



# NORRIS ROAD STATE SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 2

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## Norris News



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#### SMS4SCHOOLS

*Because we care for the safety of your child.....*

We are now sending SMS when we have not heard why a child is not at school, your child is considered LATE any time after 8.30 am.

**PLEASE have your child at school and in class by 8.30 am.**

#### YMCA Outside School Hours Care

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### ***From the Principal***

Dear Norris Road Community,

Welcome back to Term 4, 2021! This term represents the last days of primary school for our Year 6 students, and the end of the first year of schooling for our Prep students- both significant milestones for our students and their parents. A few updates are below regarding some significant school events:

**Gala Night:** Given ongoing restrictions in terms of masks and venue capacity, we made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Gala. Instead, we will be working with Jamie Pascoe (Music Teacher), Tyson Clancy-Jones (Instrumental Music) and Rebecca Moore (Instrumental Music) to film our choirs and Instrumental Music students to launch on our new YouTube Channel. All students performing will need to complete a new permission form (with permission for inclusion on YouTube added) prior to being filmed, and will not be able to be filmed and included in the video without this permission.

**Year 6 Graduation ceremony:** Year 6 Graduation will proceed as an in-person event, however, given ongoing restrictions in terms of masks and venue capacity (school hall) we will be splitting the ceremonies, with two ceremonies (incorporating two classes at a time), back-to-back. Students will be able to invite two guests each, so that we can continue to adhere to the 1:2m2 rule.

We look forward to 2022 when high immunisation rates will hopefully mean that COVID restrictions and the risk of lockdown are not determining factors regarding the feasibility of school events.

**Newsletter:** Our next (week 4) edition of the newsletter will be sent to all parents using the ePublisher format. As this will be a new platform, we suggest checking your "junk mail" box if you do not receive a link in a fortnight's time. Moving to this platform allows us to embed videos, include picture galleries and will also reduce our administration officer's time in constructing, editing and producing the newsletter. This format is currently being used by a number of schools, and you may be already familiar with online newsletter platforms if you have children at high school or other primary schools. My thanks to Yvonne Gills and Olivia Newham for being so willing, able and proactive in moving this change forward so quickly!

**Term 3 achievements:** Despite an unexpected lockdown and remote learning period, there were a number of changes, developments and step forwards that we are able to achieve and can be celebrated:

#### Facilities:

- Completion of upgrade/ repairs to Year 2 playground. Softfall to be added (currently in limited supply) before official "re-opening" on Friday 15 November.



- Successful transfer of Tuckshop from P&C to the school and introduction of the Qkr! ordering app.

#### Traffic Management:

- Meeting with TMR (Department of Transport and Main Roads) to develop strategies to support the safe and consistent use of the Pritchard Place drop off zone;
- Community education materials received from TMR which have been distributed via newsletter, Facebook and electronic sign;
- Installation of signs to promote the safe use of the Drop Off Zone.

#### Communication:

- Extension of the Seesaw app across all year levels and classes to ensure timely communication and access to learning materials in the event of another unexpected lockdown;
- Establishment of school YouTube channel to share school developed videos;
- Continuation of Norris Road News for Families during alternative weeks to ensure that our community is kept up to date with information, events and dates/ times.
- Parent-Teacher interviews offered Week 2 Term 4 through SOBS booking system.

#### Learning:

- Focus on students' writing development across all classes for 40 minutes per week through our Collective Teacher Efficacy program;
- Completion of a third Moderation cycle, focussing on ensuring the consistency in teacher judgement across year level teams;
- NAPLAN results (Year 3 and 5) distributed to parents end of Term 3;
- Swimming lessons offered for Prep, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6s;
- Solid Pathways offered to our First Nations students, extending to another 4 students this term;
- Subscription with Library Services for all and teachers- this subscription allows all students to borrow books digitally to read at home and school. If this has not been offered by your child's classroom teacher, please let us know so we can ensure every child in every class has access to this great opportunity!
- Continued subscription with Sunshine Online: online reading books and activities (in school use only).

