

# NORRIS ROAD NEWS

We strive to create an inclusive environment built on respect and resilience. Through high expectations and accountability, we support every student to become a life-long learner.

## FOR FAMILIES

## Term 2 Week 2 and 3

### Calendar of Events

#### Term 2 Week 2

Monday 28 April	• Year 6 Life Education Part 2
Tuesday 29 April	•
Wednesday 30 April	• Junior Assembly 1.45pm
Thursday 1 May	•
Friday 2 May	•
Saturday 3 May	• P&C Election Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale – 8am – 3pm (unless sold out)

#### Term 2 Week 3

Monday 5 May	• Labour Day – Public Holiday
Tuesday 6 May	•
Wednesday 7 May	• Year 4 Australia Zoo excursion 8:45am-3:30pm • Bramble Bay District Cross Country – <b>\$15 fee can be made via Qkr!</b> • Senior Assembly 1.45pm
Thursday 8 May	• P&C Mother's Day Stall
Friday 9 May	• P&C Mother's Day Stall • Interschool Sport starts – round one • St John Fisher Year 3 students (10 students)
Saturday 10 May	• 2026 Prep Information Morning 9.30am

### Date Claimers

- Interschool Sport term 2 Years 4-6 \$60 invoice due 5 May
- Year 5 Camp 27-29 August \$100 deposit due 6 June – information to be distributed week 2
- Year 6 Camp 15-17 October \$150 deposit due 31 July – information to be distributed week 3
- Year 3 StarLab incursion 6 June cost \$13– *Letter & consent form will be **distributed week 2***
- ***Bramble Bay District nomination fee of \$15 can be paid via Qkr! due Tuesday 6 May***

### Principal's Message:

Welcome back to Term 2! We trust that the holiday period brought rest and relaxation for our students and our families. Term 2 promises to be just as busy (and fun)! Keep an eye on our newsletter, email and Facebook page to keep up with what's going on!

### ANZAC Day March- Sandgate:

**Tomorrow, Friday April 25, 2025, Norris Road State School will participate in the Sandgate ANZAC March.** All students from Norris Road State School are invited to join the Sandgate community's ANZAC March. It is anticipated that our school leaders and student councillors will also attend as part of their leadership responsibilities.

To join us on the March, please take note of the following details:

- The RSL will start the March at 9:00 am sharp. The March will begin at the corner of Cliff Street and Second Avenue in Sandgate. We will begin gathering at 8:45 am on Cliff Street and Second Avenue. Look out for our school's banner.
- Students need to be in full uniform and must have a Norris Road State School hat to march. We also encourage students to apply sunscreen before arriving at the drop off point. Students are permitted to carry a water bottle if they choose. Those staff who are attending will walk with the students for the entire March.

- Our school leaders (including student councillors) should all be in attendance to represent the school.
- Mid way through the March there will be a point where they will ask students to take off their hats as a mark of respect.
- We anticipate that the March will be completed by approximately 9:30 am. Students can be collected at the western end of Keogh Street at the conclusion of the March. Staff will wait with your child until they are collected.

We look forward to you joining us at these commemoration opportunities.

### **Smart School Parking: Keeping Kids Safe Around School Zones:**

We know that getting your child to and from school safely is every parent's top priority. When it comes to parking around schools in Queensland, knowing and following the road rules plays a big part in protecting all students — not just your own.

#### **Understanding School Parking Zones**

Schools are busy places during drop-off and pick-up times. That's why parking signs and road markings around schools are strictly enforced. Here's what every parent should know:

- **No Parking zones:** You can stop here for **up to 2 minutes** to drop off or pick up your child, but **you must stay within 3 metres** of your vehicle.
- **No Stopping zones:** These are strict no-go areas. Stopping here, even briefly, is illegal and dangerous.
- **Bus Zones:** These are for school buses only during the times stated on the sign.
- **Pedestrian Crossings:** Do **not park within 20 metres** before or **10 metres** after a crossing. It blocks sightlines and puts children in danger.

#### **How to Use a Stop, Drop and Go Zone**

These are specially designated zones where traffic can keep flowing while children get in or out safely. Here's how to use them properly:

1. **Pull forward** as far as possible in the zone.
2. **Stay in your vehicle** at all times — this is not a parking space.
3. **Children must exit on the kerb side** — never into traffic.
4. **Be quick** — no more than 2 minutes. If your child isn't ready, drive around and rejoin the queue.

Using this zone properly helps everyone move efficiently and safely.

#### **Double Parking: A Serious Risk**

Double parking — stopping beside a parked car to let your child out — is illegal and highly dangerous. It:

- Blocks visibility for children crossing.
- Forces children to step into traffic to reach the footpath.
- Slows traffic and increases the risk of accidents.

Even if you're in a hurry, double parking puts all students at risk.

#### **Final Tips for Safer School Pickups**

- **Arrive a few minutes later:** Traffic usually eases 5–10 minutes after the bell.
- **Park legally and walk:** A short walk to the gate is safer than an unsafe drop-off.
- **Teach your child to use crossings** and never run across roads.

