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WYREEMA STATE SCHOOL

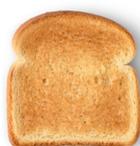
From Mrs Wilson's Desk:

The Year 3 and Year 5 students are to be commended on their attitude and engagement with NAPLAN assessments last week. It was good to see how calmly the students approached this monitoring of learning requirement.



It was a busy week last week with the Year 6 students visiting Brisbane to learn about leadership at the Halogen Young Leaders' Day. They joined with the dance troupe and listened to each of the speakers—Jacqui Bell, the youngest person in history to run an Ultra marathon on all 7 continents; Thomas Duncan-Watt, screenwriter and author; Catherine Laga'aia, actress playing Moana in upcoming Disney blockbuster; and Mark Knowles, former captain of the Australian men's hockey team. Each had a powerful story of leadership to share.

The students had a treat on Wednesday afternoon, watching the Shake and Stir Theatre company perform Fairy Tale Remix.

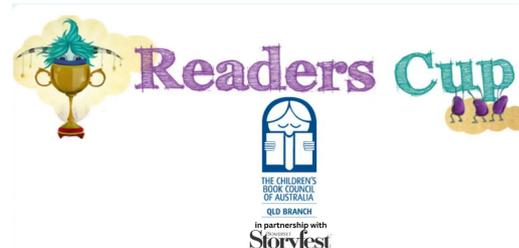


We started Breakfast club last week on Monday and Tuesday and will continue this opportunity as it has been popular. If you would like to assist with making toast between 8:20am and 8:45am in our outdoor kitchen, please contact the school. Similarly, if you would like to donate bread to assist, please let us know as this would be appreciated.

This Friday 20th March, will see the Year 5/6 students engage in programs to promote friendships, resilience and self-awareness. The Year 5/6 girls are invited to participate in the Bella Girls program which will be conducted by Chappy Sophie and assisted by Mrs Duncan. Mr Lennie Currie, teacher from Harristown SS will be presenting a modified Rock and Water program to the Year 5/6 boys. If you would prefer your student to not participate, please contact the school.

Student Council met Monday last week and the students talked about new soccer goals, Harmony Day and holding a grandparents' day later in the year. They have also shared their voice and ideas with the P&C survey.

We are inviting interested students in Year 5/6 to participate in the Darling Downs Reader's Cup competition to be held on 11th June 9:30am to 12:30pm at Highland Christian College at Kearney Springs. Each school enters one team of up to 5 members, with 5 books to be read beforehand. Mrs Booth and Miss Caldwell are leading this opportunity.



The STEM club running each Wednesday has been popular with Mr Stonefield leading learning in coding using Scratch.

Choir has started on Wednesday mornings, again a popular activity with around 50 students turning up for the very first practice! Mrs Cox and Mrs Knowles are running choir.

Students in Year 1 to 6 are invited to attend the Toowoomba Show Ag Discovery Tour on Thursday 26th March. Permission forms have been sent out and many have been returned - thank you. Prep and non-attending students will remain at school. Activities at the show may include visiting the animal nursery and poultry pavilion and learning about sheep, apiculture, freshwater fish, cotton, cattle, grains, dairy and/or reptiles. Each group will have different focus areas. Students will need to bring their hat, water bottle and lunch, and wear school uniform. They will not be visiting side show alley and are not to bring money.



Parents and caregivers are reminded that the Toowoomba Royal Show holiday is the 27th March and there will be no school on this day.

This week is [Harmony Week](#). *Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.* We will be acknowledging Harmony Day by inviting students and staff to wear something orange on Friday 20th March.



With the P&C AGM this Wednesday, I sincerely thank the outgoing executive for their work and partnership with the school throughout 2025 and commend them on the most significant event of celebrating the school's 130th anniversary. Thank you to all who have supported the P&C with various events and commitments, including tuckshop, uniform shop and fundraisers. All of these activities are important to provide services to our school community and are all provided by volunteers. Please consider joining the P&C to support our school community for our students to benefit. Come and share your voice, your ideas and your time.

Kind regards,
Sharon



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COME & TRY SESSION

**MONDAY
30TH MARCH 2026
11AM-12PM**

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Sports News

Our annual cross country will be held on Thursday the 2nd of April. In preparation for the cross country and as part of HPE program, students are participating in activities which involves running/ walking the cross-country course along with "Smash Up" and various fitness activities within the school grounds. The following is the order of events and distances for our annual School Cross Country. (approx. start times)

