



Texas P-10
State School

Texas Telegraph

Week 8, Term 3 2026



Diary Dates

Wednesday 2 September

Father's Day Stall

P&C Meeting 5:00pm

Friday 4 September

Student Free Day

Friday 18 September

Last day of Term 3

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday 13 October

Under 8's Day

QParents Consents

Affected Students	Activity	Due Back
High School	2 Way Meet	7/9
Prep, Yr 1/2	Under 8's Morning	12/10
Prep-Yr 6	Shake & Stir	14/9
Year 7-10	Shake & Stir Performances	14/9
Whole School	Run Club	18/9
Primary School	Swimming	18/9
Prep-Yr 2	Mingoola Place	18/11
Year 4/5	Design Technology	9/12
Year 5/6	Design Technology	11/12

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Texas P-10 State School

Principal's Report

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 3. There will be one more newsletter before the end of Term.

P&C News

On Wednesday 2 September, the P&C will be running a Father's Day Stall from 8:30am – 3:15pm in the communication room. More detailed information regarding the Father's Day stall will be sent home.

Last week's planned P&C meeting has been postponed to this week. This Wednesday 2 September the August P&C meeting will be held in the meeting room starting at 5:00pm.

Word of the Week

In Term 3, Texas P-10 State School have introduced a whole-school vocabulary focus. Using words from their subject areas, teachers have been introducing a Word-of-the-Week at the start of each week. The idea for the older students is to get to know the word, know how to use the word and be able to spell the word. For younger students the focus is getting to know a new word. New word lists have been constructed for Term 4. Keep an eye out in the newsletter to see the Word-of-the-Week for each classroom.

Macintyre Gazette Articles

You may have noticed school articles in recent editions of the Macintyre Gazette. The Macintyre Gazette 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 the school news in the Macintyre Gazette.

2 Positives and a Polisher

Rather than provide the students on assembly with the usual 2 Positives and a Polisher, at Week 8 assembly I spoke about prejudice, in light of a couple of incidents which have occurred at school recently.

Prejudice

This week, our students were challenged to think about the word **prejudice** and what it means in our everyday lives. We explored the idea that prejudice is judging someone before we really know them and discussed how easily assumptions can influence the way we see and treat others.

One of the key messages was the "**assumption trap**" – the tendency to decide what someone is like based on how they look, speak, behave, their culture, their abilities or other differences, without taking the time to know the person.

Our students were encouraged to **Stop, Think and Get to Know** others, rather than making quick judgements. We also discussed the importance of not joining in when we hear prejudiced comments and, where appropriate, speaking up or seeking help from a trusted adult.



Ultimately, the message is a simple but important one: **Don't judge. Get to know. Include. Respect.** Every student deserves to feel safe, valued and that they belong in our school community.

Sean Cole, Principal



*Pictured top:
Secondary HASS
(see article on page 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.

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 Interview Feedback

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Parent-Teacher Interviews using our new booking platform and meeting format.

Now that some time has passed, we welcome your feedback on what worked well and how we could improve the process in the future. Please email your feedback to admin@texasss.eq.edu.au or contact Admin directly.

R U OK? Day

This week, Texas P-10 State School is shining a spotlight on the importance of checking in with those around us.

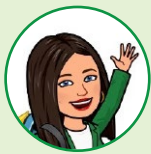
R U OK? Day encourages us to check in with our friends, classmates, colleagues and family members. If someone doesn't seem like themselves, asking "Are you okay?" and taking the time to genuinely listen can help them feel noticed, valued and supported.

There are four simple steps we can all follow:

1. Ask, "Are you okay?"
2. Listen carefully.
3. Encourage action and support.
4. Check in again later.

You don't need to be an expert to reach out. Sometimes, simply being there and listening is the most important thing you can do.

While R U OK? Day shines a spotlight on this important message, checking in with one another matters every day. Together, we can continue building a caring school community where everyone feels safe, welcome and supported.



Ms Jillian Hazard
Head of Department



Welcome to Year 4/5, Miss Fearby!

We are very excited to welcome Miss Fearby to the Year 4/5 classroom at Texas P-10 State School!



Miss Fearby is currently in her third year of studying Primary Teaching at the University of New England (UNE) in Armidale. As an Inglewood local, she is looking forward to completing her teaching placement close to home and becoming part of our school community.

Outside of university, Miss Fearby enjoys going for walks, playing league tag and touch football.

