



Diary Dates



TERM 3:

Thursday 18 September

Fancy Dress Ball

Friday 19 September

Last day of Term 3

Happy
Holidays

TERM 4:

Monday 6 October

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 7 October

First day of Term 4

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of Term 3, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, students, and families for another term of learning, growth, and community spirit.

One of the exciting developments for our school is the upcoming roof installation over the new playground. This project will be completed by 2026 and will provide shade and comfort, ensuring the space can be enjoyed by students all year round. It will be a wonderful addition to our school grounds and a lasting investment for the future.

We also have a number of staff changes to share. Mrs Guy will be commencing maternity leave, and we wish her every happiness as she welcomes her new arrival. Her positivity and dedication have been deeply valued by students, staff, and families, and we look forward to celebrating her return in the future. Jorja Weir will be moving from Year 1 to Year 4 in Term 4, bringing her enthusiasm and strong connections with students to the upper years. Mrs Smith will be stepping into the Year 1 class full time, ensuring continuity of care and learning for our youngest learners. We are very fortunate to have such a capable and committed team supporting our students.

Term 4 will be a busy and celebratory time with many important events. We look forward to our Year 6 Graduation and our annual Awards Night, both of which are highlights on the school calendar. These events provide opportunities to reflect on achievements and recognise the efforts of our students across the year.



As we head into the holidays, I wish all of our families a safe and restful break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term 4 for a strong finish to the school year.

Warm regards,

Michael Patane, Principal

HOLLOWAYS BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CAMP (HBEEC) – YEAR 5

We went to HBEEC on 8th to 10th September – 5A and 5C and 10th to 12th September – 5B and 5D. HBEEC was a fun and exciting camp where students completed a high ropes course, catapults and boating. They stayed in cabins and ate yummy food. They had heaps of fun!



BELLS

A warning bell is rung at 8:25 in the morning. This will give students time to get into class and be **ready for instruction at 8:30am**. All students need to be at school prior to this bell and be ready to begin learning at 8:30am. We appreciate parental support with these requirements as late arrivals cause interruptions to both the class teacher and the students who are able to be organised.



ATTENDANCE, ABSENTEEISM AND ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE REMINDERS

Late Arrivals

Any students who arrive after 8:30am will need to report to the office for a late note before going to class. Parents, we would appreciate your support in ensuring that your children are ready for the commencement of class at 8:30am.

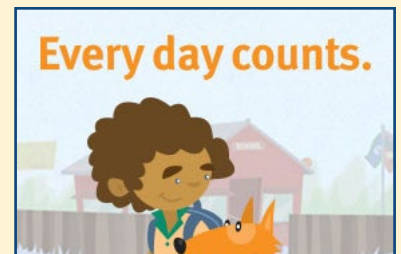
End of Day

The school day officially finishes at 2:30pm. Students should not loiter in the grounds but make their way home by bus, car, bike or foot. There is no teacher supervision after 2:45pm. *After School Care might be an option which you might like to consider.*

Attendance

As we commence the start of a new year, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education website for more information:

www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.



Our school attendance target for each student is **90%**. Last year our attendance was only at **87.2%**. I know we can do better this year.

Absenteeism

If your child is away please contact the office by phone (**4042 8160**). Alternatively, you can send a text to **0429 397 242**.

Absentee information is required for legal and audit purposes. By law we are required to contact any family whose child is absent for three days running without an explanation. After 10 days we are obligated to report lengthy absenteeism to authorities. Please understand that this is required in all state schools.

Please also advise, in writing, of any changes to your family's access, custody, and caring arrangements.

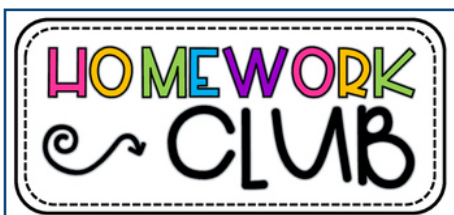
THE RSL RULES

The RSL rules are **Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a Learner**. These rules reflect key behaviours that are required for success at Parramatta State School.



HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework club has started and is every Monday in the library after school. The Smith Family volunteers help students with their homework. If you need additional information contact your child's teacher or administration.



PREP 2026

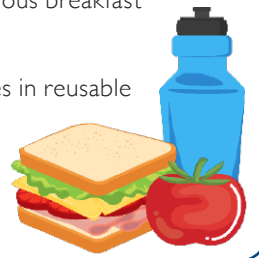
If you have a child born between 1st July 20 and 30th June 2021, enrolments for Prep 2026 are now open. Please contact the office for more information.



HEALTHY CHOICES

All parents are encouraged to support the health and wellbeing of their children by providing them with a nutritious breakfast and healthy lunchbox food and drinks.

We are hoping to reduce the amount of litter that lunches produce, by asking parents to consider putting lunches in reusable containers rather than providing food to their children with multiple plastic wrappings. Not only does this reduce litter but as a Reef Guardian school it also ensures that the smaller bits of plastic do not make their way into our drains, and therefore, into the sea. Thank you for helping us to maintain our environmental awareness.



TUCKSHOP

The P&C will be running the tuckshop this year. The Tuckshop will be open Monday – Fridays from 8:00am to 1:30pm. *Any parents who would like to offer some time to help in the tuckshop should contact the office. Your assistance, even if only once a month, will be greatly appreciated.*



CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Our teachers often arrive early in the morning to do preparation, planning and setting up for the day before the students enter the room. This means that classroom doors may be closed to parents and students until 8:25am. Once the students enter the room things can become a little hectic with homework folders, tuckshop orders, note collections, the sharing of news about birthdays and other family events and so on. We encourage parents to maintain regular communication with teachers, however, sometimes it is more appropriate to make an appointment particularly when discussions require confidentiality or time, so that the topic is valued. Appointment times can be negotiated with your child's teacher prior to 8:30am if required.



