

7 AUGUST 2026

TOOWOOMBA EAST STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS:

August

Monday 10

Prep A Amaroo Excursion

Tuesday 11

Prep B & C Amaroo
Excursion

Wednesday 12

Prep D & E Amaroo Excursion

Monday 17

4 E Ravensbourne Excursion

Tuesday 18

4 A & B Ravensbourne
Excursion

Wednesday 19

4 C & D Ravensbourne
Excursion

Wednesday 26

Book Week Parade

September

Wednesday 2

Year 2 Starlab Incursion

FROM MR GIBSON - PRINCIPAL

The end of last week was a busy and exciting time at Toowoomba East State School, with our students once again demonstrating their talents, teamwork and commitment across a range of activities.

On Friday, our Year 5 and 6 students continued their interschool sports season, competing against schools from across the city in soccer, netball, rugby league and hockey. It has been wonderful to see our students embrace the spirit of competition while displaying outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork and determination. We are incredibly proud of the way they represent our school both on and off the field.

Over the past fortnight, our Instrumental Music ensembles have proudly participated in the Toowoomba City Eisteddfod, representing the school with distinction. Throughout the event, students demonstrated exemplary behaviour and manners. Their performances reflected the dedication, commitment and hard work invested throughout the year, with each group performing to a high standard and showcasing their musical growth and talent.

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We congratulate all students and staff involved for their outstanding efforts and for being such positive ambassadors for our school community.

Our talented Dance Team also took to the stage at the Toowoomba Eisteddfod, where they delivered a dynamic and polished performance in the Year 6 and Under Hip Hop Group – Educational School section. Their hard work and dedication were rewarded with an impressive first-place result. Congratulations to all of our dancers on this fantastic achievement.

A special thank you must go to Bec Stanley, who generously volunteered her time every Tuesday morning before school for more than a term to organise the team and choreograph the performance. Her commitment, enthusiasm and expertise played a significant role in the team's success, and we are extremely grateful for her support.

The excitement continued on Saturday when ten TESS teams competed in the Toowoomba Regional RoboCup. Our students achieved outstanding results, placing first, second and third in the Mighty Maisy Maze section. These exceptional performances have earned our teams the opportunity to compete at the State Championships in Brisbane on 16 August. We wish them every success as they prepare for the next stage of competition.

Thank you to Ms Kat Vriesema and Mr Josh Duffield for the time, encouragement and guidance they provided to our students both in the lead-up to and throughout the competition. Their support helped create a valuable learning experience for all involved.

I am incredibly proud of the excellent academic achievements of our students, as well as the broad range of extracurricular opportunities they enthusiastically embrace. Whether on the sporting field, on the stage or in the world of robotics, our students continue to demonstrate the values of perseverance, teamwork and a willingness to challenge themselves.

Finally, thank you to our families for your ongoing support. Your encouragement and partnership with our school help make these wonderful opportunities possible for our students.

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State Orienteering Championships

Congratulations to Vivian, who competed in the State Orienteering Championships recently in Crows Nest and Highfields. Vivian competed against students from other schools in Toowoomba and placed well in every category.

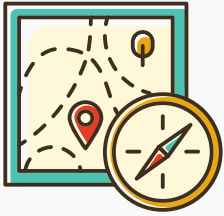
Vivian's placing are as follows:

Mass Start: 3rd

Sprint: 2nd

Long: 1st

We are incredibly proud of Vivian's achievements.



TESS COLOUR RUN



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Toowoomba East Strings perform at the Eisteddfod

In Week Two of Term, the TESS string students were excited and proud to represent their school at the Toowoomba Eisteddfod.

Our Beginning Strings, the largest group, were very excited for their first performance outside of school and had wonderful energy for the day. All students focussed for the performance and behaved impeccably on stage. We were awarded a Highly Commended. The Little Fiddlers group, our smallest group, performed strongly and all the lunchtime rehearsals paid off with the group being awarded a Highly Commended. The Senior Strings were also very excited to perform. Although we didn't place this year, I was very proud of our student's preparation and hard work.

It is worth noting that all groups received very positive and encouraging comments not only from the adjudicator, but from other strings teachers from other schools.

Huge thanks to both Joshua Duffield for playing piano with our groups on the day, as well as for many hours behind the scenes organising music uniforms, and to Colette Smith, for supporting the program and for accompanying us on the day.

Sarah Dietz



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EISTEDDFOD SUCCESS!

A huge congratulations to our East Dance Team on their outstanding achievement of First place at the Toowoomba Dance Eisteddfod! I am incredibly proud of the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm every student brought to rehearsals and their performance.