We are looking forward to having Miss Fearby join our classroom, get to know our students and share in all the exciting learning happening in Year 4/5.

Please join us in giving Miss Fearby a warm Texas P-10 welcome!



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SEPTEMBER

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STUDENT FREE DAY



Father's Day Stall

2 SEPT 2026
8.15 AM - 3.15 PM

- Gifts from \$1.00 - \$10.00
- Eftpos, cash or prepay via flexischools
- Stall located in the school office
- All purchases gift wrapped



EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK

RESPECTFUL

We learn
without interruptions.

Texas P-10 State School



WORD OF THE WEEK • WEEKS 8 & 9



WEEK 8

Prep

predict

Year 1/2

observe

Year 3

represent

Year 4/5

renewable

Year 5/6

examine

Year 7

productivity

Year 8

embryo

Year 9

efficiency

Year 10

absolute

WEEK 9

Prep

caring

Year 1/2

continuity

Year 3

characteristics

Year 4/5

cartographic

Year 5/6

perceptions

Year 7

phenomena

Year 8

geomorphic

Year 9

precipitation

Year 10

holistic

★ **KNOW IT • USE IT • SPELL IT** • Learn the meaning, use it in a sentence and have a go at spelling it! ✏️

Celebrating of 70 YEARS UNDER 8'S DAY

Celebrating childhood, play and the value of the early years. ♥



Under 8's Day is a celebration of every child's right to **play**, **belong**, **participate** and experience the **joy of childhood**.



≡ Come and join us! ≡



TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2026

≡ 9:30AM – 11:00AM ≡

**HOSTED AT WRIGGLERS & GIGGLERS
CHILD CARE CENTRE**

..... in collaboration with

TEXAS P-10 STATE SCHOOL

A morning to celebrate the importance of the early years and the strength of **community**.



PLAY



DISCOVER



CONNECT



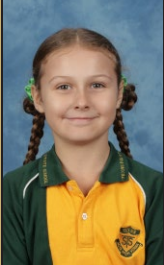
BELONG

Childhood matters. Play matters. The early years matter. ♥

Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 6	Student		Reason	Term 3 Week 6	Student		Reason
Prep		Arlo	For the big improvement you have shown in your dictation this week. You made great digraphs and letter choices and worked hard to listen carefully to the sounds in each word. Keep it up, you are Fintastic!	Year 5/6		Letty	For getting in and getting all of your school work done during class last week - you have been focused during class and trying your hardest. Keep it up.
Year 1/2		Tessa	For coming to school ready to learn. Congratulations on your commitment to learning.	Year 7		Indianna	For showing such great leadership qualities each day. You are always leading by example in terms of your behaviour, pride in your appearance, and academic effort. Well done!
Year 3		Jack	For listening to feedback and aiming high to improve your work.	Year 8		Mia	For always trying your best.
Year 4/5		Grey	For settling back into Texas. You have entered the classroom with enthusiasm and excitement every day. Keep up the love of learning that you are showing.	Year 9		Alisha	For working well on your illustrated short story in English.
Year 4/5		Samvir	For being self-motivated and energetic. You show an interest and enthusiasm in your learning and have demonstrated great leadership in school interactions with staff and students.	Year 10		Kelli	For your efforts in PE.
Year 4/5		Leo	For your contribution to our classroom. You always participate in classroom discussions and activities with energy and enthusiasm.	Year 10		Nicolas	For showing great maturity and respect to your fellow peers and teachers.

Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 7	Student		Reason
Prep		Harrison	For your quick work in our mental Maths booklets. You are flying through it every day and are getting so confident in answering all the questions independently. Keep up your hard work, you are Fintastic!
Year 1/2		Lillie	For trying hard in reading and writing. You are developing fluency and trying hard to spell words correctly.
		Jarlirah	For trying hard to improve your writing. You listen to feedback and aim to do better.
Year 3		Amelia-Anne	For working hard in all learning areas this last week. I love seeing you try hard to bump up your English!
Year 4/5		Lincoln	For settling into our classroom and new school. You work to the best of your ability and put 100% effort into your work!
		David	Welcome back to Texas P-10 State School! Thank you for your cheery attitude towards school, learning and friendships. You make our classroom a happy place.

