

NORRIS ROAD NEWS FOR FAMILIES



Our vision is to help children grow into kind, responsible and courageous individuals who care for others, never give up, and always try their best to include and respect everyone and the environment.

Calendar of Events

Term 1 Week 4

Monday 16 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P & C Annual General Meeting – 6pm
Tuesday 17 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations Students – Deadly Choices
Wednesday 18 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming continues for Year 6 • Senior assembly 1.45pm
Thursday 19 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Life Education Session
Friday 20 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming continues for 2WL, 4CM, 4KM, 4ST (not 3/4JH) • Year 6 Life Education Session

Term 1 Week 5

Monday 23 February	
Tuesday 24 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations Students – Deadly Choices • Junior assembly - 1.45pm in the hall • Café – Sub Day Meal Deal
Wednesday 25 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming continues for Year 6
Thursday 26 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership workshop – Year 6 leaders
Friday 27 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming continues for 2WL, 4CM, 4KM, 4ST (not 3/4JH)

Date Claimers/Payments:

Qkr! and QParents are our preferred payment methods

- Year 6 swimming payment OVERDUE
- Year 2WL, 4CM, 4KM and 4ST swimming payment OVERDUE

From the Principal:

Parent information afternoons:

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Parent Information afternoon sessions on Wednesday. These afternoons are an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's teacher, hear about classroom expectations, and stay informed about the learning experiences planned for the year. Your involvement helps strengthen the partnership between home and school, supporting your child to have a successful and confident start to 2026.

Teachers have shared their presentation slides and a Key Messages handout with families. If you have not yet received these resources, please reach out to your child's teacher so they can resend them. We want to ensure every family has the information needed to stay connected and informed.

Annual Implementation Plan and our school priorities for 2026:

We are now in the final stages of developing our 2026 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP), and we are excited to share the work that has been happening behind the scenes to set clear and purposeful improvement priorities for our school. This plan guides our work for the year and outlines how we will continue to strengthen teaching and learning for every student.

Our 2026 AIP focuses on two key school priorities:

1. Reading success for all
2. Evidence powering instruction

These priorities reflect our ongoing commitment to high-quality teaching, strong routines, and the use of evidence and data to support each learner. Throughout the year, we will be undertaking several actions to support these priorities and ensure every student can thrive.

Priority 1: Reading Success for All

This year, we are focusing strongly on helping every child become a confident, successful reader. To do this, we are making sure that:

- All classes use clear, consistent routines for teaching reading, phonics and vocabulary.
- Teachers plan lessons together so every student gets high-quality, well-structured reading instruction.
- We regularly review how we teach reading to make sure it is working well and helping students grow.
- Teachers continue to learn and improve their practice so they can give students the best support possible.

Overall, our goal is to make sure every child receives strong reading teaching every day, no matter which class they are in.

Priority 2: Evidence Powering Instruction

We are also focusing on using student learning information more effectively so we can give each child the support they need.

This means:

- Looking closely at students' reading checks to understand what they are ready to learn next.
- Meeting regularly as teams to discuss students' progress and adjust teaching when needed.
- Helping teachers build confidence in analysing student progress.
- Making sure students who need extra help receive the right support through our schoolwide support system.

Our aim is to ensure every student is noticed, understood, and supported—whether they need extra help or extra challenge.

The plan has gone through multiple drafts and refinements with the leadership team, ensuring that it reflects both evidence-based practice and the expertise of our staff. It has also been approved by our school supervisor, Tracy Egan. We then worked with teachers during the Student Free Day to develop the teacher and student behaviours that help indicate that our plan is on track. This collaborative process ensures our AIP is meaningful, achievable, and aligned with the needs of our students and community.

Once finalised, our AIP will guide our work for the year, helping us maintain a clear focus on high-quality teaching and improved student outcomes. We look forward to sharing updates with you throughout the year as we implement the actions and celebrate the progress our students make.

If you have any questions about the upcoming AIP or our school priorities, please feel welcome to contact the office.

P&C Annual General Meeting – Come Join Us!

Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 16 February at 6:00pm**, and we warmly encourage all families to come along and get involved.

The P&C plays an important role in supporting our students, strengthening our school community, and helping shape the opportunities available for our children. Your voice, your ideas, and your support truly make a difference—whether you're interested in joining the committee or simply coming along to hear more about the great work happening behind the scenes.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing P&C Executive Team for their hard work and dedication over the past year. We particularly thank outgoing President, Cassie Pearson for her commitment, leadership and countless hours of volunteer work. Our school community is incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed.

We hope to see many parents and carers at the AGM as we come together to support our school and continue building a strong, connected community.

QParents:

All parents are encouraged to sign up for QParents as it provides a quick and convenient way to stay connected with important school information, including completing digital forms such as the **Back to School Boost Option Form**. We are excited that 73% of families have already signed up to QParents! Using QParents helps our school to streamline communication and reduces the need for paper forms, ensuring information to parents is accurate and timely. We are pleased to share that we have already received **423 responses out of 586 students** through QParents for the Back to School Boost Option Form, and we appreciate the continued support of families in helping us reach full completion!

Routines to Help Make Learning No. 1:

Last week we shared information about SHELL and Track the Speaker, which helps support students in how best and quickly to give attention to the speaker, and focus upon learning. This week, our focus is upon **Explicit Instruction**.

