

Weir State School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7 - 2025

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Principal's Pen

Welcome to This Edition - Our school has had a wonderful week with plenty going on as we head into the last month of term. Our teachers have been focusing on the explicit learning areas of reading and writing to give students every opportunity to engage with their assessment tasks. Student learning data results to date have been encouraging with our students receiving the support needed for continued improvement. Students have been amazing in focusing on the work they produce and are modelling our high expectations. Our school continues to grow with new enrolments and a strong community feeling of being proud to belong to our very diverse and culturally connected community. There is true a sense of belonging...that's why we love our school... Weir State School...a STRONG, SMART and CONNECTED community.

Football Gala Day – Last Friday our students participated in the Rugby Union footy gala day and our team represented our school proudly. Although we may not have taken home the accolades of winning the competition the team won the hearts of many with their spirit, respect for the opposition and most of all a strong sense of pride.

NAPLAN – This week saw the national tests begin with our Year 3 and 5 cohorts involved in the multilayered test approach. NAPLAN is an external measure of student learning and a great way of checking in on how our school is performing overall and against like schools. Although NAPLAN is

one measure of student performance Weir State School has many forms of internal testing to ascertain the level of student performance in our school. All the very best to our NAPLANNERS this week.

Parent Road Safety - Our school traffic controllers do an amazing job in keeping our students safe. However, some drivers are choosing to ignore the road rules around our school. Remember to only park in designated areas and follow speed limits around our school to avoid any accidents. Not following the road rules endangers the lives of all students and could also incur a fine, as many have found out over the last week with the police out in force handing out infringement notices.

Carpark Safety - Over the last week QLD police have been patrolling our carpark for cars parked illegally in zones and on the grass centre median. Unfortunately many fines were issued making the trip home from school not one to remember. Please understand the carpark does not belong to the school but sits within QLD transport and fines can be issued. I cannot say when our Police will be patrolling, however, could I please encourage all motorists to abide by the signs and park in the correct area.

BULLYING - NO WAY! - There has been a significant amount of media publicity regarding bullying. This is an area in which significant research has been conducted and the common findings of worldwide research indicate:

- Bullying happens in the majority of schools.
- Approximately half of all students report having been bullied at some time.
- The reported incidence of bullying decreases with age.
- Boys are more likely to be involved in physical bullying than girls.
- Bullying takes many forms.

I would love to say that we have no bullying at Weir State School, however, unfortunately bullying happens at times. I do know that we are fortunate to have relatively small numbers of bullying incidents and most of this bullying is considered 'low level' bullying. 'Low level' bullying includes hurtful teasing, subtle but nasty body language and exclusion from games/groups. Make no mistake; I have a zero tolerance to bullying behaviour. It is one of the most insidious actions humans can do to each other. My number one role as Principal is to ensure that every child is feeling safe and happy at school. Therefore, at Weir State School we take the issue of bullying seriously.

- We have **ZERO TOLERANCE** to bullying. If we become aware of bullying, we immediately deal with the students involved and will contact parents. It is vital that parents and the school work together to assist the victim and the bully.
- In an extremely busy 'people place' like a school, we will not be aware of every bullying incident.

 Therefore it is imperative that if parents become aware of an issue, they immediately contact the school so that we can investigate.

- We have very clear procedures to address bullying incidents as they arise.
- We reinforce with all students the procedure to follow if they feel they are being bullied.
- We focus on primary prevention programs that assist students to develop skills and abilities to respond to bullying. These are also reinforced at school assemblies.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- We will not be able to eliminate bullying completely. We can however, through our concerted effort and the 'culture' of the school, ensure that it is kept to a minimum.
- Our experience tells us that in a lot of bullying cases there are always two sides to the story.
 Rarely do we have incidents of bullying that are unprovoked. So please listen carefully to your child and then give the school time to fully investigate the incident
- If you believe your child is being bullied stay calm, do not show heightened emotions or make threats against the other child that you suspect is doing the bullying. Any adult that does this under Education Queensland law will be banned from school grounds for a period of up to 60 days.
- Come directly to administration and please know our office is open at any time to help with any concerns you may have

THIS WEEKS PROVERB - "Mistakes are the beginning not the end of wisdom"

Have a wonderful week and "Go the Cowboys"

Mr B - Principal

Deputy's Desk with Mr Coey

Parent Teacher Interviews... Last week, our Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews took place. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to discuss their child's progress. It is always great to come together and celebrate student achievement and set plans moving forward to further progress.