Term 3 Week 7	Student		Reason
Year 5/6		Hudson	For settling so well into our class routines. You have made some great friends already.
		Sofia	For showing greater independence in your tasks during class time. You are becoming a proactive learner.
Year 7		Sam	For being an outstanding learner in Science.
Year 8		Aria	For giving 100% towards completing your Science assessment.
Year 9		Nevaeh	For your outstanding attendance.
Year 10		Amelia	For consistently being a kind and respectful class member.

Year 4/5 Classroom News

It has been another busy and exciting term in the Year 4/5 classroom, with students working hard across all learning areas.

In Mathematics, students are learning about measurement and developing their skills through a range of practical activities. They are exploring how we measure different objects and applying their knowledge to real-life situations.

In English, our focus is on persuasive speaking. Students are preparing for their very own Shark Tank presentation, where they will invent a creative new product and try to persuade their audience that it is worth investing in. We are looking forward to seeing the clever creations and convincing sales pitches!

In Science, students are investigating forces and how they affect objects in everyday life. We are exploring pushing, pulling, friction, gravity and air resistance through discussions and hands-on activities.

In The Arts, students are bringing stories to life! They are retelling a story by creating their own scripts and using a range of dramatic elements to perform for the class.

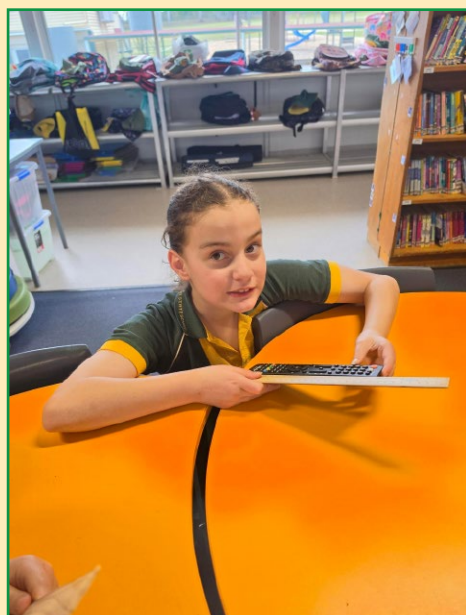
We are also beginning to prepare for the Texas P-10 Art Exhibition next term. Students will be getting creative with two exciting art projects – a lino print and a paper mâché person. We can't wait to see these artworks come together and eventually go on display!

A quick reminder: Could all Year 4/5 students please bring in a small empty plastic bottle to use for our paper mâché art project.



We are looking forward to another creative and productive few weeks in Year 4/5!

Mrs Jane Lang



Year 5 Japanese

As part of the Culture and Festivals unit, Year 5 students learnt about tea ceremonies and tried some green tea. It was a hit with some, not so much for others!