Explicit Instruction

Explicit instruction is:

- Supported by brain science research
- Sequenced and logical teaching
- Currently the most effective way to teach new content
- Considers cognitive load (reducing stimulation students need to manage)

Cognitive load is managed in these ways:

How We Support Student Learning in the Classroom

What affects learning	What this means for your child	What teachers do
Task difficulty (the learning task itself)	Learning can be harder when work is too difficult, has too many steps, or includes lots of new ideas at once.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break learning into smaller, clear steps • Teach one idea at a time • Check understanding before moving on
Distractions (things that interrupt learning)	Learning can be affected by noise, interruptions, or students losing focus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set clear expectations for behaviour • Use strong classroom routines • Reduce interruptions during lesson time

Explicit Instruction works when teachers manage the learning to be at the level of their students, and students follow the routines that promote learning.

NAPLAN 2026:

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 complete each year. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards. NAPLAN will commence on 11 March 2026, in Term 1. Visit nap.edu.au for more information.



Start strong – every day counts:

We're starting the year strong at Norris Road State School!

Coming to school helps students develop a love of learning and is important for social connection and wellbeing.

Setting a good weekday routine can help support students with school attendance.

Try to:

- have a set bedtime
- have a set time to get out of bed in the morning
- have their uniform and school bag ready the night before
- speak positively about school.

For more tips and to learn about the benefits of attending school every day, visit the [Every day counts webpage](#).

From the P&C:

2026 Senior Shirt final order

The P&C are doing a **second round of orders for the 2026 Year 6 Senior Shirts. This will be the last time that you will be able to order a Senior Shirt.** Reminder – Shirts WILL NOT have student names or classes on the back.

We are using the same supplier as our regular uniforms, meaning you can be assured that the sizing is the same as the shirt your student currently wears. The price is also the same - **\$40**.

These shirts will arrive back at school mid to end of Term 2. As soon as they arrive, they will be distributed to students.

Shirts are available to order via the QKR app. No form needs to be returned when ordering via QKR.

You are able to use the deposit method through Qkr! **only**, once the shirts have arrived you will be invoiced for the remainder of payment. Once the full payment is received, the shirt will be delivered to your child.

Please place your order and payment on or before Friday 20 February through the Qkr! app, the uniform shop or collect a form from the office

Please email uniforms@norrisroadss.eq.edu.au if you have any questions.

 Norris Road State
School

P&C AGM 2026

ADMIN BUILDING
6PM SHARP



FEB, 16TH 2026



6PM



STAFF ROOM



*We will be starting at 6pm sharp please
arrive 5/10 minutes prior to find a seat*



The Windmill Café Sub Day Meal Deals Tuesday 24th February

ORDERS CLOSE: 8:30am, FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY

Sub Filling Choice of:

Cheese
Chicken
Egg
Ham
Tuna

\$10



All Subs served at 1st break, with salad* (optional) and mayo (optional), a bottle of water and a choice of a brownie or muffin.

* Salad is lettuce, tomato, cucumber & carrot.

Plus a Zooper Dooper served at 2nd break.

No other items available for 1st break.

All regular menu items available for 2nd break.

Order via the Qkr! App

Orders close, 8:30am Friday 20th February

If ordering at the Café, EFT is available.

If you have any queries, or any dietary needs to consider, please do not hesitate to contact the Café 3261 0728 to discuss.

Have your contact details changed?

We kindly ask all families to keep the office updated with any changes to your contact details, including phone numbers, email addresses, and home addresses. Accurate information is essential so we can reach you quickly in case of emergencies or to share important updates.

Several of our emails have been bouncing back due to incorrect addresses or full inboxes, which means some families may be missing out on important notifications. Your assistance in keeping your details current helps us stay connected.

You are able to update your details through your QParents account or by emailing the office admin@norrisroadss.eq.edu.au
Thank you for your cooperation.

VINEYARD MERCY CENTRE

36-38 Paisley Drive Lawnton
 Tuesdays 10am-12pm
 Wednesdays 10am-12pm
 Fridays 3-5pm

1800 1 MERCY (1800 163 729)

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM



FOOD PARCELS

The Vineyard Mercy Centre is here to provide individuals and families with emergency food parcels as well as weekly fruit, vegetables, bread and ongoing support.

Come in to buy quality preloved clothing at \$2 each. We also provide a warm welcoming place. A cuppa and friendly conversation.

OPEN HOURS

Drop in during our open hours:
Tues 10am-12pm
Wed 10am-12pm
Fri 3-5pm

Talk with your school chaplain or administration team if you or someone you know, would benefit from emergency food parcel support.

ALL ARE WELCOME



AT A GLANCE

STAPLES

- Emergency food parcels
- Fruit, vegetables and bread
- Canned and packaged foods
- Meat and cold food

CLOTHING

- quality pre-loved clothing \$2.00 each item



A CARING TEAM
 of volunteers making it happen.

The Vineyard Mercy Centre is a not-for-profit charity. Our objective is to be a life-giving source of mercy that sees people find help, healing and freedom.



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Find us on Facebook and Instagram



Vineyard Mercy Centre is a charitable work of Pine Rivers Vineyard Church

If you would like connection and community we invite you to join us.

Sundays 9am
 Pine Rivers Vineyard Church
 36-38 Paisley Drive, Lawnton

Find us at prvineyard.org.au and on Facebook and Instagram

If you require any more information or clarification, please phone the office on 3261 0777 or email admin@norrisroads.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.