STAFF MEETINGS

Our staff meetings are usually scheduled on Tuesday at 2:50pm and teachers will be unavailable. Please avoid requesting appointments with your child's teacher at this time.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are issued every second **Wednesday** (Week 2, Week 4, Week 6, Week 8 and Week 10).



REGISTERS

We have a number of registers in the school which we are required to keep for our accountability and audit purposes.

- Parents **must** sign their children out at the office if they are to absent during school hours.
- Volunteer registers are located in the office for parents who help in the rooms with reading and other activities.



HATS

Our Sun Smart policy stipulates bucket or broad-brimmed hats. **Caps are NOT acceptable.** Students who do not have appropriate hat wear will not be permitted to play. Hats are available from the tuckshop for \$25.



DRESS CODE

A copy of the school dress code is available from the office. Students are expected to wear a school uniform, including closed shoes or joggers (**thongs are not appropriate**) and a broad-brimmed hat. Jewellery is to be kept a minimum – studs and sleepers for pierced ears, a watch, and medic-alert bracelets are acceptable. Nail polish is discouraged. The school appreciates your support with these matters. **Students can only wear their sport shirt on a Friday.**



★ ★ Student Achievements ★ ★

Congratulations to this fortnight's award recipients:



Student of the Week Awards

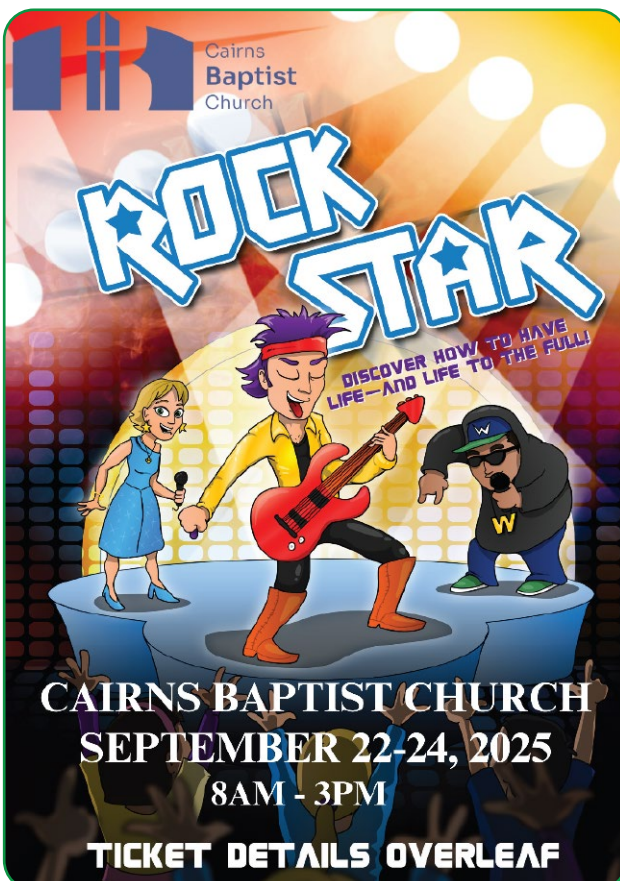
Student Attendance Winners



5/6D & 1A Class Dojo Winner

2B & 6A Highest Class Attendance Winner

COMMUNITY NOTICE



Cairns Baptist Church

ROCK STAR

DISCOVER HOW TO HAVE LIFE—AND LIFE TO THE FULL!

CAIRNS BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2025
8AM - 3PM
TICKET DETAILS OVERLEAF

Hi there Cairns Adventurer,

Here are some key points about the day:

- Time: 8am to 3pm
- For primary school aged children including prep
- Cost: \$20 per child per day (pay on the day)
- Bring your own lunch that does not need to go in the fridge
- Morning and afternoon tea will be provided
- Drink bottle and hat that is clearly named
- Invite a friend to come along

Please register through the QR link and then print and fill out the registration form to bring with you on the day.

Looking forward to a great time of discovering who Jesus is and what that means for us.

Please contact Jeremy for more information
Jeremy@cairnsbaptist.org.au

Cairns Baptist Church
44 Elphinstone st Kanimbla

COMMUNITY NOTICES



CAIRNS FIVES

Fraturdays at Tiger Park

STARTS OCTOBER 10

U5 to U11

5 a side

U12 to Seniors

7 a side

Everyone Welcome!

Mixed teams

Register now

\$90[^]

per player

\$125 per player if not currently registered with any club



HAVE FUN | STAY ACTIVE | MAKE NEW FRIENDS

 registrations@ehufc.com.au



With Alex Loughton #40

LOUGHTON 40 HOOPS



Register here

BASKETBALL PROGRAM Parramatta SS

Basketball program for year 5 & 6
Every Thursday before school 7:05-7:55am
in week 3-8, term 4 (start Oct 23rd)
Focusing on dribbling, shooting, teamwork and playing full court games


Cost ~~\$135~~ \$0 includes ball, bag, Tshirt, 3 pack socks, drink bottle and agility ball.
(Rego is subsidised thanks to sponsors)



TEAMWORK CONFIDENCE GAME READY

BELONG - LEARN - SUCCEED






Could Saver Plus help with your education costs?

Saver Plus Information Sessions

We are running Information sessions for anyone thinking about joining the program and wants to learn more about how Saver Plus works.


Eligibility, income and participation criteria. To find out more head to <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/>.

To Register please use the QR Code or Zoom Link Below.



[Click here to Register](#)

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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


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