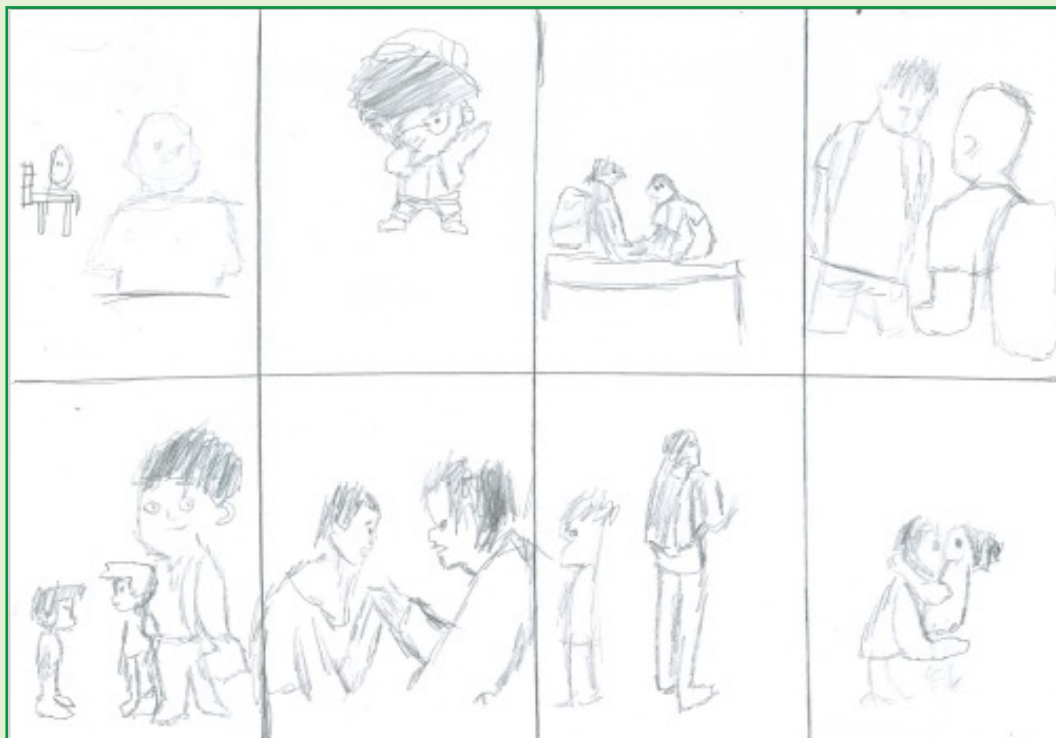
Mrs Shawanna Mitchell



Year 8 English

Students will create a short story in a genre of their choice using visual and language choices that engage an audience. I am looking forward to laughing, crying and being scared by their creative writing and seeing their artistic side through their artwork and use of computer programs.

Mrs Shawanna Mitchell

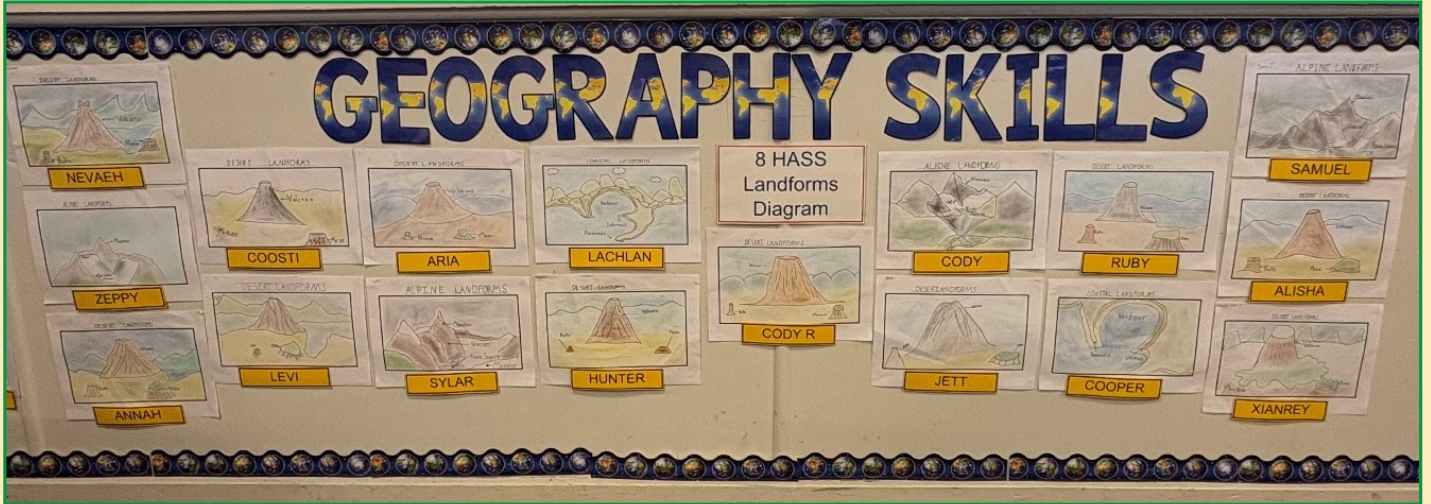


Geography Skills in Secondary HASS



Students in Years 8 and 9 have been busy in HASS studying units with a Geography focus. Creating diagrams and maps are key skills in the study of our Earth and students have been honing these skills through the creation of landform diagrams (Year 8) and choropleth maps (Year 9). Students have created some fantastic, accurate and neat work.

Mrs Kate Spriggs



Ekka Winners

Once again, the Texas Show Society generously supported our students by sending selected work from Prep to Year 5 to Brisbane to be entered and judged at the Ekka. This provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to have their classroom work showcased alongside entries from students across Queensland.

A fantastic variety of work was selected across the year levels. Prep students created colourful self-portraits, while Year 1/2 students showed their creativity through recycled CD art and their entertaining Newspaper Animal Antics. Year 3 and 4 students demonstrated their poetry skills by creating diamante poems, and Year 4 students explored changes in agriculture through their Farming Yesterday and Today posters. Year 5 students put their mapping skills to work by creating detailed distance education maps.

