have gone any smoother at Texas. On Monday we finished the last scheduled NAPLAN test. We will spend the rest of the week providing catch-up sessions for those students who were absent on testing days. NAPLAN reports will become available in Term 3.

School Leader Induction

Last fortnight, we proudly celebrated our 2026 Student Leader Induction at Texas P-10 State School. It was a significant occasion for our school community as our student leaders formally stepped into their roles and committed to serving our students, staff and families throughout the year.

The induction ceremony provided an opportunity to reflect on what leadership truly means in our context. At Texas P-10 State School, leadership is not simply about holding a title; it is about modelling our school values of Respect, Responsibility and being Safe and Active Learners each and every day. Our student leaders are role models for their peers, demonstrating respectful relationships, taking responsibility for their actions and learning, and actively contributing to a positive and safe school environment.

We were honoured to welcome Councillor Susie Kelly, who delivered an inspiring address. She encouraged our students to consider leadership through the lens of parents and the wider community, reminding them that thoughtful decision making, empathy and a commitment to service are hallmarks of effective leaders. Her message reinforced the importance of understanding the broader impact of their actions and the responsibility that comes with representing their school.

We extend our sincere thanks to Miss C, Mrs S Finlay and our Prep to Year 3 students for their entertaining performance. Their enthusiasm and confidence added wonderful energy to the ceremony and helped make the occasion truly special for all in attendance. We also acknowledge and thank Mrs Byrnes, Mrs L Finlay, Mrs S Finlay, Ms Hazard, Mr Krauss and Mrs Spriggs for their dedication in preparing the students and supporting the event. Your time, care and commitment are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to The Honourable Councillor Lawrence Springborg, Councillor Kym Skinner and Jason Watts of Goondiwindi Regional Council, Senior Constable Bennett of Texas Police Station, and to our P&C President, Shannon Teese, for attending and supporting this important milestone for our student leaders. Your presence highlights the valued partnerships between our school and the wider community.

Congratulations to our 2026 Student Leaders. We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to the positive contribution you will make to Texas P-10 State School this year.



Sean Cole, Principal

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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

Head of Department

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Term 1

The Parent/Teacher Interviews are starting next week **Monday 23rd March – Wednesday 1st April**. The event will occur 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 CLOSERS THIS FRIDAY!

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



Strengthening Learning at Our School: Insights from the Instructional Leadership CLC

Sean and I were selected to participate in the 2026 Instructional Leadership Collaborative Learning Community (CLC), a program that helps school leaders improve teaching and support lasting school improvement. As a high performing P-10 school, we are using this program to refine our practices and reach even higher standards of learning.

The CLC is exciting from a parent perspective because it directly influences what happens in the classroom. We work with leaders from other schools to explore strategies that make teaching more effective and support your child’s learning. Grounded in research and aligned with our school’s Annual Implementation Plan, our focus is on actions that have a real impact on student outcomes.

For parents, this means stronger teaching, thoughtful leadership, and a school environment where every student can thrive. We are excited to bring these ideas back to our classrooms and continue improving learning for all students.

Attendance Data

Well... the streak continues! Prep are officially dominating with an incredible **96.92% attendance** this week. That makes it **five weeks at the top**.

Before we go any further, a quick throwback to **Week 5**, where **Year 1/2 took out the top spot for attendance**, an awesome achievement! This week they were still right up there with a strong **93.81%**, showing great consistency.

A big shout out also to **Year 10**, who charged into **second place this week with 95.00%**. In fact, it is great to see **every year level in Secondary hit our school attendance target in Week 6**, something we have been striving towards. Seeing all those classes reach the goal together is a fantastic step forward!

And... drumroll please... **our whole school attendance for Week 6 was 91.86%**, meaning we have **hit the attendance target again!**

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



Ms Jillian Hazard
Head of Department

Classes	Week 6	Week 7
Prep	96.92%	96.92%
Year 1/2	93.81%	91.90%
Year 3	86.67%	95.00%
Year 4/5	88.70%	94.78%
Year 5/6	92.50%	93.33%
Year 7	90.00%	88.57%
Year 8	93.13%	80.63%
Year 9	90.00%	83.33%
Year 10	95.00%	95.00%
TOTAL	91.86%	91.05%

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.



16th March 2026

2026 Cross Country Carnival

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Texas P-10 State School will be holding the annual cross-country carnival on **Wednesday 1st April 2026** at the school. The carnival will commence at 9:00am and conclude roughly around 12noon (Lesson 1 and 2).

This is a compulsory school event, and all students must be at school. After the cross-country event, students will return to their classes. Students who have a medical condition that will prevent their participation, will be assigned a role to help throughout the day – these students need to talk to Mr. Doughty before Monday the 30th of March. All students are expected to compete in the event by running at their own pace and walking if necessary.

In preparation for the event, students have been participating in cross-country training during Smash Up.

Students are encouraged to dress up in house colours but these must be sun safe items and practical to run in. There will be awards for best dressed, house spirit and displays of sportsmanship.

Parents are more than welcome to attend on the day to support and cheer on the students.