Start: 9:15am

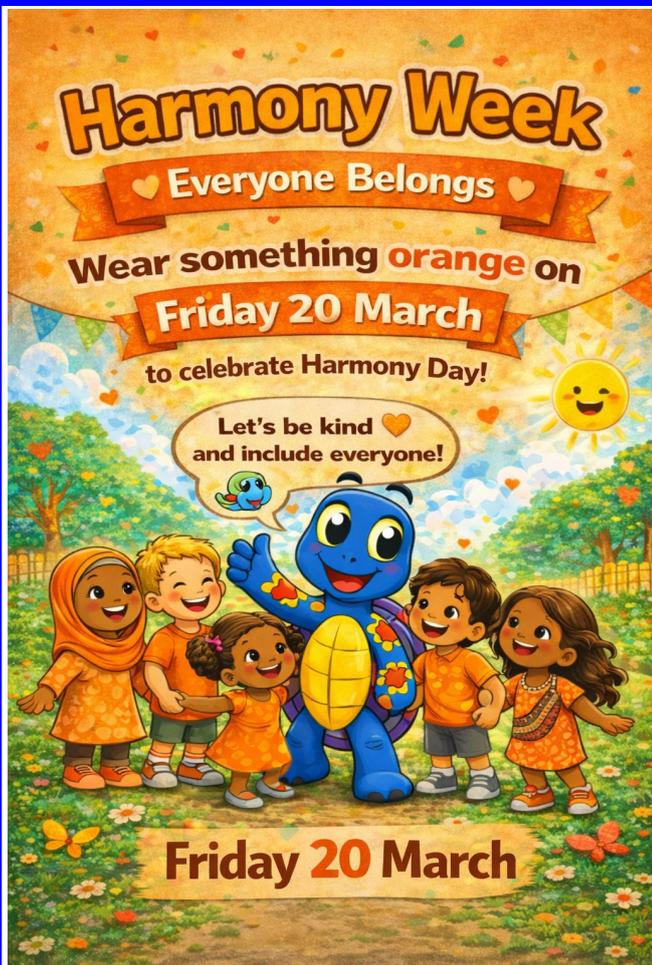
1. 12 yr Boys/ Girls 3km Time: 9.15 am
2. 11 yrs Boys / Girls 3 km Time: 9.40 am
3. 10 yrs Boys / Girls 2 km Time: 10.05 am
4. 9 yrs Boys / Girls 2 km Time: 10.25 am
5. 8 yrs Boys / Girls 1 km Time: 10.45 am

PLEASE NOTE : STUDENTS IN THE 8 – 12 YEAR OLD AGE GROUP WILL RUN SOME OF THEIR CROSS COUNTRY ALONG THE FOOTPATH, OUTSIDE SCHOOL GROUNDS. STAFF WILL BE POSITIONED ALONG THESE PATHS. WE WILL BE WALKING THE COURSE DURING OUR HPE LESSONS.

SHORT BREAK

6. 7 yrs Boys / Girls 700 m Time: 10.55 am
7. 6 yrs Boys / Girls 400m Time : 11.05 am
8. 5 yrs Boys / Girls 300 m Time: 11.15 am

Presentation of Age Champion Awards and Medallions for winners will be given to each Age Division at the completion of the races. Students who place 1st, 2nd or 3rd will receive a ribbon at the completion of their race. Each student finishing unplaced will receive a point for their house. All students are expected to compete in the representative age groups by running at their own pace or walking if necessary.



Harmony Day – Friday 20 March

On Friday we will celebrate Harmony Day, a special time to recognise the many cultures that make up our school community. Harmony Day reminds us that Everyone Belongs.

As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus and our TRP values of empathy and respect, students will be learning about including others, celebrating differences, and showing kindness in our words and actions.

Students are encouraged to wear something orange on Friday to help celebrate Harmony Day. Orange represents social communication, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Let's work together to make our school a place where everyone feels welcome, valued, and included.



News from the Year 1/2 Classroom

The Year 1/2 classroom has been full of cooperative learning in many of our learning areas. We have worked in groups in maths learning to give and follow two instructions at a time. It has been fantastic watching how creative each year 1 has been with their instructions for their buddy. In Science we have been learning about the Earth's resources and how we use and conserve water and soil. The students have enjoyed listening to and reading fairytales. We have been practicing our retells, and Year 2s changes to their fairytales. I look forward to seeing and listening to each student share their special items and what event the item is connected to as part of their HASS assessment.



Shake & Stir Fairy Tale Remix Excites Students

Students were entertained by the recent Shake & Stir Theatre Company performance of *The Fairy Tale Remix*. The lively production reimagined familiar fairy tales with a modern twist, blending several classic stories into one humorous and fast-paced show with music and audience interaction.

The performers impressed students with their expressive acting and creative storytelling. Many enjoyed recognising well-known characters while discovering funny new storylines and positive messages about teamwork, perseverance and thinking differently.

At Wyreema State School, opportunities like this enrich student learning by connecting classroom literacy experiences with live performance. We thank Shake & Stir Theatre Company for providing our students with an engaging and memorable afternoon.

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Win a family pass to Darling Downs Zoo with School Plus

Our new OSHC provider, School Plus, is off to a fantastic start at Wyreema – and they're celebrating with a special competition for families.

Every child who attends OSHC this term will automatically go into the draw to win a family pass to Darling Downs Zoo, valued at \$150.

