



**Texas P-10**  
State School

# Texas Telegraph

Week 8, Term 3 2025



## Diary Dates

### Wednesday 3 September

P&C Meeting 5:30pm

### Friday 5 September

#### Student Free Day

Bookings close for Parent Teacher Interviews

### Monday 8 - Thursday 18 September

Parent Teacher Interviews

### Tuesday 9 September

Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

### Wednesday 17 September

Under 8's Day

### Friday 19 September

Last day of Term 3

*Pictured top of page:*

*Music Matters (see article on page 7)*

## Permission Notes

Sent Home	Affected Students	Activity	Due Back
21/7	Year 9/10	Gym	OVERDUE
22/7	Year 5 & 6	Design Technology	OVERDUE
22/7	Year 9/10	Fishing	OVERDUE
28/7	Year 9	Work Experience	OVERDUE
1/8	Year 3, 7 & 10	Planetarium Brisbane	OVERDUE
18/8	Selected Music students	Strings Camp	OVERDUE

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## Principal's Report

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 3. This term is literally flying. There will be one more Texas Telegraph before the end of term.

### Student Free Day

On Friday, this week, 5 September there will be a student free day. Teachers will not be at school on this day.

Teacher Aides will be in school on Friday participating in professional development. There will be no students at school this Friday.

### Resilience in Teens

Parenting a teenager isn't easy – especially when anxiety becomes prevalent. This can be an extremely difficult and challenging time for parents.

Resilience In Our Teen for Parents is a three-part, live webinar series which has been created to assist parents to support students in navigating difficulties they may face as a teenager.

In the sessions, you'll learn:

- How anxiety develops in teenagers, and what it really looks like
- Why well-intentioned responses can sometimes make things worse
- How to set boundaries while keeping strong connections
- Practical steps to support your teen without walking on eggshells

The online sessions are delivered by a registered psychologist and are evidence-based, down-to-earth, and designed for real families. No jargon, no judgment – just tools that work. For more information, please follow the link:

<https://www.parentshop.com.au/parents/resilience-in-our-teens-parents>

### Brock's off to State Championships

Brock Dawson recently participated in the Darling Downs Track and Field Championships in Toowoomba. He came 1st in the 400m Dash and 800 Run, and second in the Triple Jump. He will be competing at the State Championships in Townsville later this year. Texas P-10 State School is extremely proud of Brock's achievements.

### Netball Gala Day

Some of our primary school students participated in a Gala Netball Day at Toowoomba last week. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 made up 2 teams who competed against other teams from Toowoomba and the Darling Downs. Both teams were very competitive and did Texas proud. Mrs Byrnes and Miss Loader, who organised the excursion, commented that the students have improved a lot since the school started it's netball program.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents currently have access to the school online booking system (SOBS) for Parent/Teacher Interviews. This will close on Friday 5 September.

Parents can access SOBS at the following link:

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

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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](mailto: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)

### 2 Positives and a Polisher

Each week on assembly, I present 2 positives and a polisher to the students. The 2 positives provide a commendation to students, or groups of students who have behaved in ways which support our school's values and expectations. The polisher is something I have noticed which we need to improve or work on. This week the positives were:

1. Brock's fantastic achievement at the Darling Downs Track and Field Championships.
2. Year 4-6 students who participated in the Gala Netball Day and represented the school extremely well in performance, attitude and behaviour.

The polisher for the week was to remind students not run on the cement as we have had instances recently of students falling and injuring themselves while doing this.



### Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week

This week we presented our Texas teacher aides with a certificate and gift to celebrate the wonderful work they do at Texas P-10 State School. We are very lucky to have our fantastic aides and were very happy to pay special homage to them during Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week. Three big cheers for our aides!

*Sean Cole, Principal*

## Parent/Teacher Interviews – Term 3

The Parent/Teacher Interviews are starting next week **Monday 8th September – Friday 18th September**. The event will occur between 3:20 – 5:20pm with some morning times available. You can access SOBS to book interviews until Friday 5 September with your child's teachers or call Admin.



**BOOKING PLATFORM CLOSING THIS FRIDAY!**

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

## Attendance

Classes	Week 6	Week 7
Prep	93.33%	76.67%
Year 1/2	87.78%	84.44%
Year 3	86.67%	90.00%
Year 4	80.00%	89.33%
Year 5	85.00%	92.50%
Year 6	91.25%	88.75%
Year 7	75.29%	72.94%
Year 8	90.00%	87.50%
Year 9	93.33%	83.33%
Year 10	78.18%	69.09%
Whole School	86.08%	83.46%

## Attendance Matters!



39 school days missed  
in the academic year  
=  
10 school days missed per term



19.5 school days missed  
in the academic year  
=  
5 school days missed per term



7.5 school days missed  
in the academic year  
=  
2 school days missed per term

## PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

### General Meeting

**Wednesday The 3<sup>rd</sup> of September**  
**5:30PM - Administration Building**

Are you interested in helping your child and the school?

