



Texas P-10
State School

Texas Telegraph

Week 10, Term 3 2026



Diary Dates

Thursday 17 September
Year 6 2027 shirt order due

Friday 18 September
Last day of Term 3

Monday 5 October
King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 6 October
First day of Term 4

Wednesday 7 October
P&C Meeting
5.30pm - Admin meeting room

Tuesday 13 October
Under 8's Day

QParents Consents

Affected Students	Activity	Due Back
Prep, Yr 1/2	Under 8's Morning	12/10
P-10	Red Tree Performance	13/10
P-3	Under 8's Morning	12/10
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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Principal's Report

It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of another term. Thanks for another fantastic term, albeit a very busy one. This will be our last newsletter for the term.

Texas Takes the Win at the Term 3 2-Way Meet!

Texas students from Years 5–10 headed to Inglewood on Friday for our Term 3 2-Way Meet, with plenty of friendly competition across netball, soccer and touch football.

While the competition was fierce on the sporting fields, it was great to see students from both schools coming together off the field as well. Mr Doughty was particularly pleased to see Texas and Inglewood students joining in games of handball and basketball at break times, making the most of the opportunity to catch up and socialise.

After a fantastic day of sport and teamwork, Texas came away as the winners of the Term 3 2-Way Meet!

We look forward to welcoming our friends from Inglewood to Texas for the next 2-Way Meet in Week 2 of Term 4.

Rugby 7s Carnival a Great Day Out

On Thursday 7 September, a group of Year 4–6 boys and girls travelled to Goondiwindi to compete in a Rugby 7s Carnival against schools from across the Macintyre School Sport Zone.

Texas P-10 State School joined forces with Inglewood State School to form combined teams for the carnival, giving students from both schools the opportunity to compete, work together and enjoy a great day of sport.

With spectacular weather and a great turnout of teams, it was an enjoyable day of competition and plenty of learning for our students.

Having mostly played rugby league, our students initially found it challenging to adjust to some of the rules and skills of rugby union. The temptation to stop and play the ball proved difficult for some players to resist! However, as the day progressed, the students became more familiar with releasing the ball, clearing the ruck area and quickly moving into the next phase of play.

It was fantastic to see the students improve as the day continued, with everyone giving their best effort and embracing the challenge of learning a new game. The students also worked well with their new teammates from Inglewood, demonstrating great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the carnival.

Most importantly, all of the players said they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They represented both schools with enthusiasm and gave the carnival their all. By the time we boarded the bus for the journey home, there were certainly some very tired — but very happy — students!

It was a great day of sport, learning, teamwork and building connections between our two schools.

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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.

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Phone (07) 4653 3333 principal@texasss.eq.edu.au

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Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

Principal's Report (continued)

Up, Up and Away with Candy Shop Show Australia!

The stage came alive recently when Candy Shop Show Australia returned to Texas for their third visit in 2026, bringing their spectacular production *Up, Up and Away* to life!

Students from Texas and the surrounding communities took part in a series of exciting workshops, rehearsals and performances, learning new skills and building their confidence along the way. All their hard work culminated in a fantastic performance at the Texas Memorial Hall, where the students wowed family, friends and the wider community.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our young performers to shine on stage, work as a team and experience the magic of live performance. They certainly gave the audience a performance to remember!

Here's what Candy Shop Show Australia had to say about our students:

"We were genuinely blown away by the kids. They were beautifully behaved, enthusiastic and incredibly professional, both throughout the workshop and rehearsals and when it came time to step onto the stage on Saturday night. They took direction brilliantly, supported each other and absolutely rose to the occasion. We hope they felt very proud of themselves because we certainly were!"



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:

Positives

1. Rugby 7s Carnival in Goondiwindi. The students represented the school very well and were quite quick at adapting to the rules of Rugby Union. All teams played very well.
2. Lochie, Cooper and Coosti have spent the past month working on the entry into the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aspirations Program (ATSAP) Challenge. They wrote and recorded a podcast about the importance of the rich Aboriginal culture being passed on to future generations so the songlines, dances, language is kept alive. Good luck to the boys on their entry.

