

# 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 2 Week 4

<b>Monday 11 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAR Mother's Day afternoon</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 12 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Choir 1<sup>st</sup> break</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 13 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P-2 Cross Country 9.00am – 10.30am</li> <li>• Senior Choir – 1<sup>st</sup> break in the Music Room</li> <li>• Junior Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 14 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 15 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interschool Sports and at school activities (round 3)</li> </ul>

### Term 2 Week 5

<b>Monday 18 May</b>	
<b>Tuesday 19 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Choir 1<sup>st</sup> break</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 20 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 4 Australia Zoo excursion</li> <li>• Senior Choir – 1<sup>st</sup> break in the Music Room</li> <li>• Senior Assembly 1.45pm in the hall</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 21 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 22 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interschool Sports and at school activities (round 4)</li> <li>• Fanfare 2026– Strings ensemble</li> </ul>

#### Date Claimers:

- Year 4 Australia Zoo excursion- payment due by Thursday 14/05/26
- Year 5 Camp information letter and consent form issued via QParents- consent due by 14/05/26
- Expression of Interest for Year 6 Camp due by Friday 15/05/26
- Year 3 StarLab Incursion, Friday 29/05/26- \$13 invoice due by 26/05/26
- Under 8s Day – Week 10 Wednesday 24 June

#### From the Principal:

##### ANZAC day:

A heartfelt thank you to all our students and families who joined us for the Sandgate ANZAC March on Saturday 25 April. Your presence and participation were a wonderful demonstration of respect, community spirit, and pride in our school.

Despite the challenging weather, with steady rain throughout the morning, it was inspiring to see so many of our students and families soldier on with determination and good spirits. Marching in the rain was no easy task, yet everyone showed resilience and commitment befitting the occasion.

We are incredibly proud of the way our school community represented itself, honouring the ANZAC tradition with dignity and unity. Thank you again for your support and for helping make this event so meaningful.

##### P&C Mothers' Day Stall:

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our wonderful P&C Association for organising and running this year's Mother's Day stall. This special event continues to be a highlight of our school calendar, providing students with a meaningful opportunity to celebrate their mothers and the significant women in their lives.

I am especially grateful to the five dedicated volunteers, led by our P&C President, Tamiya Greensill, who generously gave their time to run the stall throughout the entire day. Your commitment ensured that every student had the chance to select a thoughtful gift, and your efforts contributed greatly to the joy and success of the event. On behalf of our whole school community, thank you for your generosity and support.

I would also like to acknowledge the lovely feedback shared by Tamiya, who noted the genuine kindness and generosity shown by our students. It was heartwarming to see them carefully choosing gifts, thinking of others, and showing such appreciation. These qualities reflect the strong values we aim to nurture in our school and remind us of the positive spirit within our community.

### **Intervention Program Update:**

We are continuing to strengthen how we use student data to guide teaching and ensure every child receives the right level of support. As part of this work, some parents may have received a letter from our Intervention Teachers, Mrs Kylie O'Neill and Mrs Zeeta Horn, outlining their child's participation in our intervention program.

Intervention is provided as additional, targeted instruction for students who did not meet benchmark on recent DIBELS reading assessments. These sessions are carefully designed to support specific skill development and accelerate progress. Intervention is delivered three times per week by our Intervention Teachers and Teacher Aides.

To make the most of this support, it is essential that students arrive at school no later than 8.30 am so they do not miss their scheduled intervention sessions. Consistent attendance plays a vital role in student progress.

Intervention is provided for a period of time and is regularly reviewed. Some students may need less support as they make progress, while others may require additional time to consolidate their skills.

### **Our approach includes:**

- Using DIBELS and other assessments to identify next steps in reading
- Holding regular data meetings so teachers can plan targeted instruction
- Strengthening our Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) to provide timely, effective interventions
- Ensuring all support strategies are clear, consistent, and well-documented

### **What success looks like:**

- Most students meeting or exceeding their growth targets
- Fewer students requiring Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions over time
- Clear, consistent support processes across the school

### **Next steps:**

- Ongoing monitoring of student progress through both formal and informal assessment
- Continued implementation of intervention programs across Years 1–6 for students at risk of not meeting reading benchmarks
- DIBELS testing for Prep students in Weeks 9–10 to identify those who may need early support

We appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring your child attends school on time and is ready to engage in their learning each day.

### **Morning Safety Reminder for Families:**

To help keep all students safe and ready for learning, we kindly remind families of the importance of students travelling *directly to school each morning using the shortest and safest route*. Arriving on time and without unnecessary detours ensures students are supervised and settled for the start of the day.

Please also be aware that **students must not access the nearby TAFE campus in the mornings**. The site is not appropriate for school students at this time, and there may be unfamiliar members of the public present. For safety reasons, it is important that students remain on school grounds where staff are available to support and supervise them.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations with your child. Working together helps us maintain a safe, secure, and positive start to every school day.