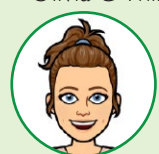
The Ekka's Education on Show competition celebrates curriculum-based work created by primary students from across Queensland, making it an exciting opportunity for our students to have their learning recognised beyond the classroom.

A huge thank you to the Texas Show Society for continuing to support our students and for organising the transportation of their work to and from Brisbane. We greatly appreciate the time, effort and support that goes into giving our students the opportunity to participate in such a special event.

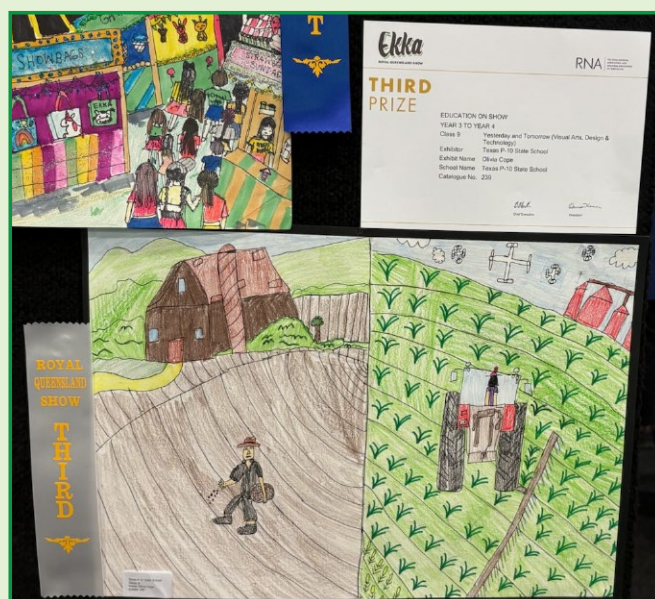
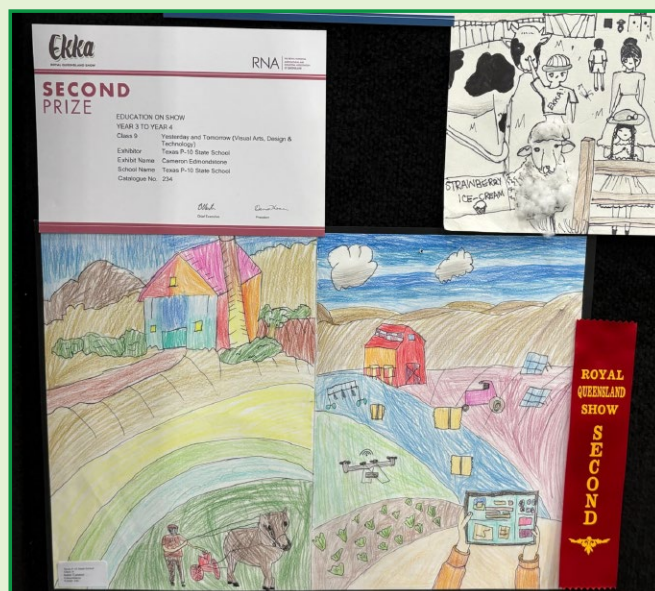
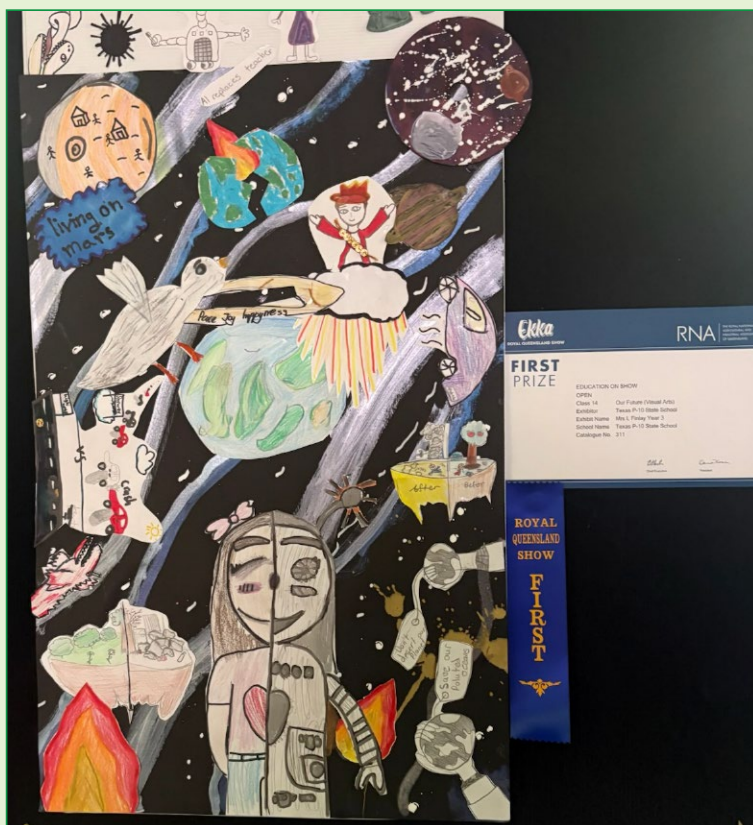
Congratulations to all students whose work was selected. We are very proud to see Texas students represented at the Ekka!

