



# Weir State School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 11 - 2024

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

## End of Year Message from Mr B, Mr Coey & Mrs Brown

**OUR JOURNEY THIS YEAR** - As this is our last newsletter for the year, we would like to thank Weir State School staff, parents, community, students and P&C for their overwhelming support throughout what has been a very busy year of school improvement. It has been a journey of strength, which will definitely continue in 2025 as there is still much to achieve and our school reputation continues to grow. We are proud to be part of such an outstanding school community and it has been an honour, for me, Mr B, to have had the role of Principal of Weir State School for the last 6 years. We believe our school is ready to take the next step and continue our momentum to lift the academic result of our students and build upon our strong school culture.

**Some of the great initiatives that have contributed to our cultural transformation have been:**

- Our clear embedding of student culture of being **STRONG, SMART and CONNECTED**
- A clear and consistent message towards student behaviour and learning expectations which has had a continued and definitive impact on school culture
- Delivery of version 9 English of the Australian Curriculum

- Weir Indigenous Dance and Didgeridoo Academy (WIDDA) performing at multiple events
- A continued focus on grounds with the re-landscaping of many areas within our school
- Strong ties in the early learner space through connecting with Early Learning Centres and C&K
- Oval levelled and sanded to reduce flood spots resulting in reduced 'inside play' lunches
- New digital sign to be installed at the front of the Administration Block
- New screen and projector in hall
- Rear of school tidied with multiple items being removed and relocated

**Initiatives to take our school to further success in 2025 will be:**

- No Student Resource Scheme fees
  - Multiple banks of cold water bubblers throughout the school
  - Professional development opportunities to increase teacher professional knowledge and curriculum delivery of Version 9 of the Australian Curriculum
  - Continued focus on reading and writing with a sharp and narrow focus towards our lower school reading and upper school reading intervention strategies
  - Strong connections with families to increase expectation within attendance and student engagement
  - XO infinity replacement laptop roll out to bring our school to a 1:2 device facility for Prep-2 and 1:1 for Years 3-6
  - Undercover walkway from library to hall to be finalised by mid-year
  - Flood drainage improved at rear of school near hall
  - Administration Block painted
  - Mushroom drains removed and replaced
  - Continued renewal of our school grounds and continued improvement of school environment
- .....and much, much more.... exciting times ahead for our great school in 2025!

**A FOND FAREWELL** - Like many schools, Weir State School is going through another year of change within our staffing. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to a few teachers leaving through transfer, retirement or taking a new path in life. They are as follows:

- Teacher Aide: Mrs Catherine Smart - Congratulations on moving interstate
- Teacher Yr 1: Ms Chloe Burgess - Congratulations on a new position in the Far North
- Teacher Yr 6: Mrs Rachel Burgers - Congratulations on a new position within our region
- Teacher Yr 3: Ms Maureen Juhas - A Huge Congratulations on retiring after an admirable and impressive career of 45 years

Thanks to all of these wonderful people for caring, supporting and making a difference in so many children's lives. You will all be greatly missed. A HUGE Weir THANK YOU from all the community.

**NEW STAFF FOR 2025** - As we have had staff leaving our shores at Weir, we also have some new faces coming to join our STRONG, SMART and CONNECTED culture. They are as follows:

- Teacher Yr 3: Mrs Kylie Canavan and Mrs Emma Lercher
- Teacher Permanency Prep - Ms Amber Wellington
- Teacher Permanency Prep - Mrs Alex Clarke
- Teacher Permanency Yr 5 - Ms Chantelle Barr
- Teacher Permanency Yr 2 - Ms Elena Chalmers
- New teacher/s will be announced in the new year

We, along with the rest of the Weir community, would like to extend a congratulations and warm welcome to all of our returning, new and existing teachers!



**CHRISTMAS CAROLS** – Oh what a night!!! Our annual Christmas Carols was yet again a huge event with so many parents and carers being present for the twilight event. It is so wonderful to have whole school community events that brings everyone together to celebrate the Christmas spirit but also celebrate the achievements of our wonderful school community. Thanks to parents, carers and extended family for taking the time to be part of the great event...Well done Weir!!



**COLD WATER BUBBLERS** - Last week the first 'bank' of four water bubblers were installed at the junior CPA. They have become an instant success allowing our young students cold water during hot days. The bubblers will be rolled out next year across our growing school making sure cold water is available at every building ...Weir State School ...always on the improve!