#### Work Force:

- School employed Tuckshop Convenor confirmed following recruitment process: Cheryl Chin confirmed on contract for 12 months. Thank you to the P&C for their ongoing management of the tuckshop over many years.
- Writing Coach position confirmed following recruitment process: Vanessa Tuck from Eagle Junction State School commenced duty Monday 31 August 2021 (Week 8);
- **CPR training** for our Teacher Aides completed;
- **Collaboration Days:** Leadership Team worked together over 2 days to analyse the School Review Report, feedback from ARD, Sam Donovan, Annual Implementation Plan, and accumulated feedback from Teachers and Teacher Aides, and are currently working together to refine and action the School Improvement Plan.

#### Community:

- Yvonne Gills and myself attended the Bracken Ridge Community Day at Bracken Ridge Plaza (9/10/2021) to promote the school within the community;

### **Calendar of Events**

#### **Term 4**

##### **October**

- 15 Year 6 and 5/6NH Swimming
- 18 Deadly Choices - Years 5 and 6
- 19 Year 6 Passport to Success
- 20 Year 1 Swimming
- Junior School Assembly
- 22 Year 6 and 5/6NH Swimming
- 24 Backyard Bonanza
- 25 Year 6 Passport to Success
- 25-27 Book Fair
- 27 Year 1 Swimming
- 29 Ekka Public Holiday

##### **November**

- 1 Prep Foyer Display
- Deadly Choices - Year 5 and 6
- 2 Year 6 Passport to Success
- 3 Year 1 Swimming
- Senior School Assembly
- Waste Free Wednesday
- 5 Year 6 and 5/6NH Swimming

- “Little Friends sessions” were held with our staff with local Early Childhood Education and Care partners with a focus on the sharing of practice. Four more sessions are planned for this term.
- Rescheduling of the Book Fair: 25, 26, 27 October in the hall
- Attendance at the 4017 Network Meeting to build community relationships, with the next meeting being attended by Yvonne Gills and I on the 20/10/2021
- **Bridge FM visit and Colour Run:** both were a HUGE success! Thank you to the P&C executive, members and volunteers for their support and a fun-filled afternoon.
- **Colour Explosion Fun Run:**  
A HUGE thank you to our P&C executive, members and parent volunteers who worked together to run an extremely successful and most importantly, FUN, Colour Explosion Fun Run! As a result of the P&C efforts, the school raised \$24,076.51, minus fees leaving \$14,807.05 to go towards our school! Funds raised will be focussed towards purchasing equipment for students to use at play time and broadening play options for our students. Our Monster fundraiser was Ruby with \$980.00 and the highest fundraising class was 1KW with \$2,630! Other Monster Fundraisers were Xander, Issac, Isabellah, Logan, Lincoln, Piper, Willow, Shendra, Taneisha-Lee, April, Thea and Hilton. A huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped on the lead up and on the day for colour explosion day. Great effort everyone!

As you can see, we have been incredibly busy in the past term! My sincere thanks to the hard working and dedicated teams I have the privilege to lead here at Norris Road State School, from our Cleaning Teams, to our Support Teams, to our Teaching Teams and our Leadership Team. I'm looking forward to another busy yet fun-filled Term 4!

*Melissa Burke*  
Principal

### DATE CLAIMER

**Year 5 and PNR Swimming - \$24 – Due 1 November**  
**Prep Swimming - \$24 – Due 1 November**

**Evidence of Learning Book - \$15 Due Now**  
**Instrumental Music & Strings Levy-\$35 Hire-\$65 Due Now**

**Voluntary Contribution \$60 per child**  
**capped at \$120 per family**



## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Wednesday

8 December 2021

More information to come!

### LEAVING IN 2021

If you plan to leave the school at the end of term 4, please notify the office or complete the survey below. This helps with planning for 2022.

<https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/n/avghLAM>



Contact the office for 2022 enrolments.