2026 Winners

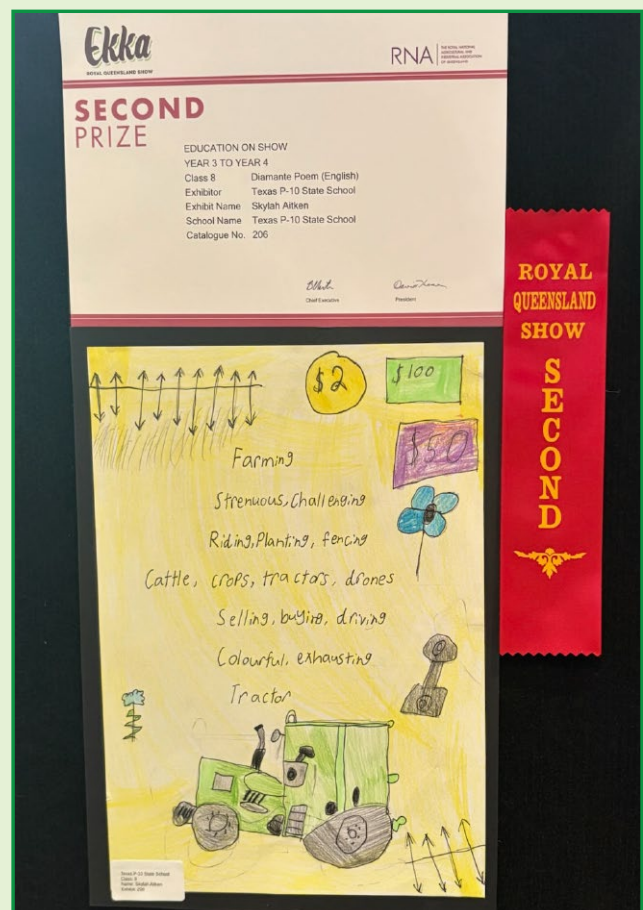
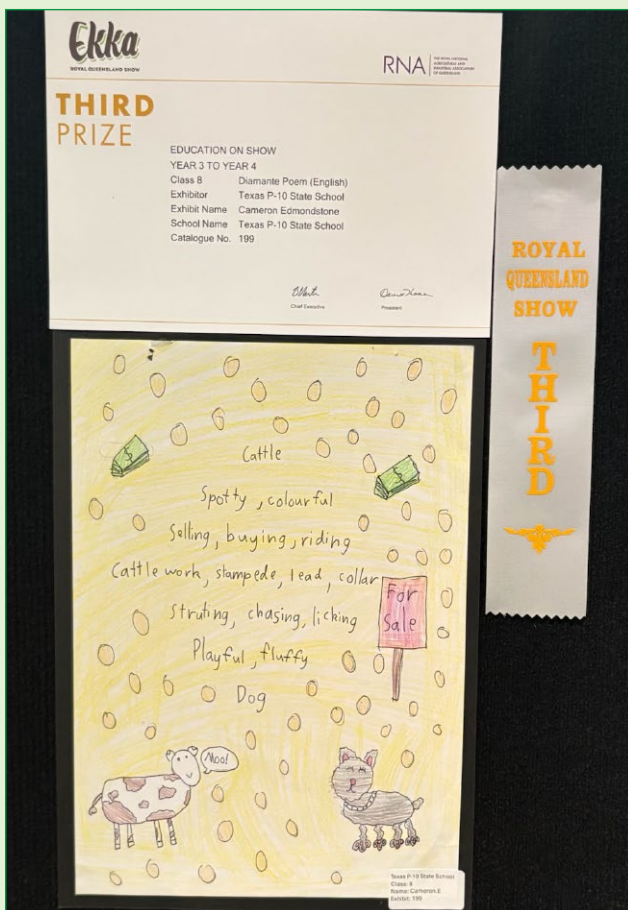
- Prep Portraits – Evelyn B Commended
- Year 1/2 Reuse CD Art – Lacey B Third
- Year 3/4 Diamante Poem – Skylah A Second and Cameron E Third
- Year 4 Yesterday and Today in Farming – Cameron E Second, Olivia C Third and Mere S Highly Commended
- Year 3/4 Sectional Winner – Cameron E



