



Weir State School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8 - 2026

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* Be sure to follow your student's year level group on our Audiri App *

Principal's Pen

WELCOME TO THIS EDITION - Seven weeks are now behind us as we approach the 'business end' of Semester 1. I have really noticed students' enthusiasm and attitude throughout the term grow toward their learning and behaviour expectations. Please take the time to praise your child as this is extremely important in reaffirming the positive work they achieved throughout the term and semester.

Once again, I would like to thank staff, parents, carers and school agencies for your support with the superb achievements made throughout this semester. It shows our community is working together to achieve GREAT things at our great school. That's what makes our community **STRONG ...SMART and CONNECTED!!**



WIDDA WONDERS - Our performance season with our WIDDA program is well under way with our main performance crew ready to share their culture and connection this week with our 1st 'gig' at William Ross State High School after many weeks of practice. The WIDDA crew are excited and ready to go.

Congratulations to our teachers who support the program and the students for making themselves ready to entertain their audiences over the next few months.

BREAKFAST CLUB - Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and unfortunately 1 in every 5 students have little or no 'brekky' before coming to school. We have a breakfast club that is run most mornings by our wonderful local church group and staff so please remind your children that if they have missed their morning meal to visit 'breakfast club' which operates from 8am each day. Remember empty bellies makes it tough for kids to learn..... Brekky builds brains!!

LUNCHES - What kids bring to school to eat for lunches is of HIGH importance. We are all time poor however it takes the same time to put an apple or banana in a lunchbox as it does a packet of chips or a sugary snack. The perfect lunch is sandwich, yoghurt, fruit, nuts or salad. Please also remind your children if they have forgotten their lunch, they are able to grab a sandwich from the Chill Out room.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL LUNCH - This year's interhouse athletics carnival is being held this week and we can't wait to see our students battle it out for house supremacy!

The major track events will be held this **Friday** so our **tuckshop will be closed**, and our Student Council will be running a sausage sizzle lunch for **students and parents** at both breaks within the day.

END OF SEMESTER REPORT CARDS - Just a reminder to all parents that reports cards will be emailed to all parents and carers in Week 10 of this term. Please keep an eye on school messages on our site and AUDIRI for updates on report card info and if you have any questions, please contact school administration.

* Remember to add Application.ONESCHOOL@qed.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure report card emails aren't sent to your Junk folder *

THE FOUR R's OF EDUCATION - Traditionally there have been three R's in education; reading, writing and 'rithmetic. While I am sure that many people would agree these are extremely important, in fact essential to a great education, there is one R that is equally important and yet often not referred to; relationships.

School is about preparing children for an enriching and active life. This life comes from being part of and contributing to a community; whether that is the classroom community, school community or the wider community. Relationships are the 'glue' that bond us together, give us a sense of identity and provide us support and encouragement. While for many students forming friendships (relationships) comes naturally, for others it is equally as difficult. If children feel good about themselves and have positive relationships, research shows that it increases their 'school connectedness' and makes them feel better and more engaged at school. This can then result in better learning outcomes. Relationships can have a powerful effect on student happiness, well-being and learning outcomes.

Another related 'R' word often mentioned these days is resilience; how people can cope with or bounce back from difficult life events or circumstances. Research suggests that for young people, this 'R' also depends on relationships, because an ongoing, strong relationship with school, friends and significant adults can increase resilience.

Teaching about relationships is a valid part of the curriculum, and honing skills in such an area, are an important determinant of success in life. Weir State School offers the following programs, expectations and values to assist our young people in their individual success:

- Student support programs and differentiated learning
- Chaplaincy programs that build self-esteem and connectedness
- Clear and defined behaviour expectations and consequences
- School specialists in the form of guidance, relationship and learning support
- Committed and nurturing teachers that understand and assist in building the emotional and academic requirements of the students
- Administration that strongly believes open communication and parent relationships and paramount to student success in both academic and social areas
- Our very own **Weir Strong** and **Little Deadlies** student wellbeing and engagement programs

THIS WEEKS REFLECTION – “ An optimist who once jumped off a building was heard to sayso far so good!”

Have a great week and GO THE COWBOYS!

Mr B - Principal

Deputy's Desk with Mrs Brown

Athletics Carnival... As Mr B said, tomorrow and Friday students will participate in a variety of events for our 2026 Athletics Carnival. We look forward to seeing everyone getting into the spirit of sports day by wearing their house colours when we all come together on Friday! Please contact your child's classroom teacher or the office if you are unaware of your child/ren's house colour.

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Preparing for Prep 2027.... With enrolments open and a high number of early submissions already received, don't forget to collect your enrolment pack from the office. Children born between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022 are eligible to commence Prep in 2027. Enrolment Interviews have commenced and we will host our Prep Transition Mornings and Supported Transitions Program starting term 3.



2027 Prep Enrolments Now Open

Contact or visit our Office to
request an enrolment pack

Phone 4726 1333
Email admin@weirss.eq.edu.au

FANTASTIC FANFARE.... Last week, our String Orchestra and Gudhoura Concert Band competed in the Fanfare Regional Competition, performing alongside ensembles from state schools across the Townsville region. We were thrilled to learn that both ensembles were awarded a Silver Award in recognition of their performances. Ms Kelly Clarke-Flessner (Band) and Mr Dylan Russell (Strings) were delighted with the results and extremely proud of the students' achievements.

