

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 6

Monday 25 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Choir – 1st break in the Music Room
Tuesday 26 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Choir 1st break
Wednesday 27 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of Origin free dress day – wear your state colours! No gold coin required Senior Choir – 1st break in the Music Room Junior Assembly
Thursday 28 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Olden Days Immersion
Friday 29 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Starlab Incursion Interschool Sports and at school activities (round 5)

Term 2 Week 7

Monday 1 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Incursion – What's in the bin? Senior Choir – 1st break in the Music Room
Tuesday 2 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Choir 1st break
Wednesday 3 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Choir – 1st break in the Music Room Senior Assembly 1.45pm in the hall
Thursday 4 June	
Friday 5 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interschool Sports and at school activities (round 6)

Date Claimers:

- Year 5 Camp information letter and consent form issued via QParents- consent OVERDUE
- Year 3 StarLab Incursion, Friday 29/05/26- \$13 invoice due by 26/05/26

From the Principal:

Welcome Back

We'd like to extend a big thank you to Mrs Brenda Sears for the wonderful support she provided during Mrs Thelma Scammell's absence. We also appreciate Mrs Rosemary Keough and Mrs Kylie Certoma for stepping in and taking on additional teaching days to ensure Mrs Sears could be released to support Mr Shaun Holmes and I. We are very pleased to welcome Thelma back to school on Monday 25 May and look forward to having the full team together again.

Celebrating Our Strings Success at Fanfare!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of our String Ensemble at this year's Fanfare festival. This marks a very special milestone for our school community, as this is the first time Norris Road State School has performed at Fanfare, and what a debut it was! Even more exciting, is that they achieved Bronze!!

Fanfare is a prestigious state-wide music festival that showcases school ensembles from across Queensland. It provides young musicians with the opportunity to perform in a professional concert setting, receive valuable feedback from experienced adjudicators, and celebrate the joy of making music together. Participation in Fanfare is a significant achievement, reflecting commitment, skill, and teamwork.

Our String students rose to the occasion with confidence, focus, and musicianship well beyond their years. Their performance demonstrated not only their technical abilities but also their enthusiasm and dedication to their craft. It was wonderful to see their hard work come to life on stage, and they represented our school with pride and excellence.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to our Instrumental Music teacher, Ms Alexa Sheppard, whose leadership, initiative, and unwavering support made this opportunity possible. From nominating the ensemble, to conducting rehearsals, to guiding and encouraging the students every step of the way, Ms Sheppard has played a pivotal role in this success. Her passion for music and commitment to our students is truly appreciated.

Well done to all of our String Ensemble members on this fantastic achievement! We look forward to many more musical milestones ahead!

What learning looks like in our classrooms

Over the past few weeks, our leadership team has visited classrooms to see learning in action, particularly in reading, phonics and vocabulary.

We are proud to share that:

- Classrooms are calm, structured and focused
- Students are highly engaged and actively participating
- Lessons are well paced, meaning students stay focused and use their time well
- Teachers clearly explain new learning and give students opportunities to practise

These strong routines help students feel confident, know what to expect and stay focused on their learning. This reflects our school's commitment to high-quality teaching practices across every classroom.

While we are seeing many strengths across classrooms, we are continuing to improve by focusing on:

- Clearly explaining new learning so students understand how and why
- Giving students more opportunities to think, explain and problem-solve
- Helping students become more independent learners
- Using feedback to support improvement

Our class teachers meet fortnightly to work together and collaboratively plan Instructional Routines that support students' to develop the decoding, encoding and comprehension skills required to be fluent and competent readers.

Learning from Other Schools- Collaborative School Improvement Visit:

This week, we will host a **Collaborative School Improvement visit** with our local schools: Bald Hills State School, Aspley East State School and Aspley State School. We will welcome school leaders and our School Supervisor, who will visit classrooms to observe learning and share feedback that will help us to improve our teaching practices.

Midway Through the Term

It's hard to believe we are already at the halfway point of the term! This is an important time in the school calendar, as teachers take a closer look at how each student is progressing.

At this stage, our focus is on making sure every student is on track to achieve success this semester. Teachers are:

- checking in regularly to see what students understand
- adjusting lessons to meet individual needs
- revisiting important concepts when needed

All of this helps ensure that every child is building the strong foundational skills they need to succeed in their learning.

Regular attendance is especially important at this point in the term. Every lesson builds on the one before it, so missing even one day can make it harder for students to keep up with new learning.

Being at school every day (unless your child is unwell) helps them to:

- stay on track with their learning
- build confidence and independence
- fully participate in practice and support activities
- strengthen key skills in reading, writing and mathematics

Our goal is to give every student the best opportunity to succeed. We do this by carefully planning lessons, using evidence of student progress to guide our teaching, and providing targeted support when needed. You can support your child by ensuring they attend school every day and encouraging them to talk about what they are learning.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help every student achieve their best.