Join the P&C, It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and get involved in your child's school.

All parents/Carers Welcome to Join the meeting.

Meetings held every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.

# \*STUDENT\* FREE DAY

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**NO SCHOOL.**



## Ekka Show Award Recipients



Frances



Cameron



Leo



Mere



Liam



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## EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK



BE SAFE BE RESPONSIBLE BE RESPECTFUL

### Be safe when catching the bus

- Sit down in your designated seat - only get up when the bus stops
- Use indoor voices - don't yell or be noisy
- Listen to the driver and follow their instructions
- Wear your seatbelt
- Keep all body parts inside the bus
- Wait on the footpath until the bus stops



## UNDER 8'S DAY

**WEDNESDAY 17TH  
SEPTEMBER**

Unleashing  
Scientific  
Thinking through  
Play








**9:15-11:15am**

**HOSTED BY  
TEXAS P-10 STATE SCHOOL**

**Located in P-3 area**

Organised in conjunction with  
Texas & District Kindergarten and  
Wrigglers and Gigglers

## Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 6	Student		Reason
Prep		Violet	For your exceptional reading. You are such a fluent, beautiful reader who uses all the strategies to decode high frequency words. You can whole word read all known words and have nailed your heart words. Keep up your hard work Violet. You are a SUPER Prepahero!
Year 1		Ava	For great reading and comprehension. You have also been trying hard in Maths to make connections.
Year 2		Vincent	For consistently demonstrating a strong commitment to learning. You work well independently, but also show support to others.
		Presley	Congratulations on your hard work and effort in all subject areas.
Year 3		Willow	For your persistence with any task I give you and your cool and calm attitude when completing any task.
		Lane	For your amazing growth with your reading. You read a whole PLD passage to me and only sounded out 1 word. You have come so far, it warms my heart.
		Jaxton-Lee	For your growth in telling us what you would like! You have come so far and we are so proud of you!

Term 3 Week 6	Student		Reason
Year 4		Mitchell	For working hard to stay focused, make positive choices, and resist distractions.
Year 5		Hunter	For nailing your Maths understanding this term. You have really been listening and it shows in your understanding. Keep up the good work!
		Caelan	For always coming to class with a CAN-DO attitude. You always give 100% on classroom activities and discussions.
Year 6		Sophie	For persevering even when tasks in class sometimes feel hard or don't go your way. I see you pick yourself up, dust yourself off, fix your crown and keep trying. Well done!
Year 7		Will	For showing great sportsmanship in your HPE lessons.
Year 8		Nevaeh	For trying hard in HASS to produce high quality work.
Year 9		Lillie	For the fantastic character description that you wrote in English.
Year 10		Declan	For your great application to creating your table in IDT. You are doing a great job!



## Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 7	Student		Reason
Prep		Oliver	For your incredible dictation on Friday. You have come such a long way with your writing and spelling. I am so proud of you. Keep up your hard work. You are a SUPER Prepahero!
Year 1		Jayden	For trying hard to write in proper sentences.
Year 2		Lacey	For putting in a huge effort always.
Year 3		Tyson	For putting a funny spin with your persuasive writing in English. Your persuasive techniques shine through your writing. Keep it up.
Year 4		Riley	For having a great attitude to your school work. You make us smile on a daily basis and try your best in every lesson.
Year 5		Kingsley	For staying on task and trying your best. You have been working well in class and completing all set tasks. Congratulations!
		Melaia	For being a great problem solver. Your work in Mathematics is excellent and you have been working very well on our measurement activities.

Term 3 Week 7	Student		Reason
	<b>Everyone in Year 6</b> You have all blown me away with how enthusiastically you have embraced our Drama unit this term. You are all so dedicated to learning your lines, promoting your cast members and throwing all of your energy into the spirit of acting. I am so proud of you all!		
Year 6			
Year 7		Patrick	For your efforts across the curriculum. Keep up the good work.
Year 8		Kingston	For your efforts in PE. Your t-ball skills are outstanding.
Year 9		Rihan	For your excellent effort and behaviour in class.
Year 10		Stefani	For your hard work in Health. Keep it up!



## Year 1 and 2 News

Year 1 and 2 have been very busy this term learning lots of new concepts in all subject areas.