Afternoon Traffic Thanks... Just a quick thank you to all our parents and carers for your patience and understanding during our afternoons when school finishes. Due to our increase in enrolments, our afternoon traffic around the school and the front of the school has increased. We will continue to

monitor our afternoons and communicate with the community any changes we may need to make to make our afternoons easier and safer to navigate. Thanks again!

Our Rule of the Week... We are well and truly deep into the term and students and teachers are working hard in all areas of learning. As the term moves on, resilience and patience can be tested, so this week's Rule of the Week is a timely reminder to:

Be Respectful

And... 'Use school appropriate language.'

Teachers will remind students about speaking nicely to their peers and adults both inside and outside the classroom. Congratulations to all teachers and students for the Strong start to the year we've had. It's great walking through the school and feeling that 'buzz' of positivity. How good!!!

Swimming... With the oppressive heat lately, our school swimming team training hard and participating in yesterday's interschool swimming carnival, along with Year 5 and 6 students to be taking part in our Surf Lifesaving lessons at Riverway in the near future, it's important we give ourselves a safety reminder around swimming in general.

Swimming is an important element of our Physical Education program and we strongly encourage all of our students to participate in the various programs that we offer, not only from a safety aspect, but swimming is also a wonderful way to beat the heat during our warmer months.

What can't be ignored when thinking about children learning to swim, are the drowning statistics for Australia Last year in Australia there were a staggering 248 drowning deaths. Close to 50% of these drowning deaths occurred away from the coast. The message is simple: you cannot be complacent when around any water. In the past year 198 (80%) males and 50 (20%) females drowned in waterways/pools in Australia, making males (particularly aged 25-34) the most at-risk age demographic.

Facts at a glance:

- Drowning deaths among children 0-4 years (12) decreased by 52%, compared with the 10-year average, but remain tragically high
- Among young people aged 15-24 years, 48% drowned while swimming, highlighting the importance of swimming and lifesaving lessons in the secondary school years
- Swimming was the leading activity being undertaken prior to drowning, accounting for a quarter of deaths (25%), followed by boating (18%) and falls (15%)
- Drowning deaths in rivers decreased by 32% compared with the 10-year average, while deaths in lakes increased by 19%

(Source Royal life Saving Society Australia © RLSSA)

Mr Coey's Joke of the Week

Q. Can February March?

A. No... but April May!!!



Sports News

Last Friday, 21 Weir State School students strapped on their boots, dressed themselves in their footy gear and headed to Toyota Park at Currajong to participate in the annual Rugby Union Gala Day. All of our players were new to the game of rugby and were up against some more experienced players. Originally, we went as one team, with lots of subs. When we arrived, there was a withdrawal from another team, so we split into two teams - Team Sione and Team Bauer.

Team Bauer found the going more difficult and despite our best efforts, were unable to come away with a win. There were many brave efforts from the team members, and we did come close a couple of times. A number of tries were scored and there was some good work in running the ball up. The MVP was David who ran the ball well and was heavily involved in each match.

Team Sione had more success and walked away with two wins from the pool games and a very close loss in the final match. The team played well and displayed some good skills. The MVP for team Sione was Malakai who was in the middle of everything during the matches.

Many thanks Mr Sione for your help in making a great day of Rugby for our students.

Throughout the day the group conducted themselves in a positive fashion and although on the field it was a challenging day, the Weir teams never gave up and proved to be Strong,

Smart and Connected!!