The students represented our school exceptionally well throughout the day, demonstrating outstanding musicianship, teamwork, and exemplary behaviour. They should be commended for their commitment and dedication, both in preparation for the event and during their performances.

Congratulations to all students and staff involved on this wonderful achievement.





Families and friends of our Music Program

Weir State School warmly invites all families and friends of our Music Program students to attend our 2026 Music Showcase.

This special event is an opportunity to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and musical achievements of our talented students. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment as our young musicians proudly perform the pieces they have been learning throughout the year.

Event Details 📍 **Where:** School Hall 📅 **When:** Wednesday 17 June (Week 9)
🕒 **Time:** 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Performances By: 🎤 Choir 🎸 Junior Band 🎸 Senior Gudhoura Band 🎸
Beginner Strings 🎸 The Weir String Orchestra

Join Us! Our students are excited to showcase their learning and perform for family and friends. Your support means so much to them, and we would love to see you there!

We look forward to sharing an afternoon of music with you! The Weir State School Music Team

Student Information All Instrumental Music students and Choir members are expected to attend. Students will remain at school after classes finish and will meet at the Music Block. Please ensure your child brings an extra snack and water bottle to enjoy before the performance while they prepare.



During our Athletics Carnival on **Friday 12th June** our Student Council will be running a **Sausage Sizzle** lunch for the **students and parents** at first break. There will be no pre-orders and it will be **cash only** on the day.

Please note the Tuckshop will be closed.

Items available:

- Sausage on bread – \$3
- Drink: Popper or Water – \$2
- Zooper Dooper icy pole – 50c
- Meal Deal for all of the above – \$5
- Softdrinks - \$2 (adults only)



Competitive Field Events Sports Day - Thursday 11th June

Please note that the **Competitive Field Events Carnival**, held next **Thursday 11th June**, is only for students who have been **selected to participate**. Thursday is not a whole school event. Only nominated students will be on the oval during their event time. Students who have been nominated will be given a letter detailing the event in which they are participating and the schedule for the day on Monday.

Parents/carers are welcome to attend on Thursday to watch your child participate in their nominated event. Parents and carers will need to enter and exit the school through the Office once the front gates have been locked.

Friday 12th June will be our whole school Sprints Carnival. All year levels will be on the oval for the day.

Sprint Events - Friday 12th June 2026

- Sprint events will be held on next Friday 12th June for all students
- Sprints will begin promptly at 9am with our Preps running first, then followed by ALL students, inclusive of our C&K group
- Parents attending the Sprints Events will be required to sit in the designated 'Parent Viewing Areas', with **students not permitted to sit with parents** to ensure races are not missed and student expectations within house spirit are met
- Students attending the Sprint Events may wear house colours. Clothing must be sun safe (eg no singlets), hats and closed in shoes worn.



Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16th June at 6:00pm** in the OSHC building. Before the normal meeting we will have a brief special meeting to adopt the new constitution. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

Weir State School P&C Association

SCHOOL HOLIDAY RAFFLE!



WIN AMAZING PRIZES!

WIN
OVER
\$500+
IN PRIZES!



\$250
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CENTRE VOUCHER



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WHOLE CUT OF BEEF



COWBOYS
PROMOTIONAL PACK



READING CINEMAS
FAMILY PASS



AND MORE PRIZES
BEING ADDED!

TICKETS

	\$2 EACH
	10 FOR \$15
	50 FOR \$50

**SCAN TO
ENTER!**



DRAWN Friday
26 JUNE 2026

FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES
AND OBJECTIVES OF THE WEIR STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

♥ *Thank you.* for supporting our school community! ♥



YEAR 6 TASTER DAYS

Weir State School
Tue 16 June 2026
9:00am - 2:00pm

- ✓ Sport
- ✓ STEM
- ✓ Queensland Virtual Academy
- ✓ The Arts

Join us for an all-day experience to discover what Thuringowa State High School has to offer. Join classes in STEM, the Arts and explore our Queensland Virtual Academy. Find out more about our sport, health and wellbeing programs and great facilities. Please wear your primary school uniform, bring your school bag, plenty of snacks, a water bottle and a hat. Enjoy a free sausage sizzle and drink for lunch.

THURINGOWA STATE HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH VICKERS ROAD,
CONDON QLD 4817



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**Represent Your
State Of Origin
Team For The
Day!**

Week 9

Wednesday 17th June

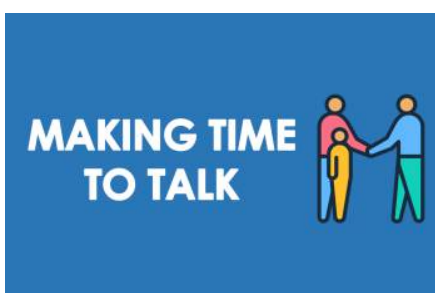
No money required





Mobile Phones at school... In Queensland state schools, the "Away for the day" policy mandates that students keep their mobile phones switched off and "away for the day" during school hours.

Any mobile phone or electronic device brought to the school must be handed into the office for safe keeping. At no time are students permitted to have mobile devices on their person or in their school bags.

