Texas P-10 State School

Texas Telegraph

Week 8, Term 4 2026



Diary Dates

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 4 December
- Year 6 Graduation

Week 10

Wednesday 9 December
- P-2 Swimming Carnival
- Report Cards email

Friday 11 December
- Last day of Term 4

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QParents Consents

Affected Students	Activity	Due Back
Year 3	Swimming	26/11
Year 10	Hall Set-Up	26/11
Year 1/2	Sleepover	27/11
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 8 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:

Prep/Year 1: **Miss Celotto**

Year 2: **Mrs S Finlay**

Year 3/4: **Mrs L Finlay**

Year 5: **Mrs Lang**

Year 6: **Mrs Trim**

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.

Texas School Captains Honour Our Fallen Soldiers

On Wednesday, 11 November, Texas P–10 State School Captains, Addie and Amelia, proudly represented their school at the Remembrance Day ceremony held at the Texas Cenotaph.

Joining local community members and representatives from the Stanthorpe RSL Sub Branch, the girls took part in the solemn service, pausing for one minute's silence to honour and remember the brave Australian men and women who have served and sacrificed their lives in times of war and conflict before laying a wreath at the memorial.

It was a meaningful opportunity for the school captains to show their respect, reflect on the significance of Remembrance Day and join the wider community in ensuring the sacrifices of our fallen service personnel are never forgotten.

Lest We Forget.

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Queensland Government

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.***

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Principal's Report (continued)

Coming Up:

November 24: Awards Night.
November 25: Year 10 First Aid.
November 27: Year 10 Final Assembly.
November 28: Year 10 Farewell Dinner.
November 30 – December 2: Year 7-9 Camp.
December 1-2: Year 1/2 Sleepover
December 2: Year 2 Mingoola Performance.
December 4: Year 6 Graduation.
December 7-11: Year 9 Work Experience.
December 9: Prep-Year 2 Swimming Carnival.
December 9: Report Cards emailed.
December 10: Primary Term 4 Rewards Day.
December 11: Break-up Day.

2 Positives and a Polisher

Each week on assembly I feedback to the student body on two 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:

Two Positives

1. Wellbeing week was a huge success. Well attended by students. Thanks to Mrs L Finlay for organising.
2. Thanks to Amelia and Addie for being fantastic school representatives. They have represented the school as School Captains very positively in 2027.

One Polisher

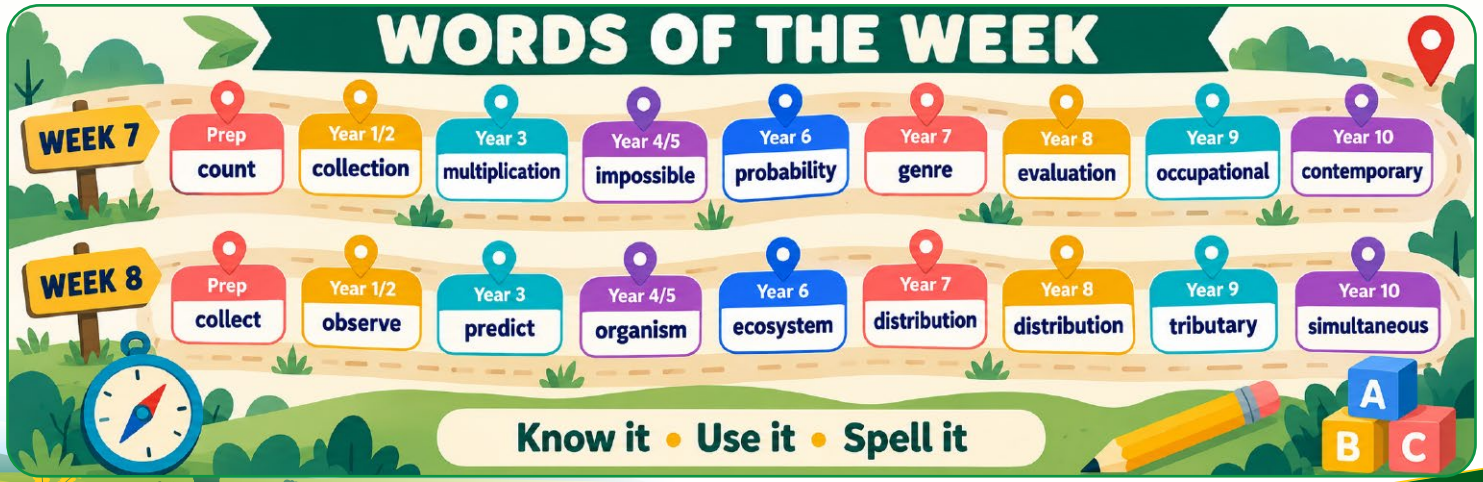
There has been a growing number of incidents involving physical misconduct, particularly while playing touch football and soccer at lunch times. These incidents will be treated seriously and may result in suspension depending on the seriousness of the incident.