### **Communication with Teachers:**

Communication between parents/carers and teachers is important for student success. Teacher's ability to effectively manage their time for critical tasks inherent to their role is equally important. To ensure there is communication between home and school, and teachers are able to manage their time, a document has been created.

It can be found here - <https://norrisroadss.eq.edu.au/support-and-resources/forms-and-documents/documents>, and is titled *Communication for Parents/Carers*.

## **Requests for Assessment and Questionnaire Completion:**

As schools see more and more students going to specialist appointments, such as paediatrician, occupational therapist, general practitioners, psychologists etc., teachers and school leaders are seeing more requests for completion of questionnaires and checklists. Schools, and in particular Norris Road SS staff are open to support the completion of these important documents, while maintaining the following:

- Please allow the school **2 to 4 weeks** to complete the request
- Work with the school to complete and sign **third party request form** for information sharing
- Do not request school's complete online forms (we are unable at this stage)

For teachers to complete these requests, schools need to release them from class, which takes some time and resources. We appreciate your cooperation. More information can be found following this link:

<https://norrisroadss.eq.edu.au/support-and-resources/forms-and-documents/documents>

## **Term 2 – So much still to look forward to!**

As we move further into Term 2, our school calendar continues to be full of exciting learning experiences, celebrations and opportunities for students across all year levels. Families should have received more detailed information about some events already—here is a snapshot of what's still ahead.

### **Excursions and Learning Experiences**

Students will have a range of engaging incursions and excursions that bring learning to life:

- Year 4 Australia Zoo Excursion (20 May)
- Year 3 StarLab Incursion (29 May)
- Year 4 "What's in the Bin?" Incursion (1 June)
- Years 4–6 Interschool Sport (continuing each Friday)

These experiences support classroom learning and provide valuable real-world connections.

### **Sporting Events**

We have a number of exciting sporting events where students can participate and show their school spirit:

- P–2 **Cross Country** (13 May)
- Years 3–6 **Athletics Carnival** (16 June)

### **Celebrations and Special Events**

There are many whole-school and year-level celebrations to look forward to:

- Fanfare 2026 (22 May)
- Year 1 Olden Days (28 May)
- Creative Fusion (18 June)
- Under 8s Day (24 June)

These events celebrate student creativity, history, the arts and early childhood learning in fun and engaging ways.

### **Ongoing Opportunities**

Students can also continue to enjoy a wide range of extra-curricular activities throughout the term, including:

- Choir (Junior and Senior)
- Instrumental Music (Band and Strings)
- Interschool Sport
- Dance group and cultural dance groups
- Breakfast Club (twice weekly)

Term 2 is shaping up to be a busy and rewarding time, with many opportunities for students to learn, connect and celebrate together. We encourage families to keep an eye on communications via QParents, Norris Road for Families, email and Facebook for further details and permission information.

## **Voluntary Contribution:**

Thank you to families who have already contributed. Your payment is very much appreciated. Voluntary financial contributions (VFC) are used by schools to provide enhanced educational services and supplement resources.

The suggested contribution amount is \$60 per student, capped at \$120 per family for 2026, however any amount will be greatly appreciated and directed towards these resources to assist the school with costs.

Voluntary financial contribution payment can be made: - via the Qkr! app or in person at the office

**Save the Date:**

Creative Fusion is back for another year! Bigger than before!

- Thursday 18 June – 5.00pm to 7.00pm
- Sausage sizzle and drinks on sale from 4.00pm – 4.40pm
- Entry is free however the event will be a ticketed event as there will be limited tickets per family due to the number of seatings in the hall.
- More information to come on ticket ordering.
- Permission notes for students in our Choirs and Dance groups who are currently rehearsing for Creative Fusion will be sent home over the next week. Please keep an eye out for these and return them to the relevant teacher as soon as possible.
- More information to come



**Wednesday 13 May**  
**Year P-2**  
**9.00am - 10.30am**

Thank you to Round Table Coffee:

50% of book sale proceeds from February to May will be donated to NRSS.

**50%** OF BOOK SALE PROCEEDS  
FROM FEBRUARY TO MAY  
DONATED TO  
**NORRIS ROAD  
STATE SCHOOL**

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**OPEN DAY**

**THURSDAY 21 MAY  
4:00PM-6:00PM**

Explore subject displays, take a tour, experience music and dance performances, talk with experienced staff and much more.

Register on arrival and receive a complimentary raffle entry for your chance to win a SDSHS Merch Pack. Complete an Open Day Passport for your chance to win Year 7 2027 SRS Laptop fees valued at \$300. Join in the Handball Challenge and support our SRC with \$2 sausage sizzle.

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*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.*