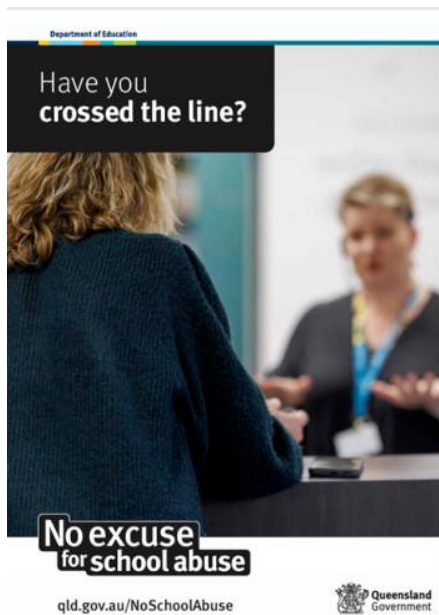


We love chatting with families, but before school isn't the best time for conversations about your child as teachers are busy supervising students and getting ready for the day.

If you'd like to speak with your child's teacher, **please make an appointment** so we can give you our full attention and have a focussed conversation about your child's learning.

Thanks for working with us to make sure these chats are meaningful and productive.

Make an appointment by contacting our office on 4726 1333 or by email admin@weirss.eq.edu.au



Schools are workplaces and, just like any workplace, abuse or aggression of any kind is unacceptable. While most interactions are positive, there's no excuse for aggressive or harassing behaviour either in person or online.



SCHOOL RULES



BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESPONSIBLE

STRONG SMART CONNECTED

Student of the Week Resumes Week 9

!!TUCKSHOP CLOSED THIS FRIDAY!!

weir tuckshop menu

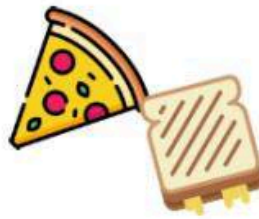
DAILY SPECIALS

\$7.00

Monday Mac & Cheese OR Lasagne
Tuesday Cheeseburger OR Chicken Burger
Wednesday Hot Dog OR Chicken & Gravy Roll
Thursday Homemade Pizza OR Fried Rice
Friday Butter Chicken OR Spaghetti Bolognese

FROM THE WARMER

Chicken Nuggets x 6 (GF Available) \$6.00
 Chicken Chippies x 6 \$6.00
 Sausage Roll – King size \$5.50
 Party Pie \$2.00
 Large Meat Pie \$5.50
 Sauce – tomato or BBQ \$0.50



SALADS

Garden Salad \$6.50
 Lettuce, spinach, tomato, carrot, cucumber, grated cheese (sauce optional)
Chicken Salad \$8.50
 Chicken, lettuce, spinach, tomato, carrot, cucumber, grated cheese (sauce optional)
Caesar Salad \$9.50
 Char grilled chicken breast, lettuce, bacon pieces, egg, parmesan cheese, Caesar sauce
Extras \$1.00
 Beetroot, avocados, egg, pineapple
Sauces \$1.00
 Ranch, mayo, aioli, sweet chilli, Caesar, sour cream



BENTO BOXES

Cherry tomatoes, cucumber slices, yoghurt pouch, popcorn, strawberries, homemade treats & popper with-
 Ham & Cheese sandwich \$12.50
 Vegemite sandwich \$12.50
 Daily Special selection \$15.00



POKE BOWLS

Poke Bowl with rice \$12.00
 Poke Bowl with salad \$12.00

GOURMET WRAP RANGE

Chicken Tender Wrap \$12.00
 Plain chicken tender, lettuce, spinach, tomato, carrot, cucumber, cheese & aioli
Sweet Chilli Tender Wrap \$12.00
 Sweet chilli tender, lettuce, spinach, tomato, carrot, cucumber, cheese & sour cream



SANDWICH BAR

Made on white bread.
 Gluten free bread available.
 Ham & Cheese \$4.50
 Ham & Salad \$6.00
 Chicken & Cheese \$5.50
 Chicken & Salad \$7.00
 Egg & Lettuce \$5.50
 Option - Made on a wrap extra \$1.00

TOASTIES

Cheese \$4.50
 Ham & Cheese \$5.00
 Ham & Cheese Pocket Wrap \$6.00
 Ham, Cheese & Tomato \$5.50
 Chicken & Cheese \$6.00
 Spaghetti \$5.00

DRINKS

Water – 600ml \$3.50
 Water – 350ml \$2.50
 Flavoured Milk (chocolate/strawberry) \$3.50
 Popper (assorted flavours) \$3.00

SNACKS

Watermelon cup \$2.50
 Orange Cup \$2.50
 Yoghurt Squeeze (assorted flavours) \$2.50
 Jelly Cups \$2.00
 Homemade Texas Muffins \$4.00
 Homemade Cookies (assorted flavours) \$1.00
 Popcorn \$1.00
 Cheese & Crackers \$3.00
 Cheese, Carrots, Kabana & Crackers \$4.00
 Custard Cups \$2.50
 Boiled Eggs \$1.50
 Piece of Seasonal Fruit \$1.50
 Yoghurt Muesli Swirl \$5.00
 Cheese Sticks \$1.00

TREATS

Zooper Dooper \$0.50
 Zing \$1.00
 Ice cream cup \$2.00
 Swings \$2.00
 Frozen Yoghurt \$2.00

HOW TO ORDER

www.flexischools.com.au
 Cash or EFTPOS at the Tuckshop

Term 1 2025

Volunteering at the Tuckshop is a great opportunity to support our school, meet new friends and be an integral part of the Weir community. If you can assist as a volunteer in our Tuckshop, we'd love to hear from you via email at Tuckshop@weirss.eq.edu.au or see Deb in the Tuckshop.

