

# NEWSLETTER



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### June

#### Monday 23

Sunshine Beach SHS Band performance

#### Tuesday 24

3C, 3D & 3E Jondaryan Woolshed excursion

#### Wednesday 25

Year 2 Wildlife incursion  
3A & 3B Jondaryan Woolshed excursion  
Prep TSHS Drama performance  
Senior Concert Band performance at TSHS

#### Friday 27

Under 8's Day activities  
Term 2 concludes

### July

#### Monday 14

Term 3 commences

#### Monday 14 - Friday 18

NAIDOC activities

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

### Mr Ryle on leave next term

Mr Ryle will be taking some well-deserved leave next term. He will return to TESS for the start of Term Four. I know that you join me in wishing him a fantastic break.

We will announce Mr Ryle's replacement late next week.

### Sign up for QParents

Reports will be sent home next week via the QParents App. Thank you to those who have signed up.

If you have not yet done so, please sign up as soon as possible. Instructions are attached to this newsletter.

## **Crossing the road safely**

The roads around our school are extremely busy around drop off and pick up time. I urge all members of our school community to take care when crossing the street. Below are some tips from the *Street Smarts* website that may be useful when discussing road safety with your children.

- Pay attention when on or near the road. Be aware and cross with care.
- Never assume a driver has seen you.
- Use designated crossings (pedestrian crossings, traffic signals or pedestrian refuges) wherever possible to cross roads, railway and tram tracks.
- If there is no crossing within 20 metres, cross by the shortest and safest route.
- Always walk on footpaths or nature strips where possible. If there is no footpath or nature strip, walk so you are facing oncoming traffic.
- Be overly cautious of traffic near crests of hills and curves. If a vehicle is approaching, make sure you have a safe escape available and be ready to use it.
- Stay alert – wearing headphones and using a mobile phone will reduce awareness of what is happening around you.

## **To help your children become safe pedestrians, try:**

- being a model of safe behaviour. Hold the hands of small children, don't use your phone while walking near roads, don't take unsafe short cuts or cross on 'Don't Walk' signals even if the road looks clear.
- talking with them about your actions and decisions as you walk. Ask them:
  - is this a safe place to cross?
  - is there somewhere better to cross, like a pedestrian crossing?
  - can we be seen by drivers?
  - where is the best place to walk?
  - which road should we take to get home?

## HEALTH NEWS

Mrs McGaw has kindly been donated many fancy dress costumes and accessories. Students seeking a costume for the Book Week parade on Wednesday 20 August will have the opportunity to choose a costume at "*Mrs McGaw's Fancy Dress Store*"!

The store will be in the kitchen area of the school Hall on:  
 Tuesday 29 July: 3:00pm - 3:30pm  
 Wednesday 30 July: 8:15am - 8:45am  
 Tuesday 5 August: 3:00pm - 3:30pm  
 Wednesday 6 August: 8:15am - 8:45am  
 Tuesday 12 August: 3:00pm - 3:30pm  
 Wednesday 13 August: 8:15am - 8:45am  
 Tuesday 19 August: 3:00pm - 3:30pm  
 Wednesday 20 August: 8:00am - 8:45am (Book Week Parade)



Mrs McGaw will be happy to accept more donations of costumes or accessories, so if you are having a clear out at home during the upcoming holidays, please take the donations to Mrs McGaw's office.

## PE DEPARTMENT

Students from Toowoomba East recently competed at the Queensland State AFL Championships. Congratulations to all competitors for their outstanding sportsmanship and tenacity. The Darling Downs team was strongly represented by Toowoomba East students. Well done!



Coah, Mia, Amelia, Evie and Poppy.

Zac, Samyak, Tex, Billy, Magnus and Judah.



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### Upcoming events

**Senior Concert Band** - TSHS workshop on Wednesday 25 June. Please make sure you have returned permission slips to the music room or to Mr Poole.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC EISTEDDFOD at the Empire Theatre:

TESS **Little Fiddlers** 25 July - 9:00am session.

TESS **String Ensemble** 25 July - 5:30pm session.