Let's work together to keep school zones safe. A few extra minutes of caution could save a life.

Melissa Burke  
**Principal**

### **School Playgrounds:**

We request parents and carers ensure students are not remaining to play on playground equipment after school. The afternoon period is a time where many of our staff are continuing to plan and prepare, and it is not appropriate for them to be supervising or redirecting children using playground equipment.

### **Breakfast Club:**

Breakfast club will start again next week. We are excited that this term we are able to offer breakfast two mornings a week, Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **Guidance Week 28 April to 9 May:**

Thank you to our amazing, dedicated and caring Guidance Officer who supports our student's mental health and wellbeing every day. Guidance Officers provide leadership, support and case management in responding to some of the most complex and challenging circumstances. Guidance Officers provide training and support to staff, to build their understanding and capabilities about how best to support students' mental health and wellbeing. You are appreciated and valued at Norris Road State School.



### **Premier's Coding Challenge:**

In Term 2, interested students in Years 3-6 will be given an opportunity to enter the Premier's Coding Challenge!

They will require parent/carers permission to register.

If students are still interested, please come and talk to Mrs Sears in the Library.

We will then meet every Thursday lunch time to work on their submissions.

If you would like to read a little more about this, please go to

### **Premier's Coding Challenge #digitalinnovationqld**



The Premier's Coding Challenge is an annual, statewide initiative for all Queensland students in Year 3 to Year 10. The Premier's Coding Challenge aims to encourage an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in Queensland students.

In 2025, students are tasked with creating an app, game or website that drives positive change in the world by addressing 1 or more of the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs).

As a signatory to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Australia reports on progress against the 17 SDGs, which serve as a roadmap for global development initiatives through 2030 and beyond.

This is a great opportunity for students to tackle real-world issues that matter to them.

To enter, students can work individually or in pairs to create an app, game, or website and submit a short video explaining their entry. Find out more about the categories on the [get started page](#).

All participating students will receive a certificate signed by the Premier and Minister for Education. Winners will share in \$15,000 worth of robotics prizes, attend an awards ceremony and connect with tech experts to explore future pathways.

Travel and accommodation will be provided for eligible winning students, their parent/carers and a school representative to attend the awards ceremony.

<https://education.qld.gov.au/.../premiers-coding-challenge>

Any questions, please email me at [bsear11@eq.edu.au](mailto:bsear11@eq.edu.au)  
**Brenda Sears-Technology Teacher**



## NRSS P&C Mother's Day Raffle IS NOW LIVE!

### ***Two easy ways to purchase tickets:***

**NRSS Families** – through the Qkr! app (preferred way of purchasing)

or

Wider Community – <https://rafflelink.com.au/2025nrssmum>

(Please share it far & wide!)

**Ticket sales close Thursday 8 May – 5.00pm sharp**

All ticket purchases, either via Qkr! app or through Rafflelink will be compiled and drawn Friday 9 May.

Amazing prizes up for grabs!

Total prize pool of \$1,949!

Perfect gifts for Mum

All funds go to supporting our school

Let's make this raffle HUGE! Grab your tickets today & share the love.

***Mother's Day is coming!***

*NRSS P&C will be hosting our annual  
Mother's Day Stall*

Our Mother's Day Stall is just around  
the corner, and we need YOU!

We're on the hunt for fun gift donations  
& awesome volunteers to help out.

✨ Got a cute candle, mug, soap or treat to donate?  
✨ Can you spare an hour to help kids pick the perfect gift?

Every little bit helps—and we'd love to have you on board! 🌸❤️

To volunteer or donate head to the Qkr! app.



# Democracy Sausage Sizzle

🔥 YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT... WE'RE BACK! 🔥

That's right, Norris Road—our Democracy Sausage Sizzle is coming back BIGGER & BETTER than ever! 🔥

 **17 Saturday May 3**

 **8 am – 3 pm**

📍 The Ridges best sausage sizzle spot!

🌟 What's on? 🌟

🍳 Bacon & Egg Burgers to start your day right!

🌭 The Ridges' best Sausages – you already know! 😊

🍬 How many lollies in the jar? Take a guess & win! 🎁

**Cash and Eftpos available**

😊 The BIGGEST happy smiles from our amazing team & volunteers!

💛 Want to support us? Every little bit helps! 🙌

**Donations & Volunteering available via Qkr!**

Come for the snags, stay for the fun! See you there, Bracken Ridge! 🔥



**Norris Road State School**

**2026 PREP  
INFORMATION MORNING  
10 MAY 2025  
9.30AM – 10.30AM**



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OR EMAIL

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Follow us on  
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Scan to pre-register  
for the morning



If your Year 5 or Year 6 student plays an instrument and would like to attend please contact our school office so we can send you a digital form via email.

*If you require any more information or clarification please phone the office on 3261 0777 or email [admin@norrisroadss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@norrisroadss.eq.edu.au) Thank you!*

*Please note: Notices and/or events in this calendar may have to be altered or changed. If this occurs, wherever possible, notice will be given.*