Thanks

Deb and the Tuckshop Team

A promotional graphic for 'Cold Cups' set against a background of horizontal blue wooden planks. In the top left, there is a photograph of several white plastic cups filled with various colored liquids (red, purple, green, orange) and each with a wooden stick. Below this, on the left, is a graphic of a beach scene featuring a striped orange and yellow towel, a pair of blue sunglasses, a pair of red sunglasses, and two starfish. The text 'Cold Cups' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, '50c each' is written in pink cursive. Further down, 'Friday only' is written in bold yellow letters, and '2:45-3:00pm' is written in bold yellow letters. At the bottom right, a black text box contains the message: 'All monies raised goes towards year 6 end of year celebrations and various other Student Council projects'.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2026

Weir State School is once again participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Notes were sent home last week.

Reading period commences 11 May and end 28 August. **Please return all forms to the Library.**

Record how many books your child has read on the enclosed reader record form and return to their teacher by 31 August. Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier.

To complete the challenge:

- Prep to Year 2 must read or experience at least 20 books,
- Years 3 and 4 must read at least 20 books, and
- Years 5 to 6 must read at least 15 books.

Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2026 challenge is to engage more students to read than ever before.

For more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge, please visit:
readingchallenge.education.qld.gov.au

Reading Challenge 2026.pdf



Book Club **LOOP** for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



Regular school attendance.... Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse. Illness, natural disaster, or competing in a school sporting event are reasonable excuses for being absent from school. Principals decide if the excuse given for your child's absence is reasonable.

- ✓ Have a set time to go to bed
- ✓ Have a set time to get out of bed
- ✓ Have the uniform and school bag ready the night before
- ✓ Set a time for daily homework activities
- ✓ Speak about school positively
- ✓ Be firm. Send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

Having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?

- Won't get out of bed in the morning
- Won't go to bed at night
- Can't find their uniform, books, school bag
- Slow to eat breakfast
- Watching TV or gaming

Having a set routine at home can help....

School attendance rolls are legal documents, and under Australian law, schools must account for student absences. If your child is absent, the school requires notification indicating the reason for the absence. This can be done by calling the office or replying to the school's SMS. If you receive a note asking for unexplained absences to be explained, please do so as soon as possible and return this to school with your child.

Student safety travelling to and from school

Students and families are asked to consider the safety of themselves and others when travelling to and from school each day.

Whether travelling by car, bus, bike or walking to school, it is important that the road rules are followed. Please keep our students safe and

- Use the crossing (we are very lucky to have crossing supervisors during morning drop off and afternoon pick up times).
- Follow the 'School Zone' speed limits.
- Be patient and considerate when using the school carpark



We kindly remind families that the **bus zone on Ross River Road must be kept clear** at all times, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up periods. This area is designated for school buses only to ensure the safe loading and unloading of students. Parking or stopping in the bus zone creates safety risks and can delay transport services.

We appreciate your cooperation in observing the bus zone restrictions and helping us keep our students safe.

Effective January 2021

Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses

Information for Students

What is the Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses?

The Code outlines expected standards of primary, middle and secondary school student behaviour while travelling on buses so that bus travel can be safe and enjoyable for everyone. The Code provides clear processes for dealing with misconduct and outlines consequences for students who misbehave, which can include refusal of travel. The Code encourages all students to be safe and responsible passengers.

How can I be a safe and responsible passenger?

If you follow these guidelines for student expected behaviours you will be a safe and responsible passenger:

Students' role

To be a safe and responsible passenger.

Students' rights

- To be safe.
- To be respected and treated fairly.

Students' responsibilities

- To act safely and responsibly by:
 - paying a fare
 - following driver instructions
 - following the bus rules and the Code
 - respecting self and others
 - respecting own property and the property of others
 - communicating respectfully with others
 - accepting consequences for bus misconduct (which can include refusal to travel).

Students' expected behaviours

- Hail the bus and wait in an orderly manner.
- Respect other people and their property.
- Behave in a way that ensures a safe bus journey for all passengers by:
 - following bus rules
 - staying in the right place
 - behaving in a calm, non-aggressive way
 - keeping hands and feet to self
 - speaking politely
 - storing all objects safely.
- Get off the bus in an orderly manner.
- Follow the driver's safety instructions.

Description of students' expected behaviours

Hail the bus and wait in an orderly manner

- Stand in a visible location or at a designated bus stop.
- Stand well back from the edge of the road when waiting for the bus.
- Hail the bus as it approaches.
- Remain quiet and calm without pushing or shoving.
- Be patient and wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before getting on.
- Have bus pass, ticket, card or money ready.
- When the bus stops, move quietly to the bus.