TESS **Senior Concert Band** 28 July - 1:00pm session.

More information will be sent home before the school holidays.

### ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Prep 2026 for prospective in-catchment students and siblings of current students have been occurring over Term Two and are now almost completed. If you know of any in-catchment students for 2026, please request that contact is made with Toowoomba East to arrange an interview.

If you are a member of our Toowoomba East State School community with a younger child attending in 2026, please make contact with the office as soon as possible to arrange an interview.

### CHANGE OF DETAILS

It is vital that we have updated details of your address/phone numbers/email address/work details/emergency contacts/medical conditions/legal orders. Please email [enquiries@toowoombaeastss.eq.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@toowoombaeastss.eq.edu.au) if you need to update any of these details.

### STUDENT ABSENCE

If your child is absent or will be arriving late to school, please **SMS 0427 064 253**.

EG. TEXT—MARY SMITH, 3G,

SICK/HOLIDAY/FAMILY REASONS/DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT/ARRIVING LATE AT 10am

### CLEANERS REQUIRED

We are seeking casual cleaners to work at Toowoomba East State School. The shifts are 5:00am-8:30am and 2:00pm-5:30pm. You will require a current Bluecard and Criminal History check. If you are interested, please see the office with your details and documents.



## What's been happening

You may have seen me around the school grounds in the mornings, warmly welcoming students, families, and staff as they arrive. These moments are a wonderful way to start the day and connect with our school community.

In the afternoons, I'm often on Mary Street, continuing to build relationships and share friendly conversations with students as they head home. These informal catch-ups are a great way to strengthen connections.

I've also been visiting classrooms in the lower years, offering an extra pair of hands and supporting teachers where needed. I love being part of the learning environment and stepping in whenever a helping hand is required.

The garden and recycling programs, led by Amy McGaw, continue to be a highlight. Working alongside students in these initiatives provides valuable opportunities to share knowledge and foster teamwork. I'm constantly inspired by how many students are enthusiastic about caring for our school. Their pride in keeping the grounds clean and green is truly uplifting.

Additionally, I continue to support individual students who may need a listening ear or extra encouragement through one-on-one chats. These meaningful conversations are an important part of the care we provide.

After the holidays, my focus will shift to organising our Father's Day Stall, and I'm looking forward to making it a special event for our school community. To make it a success, I'll need some helping hands!

If you have a bit of time to spare and would like to get involved—whether it's organising gifts, setting up the stall, or helping on the day—I'd love to hear from you. Your support makes all the difference, and it's a great way to connect and have some fun too!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you're interested in volunteering. You can email me [pquat0@eq.edu.au](mailto:pquat0@eq.edu.au)

Next term, I'll be launching an exciting Coffee Fundraiser you won't want to miss! We'll be selling Chaplaincy Reserve Coffee, freshly roasted by Coffee Commune—whose coffee was recently crowned Queensland's Best Coffee 2025 on Queensland Day!

This is the perfect chance to enjoy top-quality coffee while supporting our school chaplaincy. So, to all the coffee lovers out there—stay tuned for more details and get ready to stock up on your favourite brew! Wishing you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday break—whatever your plans may be! Take time to recharge, enjoy some cozy moments, and stay warm. I look forward to seeing you all next term!

### Upcoming Events

Father's Day Stall  
Coffee Drive

### Get Involved

Join the Chaplaincy Support Team  
Volunteer at the Father's Day Stall

### Thank You!

Chappy Trish

## P&C NEWS

### Trivia Night Sponsorship

Ok we're saddling up for a...

Wild West Trivia Night 2025 and looking for some generous sponsors to come along for the ride!

This fun evening will help raise funds for our school P&C and we'd love to showcase your business on the night.

#### What's in it for sponsors?

- ★ Business shoutouts on the night.
- ★ Banner or promotional materials at the event.
- ★ Logo featured on event materials & social media.
- ★ Tickets to attend the Trivia Night.
- ★ The warm fuzzy feeling of being part of the TESS community.

If you are interested in sponsorship (or know a business who may be) please email us at [tessunifund@gmail.com](mailto:tessunifund@gmail.com).