Sean Cole, Principal







Head of Department

Phones down, heads up and learning on!



A friendly reminder to our school community about Queensland's statewide 'Away for the Day' mobile phone policy.

We've recently noticed an increase in students, particularly in our secondary school, using their phones during school hours. It's a timely reminder that all mobile phones must be switched off and away for the entire school day. This also includes switching off notifications on smartwatches and other wearable devices.

What's the best option?

We strongly encourage students to hand their phones in at the school office when they arrive and collect them on their way home. It's simple, secure and removes the temptation to check that latest notification!

But what if I need to contact my child?

No worries! Just give our friendly office staff a call, and we'll make sure your message gets through. If your child needs to contact you, they can also do so through the office.

Why does it matter?

Less screen time during school means more time for learning, friendships, conversations and physical activity. It's about helping our students stay focused, connected and engaged throughout the day.

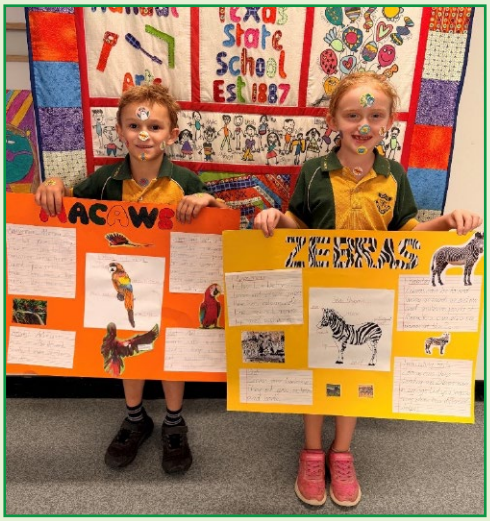
We appreciate families having a quick conversation with their children to reinforce these expectations. Thanks for working with us to keep phones away and learning here to stay!

Year 9/10 Electives

Student preferences have been collated and will be released to students by the end of Week 8.

Time to return the Library Books

Please bring back all library books to school so our rockstar Teacher Aides can do a stocktake of our resources.



Year 1/2 Learning Legends

Did you know a group of zebras is called a dazzle and they run in zigzag patterns? Neither did I, until Tessa and Violet shared this fantastic fun fact with me!

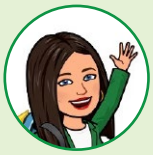
I was lucky enough to have some very excited Year 1 students pop in to proudly show off their amazing information reports. But the fun didn't stop there! I was then treated to a VIP classroom tour last Friday to check out everyone's incredible work!

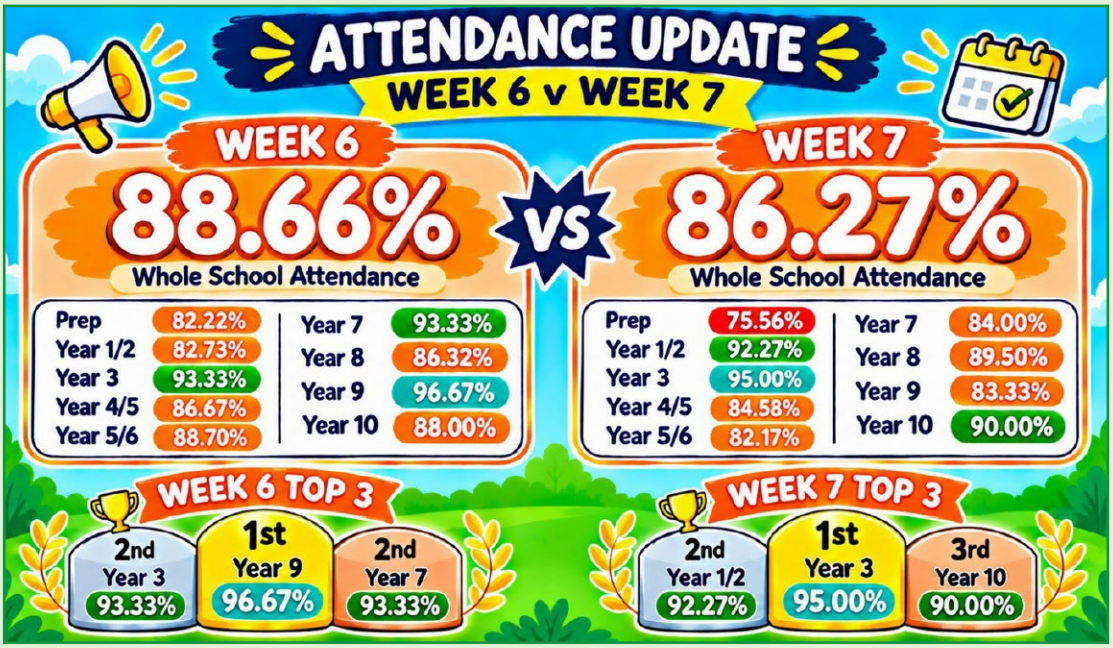
Our Year 1 students took a walk on the wild side, researching Animals Around the World, while our Year 2 students became globe-trotting experts, exploring Countries Around the World!