Respect other people and their property

- Speak respectfully to the driver and other passengers.
- Respect other people's belongings and personal space.
- Ask for permission before touching other people's belongings.
- Keep hands, feet and belongings to self.
- Follow the driver's directions.

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- Follow the bus rules.
- Look after the bus and bus equipment by making sure students:
 - leave the bus and bus equipment tidy and undamaged
 - report any damage to the driver.

Behave in a way that ensures a safe and enjoyable bus journey for all passengers

- Show the driver bus pass, ticket or ID upon request.
- Pay the correct bus fare.
- Show care, courtesy and common sense while on the bus.
- Sit properly on the bus (if a seat is available) and make sure to:
 - place feet on the floor
 - keep hands and feet out of the aisle
 - face the front of the bus
 - wear a seatbelt at all times, if one is available
 - store belongings under the seat or in an appropriate luggage area
 - remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop and the door is opened
 - keep entire body inside the bus.
- If required to stand:
 - remain in the area designated by the driver
 - face the front of the bus
 - hold the rail firmly.
- Avoid distracting the driver and remember to:
 - speak quietly
 - use calm voices and polite language
 - use headphones or mute options when using hand-held computer games or electronic devices.
- Keep doors and aisles clear.

Get off the bus in an orderly manner

- Get off the bus at the designated stop.
- Press the stop button once to signal the intention to get off at the next bus stop or raise hand and say "next stop" to the driver.
- Begin to move to get off the bus when the bus has come to a complete stop and the door is opened.
- Gather belongings and leave the bus in a quiet, safe and orderly way.
- Remove headphones so that the traffic can be heard.
- Wait in a safe location until the bus has moved away before making a decision to cross the road.
- Cross the road safely
 - Look to right, left, right again.
 - Make sure the roadway is clear.
 - Walk, don't run.

In case of an emergency or a breakdown, follow the driver's safety instructions

- Follow the driver's instructions at all times.
- Wait until the bus stops before standing up to get off.
- Leave the bus in a quiet and orderly way.
- Wait in the area indicated by the driver.

What are the possible consequences for not following the Code*#?

Category 4: The behaviour is immediately life threatening

- Refused bus travel for a defined period (school weeks) plus behaviour agreement (agreement period up to one school year).
- Permanent refused travel.

Category 3: The behaviour is dangerous/destructive and highly likely to cause immediate harm to property and others.

- Refused bus travel (maximum 10 school weeks) plus behaviour agreement (agreement period up to one school year).

Category 2: The behaviour is unsafe where there could be harm to property and others

- First report – refused bus travel (maximum five school days).
- Repeat report within 10 school weeks – refused bus travel (maximum 10 school days) and/or behaviour agreement (agreement period up to 10 school weeks).

Category 1: The behaviour is irresponsible but not likely to cause harm

- Report of single incident – written caution considered.
- Report of repeat of incidents in single journey – written caution and/or one to two days refused travel.
- First repeat report in 10 school weeks (repeat incidents across multiple journeys) – written caution and/or one to two days refused travel.
- Second repeat report in 10 school weeks – maximum five days refused travel and/or behaviour agreement for up to 10 school weeks.
- Third repeat report in 10 school weeks – maximum 10 days refused travel and/or behaviour agreement for up to 10 school weeks.

** In some circumstances an alternative consequence may be considered appropriate.*

#Refused travel may apply to all services utilised by the student for travel to/from school operated by different bus operators.



C&K Weir Community Kindergarten

Open from 8:00am to 6:00pm

Located at
592 Ross River Road, Thuringowa



To arrange a visit, contact us today!

07 4723 4120

www.candk.asn.au/weir



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BACK TO SCHOOL BOOST

Dear Weir Community

The Back to school boost is a Queensland Government initiative providing an annual \$100 contribution for every primary school student (Prep to Year 6) to assist with the cost of schooling essentials. More information about the Back to school boost initiative is available via the link below. The form is for you to choose how you would like your Back to school boost credit balance to be applied. This form **does not provide consent for your child to participate in an activity**. A copy of this form has been sent home with all students. Please read through all the information and return the form to the office or contact the office if you have any questions.

[back-school-boost-parent-choice-request.pdf](#)



Build your life-changing savings skills.

And get up to \$500 for education costs.



saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355





Build lifelong,
life-changing
savings habits
AND
find out how **ANZ**
will double your
savings, up to \$500

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street Yooralla. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services, learn more at saverplus.org.au

saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355

Saver Plus Information Sessions

Would you like to know more
about the Saver Plus program?

Join us for an information session
to hear more about joining or ask
any questions you may have.

Eligibility criteria apply, to find
out more visit

<https://saverplus.org.au/>

Register via link

[Register Here](#)

or via QR Code



From the GO

In my role as Guidance Officer, I work closely with students and parents to help improve school engagement. I will be running the following programs at Weir SS throughout each year.

If your child is struggling significantly with either anger, feeling low, feeling bullied, or grief and loss, talk with your child's classroom teacher about a possible referral through our Student Support Team (SST).

- RAGE (Re-Navigating Anger And Guilty Emotions) - an award winning six week anger management course
- Feeling Fantastic - aims at helping adolescence understand their feelings and emotions such as anxiety and depression and learn how to express these emotions in healthy ways as opposed to internalising them.