## Student Council News

**Wipe Out Waste Wednesday**  
November 3rd 2021 we are going to be having a wipe out waste day. We ask you to bring containers instead of plastic, aluminium and glad wrap. This is so we can protect the wild life and make our school a cleaner place.  
Tyler

**Wipe Waste Wednesday!**  
On week 5, Wednesday, 3rd of November 2021 the student council has organized (another) plastic free day! Please try your best to reduce plastic wrap and scrunch plastic!  
Thank you for your consideration!  
Eleanor

### Wipeout Waste

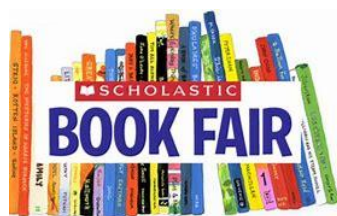
***Contributions from the Student Council members.***

On Wednesday 3 November (Week 5) we are hosting a day called **Wipeout Waste Wednesday** and, on that day, we would really appreciate if you would reduce single use plastic at school. Hopefully on the day we can limit our waste in our lunch boxes. Maybe instead of having plastic wrap in your lunch you can add a reusable container. Last time we did a superhero day, but this time just come as yourself. Last time we still had a lot of plastic but this time let's try and limit it. Talk about it so the children notice when they open their lunchbox. Thank for your support and joining in!  
Ashwin

The student councillors have suggested that we can make this plastic free day more noticeable this time so all students/teachers are aware that we can try to make a little change of the amount of plastic in our school, we would appreciate it so much if you could participate in our event. In our last one we had superhero day to make less plastic in the school but it had definitely did not go how we planned. This is why we are trying to be more aware and actually make a dedicated day. Annika

## 2021 Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, open times: 8:00am-8:25am; 1:00pm-1:30pm; 2:30pm-3:00pm. Cash and EFTPOS accepted. COVID guidelines apply and may change with limit notice.



## Sport News



***Congratulations to the following students who represented Metropolitan North School Sports at their representative Queensland School Sport State Championship:***  
***Lily - Squash 10-19yrs; Nikkoda - Netball 10-11yrs; Vai and Briseis - Rugby League Girls 11-12yrs; Tyler and Knight - Rugby League 10-11yrs.***



## P.E. Pitch

Lower school HPE classes finished off last term with a visit from the Aspley 10 Pin Bowling coaches who brought with them the Port-a-bowl equipment. The students enjoyed exploring the skills of 10 Pin bowling and joyful shouts were heard when all of the pins were knocked down as a strike or spare occurred. The students were quite strategic and surprised me with how they used the markings on the lanes to aim their bowl. Nearly all of them could demonstrate the correct grip and technique by the end of the sessions.



After the break, a number of students even reported to me that they had gone to the bowling centre during the holidays to play some family games. Some proudly told me that they had beaten their parents in a game! 10 Pin Bowling is a terrific, all-weather sport that suits all abilities and fitness levels. Thanks go to the Qld Govt Sporting Schools initiative that funded the program and to Aspley 10 Pin Bowling Centre that provided the equipment and organised the training sessions.

In HPE this term, the lower school will be further exploring the Health messages of: taking care of your body, getting moving and eating healthily. We will also develop the skills of T-ball and skipping. We might even do a dance or two during week 10.

Four-year levels will participate in swimming this term which means that all of our students will have been provided with the opportunity to engage in appropriate water safety and learn to swim programs, this year. Participation in our water safety and learn to swim program is safe, positive and an engaging experience. The water bases activities meet the students' needs in ways that are appropriate to their age, ability, maturity and context. Thank you for your ongoing support of this program which teaches vital life skills.



## BACKYARD BONANZA

Norris Road State School Senior Choir have been invited to perform at the Bracken Ridge Backyard Bonanza (BYB) to take place at McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. This is a great opportunity for our choir to perform for the wider community. A Letter has been sent home today to Senior Choir Students.

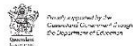


## INCLUSION UPDATE

Please find attached a flyer and details of a workshop for families regarding **Inclusive Education: What it is and why it matters for your child?**

This workshop is being presented by the **Community Resource Unit** as part of the Families for Inclusive Education project on **26 October 2021** at the **Eatons Hill Hotel** (North Brisbane). The link to register is <http://cru.org.au/events>

It would be most useful for families who haven't attended an inclusive education workshop previously or for families who have children starting Prep in 2022.



### Event Details

**DATE:** Tuesday 26th October, 2021  
**TIME:** Sign in from 9:00AM for a 9:30AM start. Concludes at 12:30PM. Morning tea provided.  
**VENUE:** Eatons Hill Hotel  
 646 South Pine Road, Eatons Hill QLD 4037.  
**BOOK:** Register by Wednesday 20th October 2021 via this link [cru.org.au/events](http://cru.org.au/events) or contact CRU.