Keeping healthy during flu season:

As we reach the middle of the term, flu season can impact attendance and disrupt students' learning. To help keep your child healthy and engaged, Queensland Health provides advice on flu prevention, recognising symptoms, and managing illness. If your child is unwell, please keep them home and inform the school so we can work together.

By following simple prevention strategies, we can work together to keep students healthy, in school when well, and on track with their learning.

For more information, visit the [Every Day Counts webpage](#).

Requests for Assessment and Questionnaire Completion:

As schools see more and more students going to specialist appointments, such as paediatricians, occupational therapists, 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, there is still plenty ahead for our students. The coming weeks are filled with exciting learning experiences, opportunities to participate, and celebrations across the school.

Families will have already received more detailed information about some events—here is a snapshot of what is still to come.

Excursions and Learning Experiences

Students will continue to take part in engaging experiences that support and extend their classroom learning:

- Year 3 StarLab Incursion (29 May)
- Year 4 “What’s in the Bin?” Incursion (1 June)
- Years 4–6 Interschool Sport (continuing each Friday)

Sporting Events

We also have important upcoming sporting events where students can participate and demonstrate their skills:

- Years 3–6 Athletics Carnival (16 June)
- Prep-2 Cross Country – To be Confirmed

Celebrations and Special Events

There are a number of exciting whole-school and year-level events still ahead:

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

These events celebrate creativity, history, the arts, and early learning in fun and meaningful ways.

Ongoing Opportunities

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

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

Term 2 continues 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.

Emails to families:

Please remember to check your “Junk” folder regularly, as some emails may be redirected there, which could result in you missing important information.

Lost Property:

With the cooler months and students starting to wear jumpers/jackets more, lost property seems to be overflowing with these items. Any lost property that is clearly named will be returned to students.

Fanfare 2026 – Strings Ensemble:

Norris Road String Ensemble consisting of 15 students in Years 4-6 competed at the Instrumental Fanfare Competition today, Friday 22 May at Mango Hill State Secondary College. They were adjudicated by Dr Ralph Hultgren, a highly respected and

influential music educator in Australia. The group performed exceedingly well in a heat with mostly secondary schools and came away with a Bronze Award!

A special thanks to parent volunteers Kerry H and Minelly M for assisting with the excursion, Ms Burke who made a surprise visit to come and watch, and the other family members in audience for their support and encouragement, and Harry our wonderful bus driver.

The String Ensemble will be playing again in a few weeks' time at Norris Road's annual Creative Fusion event where they will be reprising their Fanfare performance for the school community.

Alex Sheppard

Instrumental Music Teacher - Strings

Wear your footy colours to support the 2026

**Wednesday
27th May**

No gold coin donation required.



STATE OF
ORIGIN

**Staff and students
show your
support for the
2026 State of
Origin by wearing
Maroon or Blue!**

**Sun safe clothing required*



Norris Road State School

Creative Fusion

Thursday 18 June

5:00pm – 7:00pm

(doors open at approx 4.50 pm)



Tickets

Adults/Performers/Children Free



Tickets must be booked through the Qkr! App
from 28 May 2026

A sausage sizzle and drinks will be on sale from 4.00pm to 4.45pm

Cash or eftpos available

All profit raised will go to the Student Council

Important information -

- Limited tickets per family (4) due to hall seating capacity
- Don't forget to please include your performer in the 4 tickets
- We are expecting an overwhelming interest in this event due to having over 150 student performers
- Late arrivals may have to stand
- To reduce disruption to our performances, please remain seated for the duration of the night

From the P&C:

Did you know our P&C have their own Facebook page?

Our P&C works hard behind the scenes to support our students, staff and school community

Following the page is a great way to:

- Stay up to date with events and activities
- Hear about fundraising and volunteering opportunities
- Celebrate everything happening in our school community

Please help us spread the word by liking, following and sharing the NRSS P&C page with family and friends. Every follower helps strengthen our school community!

Scan the QR code below and give us a like 👍

Thank you to Round Table Coffee:

Only a few days left!

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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If you are in our catchment area scan here to make an interview booking.

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Advertising



SPINNING DRAGON KARATE CLASSES

Karate classes will commence on Monday 22 June at Norris Road State School and will run every Monday and Thursday from 5:00pm – 6:15pm in the school hall.

Our classes focus on building confidence, fitness, discipline, coordination, and self-defence skills in a positive and supportive environment.

Suitable for beginners and all experience levels.

Classes are open to children aged 8 years and older, as well as teenagers and adults. Younger students may also be considered following a trial class to ensure the class is suitable for them.

Location: School Hall, Norris Road State School

Days: Monday & Thursday

Time: 5:00pm – 6:15pm

Start Date: 22 June

For more information, contact Andy at Spinning Dragon Fight Club on 0408 4447 944.

You can also find and contact Spinning Dragon Fight Club on Google, Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok.

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