- Managing The Bull - This is a four – six week course combining art therapy, games, group work, and role plays to empower teenagers with social resilience skills, confidence and build self-esteem to counteract bullies and prevent them from being just bystanders.
- Seasons for Growth - Focuses on strengthening the social and emotional wellbeing of children, young people and adults following significant change and loss in their lives.

Sincerely, Sharon Ransom - Guidance Officer



Play2Learn is an early learning and parent education program, supporting caregivers and children aged 0–3 to develop, learn and thrive through play!

We have three services for families to choose from:



Playgroup

An early education program with activities planned around your child's individual developmental needs.



1:1 Parent Coaching

We partner with you to help you build skills and confidence to strengthen your relationship with your child, support their development and understand and respond to your child's behaviours.



Parent Education

Bringing Up Great Kids is a online group parenting program facilitated over 6 weeks, supporting caregivers to build their confidence.

**Registration
is open now!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Townsville Team Leader at
nqoffice@savethechildren.org.au
OR
PH: 0422 233 501

54 reasons exists to make rights real for children and young people in Australia.

We deliver quality, rights-based services for more than 25,000 children and families across the country every year, and we're lifting a national conversation on child rights to change systems, hearts and minds.

Find out more at 54reasons.org.au

Photo: Sherise Oldham / Save the Children

**1-2-3 MAGIC &
EMOTION COACHING
PARENTING PROGRAM**

Free 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching parenting program.

When: 4, 11, 18 June 2026

Please contact Tiffany and Emily on 0419 383 118 or
familysupporttownsville@raq.org.au

RAQ 1-2-3 Magic Parent Course_June Groups_.pdf



Caring for a friend or relative can be complicated

The carer phone counselling service can help you manage daily challenges and ease stress and strain.

Book an appointment today by calling
our friendly team week days on

1800 422 737
(select option 2)

or visit counselling.carergateway.gov.au



Counselling Service

counselling.carergateway.gov.au

Counselling to fit into your busy life



TIDDAS YARNING

Every Thursdays

10am - 12 noon

at
CommunityGro

4 Hugh Street, Garbutt

Hosted by the
Townsville Healing Hub

 (07) 44594769

BRICK^{by} BRICK

A LEGO® based Social Group for Autistic children

A weekly, fun, and welcoming social group
supporting Autistic children aged 5-17 to:



**Build social
confidence**



**Enjoy an inclusive,
sensory-friendly space**



**Explore creativity
through building
activities**



**Make new friends
in small, age-
appropriated groups**

Please note that adult supervision is required.

When

**Every Friday
during school terms
4.00pm - 5.00pm**

Location

James Cook University
Level 1, Clinical Practice Building
1 James Cook Drive,
Douglas, Townsville

FREE ENTRY

Light refreshments provided.

Scan or click the QR to secure your child's spot.

Registration is required - spaces are limited.



In partnership with:

 **1300 986 970**
 **feroscare.com.au**



**North Queensland
Autism Support Group
(NQASG)**

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GROW BOLD

Delivering the NDIS in your community

BRICK by BRICK

Free workshop

1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers Townsville, QLD



Scan the
QR code or
[click here](#)
to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Wednesday
17 June, 2026
9:15am to 3:00pm



Rydges Southbank Townsville
23 Palmer Street
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and neurodiversity-affirming ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

 www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC

 mhardie@positivepartnerships.com.au



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Book Launch

**GEIGI
THE STUBBORN
BOY**

LIVE READING | BOOK SIGNING | CULTURAL TALK

**29 JUNE
2026**

10AM-11AM

RIVERWAY STADIUM

SPORTING DRIVE
THURINGOWA
CENTRAL, QLD 4817



THE LONG WALK

Join us as we walk together to honour Michael Long's legacy

Hosted by Garbutt Magpies Sporting & Cultural Association

Walking together for truth, respect and reconciliation.

We invite community members, families, schools and organisations to come together to honour the legacy of Michael Long — AFL legend and lifelong advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: 20th July 2026

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Riverway Stadium (Inside)

Community BBQ to follow the walk

WHY WE WALK

- To honour the legacy of Michael Long
- To celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures
- To walk together for truth, respect and reconciliation
- To show our shared commitment to community and unity

MORE INFO



Register Now



THE
LONG WALK



Core Kids

This pre-early intervention program provides clinically designed camps and activity days to all young people 8-18 from a family impacted by family mental health challenges.

Defence Kids

The Department of Veterans' Affairs is funding this program, providing camps, activity days and mental health education focusing on coping skills and resilience to young people from serving and ex-serving ADF families.

www.kookaburrakids.org.au

Kookaburra Kids Connect



Kookaburra Kids Online Connect program gives young people an opportunity to come together, no matter where they are, and create lasting connections in a safe and fun environment.

Our Connect program is carefully crafted by our clinical team, with a focus on:

- Strengthening bonds before and between programs.
- Cultivating safe and positive help-seeking behaviors.
- Enhancing a sense of belonging and connectedness.

This program is free to all young people aged 8 to 18 across Australia.

Sessions are run every Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm and 7pm Australian Eastern Standard Time.