## From the Chaplain

Welcome to term 4 and Mental Health Month! Here's a calender guide to help you along the way...Why not use this every month?

**OCTOBER 2021**

**NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH 2021**

**WELLBEING CALENDAR**

*Make your mental health a priority*

**Mental Health Foundation Australia**

01 Look after your sleep hygiene	02 Practice meditation	03 Reframe negative thoughts	04 Accept your emotions	05 Confide in a friend	06 Go out for a walk	07 Set goals for the week	08 Practice journaling
09 Find a spot of sunshine to sit in	10 Do something for someone else	11 Practice gratitude	12 Listen to music	13 Do something creative	14 List your strengths	15 Take a break from your devices	16 Set a hydration goal
17 Learn a new skill	18 Smile purposely	19 Practice mindfulness	20 Connect with supports	21 Cook a healthy meal	22 Learn a deep breathing exercise	23 Unfollow negative social media accounts	24 Practice progressive muscle relaxation
25 Take a bubble bath	26 Spend time with your pets	27 Practice forgiveness	28 Have a solo dance party	29 Declutter your space	30 Watch your favourite movie	31 Seek professional support	

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**Colour Explosion Run For Fun** A huge thank you to the parents, carers & members of the community that contributed to the Colour Explosion Run For Fun and helped make it such a success. A total of \$14,807 was received in donations as a result of the event. On Tuesday night, the P&C Committee voted to donate these funds to the school, to be used to purchase sporting and playground equipment.

### **Second hand uniforms**

Second hand uniforms are available to purchase from the uniform shop on the last Friday of each month. The next pop-up shop will be held on Friday 22nd October 8:30am to 10:30am.

All proceeds go to Chappy Stu and the amazing work he does for our school community. There is limited stock & prices range from \$1-\$10. If you have second hand uniforms which you would like to donate, please drop them to the office.

### **Upcoming events**

Sunday 24/10/2021 - Backyard Bonanza (BYB)

NRSS P&C is holding a bake sale at the BYB festival. Can you bake a cake, or cookies or make fudge or toffee? We'd love to hear from you! We're also looking for volunteers to help set up, man the stall and pack up at the end of the day. Any time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Please use the link below to let us know how you can help:

<https://forms.gle/ngaBqqbr1mytVkgRA>

Thank you in advance for supporting our Bake Sale!

### **Saturday 27/11/2021 - Family Christmas Party**

Save the date for this event, which will run from 4-6pm. More information will be available shortly, but we can promise a visit from Santa is already scheduled!

### **Week 10 - Pizza Party**

After last year's success the much-loved pizza party will be back, to help our kids celebrate the end of the year.

### **Next meeting**

Tuesday 9th November, from 6pm.

## **News from YMCA OSHC**

Did you know the Y is a Nationally Accredited Safe Guarding Organisation through the Australian Childhood Foundation?

Our program is a unique voluntary accreditation scheme for organisations who have a duty of care to children and young people whilst delivering a service or activity to them and/or their families. The program systematically builds the capacity of organisations to keep children and young people safe from abuse.

### ***SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FRAMEWORK***

The YMCA has a culture of awareness and vigilance supported by:

- Staff and volunteer screening, training and code of conduct
- Clear documented policies and procedures
- Incident reporting, management and analysis
- A focus on staff and volunteers documenting any concerns they may have
- A culture of 'if you see something ...say something'?
- A consideration of facility design

### ***OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE***

At the YMCA we will:

- Act in accordance with our values of honesty, respect, caring and responsibility
- Respect the rights of children and young people
- Take all complaints and allegations seriously
- Respond to and report any concerns we have about the safety of children and young people
- Ensure all staff and volunteers comply with our Safeguarding Children and Young People policy and code of conduct





## Bursaries

Bracken Ridge State High School offers a number of bursaries to students joining our school community as Year 7 students in 2022.

Bursaries are offered to recognise the student's exemplary achievements in the areas of Academic, Sports and Cultural.

Successful applications will receive a bursary amount of \$250.00 to be used for the Student Resource Scheme or other school related activities.

To apply for a bursary, complete an application form (available from your school's office or from our website).