**Time to saddle up & round up your tables for our Wild West Trivia Night**

 

**Tickets on sale now from QKR and the Uniform Shop**  
**When: 6pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug**  
**Where: Rumours Toowoomba**  
**Cost: \$20 per person (tables of 4,6 and 8)**  
**Grazing boxes will be available to purchase closer to the night**  
**Dress up with your team & decorate your tables.**  
**Prizes for best table and team dress-up as well as raffles on the night.**



**UNIFORM SHOP**

 **Toowoomba East State School**

**OPENING HOURS 2025**  
QKR orders will be delivered to classrooms on the Monday morning after you order.

**MONDAY Morning**  
8.00am – 9.30am

**THURSDAY Afternoon**  
2.30pm – 4.00pm

### Change of opening hours for the UNIFORM SHOP – Week Ten.

Monday 23 June OPEN 8:00am – 9:30am

Wednesday 25 June OPEN 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Thursday 26 June CLOSED



# SPONSOR DETAILS FOR TOOWOOMBA EAST STATE SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT 6PM FRI 22 AUGUST



It's time to saddle up for TESS'S Wild West Trivia Night. After the overwhelming success of our 2023 Trivia Night, we're excited to announce that we're back for 2025 and it's shaping up to be even bigger and better! We're currently seeking business sponsors and prize donors to help make this event a standout. Our 2023 Trivia Night drew over 200 attendees and we expect an even larger crowd this year to join us at Rumours. Sponsoring is a fantastic way to promote your business to local families and show your support for the local community.

## **GOLD SPONSORSHIP \$500**

4 x tickets to attend the evening, your logo on marketing, opportunity for your banner/display at the Wild West Trivia Night and call outs on the evening from the MC. Any other donation of promotional material from your business for use on the night.

## **SILVER SPONSORSHIP \$250**

2 x tickets to attend the evening, your logo on marketing and a call out from the MC at the Wild West Trivia Night.

## **BRONZE SPONSORSHIP - \$\$\$**

Other cash amount - Your logo on marketing for the Trivia Night and a call out from the MC at the Wild West Trivia Night. please email details through to Juliette at [tessunifund@gmail.com](mailto:tessunifund@gmail.com)

## **PRIZES/DONATION SPONSORSHIP**

Hampers for Prizes for Raffles or lucky door prizes. Vouchers or bottles of alcohol please email the details to Juliette at [tessunifund@gmail.com](mailto:tessunifund@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL**

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Student of the Week recipients for:

### TERM 2 WEEK 5

#### YEAR 1

Patrick  
Yenul  
Emmerson  
Heidi

#### PREP

Oliver  
Lowen  
Henry  
Amelia  
Bree

### BEST EFFORT GETTING ALONG

#### YEAR 2

Matilda  
Shianna  
Alma  
Zoe  
Billy

#### YEAR 3

Annabelle  
Luca  
Ethan  
Jack  
Ratazhelene

#### YEAR 4

Margot  
Eleanor  
Eamon  
Willow  
Madeleine

#### YEAR 5

Jessica  
Luca  
Ivy  
Tenara  
James

#### YEAR 6

Braxton  
Ardawan  
Abbie  
Georgia  
Lillian

Our school rules:

**Best Behaviour**  
**Best Effort**  
**Best Manners**

*You Are The Key To  
Your Success  
"YOU CAN DO IT!"*





**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to our Student of the Week recipients for:

**TERM 2 WEEK 6****YEAR 1**

Xavier  
Sophie  
Molly  
Adrian

**PREP**

Harvey  
Blair  
Fletcher  
Theodore  
Sacha

**BEST BEHAVIOUR  
RESILIENCE****YEAR 2**

Violet  
Aysha  
Manseerat  
Nikolai  
Ginny

**YEAR 3**

Archie  
Eve  
Lily  
Ahsan  
Olivia

**YEAR 4**

Indiana  
Parker  
Rahaf  
Luca  
Ava

**YEAR 5**

Archie  
Anaysha  
Claudia  
Ella  
Lucy

**YEAR 6**

Hailey  
Xander  
Hank

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