I was blown away by their impressive writing skills! From cleverly organised information and fascinating vocabulary to well-constructed sentences, spelling and neat handwriting, these young authors certainly know how to impress. The best part? Seeing their huge smiles and the pride they took in sharing their learning!

Watch out, world! We've got some future authors, researchers and explorers in the making! Keep dazzling us, Year 1/2!

Ms Jillian Hazard
Head of Department





Students of the Week

Term 4 Week 6	Student		Reason
Prep		*Arlo*	For having such a fintastic week, listening and trying your hardest in assessments and school work. Keep up your hard work, you are fintastic!
Year 3		*Grey*	For your excellent participation in class. You try hard in every subject and focus on being an active learner. Keep up the great work!
Year 4/5		*Cameron*	For the pride you take with your handwriting and neatness of your workbooks. You have also come so far with your sentence writing, and your grammatical skills are on point! Don't stop!
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Term 4 Week 6	Student		Reason
Year 7		*Hendrix*	For your positive attitude and hard work in HPE.
Year 8		*Levi*	For your enthusiasm and always having something to add to classroom discussions.
Year 9		*Megan*	For always engaging in classroom discussions.
Year 10		*Lillie*	For your excellent work on your assessment in PE. Congratulations!

Students of the Week

Term 4 Week 7	Student		Reason
Prep		*Evie*	For being such an amazing buddy to one of our Prep students during transition. You made her feel so welcome and happy. I am so proud of you!
Year 1/2		*Cooper*	For always having a positive attitude.
		*Jarlirah*	For showing improvement in Maths and reading.
Year 3		*Harrison*	For being an active learner. You have shown a real interest in learning about planets and love sharing your knowledge with the class.
Year 4/5		*Mere*	For always giving 100% effort in all your learning. You participate in classroom discussions and are a good friend to many. Keep up the good work!
		*Sachpreet*	For always giving 100% effort in all your learning. You participate in classroom discussions and are a good friend to many. Keep up the good work!

Term 4 Week 7	Student		Reason
Year 5/6		*Justin*	For being so committed to every aspect of being a great learner. You ask questions, think critically, assist others, and always try your hardest. You are the epitome of a wonderful Texas student.
		*Sofia*	You have really begun to show great independence and initiative in your class work. You are taking great pride in the work you are producing and really starting to think like a high school student. Well done.
Year 7		*Cohen*	For the hard work and dedication that you are displaying in all subjects. You put in 100% effort and get the job done without complaint.
Year 8		*Patrick*	For your ready engagement in class discussions in HASS. You contribute thoughtfully to all topics.
Year 9		*Nevaeh*	For your dedicated application to your assessment tasks in English and HASS. You are trying hard to produce your best work.
Year 10		*Amelia*	For your dedication to your HASS assessment. You have applied yourself with diligence to your skills exam.

Wellbeing and Belonging at Texas P–10 State School



This year, our focus has been all about **BELONGING**! We have been developing processes and initiatives centred around the pillars of belonging, ensuring every student feels welcomed, valued, supported and connected to our school community.

One way we bring belonging to life is through our Wellbeing Weeks and special celebration days, where students come together to have fun, build friendships and create lasting memories.