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS THAT TEACH** - It's almost Christmas again and the children are starting to write their wish lists and letters to Santa. There are many fantastic, educational games that could be included on these wish lists. Sometimes the little, inexpensive gifts are the ones most loved by children. Consider some of the following when you are out shopping:

**Try these ideas for developing your child's physical strength and coordination:**

- skipping ropes
- totem tennis
- balls of different sizes
- vortex rockets
- tennis racquets, hockey sticks, cricket bats
- roller blades
- Frisbees
- set of jacks or knuckles
- badminton, boule or croquet sets

**For their musical talents:**

- recorder, tin whistle
- karaoke sets
- keyboards and xylophones
- guitar or drums
- harmonica

**For mathematics, logic and strategy skills:**

- chess, draughts, connect four, checkers
- battleships, mastermind
- packs of cards, Uno
- play money sets
- dice games
- puzzle books

**For language skill development:**

- books, audio books, story tapes
- jigsaw puzzles
- blackboards and chalk
- puppets

- farm or zoo animals

**For creative and artistic skills:**

- craft packages
- paint sets
- watercolour pencils
- play doh

**THIS WEEKS PROVERB - "It's better to give than receive"**

In closing I would like to wish the entire Weir State School community a Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year period and I look forward to reconnecting with returning and new students and their families in 2025.... **Stay Strong, Smart and Connected Weir State School Community!**

**Mr B - Mr Coey - Mrs Brown**



**TUCKSHOP  
CLOSED**

Thank you for supporting our Tuckshop in 2024. We have loved providing healthy and delicious food for your children.

Please note we will be closed on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December for end of year stocktake.

We look forward to serving our Weir Community again in 2025.

Thanks

Deb and the Tuckshop Team

## Tuckshop

Tuckshop orders can be placed at the Tuckshop before school or via [www.flexischools.com.au](http://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](mailto:Tuckshop@weirss.eq.edu.au) or see Deb in the Tuckshop.

Thanks

Deb and the Tuckshop Team



# weir tuckshop menu

## FROM THE WARMER

Hot Dog	\$6.50
Cheeseburger	\$7.00
Chicken Burger	\$7.00
Homemade Pizza	\$6.50
Lasagne	\$7.00
Butter Chicken	\$7.00
Mac & Cheese	\$7.00
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$7.00
Homemade Fried Rice	\$7.00
Chicken Nuggets x 6	\$6.00
Chicken Nuggets Gluten Free x 6	\$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



## 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



## SALADS

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

## DRINKS

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

## BENTO BOXES

Cherry tomatoes, cucumber slices, yoghurt pouch, popcorn, strawberries, homemade treats & popper with-

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



## POKE BOWLS

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



## GOURMET WRAP RANGE

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

## 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](http://www.flexischools.com.au)  
Cash or EFTPOS at the Tuckshop

Term 4 2024





# SCHOOL RULES



**BE SAFE**

**BE RESPECTFUL**

**BE RESPONSIBLE**

**STRONG SMART CONNECTED**

SOW Resumes in Week 2 - 2025





# Cold Cups

50c each

Friday only

2:45-3:00pm



## AUSLAN

Would your student like to learn AUSLAN signs and songs?  
Please let them know they are welcome to join our Auslan Club held in 1-EM at first break on Monday's. We would love to see them there!

Thank-you from Miss Dobbie - Auslan Educational Interpreter

# DONATIONS

We are looking for donations of the following items:

- \*uniforms
- \*shorts
- \*shoes
- \*footy boots

If you can help with any of the above that would be greatly appreciated.

Please see Miss Tamara, Mr Dean or Mr Jay



# 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.

## ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH YOUR CHILDREN GAMING?

There is help in staying informed. Here is very helpful information on a webinar on gaming from the Raising Children Network.

Gaming & your family: webinar | Raising Children Network

Sincerely, Sharon Ransom - Guidance Officer



# PREVENTING CHILDHOOD SCREEN ADDICTION

*A Guide For Parents*

## SCREEN ADDICTION WARNING SIGNS

- ❖ Meltdowns when forced to unplug
- ❖ Increased use over time; child can't cut back
- ❖ Only thing that puts child in a good mood
- ❖ Sneaking and lying about screen time
- ❖ Using screen time as an escape
- ❖ Negatively impacting relationships and school

## ScreenStrong Parent Strategies



### Think like a Coach

Commit to being your child's life coach, not their best friend. Foster a close team mentality in your home.



### Create Your Community

Help others get educated with you on the ScreenStrong approach. Learning with others will only help you to stay the course.



### Intervene Early

Learn to recognize the warning signs of overuse. Early intervention will prevent more significant issues.



### Focus On Life Skills

Prioritize teaching life skills in your home every day. This creates confident and resilient kids.



### Restrict Access

Prevent toxic screen use. Video games and social media are not necessary for healthy childhood development.



### Pay Close Attention

Stay on guard and know what your child is doing online. Screen privacy is not for young kids or teens.

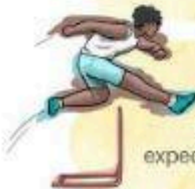


### Build Grit

Work hard and play hard. Replace screen time with challenging, non-addictive hobbies and activities.

### Keep Them Active

Schedule daily exercise via sports or lots of outdoor play. Prioritize nine hours of sleep each night.



### Raise The Bar

Set high standards and clear expectations for your family. Don't settle for second best.