SPORT	TOWNSVILLE DISTRICT		
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asketball	Boys 12 March (Call back on 14th) Girls 14 March		
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ootball	Boys 22 April (Call Back 23th) Girls 23 April (no call back)		
ugby Union	1 April (Call back 3 April)		
oftball	15(Th)/16 (Tsy) May		
ennis	14 May		

If students are interested in trialling, please notify Mr C or Miss Poletti at least a week before the trial dates.



In 2025 Weir State School will complete NAPLAN Online. Year 3 will complete a paper version of the Writing Test.

The NAPLAN assessment window is Wednesday 12 March – Thursday 20 March

NAPLAN TEST SCHEDULE WEIR STATE SCHOOL

WED 12 MARCH - Year 3 & 5 Writing Test

THU 13 MARCH - Year 5 Reading Test

FRI 14 MARCH - Year 3 Reading Test

MON 17 MARCH - Year 5 Conventions of Language Test

TUE 18 MARCH - Year 3 Conventions of Language Test

WED 19 MARCH - Year 5 Numeracy Test

THU 20 MARCH - Year 3 Numeracy Test

School Photos 14th May

order your school photos now

to order visit: www.advancedlife.com.au enter code: KQT HRQ XEA







or collect a cash order envelope from your school office

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 selfesteem 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.



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 (tam-lam daily) For webchat, visit: headspace.org. au/eheadspace

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.















School Psychologist

Our Psychologist Shannon Sloane will be working directly with students and is based at Weir on Thursdays and Fridays.

The psychology service assists students who are having difficulty participating in school life due to emerging social and emotional wellbeing issues. Shannon's role provides short-term individual therapeutic services that are tailored to students' needs. Her role also includes providing supports to the wider school community through education, tools and information.

Referrals to Shannon are made through the Guidance Officer and already established Student Services Team. If parents, carers or students themselves would like to discuss a referral, they should first approach the Student Services Team to discuss this.

Please keep an eye out for further information as well as future articles regarding mental health and overall wellbeing.

For more information regarding the package:

https://education.qld.gov.au/students/student-health-safetywellbeing/student-wellbeing-package

Tuckshop

Tuckshop orders can be placed at the Tuckshop before school or via www.flexischools.com.au

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

weir tuckshop menu

DAILY SPECIALS

\$7.00

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

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 Ple	\$5.50
Sauce – tomato or BBQ	\$0.50



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

Flavoured Milk (chocolate/strawberry)

Popper (assorted flavours)

\$3.50

\$2.50

\$3.50

\$3.00

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,

\$1.00

parmesan cheese, Caesar sauce

Extras

Beetroot, avocados, egg, pineapple

\$auces \$1.00

Ranch, mayo, aioli, sweet chilli, Caesar, sour cream



SNACKS

DRINKS

Water - 600ml

Water - 350ml

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

BENTO BOXES

Cherry tomatoes, cucumber slices, yoghurt pouch, popcom, strawberries, homemade freats & popper with-

Ham & Cheese sandwich \$12.50
Vegemite sandwich \$12.50
Dally 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



TREATS

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HOW TO ORDER

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



Student of the Week

PREP	P-AC: Trhue	P-AW: Hunter	P-CD: Micah	P-MM: Theo	P-MS: Tahnee	P-RC: Nova
YEAR 1	1-AT: Lielah	1-EM: Iva- Lily	1-LC: Sylvester	1-ML: Elliahna		
YEAR 2	2-EC: Cindy	2-KB: Rayleen	2-KD: Laylarni	2-LB: Leif	2-RG: Tony	
YEAR 3	3-DS: Kendyll	3-KP: Xavier	3-KR: Patter	3-LB: Mia		
YEAR 4	4-GC: Blake	4-MG: Jerihus	4-SL: Jackson	4/5-AS: Elouisa		