From cookie decorating and bubble parties to ping pong races, Day for Daniel, Oreo challenges and whole-school games of Capture the Flag, there has been no shortage of laughter and excitement!



Just look at the smiles on these faces! These activities are more than just fun – they help build a school where everyone feels included, connected and, most importantly, that they BELONG!

Mrs Lisa Finlay



Prep

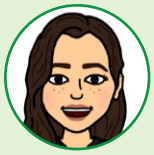
This term has gone so quickly, and we have managed to squeeze so much into it! A massive highlight was our trip to Toowoomba for the Pevan and Sarah concert and a visit to Darling Downs Zoo. Despite the early start, it was a fantastic day! It was wonderful to see so many smiles, hear so many giggles and watch the children enjoy every moment. A massive thank you to Mrs S Finlay and Mrs Ryan for helping to make the day even more special.

In English, we have been exploring the story *The Speedy Sloth* and writing our own retells of the story. We have absolutely loved this book and, in particular, the important message behind it: even when others say or think you can't do something, if you put your mind to it, you can achieve great things! Most importantly, we have learnt that we should always be proud of ourselves and what we can achieve.

In Maths, we have been busy reviewing our numbers to 20, subitising, exploring our friends of 10 and counting forwards and backwards. We have even started skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as we begin preparing for Grade One!

We also had our Super Spooky Soaker Social, which was an absolute hoot! The Preps really got into the spirit of things, making the most of the water guns and balloons. It was a wet and soggy afternoon, but everyone went home with a big smile!

This week, we had our first transition session with the Pre-Prep students, and our 'almost Grade Ones' were absolutely amazing helpers! They made the Pre-Preps feel so welcome and helped them navigate the different activities around the classroom. It was wonderful to see them taking on this responsibility and showing just how much they have grown throughout the year. As always, a big thank you to Mrs Ryan and Ms Rea, who are always fantastic helpers during our transition sessions, and a special thank you to Mrs Bird, who also stayed to lend a hand.



Miss Ella Celotto











































Year 3

What a fun and exciting semester we have had in Year 3! From our amazing school camp to all the wonderful learning happening in our classroom, we have certainly been busy!

We are currently exploring our Solar System and were amazed to discover that a 17-year-old has helped discover a new planet! In Science, we are also investigating solids and liquids, using the Sun as our energy source to explore how heat changes materials.



It has been a semester full of laughter, learning, adventures and wonderful memories. We are so proud of everything our Year 3 superstars have achieved, and the best part is **there is still plenty more fun to come!**

Mrs Lisa Finlay



















Agricultural Science

Our Year 8 Agricultural Science students have had a fantastic time learning all about feedlots, how they are designed and the important features needed for their successful operation. Students have also explored opportunities to improve feedlot design, considering animal welfare, efficiency and sustainability. We were fortunate to visit Whyalla Feedlot and CEEFN Feedlot to see these features in action and gain valuable real-world experience.

Meanwhile, our Year 9/10 Agricultural Science students have been investigating case studies showcasing sustainable agricultural practices. With a focus on **People, Planet and Profit**, students have explored how farming businesses can balance environmental responsibility, social wellbeing and financial success. Visits to Corsons Mill and Summerland Camel Farm provided fantastic opportunities to see these principles in action.



It has been a great semester of hands-on learning, real-world experiences and discovering the exciting opportunities within the agricultural industry!

Mrs Lisa Finlay
















ITD Update







The Year 8 students recently wrapped up their practical project, acquiring not only a tangible set of new workshop skills but a tremendous sense of pride in their finished products.

Working with sheet metal presented a unique set of challenges. Throughout the semester, the cohort learned to measure, cut, bend, and join metal – a process that required precision, patience, and plenty of determination. While many students initially found the material unforgiving, the initial challenge quickly gave way to a rewarding learning experience.

The finished tool caddies look terrific! Congratulations to all our Year 8 students on their hard work, resilience, and fantastic craftsmanship this semester.



Our Primary School students in Years 4–6 have also been busily building away, creating innovative designs to help wildlife coexist within our school environment.

The students have worked incredibly hard researching local habitats and constructing their unique projects. They are immensely proud of their final designs, which showcase both their creativity and their commitment to supporting our local ecosystem.

Congratulations to our upper primary inventors for their dedication to making our school a more welcoming place for wildlife!

Mrs Christidis



Community Notices