Volunteer With Us!



If you are looking for a student placement opportunity or you're someone looking for a fun & flexible volunteer role, then volunteering with Kookaburra Kids could be for you.

- Camps - 48 hours on a weekend.
- Activity Days - 3 or 6 hours.
- International students are welcome.

Child Safe Commitment

Child safety and wellbeing is a priority in all processes at Kookaburra Kids including in the recruitment and selection process for our employees and volunteers. We are committed to the [National Principles for Child Safe Organisations](#) to create environments where the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is at the centre of our thoughts, values and actions. We are building an organisational culture where children and young people, families, communities, and everyone who works with us feels safe and confident to have a say and raise any concerns.

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Townsville

Townsville CORE Program for Families

We deliver our services to young people impacted by family mental illness with the aim of empowering them to build resilience, lifelong knowledge and abilities so they can reach their potential.

It offers **FREE camps, activity days**, and age-appropriate mental health education focused on building resilience and coping skills, while providing a supportive environment for children to connect with peers facing similar challenges.

Common Challenges for Families:

- Relocating to a new town
- Difficulty making friends
- Young person not coping very well with tasks
- Mental health concerns such as depression, anxiety, or PTSD
- Family members often away from home
- Anxiety in siblings

Eligibility:

- No mental health diagnosis is required.
- All young people aged 8-18 are welcome to participate.

Availability:

The program is available across Australia, including ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, VIC, WA, and TAS. In Townsville, we host camps and activity days every month.



A Mental Health Assessment and Intervention Program for Children and Adolescents



Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue 24/7 mental health support service 1300 22 4636 beyondblue.org.au	headspace Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25 1800 650 890 (9am-1am daily) For webchat, visit: headspace.org.au/ehespace	Kids Helpline 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25 1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au	1800RESPECT 24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse 1800 737 732 1800respect.org.au
Lifeline 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services 13 11 14 lifeline.org.au	Suicide Call Back 24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide 1300 659 467 suicidecallbackservice.org.au	Mensline 24/7 counselling service for men 1300 78 99 78 mensline.org.au	QLife LGBTI peer support and referral 1800 184 527 (6pm-10pm daily) qlife.org.au (online chat 3pm-12am daily)

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.





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I'm Tim Canavan or ***Chappy Tim*** and I'm the school chaplain for Weir State School on Wed-Fri.

School chaplains provide social, emotional and pastoral support to school communities. They are in the prevention and support business: helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness to friendships and mental health.

They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for children and young people in crisis, and those who just need a friend. They also provide support for staff and parents in school communities and here at Weir, part of the wellbeing team here at school.

I'm also a parent here with my children in grades 6, 5 and 3 and you'll often find me supporting student making and selling icy cups, running the gotcha room, running small groups, supporting kids one-on-one or even behind the sound desk at our big events.

If you'd like to access the chaplaincy service, please send me an email on timothy.canavan@suchaplaincy.org.au or leave a message on 4726 1333 and I'll get back to you.

Timothy Canavan - Chaplain



Wellbeing Social Worker - I am Kathleen Hoare, the Wellbeing Social Worker at Weir State School. I will be at Weir State School on Thursdays and Fridays. I also work at Thuringowa State High School on my other workdays. I provide support for students relating to early intervention, which includes mild to moderate mental health, engagement, transition, peer, and/or academic difficulties and extend support to families (or carers) to optimise the educational outcomes for students.



A message from the **Family Support Coordinator – Shari Fabbro**

As the school Family Support Coordinator, my role varies from working alongside families who may be facing some difficulties in their life that can impact their children's attendance or wellbeing at school, connecting families with community agencies for support, helping navigate external services and assisting with the Kindy to Prep transitions.

If you have a child commencing Prep and feel you or your child may like support to transition into the school, I welcome you to contact me and together we can identify how to make their attendance as smooth as possible.

Email: sfabb0@eq.edu.au Mobile : 0439 518211



the therapy room

WE HAVE AVAILABILITY

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

We can offer -

- Occupational therapy for both adult and paediatric clients.
- Clinic, home, daycare and school visits available.
- A wide range of assessments, including Functional Capacity Assessments.
- Feeding Therapy for children who experience sensory differences related to food

Lets work on -

- Social, emotional and fine motor skills.
- Emotional regulation; problem. solving, attention and concentration.
- Self-care skills.
- Sensory processing skills.
- Executive functioning skills.

CLIENT REFERRALS

admin@thetherapyroomnq.com.au



We have expanded our clinic with the addition of beautiful newly renovated clinic rooms, sensory gym space and client kitchen.



Phone Number
4440 5207



The Therapy Room NQ

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AVAILABILITY

- ✓ **Pediatric OT** - Emotional regulation, sensory differences, social & emotional skills, fine-motor, gross-motor, concentration, self-care.
- ✓ **Feeding Therapy** - SOS Approach to Feeding
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- ✓ **Equipment Assessment trials & prescriptions to assist with daily living & mobility**

Email: admin@thetherapyroomnq.com.au



✉ Hannah.gallinar@kookaburrakids.org.au

TOWNSVILLE 📍

Defence Kids Program

Support, connection, and fun in a safe, supervised, fully catered environment—at no cost.