Event Schedule:

1. Prep – 300m
2. Year 1 – 500m
3. Year 2 – 700m
4. 8 years (2018) – 1km
5. 9 years (2017) – 2km
6. 10 years (2016) – 2km
7. 11 years (2015) – 3km
8. 12 years (2014) – 3km
9. OPEN / 14 years / 13 years GIRLS (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013) – 3km
10. OPEN / 14 years / 13 years BOYS (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013) – 3km

For any further information, please contact Lochie Doughty on 4653 3333 or email ldoug124@eq.edu.au

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Lochie Doughty
HPE Teacher

Mr Sean Cole
Principal





P AND C AGM & GENERAL MEETING

DATE
25 MARCH 2026

TIME
AT 5:30PM

LOCATION
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

ALL WELCOME



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!



28th March
**Torture on the
Border Triathlon**
Set Up and Pack Up.



1st April
**Cross Country
Carnival**
Serving food.
approx 2 hours.

15th May
Quiz Night
Serving drinks.



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

Contact Shannon Teese
0429 180 682

Students of the Week

Term 1 Week 7	Student	Reason
Prep	 Leonard	For the amazing improvement in your pencil grip. You are showing incredible growth in everything, and I am so proud of you. Keep it up, you are Fintastic!
Year 1	 Hector	Congratulations on the pleasing progress you are making in writing and reading. I am very proud of you.
	 Johannah	Congratulations on the great work you have been doing in Maths. Your counting number recognition is fantastic.
Year 2	 Lacey	Well done on the tremendous effort you have made in writing character profiles. You are writing descriptive sentences and including examples from the text.
Year 3	 Jock	What a champion you are! You give everything a go, you are a great friend to many, you tell a good story and engage in all your learning. Congratulations Jock, keep up the great work!!
Year 4/5	 Jonathan	For writing an amazing PEEL paragraph in English. You listened to the instructions and nailed it!

Term 1 Week 7	Student	Reason
Year 5/6	 Olliver	Well done on remaining focused throughout our lessons and for being so committed to your learning.
	 Mia	For your positive energy and your enthusiastic approach to your learning. I am impressed with how committed you are to your Maths learning goal.
Year 7	 Lily	For demonstrating outstanding effort and a positive attitude towards all tasks. You always have your work completed and are willing to help other students.
Year 8	 Cooper	For actively participating in class discussions and demonstrating maturity and leadership.
Year 9	 Megan	For improved attendance, effort, and a positive attitude across all subjects.
Year 10	 Addison	For demonstrating outstanding leadership and maturity both in and out of the classroom. You spoke confidently and respectfully at our Student Leadership Induction Ceremony, representing our school with pride.
	 Amelia	Your positive example, responsibility, and commitment to your role make us incredibly proud. You are truly deserving leaders, and we look forward to seeing the continued impact you will have on our school community.

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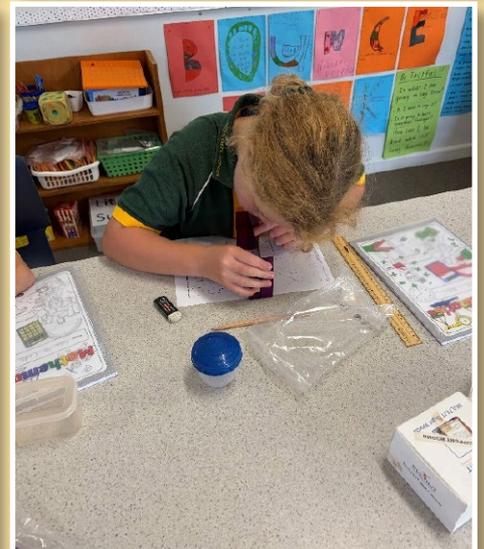
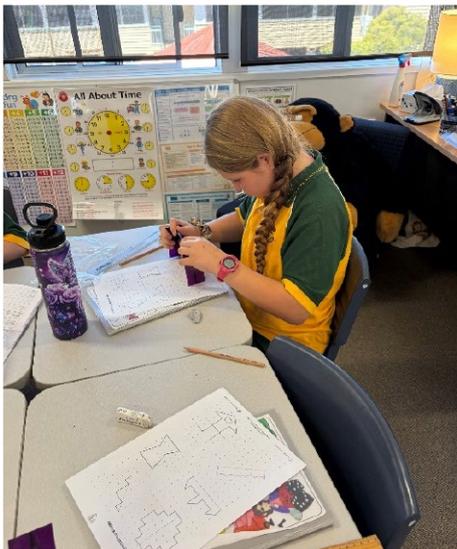
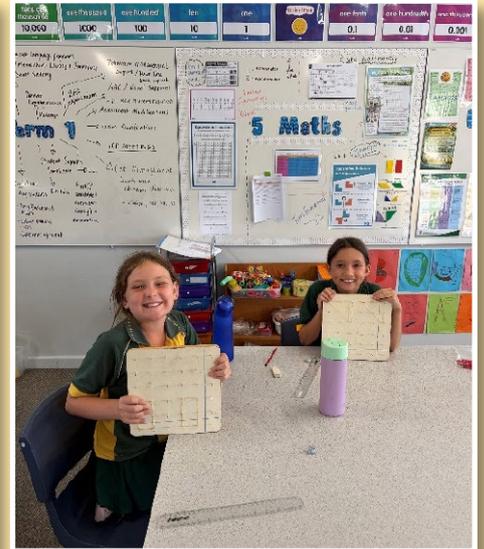
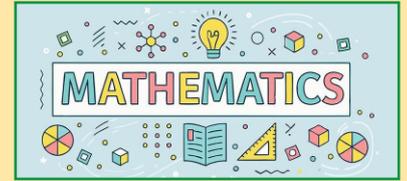
Term 1 Week 8	Student		Reason
Prep		Freya	For your amazing work in PLD with your sounds and letters. You are working hard and improving so much, I am so proud of you. Keep it up, you are Fintastic!
		Montana	For your incredible detailed pictures and colouring in. You are very neat and have a keen eye for drawing. Keep it up, I am so proud! You are Fintastic!
Year 1		Xavier	For your fantastic work in English and Maths and for being a good friend.
Year 2		Ava	Well done on your great reading and writing. You read fluently and write well.
Year 3		Heidi	For consistently trying your best in everything you do, you approach your learning with a positive attitude. What really stands out is the way you care about our classroom community. You always make sure the class is doing the right thing and help set a great example for others. Keep up the fantastic effort and thank you for being such a great role model for your classmates.
Year 4/5		Olivia	For your enthusiasm and commitment to learning, regardless of the topic or subject. You have a 'can-do' attitude at all times as well as a smile on your face. You are a pleasure to teach.
		Lane	