Thank you to all parents and families for your ongoing support throughout the season. From ensuring students attended early morning rehearsals to helping with costumes and cheering from the audience, your support has played a huge part in the team's success.

Please note that Tuesday morning rehearsals have now finished for the term. For Year 5 and 6 students who would like to perform this routine at the Toowoomba State High School Dance Night, I will be back to run rehearsals during Weeks one and two of Term four With the performance on October 16. Further details and reminders will be shared in the school newsletter closer to the time.

Ms Stanley



Concert Band at Eisteddfod

Concert Band members were excited to finally take to the stage at the Toowoomba Eisteddfod on Tuesday. Our students have been working hard all year to prepare, attending rehearsals two mornings a week, and it was fantastic to see their dedication and practice pay off. We unfortunately didn't place, but we received a high score and some great feedback from the adjudicator.

Thank you to the many instrumental teachers who have worked with us this year – Mr Poole, Mrs Jensen, Mr Di Clemente, Mr Nardello and Mr Gray – for your expertise and support in helping prepare our students. Thanks also to Ms Smith and Mr Gray for their invaluable assistance and organisation on the day. Now that Eisteddfod is over Concert Band rehearsals will be held just once a week on Wednesdays. We are excited to be starting up our Training Band so that our junior students can begin learning to play in ensemble. Training Band rehearsals will be held on Monday mornings. Information will be sent to you soon.

-Mr Duffield

BOOK WEEK 2026

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

Get ready to celebrate CBCA Book Week 2026 with this year's theme, "Symphony of Stories".

The theme highlights how every story, character and reader contributes to a wonderful collection of voices, ideas and adventures, much like the instruments in an orchestra creating beautiful music together.

We encourage all students to join in our annual **Book Week Costume Parade on Wednesday 26th August** by dressing up as a favourite book character or creating a costume inspired by the theme.

Costume ideas could include:

- A favourite character from a beloved book
- A storyteller, author or illustrator
- A musical character or performer from a story
- A creative combination of books and music, such as a "storybook conductor"

We can't wait to see the wonderful creativity of our students as we come together to celebrate the joy of reading and the magic of a Symphony of Stories!



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NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

On Tuesday, our school was fortunate to welcome Sean Choolburra, an Indigenous presenter who has been sharing First Nations culture with schools across Australia for many years. Sean delivered an engaging, funny, and educational performance filled with storytelling, music, songs, and dancing.

Students across all year levels were invited to participate in the show, with some dressing up and becoming part of the performance. Through his entertaining style, Sean helped students learn about Indigenous culture and stories, including the story of how the Willy Wagtail came to be.

It was an enjoyable and memorable experience that helped students learn about and appreciate Indigenous culture. Our year 2 students gave the show a 10/10, saying it "It was the best show ever!" We all had a wonderful time and learned lots of new things."

-Mrs Rees



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BACK TO SCHOOL BOOST

Many parents have utilised the Back To School Boost for uniforms and excursions. If you are unsure of your available balance, please contact the school office. There are families are opting to use the boost, however do not have funds available, so it is important to check your balance. If you have opted to use the Boost and have the funds available, please do not pay the invoice.

ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Prep 2027 for prospective in-catchment students and siblings of current students are now being taken. If you know of any in-catchment students for 2027, 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 2027, please make contact with the office to commence the enrolment process and make an appointment for an interview as soon as possible.

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

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 see the office staff or email enquiries@toowoombaeastss.eq.edu.au if you need to update any of these details.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Student of the Week recipients for:

TERM 3 WEEK 1

Winston
Evelyn
Oveen
Tarquin
Thesarth

Freya
Dalman
Arwa
Harry
Azariah

BEST BEHAVIOUR ORGANISATION

Hazel
Zane
Lincoln
Harriet
Xuanrui

Floss
Bartholomew
Eleanor
Lyla
Elijah

Maggie
Cynthia
Rayanne
Emily
Claire

Joshua
Tex
Wolf
Lillian

Shingal
Lavand
Zara

Our school rules:
Best Behaviour
Best Effort
Best Manners

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



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Student of the Week recipients for:

TERM 3 WEEK 2

Darcy
William
Eddie
Alleah
Cobie

Ethan
Dawood
Albie
Jimmy
Harper

BEST EFFORT GETTING ALONG

Judah
Miles
Lily
Yuland
Eliyas

Latisha
Wilbur
George
Lily
Finn

Tiana
Charlee
Luke
Kobi
Delilah

Ashleigh
Eamon
Rahaf
Grace

Kennedy
Niahd
Logan
Annabel

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