Polisher



1. This is more of a reminder as to the time of year. We are in the process of finishing pieces of assessment. This can be a difficult and stressful time. Work with your teachers. Do your best and be very aware of your effort and behaviour. Use this time to try hard to do your best.

Sean Cole, Principal

Head of Department

Building Word Power at Home

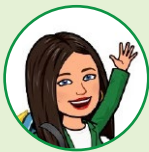
Each week, students learn a new focus word at school. You can help your child remember and use it by:

- Asking them what the focus word means.
- Using the word in everyday conversations.
- Finding similar or opposite words.
- Looking for the word in books, television shows or signs.
- Encouraging your child to use it in a sentence.
- Celebrating their attempts, even if they don't use it perfectly!

Try making it a family challenge to see who can use the focus word most naturally during the week. The more children hear and use new words, the more confident they become as readers, writers and speakers.

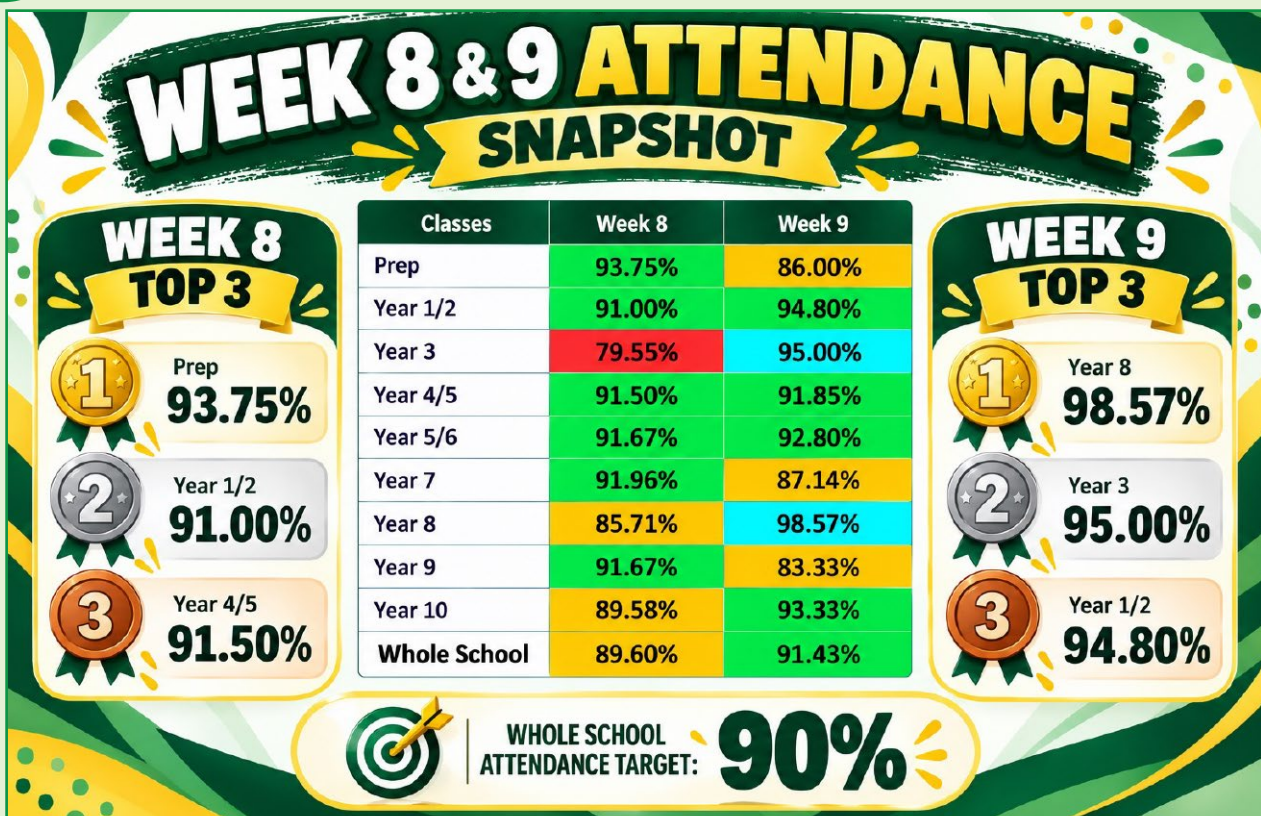
Parent-Teacher Interview Feedback

Thank you to everyone who participated in Semester 2 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.