Applications close 13 November 2021, for more information visit our website: <https://brackenridgeshs.eq.edu.au/enrolments/bursaries>

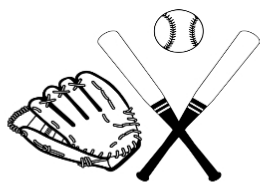
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### AGE GROUPS

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## Bursary Scholarship Opportunities for Students Entering Year 7 & Year 10 in 2022

**St James College bursary scholarship opportunities are open to all students.**

Bursary Scholarship applications are invited from Year 6 and Year 9 students who would benefit from financial assistance to access a St James College education and who have shown consistent application to their studies and co-curricular participation.

**Bursary Scholarship Enrolment Information Session:**  
 College Library – Monday 18 October 2021 – 6.00pm

Find out more at: [www.jta.link/sjc](http://www.jta.link/sjc)

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## Road Safety

### Set Good Examples

The volume of traffic around schools and the safety of the students exposed to this traffic is a huge concern for the school community. Also of great concern is the number of parents who disregard the road rules and general safety in the vicinity of the school.

When taking children to and from school you should:

- 1) Park where parking is permitted, not in the 2 minute zone, if the car is to stay there for more than two minutes or you plan to leave the car;
- 2) Ensure that your children enter and exit the car from the kerb side. This keeps them on the footpath away from the traffic;
- 3) Ensure that the most unpredictable child gets out of the vehicle last. This allows you have your eye on them at all times; and
- 4) Always ask yourself, How will my children interpret the decisions and actions I take?

Children mimic the actions of their parents and older peers. Please ensure you always set a good example. You never can tell when vulnerable eyes are watching.

If you would like more information on this or any other road safety issue, please phone Transport and Main Roads on 1300 360 135 or visit our website <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/School-road-safety>

Brisbane City Council is committed to pedestrian and child safety at schools. Council officers may be conducting patrols around the school to ensure safe parking. Parking fines may be issued in cases where illegal parking is observed. To learn more about parking in Brisbane, visit the Council's website [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au) and search parking rules.

**Statements will be issued to all families next week.**

**Please note that a negative amount is a credit (meaning you have funds available to pay future invoices).**

**Please contact the office to authorise applying this credit to an invoice.**

**Year 6 families in particular please be aware that you will be invoiced for end of year celebration/graduation activities shortly.**

**It is important that if you have a negative amount showing on your statement (credit) that this is used to pay this invoice.**

**Please do not pay the invoice if you have credit. Please contact the office first.**

**Any questions please call or email and the office staff will be happy to help.**



# STAND UP FOR SAFETY

## Set a safe pace at school

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in school zones and set an example for the pace around your school.



### FOLLOWING 40KM/H IN SCHOOL ZONES MEANS...



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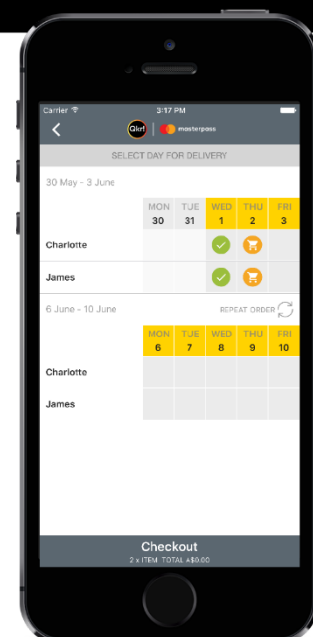
### TIP OF THE WEEK

#### Q. How do I use the calendar display when placing food orders?

A. For ease of use, you are presented with a two week calendar view when placing food orders. The calendar makes it easy for you to place orders for a particular child on a particular day.

##### To place a food order:

1. Open Qkr! and tap on your canteen menu.
2. On the calendar view tap the date next to your child for which you want to place the order. If you have registered more than one child, the calendar view enables you to place individual orders for each child for different dates. If a date is greyed out you cannot place orders for that date, either because the canteen is not open, or because it is past the cut-off time for that day's orders. Check with your school to confirm the cut-off time.
3. Browse the menu, select items, and add them to your cart.
4. If you are ordering for more than one child you can switch between children by tapping your child's name at the top of the screen.
5. When you are ready to pay, tap 'Checkout' at the bottom of the screen and complete the payment steps.



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