### Know Your Kids

Strengthen family attachment with each child. Plan fun ways to spend time together offline.





A Mental Health Assessment and Intervention Program for Children and Adolescents

**WELCOME TO MOMENTUM!**  
Hi! I'm Millie and I'm here to help you get started with your *Momentum* program.

There are 4 steps to getting started.

Step 1 sets up your account.

Steps 2 and 3 help us to design your personal program and can take some time.

After step 3, you can move on to step 4 straight away, or begin the program on another day. Watch this video if you are using an iPad/tablet.

- 1 Register for an account
- 2 Complete the Momentum Check-Up
- 3 View your Momentum Check-Up results
- 4 Start your personal Momentum program

**Step 1: Registration**

The first step to using Momentum is to create an account by registering at [www.momentumhub.org.au/](http://www.momentumhub.org.au/)

See your Guidance Office Mrs Ransom via the front office if you are needing support to access.



# 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/eheadspace](http://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.



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Student Wellbeing Package

## 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-safety-wellbeing/student-wellbeing-package>



# Collect your FREE HOLIDAY PASSPORT!

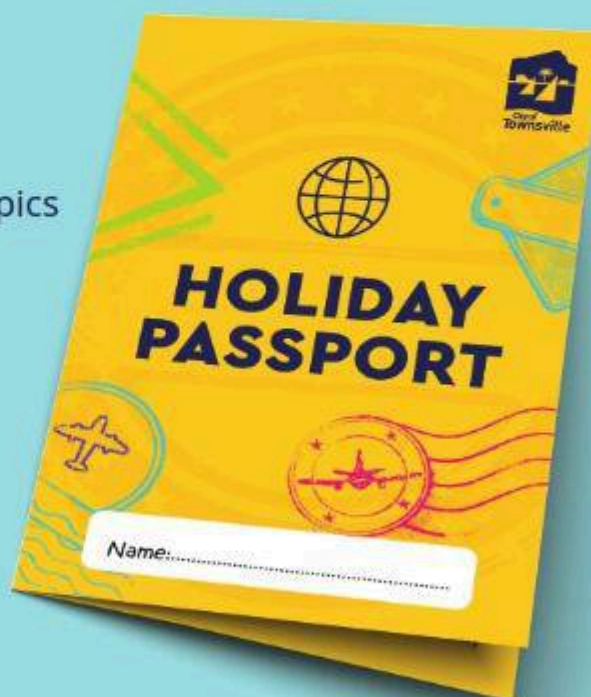


Take part in our free workshops, activities, and exhibitions these school holidays.

Available at

- 📍 Perc Tucker Regional Gallery
- 📍 Pinnacles Gallery
- 📍 Citylibraries Riverway and Flinders Street
- 📍 Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts
- 📍 Queensland Museum Tropics

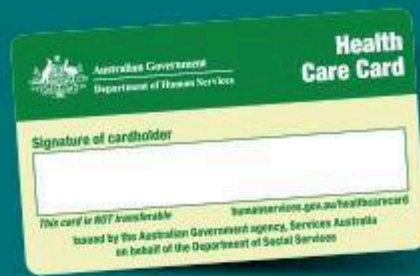
Collect stamps to be in the running to win fantastic arty prizes\*



\*Full T&Cs can be found in the Holiday Passport.

[🔍 What's On Townsville](#)





# 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](http://saverplus.org.au)



030 159 875 25

# Get up to \$500 for education costs

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

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Current  
**Health Care**  
or **Pensioner**  
**Concession**  
**Card**



Saverplus.org.au  
1300 610 355

  
saverplus

Saver 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



**KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB**

Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th  
January 2025

9.00am – 12.00pm  
(Rego from 8.30am)

Prep to Grade 6  
Willows Presbyterian Church, 26 Carthew  
Street  
Register NOW: [www.willows.org.au/events](http://www.willows.org.au/events)  
Contact: 47231232 or  
[admin@willows.org.au](mailto:admin@willows.org.au)

**CIRCUS  
MANIA**

**FREE  
ENTRY**

The poster features a red and white striped background with a central illustration of a red and white striped circus tent. A brown bear is riding a red bicycle in the foreground. A yellow banner at the top right reads 'KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB'. A yellow ticket icon at the bottom right says 'FREE ENTRY'. The text 'CIRCUS MANIA' is written in large, red, stylized letters on the left. The event details, including dates, times, and contact information, are listed on the right side.





### 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](mailto:riverwaysalvos@salvationarmy.org.au)



### Join us at our free community dinner

5pm every Thursday

Townsville Riverway Salvos  
49-61 Beck Drive, Condon



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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.



# Townsville Dashboards

Your Council  | Your Services  | Your City 

Your digital platform to access high quality, current data and insights about Townsville.

[dashboards.townsville.qld.gov.au](https://dashboards.townsville.qld.gov.au)



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