Ms Jillian Hazard, Head of Department



WORD OF THE WEEK • WEEK 10

Prep	Year 1/2	Year 3	Year 4/5	Year 5/6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
special	opinion	humorous	collaborate	dramatic	conventions	representation	technological	magnitude

WEEK 10

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

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FRIDAY FRENZY, FOOTY FINALS



FUN



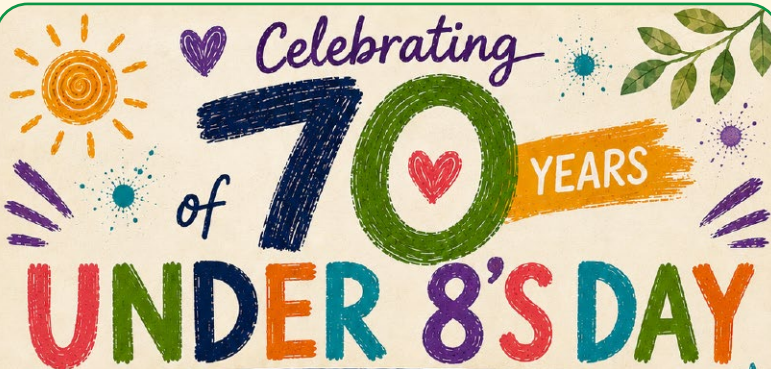
**DRESS IN YOUR FAVOURITE FOOTY TEAMS
COLOURS**

FRIDAY

**18TH
SEPT**

WEEK 10

GOLD COIN DONATION FOR MND RESEARCH



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

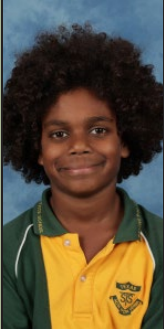
Childhood matters. Play matters. The early years matter.

Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 8	Student		Reason
Prep		Arley	For the improvement you have shown in your confidence when standing up to do your oral presentation in English. Keep it up, I am so proud of you! You are Fintastic!
Year 1/2		Flynn	For listening to feedback and trying hard to improve your writing.
		Eli	For developing whole word fluency in reading.
Year 3		Akeem	For remaining focused on your assessment tasks this last week. In English, you used the learning wall to help you bump up your knowledge. Great job, keep it up!
Year 4/5		Riley	For displaying positive behaviour in the classroom and playground. You follow the school expectations and set a good example for other students.
		Isabella	For being a thoughtful student and always offering to help others.

Term 3 Week 8	Student		Reason
Year 5/6		Mitchell	For always striving to improve your spelling each week. This has become a personal challenge for you, and I am very impressed with how hard you are working on improving your spelling.
		Caelan	For showing such bravery last week as you were well and truly out of your comfort zone. You proved to yourself that you can do hard things and thrive. I'm proud of you.
Year 7		Lily	For your fantastic hand sewing in Food and Fibre. You accomplished a unique and aesthetically pleasing design!
Year 8		David	For your excellent work in Science. A great effort!
Year 9		Kelli	For your fantastic work in Science. Well done!
Year 10		Kayla	For your brilliant, repurposed denim mock up creation.

Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 9	Student		Reason	Term 3 Week 9	Student		Reason
Prep		Evie	For the phenomenal effort you have put into every subject this term. You are an engaged, confident and responsible learner who takes pride in her work. So proud of you, keep up your hard work! You are a fantastic Prepfin.	Year 5/6		Harry	For approaching your assessment with such maturity and focus. You have tried hard to extend your responses and be a critical thinker. Well done.
		Allie	For your awesome work in Science! You are asking inquisitive questions, showing great curiosity, and participating enthusiastically in our lessons. Keep up the great work, you are Fantastic!			Aubree	For approaching your assessment with such maturity and focus. You have tried hard to extend your responses and be a critical thinker. Well done.
Year 3		Kadence	For always being willing to lend a helping hand in the classroom. You consistently try your best in all areas of your learning and are a kind, caring and supportive friend to your classmates. Keep up the fantastic work!	Year 7		Rita	For your hard work in Health - keep it up!
Year 4/5		Elikai	For showing great commitment during assessment. You have been working exceptionally hard to complete all of your assessments.	Year 8		Harley	For your effort in PE and being a fantastic teammate in volleyball.
		Issac	For showing great commitment during assessment. You have been working exceptionally hard to complete all of your assessments.	Year 9		Megan	For your efforts in Health - well done!
				Year 10		Lillie	For a fantastic job on your Health assessment - congratulations!

Prep

Term 3 is always a busy one in Prep, but I am so incredibly proud of how grown-up and confidently my Prepafins have handled everything that has come their way. Between dancing at the Texas Show, celebrating 100 days of Prep and continuing to grow and learn in the classroom, we have certainly packed a lot into one term!

In English, we have been learning how to retell special events and use time connectives such as first, second and last to sequence our events. The Prepafins had the opportunity to choose a special event to retell for their assessment, with some choosing to talk about dancing at the Texas Show, celebrating 100 days of Prep, riding horses or visiting Rainbow Beach. It was wonderful to see how confidently they shared their experiences with their classmates. Every Prepafin did a fantastic job standing up in front of the class and using their teacher voice to present their retell. Their confidence and speaking skills have grown so much!

We have also been busy mathematicians this term, exploring a huge range of concepts in Maths. We began with sorting and shapes before moving into measurement, addition, subtraction and equal sharing. I have been blown away by the engagement and participation during our Maths lessons. Of course, the jellybeans and lollies were a big hit and certainly helped us master some of those tricky subtraction and equal-sharing concepts! It has been fantastic watching the Prepafins become more confident problem-solvers while having lots of fun along the way.

Our science learning has been just as hands-on and exciting. This term, we have been investigating movement and exploring how objects move when we push or pull them. We have loved experimenting with different objects and toys to discover which ones slide, roll, bounce and move in different ways. One of our favourite investigations involved pushing objects down a slide, which helped us visualise and explore why objects move the way they do. The Prepafins have loved making predictions, testing their ideas and discovering what happens!

As we have made our way through such a busy term of learning, we have also been getting creative and preparing for our Art Gallery next term. To finish off our term, we have been busy creating our very own submarine. Of course, we had to stay on theme! The Prepafins have loved working together, using their imaginations and getting creative with our artwork.

It has truly been a big and busy Term 3, filled with learning, celebrations, creativity and lots of wonderful memories. I am so proud of how much our Prepafins have grown, not only in their learning but also in their confidence and independence. We cannot wait to see what Term 4 brings!

Keep an eye out for our Art Gallery opening next term — we would love for you to come and check out all of our wonderful creations!



Miss Ellea Celotto



Instrumental Music: Celebrating Our String Stars!

Term 3 has been a busy and rewarding term for our Instrumental Music students.

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students who attended the two-day Advanced Strings Workshop at Ballandean State School. They practised their musical skills and performed with approximately 60 students from other schools across the region.

Well done to Indianna L, Kadence P, Matilda W and Scarlett O!

Thank you to all families for supporting practice at home. The students' hard work was reflected in their excellent assessment results.

I will begin maternity leave in Week 10, so the Strings Program will now conclude for 2026. Thank you to all students and families for your support and commitment throughout the year.

Please return any outstanding school instruments or books to the school office by Friday, 18 September.

Have a safe and restful holiday break.

Mrs McCulloch



Granite Belt String Festival 2026

On Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September, four students from Texas P-10 State School attended the Granite Belt String Festival 2026 which was held at Ballandean State School. Several other schools from the Stanthorpe area also participated in this event.