Mrs Jane Lang



Ekka Winners (continued)



Administration of Medications

Does your child need medication during school hours?

If your child needs to take medication at school, please provide the office staff with:

- a completed and signed [Consent to administer medication](#) form;
- the medication in its original container; and
- medical authorisation (e.g. the pharmacy label, or a letter from the doctor, or a completed and signed health action plan).

For further information, please refer to the [Information for parents/carers and health practitioners](#).

If you have any queries, please contact the office by phone on 07 4653 3333.

If my child has to take medication at school, how will the doctor know what paperwork the school needs?

When you next visit your child's doctor (or other health practitioner), you could give them a copy of the [Administration of medications in Queensland state schools: Information for parents/carers and health practitioners](#).

This document explains what advice they need to provide to help the school to safely administer medication to your child.

Easy medication packaging

If your child takes tablets or capsules each day, you can ask the pharmacist to pack them individually in sachets, blister packs or bubble packs.

This packaging is known as a 'dose administration aid' (or DAA) and has the pharmacy label instructions as part of the packaging.

When medication is packaged in a DAA it can make it easier for the school to safely store and administer it.

Please note: A pill case (e.g. a weekly medication organiser) filled by yourself is not a DAA and is not something the school is approved to use.

Medication safety at school

If your child requires medication at school, there are some things you can do to help.

- Only provide medication that has been medically authorised.
- Check that the medication hasn't expired.
- Provide medication in the pharmacy packaging.
- Hand medication to the school in person.
- Collect unused medication in person.
- Provide a pill-cutter if tablets need to be halved or quartered, or arrange for the pharmacist to package the medication using a dose administration aid.



Community Notice

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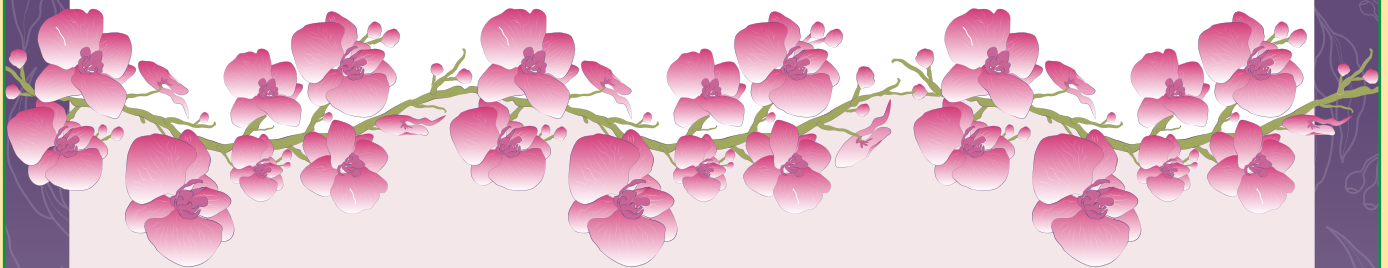
Mobile Women's Health Services

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
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- Healthy lifestyles
- Free talks to community groups/ workplaces about Women's Health topics
- Osteoporosis and heart health information

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Western



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» 2 and 16 September

Chinchilla Hospital
phone 07 4662 8888

» 3 September

Jandowae Multipurpose
Health Service
phone 07 4668 4555

» 8 September

Millmerran Multipurpose
Health Service
phone 07 4695 3111

» 9 and 23 September

Miles Hospital
phone 07 4628 5600

» 10 September

Inglewood Multipurpose
Health Service
phone 07 4652 0777

» 14 September

Tara Hospital
phone 07 4678 7900

» 17 September

Dalby Hospital
phone 07 4669 0512

» 21 September

Texas Multipurpose
Health Service
phone 07 4653 3203

» 24 September

Taroom Hospital
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