In English, we have investigated different types of procedures. We have completed our oral presentations about games. *Uno* and *Snakes and Ladders* is very popular in our class. We are now working on excursion procedures. Year 1 and 2 are trying to convince Mrs Finlay that we need to go to the Rabbit Freezing Works, or the movies, or Mount Buller or a sleepover at school!

In Maths we are looking at all types of measurement. We have measured objects to see how long they are. We've used scales to measure mass and cups of sand to measure capacity.

In Art we are learning about a famous artist named Gustav Klimt. Did you know he really liked painting trees and people? Did you know that he loved using gold paint? Did you know he liked putting patterns into his artworks? Did you know that Gustav Klimt liked cats?

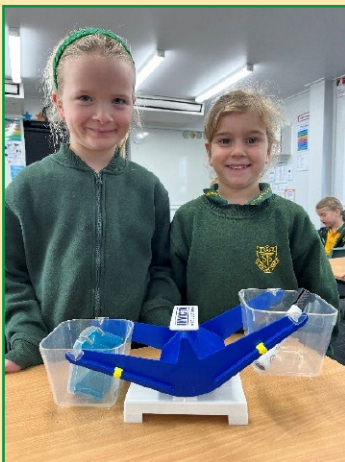
In Science we are investigating the properties of different materials. Our challenge is to make a lunch box that can hold a sandwich and an orange. It needs to be strong enough to hold food and it needs to be waterproof. The children can bring in materials from home for the challenge.



Mrs Finlay is so impressed with Year 1 and 2's capacity to learn.

We wish all the dads a Happy Father's Day on Sunday.

**Mrs Sonya Finlay**





## Music Matters

Our strings students have been developing their artistic skills and making beautiful music together!

Last term, seven of our budding musicians travelled to Stanthorpe for the Granite Belt Strings Festival. They were able to meet lots of other musicians from other schools and experience what it was like to play in a large orchestra. We are very grateful for Mrs Bird, who helped with transport and made sure everyone had an amazing experience.

This week, eight of our beginners will travel to Stanthorpe for the Beginners' Music Camp, and will perform in a concert at Stanthorpe State School. We expect to have lots of fun and learn a lot as well.

Thank you to all the families for your ongoing support of our program!

Yours in music,

**Mrs Dion Buddle**





## QParents

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Fact sheet for parents

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SOON

### What is QParents?

QParents is a free and secure online application that enables Queensland state school parents to access and manage their child's information, complete school-related administrative tasks and communicate with their child's school.

### What information is available in QParents?

Using QParents you can:

- view upcoming events, timetables and report cards
- access and provide digital consent
- view and update attendance details (including future absences)
- view behaviour information
- pay invoices and view payment history.

### Which schools use QParents?

QParents is available to all Queensland state schools. Please contact your child's school directly to find out if they use QParents.

### How do I register for QParents?

To start using QParents, download the app on your preferred device or visit [qpayers.qld.edu.au](http://qpayers.qld.edu.au) and follow the instructions.

### What personal information is stored in QParents?

Your username, e-mail and phone number are stored in the QParents database.

### Where is my personal information stored?

The Department of Education has contracted Microsoft to host the QParents app. Your personal information is stored in Microsoft's secure data centre in Australia. All personal information is protected using the latest encryption techniques, rendering this information unreadable to unauthorised people. For more information, see the [Microsoft Azure Trust Centre](#).

### Will you use my data for advertising purposes?

**No.** Queensland Government agencies are not permitted to disclose your information for marketing, advertising or other purposes.

### Where is my child's information sourced from?

Information about your child in QParents has been collected through school processes such as enrolment and/or recorded by teachers and school staff in the school's IT system called OneSchool.

### How current is the information in QParents?

Information will be available in QParents as soon as it has been recorded or updated in OneSchool. Any information you update in QParents will be available immediately for the school to review and confirm the update in OneSchool.

### What if I don't want my child's information in QParents?

You will need to contact your child's school if you do not want their information on your QParents account.

### Where can I find help using QParents?

If you need assistance using QParents, you can:

- check the help page at [qpayers.qld.edu.au/#/help](http://qpayers.qld.edu.au/#/help)
- call 13 QGOV (13 74 68)
- contact your child's school.

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## Community Notice



## Goondiwindi and Districts Junior Cricket

### Registrations are open NOW for Junior Cricket and Cricket Blast

[Register to Goondiwindi Junior Cricket Association | PlayHQ](#)

Registrations will close 20 September.

### Grading days

Grading days allow us to allocate Junior cricketers into a team at the right level for their skills.

Sunday 14 September and Saturday 20 September.

If you have any questions please contact the club via [\(20+\)](#)  
[Facebook](#) or email [gundyjuniorcricket@gmail.com](mailto:gundyjuniorcricket@gmail.com)