YEAR 5	5-AD: Kirby	5-CB: Ivy	5-MS: Nathaniel	5-SB: Zach	
YEAR 6	6-JE: Sienna	6-KH: Kyra- Lee	6-RB: Aurora	6-RD: Nevaeh	
SPECIALISTS	INCLUSION (4-SL): Rylan	LANGUAGES (5-CB): Koa- Jae (6-RB): David	HEALTH (P-AW): Claire	PE Junior (P- MM): Jaydon Junior (2- KB): Nura Senior (5- MS): Miracle	THE ARTS Junior (P- RC): Carter Senior (6- KH): Marc

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Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club

Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

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

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP







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









Expanding Ideas: Greating Change





The parent advocacy tool-kit



9:15am - 2:30pm | 27th March 2025



Venue name | Rydges Townsville, 4810



Description

Inclusion in the regular local school of children with disability has been possible for decades. It is a human right; supported by evidence and supported by Queensland's Inclusive Education policy. But achieving inclusion for all children is still not simple and straightforward! The role of a parent in working with their child's school for good inclusion is crucial.

This workshop will cover:

- Knowing your child's gifts and setting a vision for inclusion success
- Embracing your role as an advocate
- What authentic inclusion in the regular class looks like
- · Education laws, policies and supports
- Speaking positively and confidently to work collaboratively with the school
- Advocacy tips to stay strong and effective

"Every time I attend these workshops I not only learn new information and tips but it helps me to stay focused and passionate!" (2024 workshop participant)



Tickets This fully-funded

(free to families) face-to-face workshop will be delivered by CRU facilitators passionate about inclusive education and experienced in advocating for inclusion.

RSVP: Thurs 13th March



This is an interactive in-person workshop that will not be recorded. It will be delivered once in each location around Queensland in Semester 1 2025.

For more details & tickets visit

www.cru.org.au

Please contact CRU if there is anything we can do to assist you to attend this event.



Proudly supported by the Qld government through the Dept of Education

Contact us: 07 3844 2211 cru@cru.org.au









AUSLAN

Would your student like to learn AUSLAN signs and songs? Please let them know they are welcome to join our Auslan Club, we would love to see them there!





Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au



Get up to \$500 for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months, and **ANZ** will match it up to \$500.

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:



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Are studying yourself or have a child at school, or starting next year



Current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card



Saverplus.org.au 1300 610 355 saver



Sever Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street.
It is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

Recycling at Weir

The benefits of recycling are supported at Weir State School

TONER CARTRIDGES & BATTERIES can be placed in the Yellow Battery Recycling Bin downstairs block 7.

* car batteries must be delivered to Battery World on Ingham Road *

SHOPPING BAGS are welcome in the Library



PLAYERS WANTED - Join the Fun at Phoenix Netball Club!

Is your child ready to get active, make new friends, and learn valuable skills? Phoenix Netball Club is welcoming new players for the upcoming season!

We still have a few spots available in our Set and GO programs, perfect for players turning 7-10 years old in 2025. These programs focus on developing fundamental netball skills in a fun, supportive environment while promoting teamwork and confidence.



Don't miss out on the opportunity for your child to be part of a vibrant, community-focused club. **Register now** through the QR code or visit our website for more information.

phoenixnetballtownsville.com.au



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



Gemales Only)

TAIPANS







READY TO PLAY?

Thuringowa Bulldogs

8 Sessions

Tuesday's from 4:30pm-5:30pm

Starting March 4th
Contact Joel on joel.newman@afl.com.au

play.afl/auskick





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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Contact us
Phone: 4417 4600
Email: riverwaysalvos@salvationarmy.org.au



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 Emergency Information Claims Line	13 24 69 1802266	www.servicesaustralia.gov.au
Department of Education - School Clos	ures	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 STAT	IONS			The Community Information Centre
ABC Local	630 AM	Hit FM	103.1 FM	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.
Triple M	102.3 FM	Triple T	103.9 FM	
Power 100	100.7 FM	4KIG	107.1 FM	
Star	106.3 FM	Live FM	99.9 FM	

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My GP		SUPPORTED RI
My Veterinary Clinic		
My Neighbour/s		44
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