The lucky winner will be drawn at assembly in April.

It's just one more reason to join the fun at School Plus OSHC – creating a patch for every child to grow.

Good luck to all our OSHC families.

Also a reminder that we will not be running a holiday program during the April school holidays, consistent with the arrangement previously in place at Wyreema State School.

As the service continues settling into the Wyreema community, the possibility of offering holiday programs will be reviewed mid-year based on family interest and demand.

Families are invited to share their feedback to help understand what would be most helpful. A short survey can be completed [here](#).

For any questions, please contact the School Plus Customer Care team on 07 3395 8099 or customercare@ourpatchgroup.com.



Inner Downs Zone Sports Trials (IDZ) – Nominations and Payments

Parents and carers are reminded that nominations and payments for IDZ Sports Trials must be completed by the due date specified in the Trial Package sent to schools by the IDZ Secretary.

Late nominations or payments will not be accepted.

To avoid disappointment, please ensure that both the nomination and payment for your child's trial are completed by the date listed in the Trial Package.

Please note that requests to reopen the payment portal after the due date cannot be accommodated.

Kind Regards,
Sarah Coote
IDZ Secretary



News from the P&C

SUBWAY DAY **AT SCHOOL!**

Tuesday 31st March

Instead of our normal tuckshop, we're bringing **Subway** to the students!

— MEAL INCLUDES — \$14 —



Subway Sub



Drink



Cookie

— HOW TO ORDER: —

 Order through **Flexischools** (listed as an Event)

— ORDER CUT-OFF: —

 **9:00am Monday 23rd March**

 Orders must be placed before the cut-off date —
late orders cannot be accepted.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS TASTY LUNCH TREAT! 😊



Reader's Cup

Reader's Cup Competition – Calling All Readers!

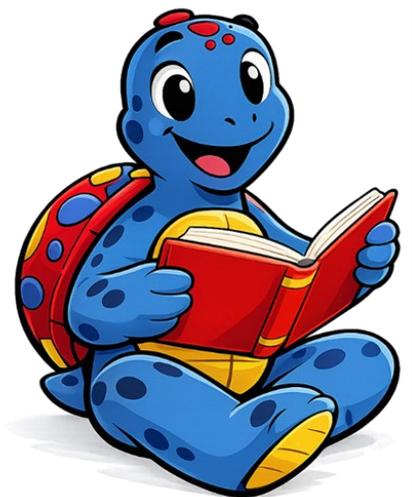
We are excited to invite Year 5 and 6 students to join our **Reader's Cup Team!** Reader's Cup is a fun reading competition where students work together as a team to read a selection of books and answer quiz questions about them.

Students will have the opportunity to discover some fantastic new books, collaborate with other readers, and represent our school in a friendly competition against other schools.

The selected books include exciting titles such as *Moonboy*, *The Lost in the Book*, *Childish*, *Villain*, and *Harper Wells: Renegade Timeline Agent*.

If your child enjoys reading, teamwork, and a good challenge, this is a wonderful opportunity to be involved. Students will have the opportunity to travel to Highlands School in Toowoomba to compete against other schools about their knowledge on the books they have read. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn from each other and students from other schools in our region.

- Expressions of interest close: 20th March**
- Students can see **Mrs Booth or Miss Caldwell** if they would like to join or find out more.



We look forward to building a team of enthusiastic readers!



DATES TO REMEMBER



Date	Event
Wednesday, 18th March	Playgroup
Wednesday, 18th March	P&C AGM at 4.30pm
Friday, 21st March	Harmony Day
Wednesday, 25th March	Playgroup
Thursday, 26th March	Toowoomba Show Ad Discovery Day Excursion
Friday, 27th March	Toowoomba Show Public Holiday
Monday, 30th March	Supporting Wheelies
Wednesday, 1st April	Playgroup
Thursday, 2nd April	WSS Cross Country
Thursday, 2nd April	End of Term 1
Monday, 20th April	First day of Term 2
Tuesday, 21st April	Healthy Harold
Wednesday, 22nd April	Healthy Harold

Students of the Week

	<u>06/03/2026 GEM</u>		<u>13/03/2026 GEM</u>	
Prep/1 P	Abbie H	Haisley H	Oli F	Addi C Cohen M
Prep/1 C	Finn S	April F Lincoln W	Hugo R	Lilly S
Grade 1/2	Dante M.G	Noah E	Zoe O	Lucas M
Grade 2/3	Havana M	Eden T Kaidynce C	Zoe C	June M Isla E
Grade 3	Lucas D	Francesca R	Waylon T.M	Maddison R Kayden H
Grade 4/5	Reef S	Bonnie T	Dylan K	Atticus V Harry E
Grade 5/6	Dominique B	Scarlett P	Peyton C	Lyric H
Principal's Award	Dustin C			
Attendance Award	4/5	96%	Prep/1C	96.67%
HPE Award	1/2		4/5	

Congratulations!