We have exciting and free programs available for young people aged 8-18 years that are catered and fun! It's not too late to book or refer someone to participate. Check out our amazing young people having the best time! Young people facing postings, relocations, and long separations often carry uncertainty—but they also gain courage, connection, and growth through supportive communities. Kookaburra Kids helps ease stress by building social connections with peers who understand these experiences, and by providing mental health education in a fun, welcoming environment.

Refer today: <https://kookaburrakids.org.au/get-involved/refer/>

Already referred to Kookaburra Kids?

Book here: <https://kookaburrakids.org.au/get-involved/refer/>



Eligibility:

If you have a family member who is currently serving or has previously served in the ADF, you are eligible to express your interest in one of our Defence Kids programs.



www.13yarn.org.au

Available 24/7

Confidential & anonymous

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporters

13 YARN

13 Yarn is the first national support line for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people in crisis. We offer a confidential one-on-one over the phone yarning opportunity and support with a Lifeline trained Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter for mob who are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping.

We are here to provide crisis support 24/7 to enable our community to yarn without judgement and provide a culturally safe space to yarn about their needs, worries or concerns.

"We're here to help, call us for a yarn"

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Culturally Safe Space

Available 24/7 across Australia from any phone

We listen, without judgement or shame

 Lifeline®

This initiative is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Health

This service has been developed in collaboration with Gaaya Dhuwi



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Queensland



TOWNSVILLE - JUNIOR PIRATES CAMP

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**MONDAY
29TH JUNE -
THURSDAY
2ND JULY**

AN EXCITING,
INTRODUCTORY
VOLLEYBALL CAMP
DESIGNED FOR
STUDENTS IN YEARS 5
TO 10

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW
REGISTRATION COST: \$250 PP



WHIRLWINDS

PLAYERS WANTED!

LOOKING TO PLAY BASKETBALL?

**Join the Whirlwinds Junior
Basketball Club for the upcoming
Winter Season!**



Season Commences: End of April



Age Groups: U8s – U18s
(Players born within these age divisions)



**All skill levels welcome – beginners to
experienced players!**

Whether you want to learn the game, improve
your skills, or play competitively, we'd love to
have you on the court with us!

Register Your Interest:
whirlwindsjunior@outlook.com



BUDDY LEAGUE

Step off the sidelines and team up with our youngest **STARS**!



- ✓ Child (3-6 years)
- ✓ Buddy (12+ years)
- ✓ Wed Trainings
- ✓ Sat Afternoon Games
- ✓ 2 x 8-week seasons

Buddies can be parents, siblings, relatives, family friends, guardians, carers, & more!

Contact your local club now!

NORTHERN JETS



MUSTANGS



DIAMONDS



Females Only

TAIPANS





Coffee. Cafe. Connection.

Help yourself to tea, coffee and light refreshments.

Every Monday and Tuesday

9.30am - 12pm

Townsville Riverway Salvos

49-61 Beck Drive, Condon

Contact us

Phone: 4417 4600

Email: riverwaysalvos@salvationarmy.org.au



Join us at our free community dinner

5pm every Thursday

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Townsville & Thuringowa RSL Club

The Thuringowa RSL (pictured) is located in Kelso just past the dam wall.

Click [here](#) to join or re-join both clubs for just \$10 for 12 months of membership benefits.

Disasters - Useful Numbers

EMERGENCY INFORMATION & SERVICES	Phone	Website
Emergency Calls – Police, Fire, Ambulance	000	
State Emergency Service (SES)	13 25 00	www.qfes.qld.gov.au/
Policelink (Non life-threatening calls)	13 14 44	www.police.qld.gov.au/policelink-reporting
Queensland Ambulance Service (Non life-threatening calls)	13 12 33	
Townsville City Council	13 48 10	www.disaster.townsville.qld.gov.au
Bureau of Meteorology	1300 659 212	www.bom.gov.au
Department of Transport and Main Roads – Road closures	13 19 40	www.tmr.qld.gov.au
Townsville University Hospital	4433 1111	www.townsville.health.qld.gov.au
Veterinary Emergency Hospital	1300 528 838	www.jcuvet.com.au
NQ Wildlife Care	0414 717 374	www.nqwildlife.org.au
RSPCA	1300 264 625	www.rspcaqld.org.au
Services Australia	13 24 69	www.servicesaustralia.gov.au
Emergency Information Claims Line	1802266	
Department of Education – School Closures		www.closures.qld.edu.au
UTILITIES		
Ergon Energy	13 16 70	www.ergon.com.au
Origin Energy	1800 808 526	www.originenergy.com.au
Telstra	13 22 03	www.telstra.com.au
Optus	13 13 44	www.optus.com.au

RADIO STATIONS				The Community Information Centre Townsville will activate the Crisis Response Directory in the event of a declared disaster. This resource will include additional information on disaster recovery supports and services.
ABC Local	630 AM	Hit FM	103.1 FM	
Triple M	102.3 FM	Triple T	103.9 FM	
Power 100	100.7 FM	4K1G	107.1 FM	
Star	106.3 FM	Live FM	99.9 FM	

PERSONAL NUMBERS

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My GP _____

My Veterinary Clinic _____

My Neighbour/s _____

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