Term 1 Week 8	Student		Reason
Year 5/6		Indianna	For your focus and dedication towards Maths. You always complete your work to high standard and strive to achieve your best. Keep up the good work!
		Bridie	For consistently demonstrating quiet determination and resilience in your learning. You approach every task with a positive attitude, always giving your best effort and striving to complete all activities to the highest standard. Your commitment to improvement and willingness to keep trying is truly commendable.
Year 7		Sam	For a terrific attitude towards completing your tasks to a high standard. Also for following instructions and producing great work.
Year 8		Sylar	For a great work ethic and getting in and completing classwork to a high standard.
Year 9		Kelli	For having an excellent attitude towards your school work, particularly during creative writing in English and for producing beautiful work.
Year 10		Nicolas	For your great effort in completing the components of your project in ITD to a high standard.

Year 5 Mathematics

The Year 5 Maths class have spent this term working on fractions and decimals, grid coordinates, transformations and surveys. They have worked extremely hard to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding in class and I am very proud of their progress! They have also been working on their singing skills while practising their multiplications to catchy pop songs.

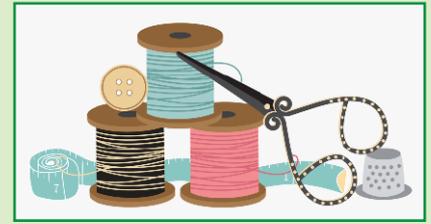
Mrs Anja Ryan



Food and Fibre

Year 8 Food and Fibre

Year 8 Food and Fibre have been machine sewing this term. They are creating a tie-dyed pencil case for their assessment. The designs have been individual, their practical skills have been wonderful, and their ironing and fabric manipulation has been questionable! They are a bunch of characters that bring positivity and fun to each lesson for Mrs Muggo and myself.



Year 9/10 Food and Fibre

The girls have been working away on their café designs for this term and will be conducting a service of staff lunches for Term 2. They have designed their own café names, logos, menus and trialled a variety of options for delivery. The girls have considered sustainable, ethical and social factors when making design choices. We are off to Toowoomba on an excursion to in Week 8 and will be visiting the Futures Restaurant at TAFE Qld to attend their café and see behind the scenes of a running kitchen and to Toowoomba Wholesale Distributors for sustainable serving containers. We will then visit a successfully run café for lunch.

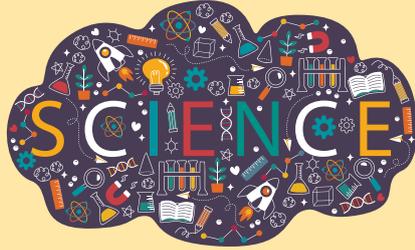
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Year 8 Science

In our Year 8 Science class, students are learning about chemical and physical reactions. In this unit, students learn how to safely use a Bunsen burner.

As a practical, we all had a go at lighting and changing the flame colour of a burner.



Leah Eaves



Community Notices

Bonshaw Public School COLOUR RUN!

SAT 28TH MARCH **11AM QLD TIME** **ENTRY \$5 EACH**

BONSHAW PUBLIC SCHOOL OVAL
BBQ & COLD DRINKS TO PURCHASE
WHITE CLOTHING IS BEST!
Please support our small school fundraiser

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
Templer/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

Torture on the Border Triathlon TEXAS QLD