For the two days, the focus was on developing and consolidating the students' skills in playing their string instruments. Every segment of the day was spent learning a musical piece and then rehearsing it. Under the expert instruction of music teachers, groups practised separately and then the two days culminated with a concert where both groups came together and showcased their talent. Students commented that their skill level developed immensely in the two days and that they enjoyed the experience of attending the String Festival.

Mrs Karen Neame



Design Technology

Term 3 has been a highly productive period in the Design Technology department, with students showcasing great creativity and workshop precision across all year levels.

Here are this term's project highlights:

- **Year 7:** Students designed and built **model truss bridges**, learning the fundamentals of structural strength and engineering.
- **Year 8:** Classes crafted **metal tool caddies**, mastering workshop safety and realizing the vital importance of drawing perfectly straight lines.
- **Years 9 & 10:** Elective students focused on custom **home décor projects**, experimenting with **epoxy resin** to create stunning, modern finishes.

I am incredibly proud of the dedication, focus, and craftsmanship our students have demonstrated this term!

Mrs Christidis



League Stars

NRL After School League Stars – Texas P-10 State School in Term 4, 2026

We are excited to host the NRL After School League Stars program at Texas State School! The program is open to all primary school students and provides a fun, safe, non-contact and inclusive introduction to rugby league.

- The program begins on Friday, 30th of October 2026 and will run every Friday at 3:30pm for 6 weeks.
- The program itself is completely FREE for all participants.
- An additional cost applies for the optional participant pack.
- How to Register:

https://www.playrugbyleague.com/league-stars/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Enter postcode: 4385



Community Notice

GRANITE BELT GIANTS

2026 JUNIOR BASKETBALL COMPETITION

GET READY TO BALL!



WHEN:
Friday Afternoons

STARTING DATE:
Friday 9th October 2025
(Week 1, Term 4)

END DATE:
Thursday 27th November 2025
(Week 8, Term 4)

DIVISIONS

- 9 - 11 Mixed Juniors
- Intermediate Girls (12 years +)
- Intermediates Boys (12 - 15 years)
Times: 6:30 - 7:15 & 7:15 - 8:00pm
- Senior Boys (16+)
Times: 8:00 - 8:45pm

Please note these divisions & age groups can change depending on registration numbers.

Times for each division will be announced once registrations are closed, however as a GUIDE they are:

- Juniors: 3:30 - 4:15 & 4:15 - 5:00pm
- Intermediate Girls: 5:00 - 5:45pm & 5:45 - 6:30pm
- Intermediate Boys: 6:30 - 7:15 & 7:15 - 8:00pm
- Senior Boys: 8:00 - 8:45pm

\$115

- One off payment - no weekly court hire
- Includes a pair of basketball shorts to keep
- Jersey hire for the season (must be returned)
- BQ Registration & Insurance
- Comp will run Term 4 2026

NEW VENUE!
VENUE:
YMCA STANTHORPE
23 Talc Street Stanthorpe

REGISTRATIONS:
<https://registration.basketballconnect.com/user/registration/organisationId=16608463-7644-41b5-bf8d-10c04f997c&competitionId=c46ace23-18a1-48a0-8a0d-564ef05a14a6>

Find the link at the top of our Facebook Page.
Granite Belt Basketball Association

Registrations close 25th September 2025

Registrations will be capped so get in quick!

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WHO: 7 & 8 year olds
(2018 & 2019 born)

WHEN: Thursday Afternoons

TIME: 3:30 - 4:30pm

WHERE: Outside Courts
Bathersby Centre,
St Joseph's High School

COST: \$90

INCLUDES:

- Introduction to skills, game concepts and rules
- Fun and supportive environment
- Giants t-shirt to keep and play in!

DATES - TERM 4, 2025

DATE	VENUE
Thursday 8th October	Outside Court
Thursday 15th October	Outside Court
Thursday 22nd October	Outside Court
Thursday 29th October	Outside Court
Thursday 5th November	Outside Court
Thursday 12th November	Outside Court
Thursday 19th November	Outside Court
Thursday 26th November	Outside Court
Friday 27th November (Break up)	YMCA Stanthorpe

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