

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 3 Week 4

Monday 3 August	- Senior Choir – 2nd break in the music room - Senior Announcement Sport Assembly for Athletics and Cross Country
Tuesday 4 August	
Wednesday 5 August	- Sandgate District State High School Band performance 9:00am - Prep 2027 Information Evening 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Thursday 6 August	
Friday 7 August	Interschool Sports and At School Games continues

Term 3 Week 5

Monday 10 August	Senior Choir – 2nd break in the music room
Tuesday 11 August	Junior Choir 1st break
Wednesday 12 August	EKKA Public Holiday
Thursday 13 August	
Friday 14 August	Interschool Sports and At School Games continues

Date Claimers:

- Year 6 Camp deposit payment of \$150 is due today Friday 31/07/26
- Prep Science Incursion 10 September consent form due today Friday 31/07/26
- Year 5 Camp balance payment of \$240 is due by 21/08/26
- Year 2 Lone Pine Excursion 01/09/26

Please ensure Consent Forms and payments are submitted by the specified due dates.

These deadlines must be adhered to as this can cause significant impact to the planning and organisation of excursion/incursions/events.

Refunds for Excursions/Incursions/Interschool Sport:

We would like to inform families that any credits resulting from cancelled excursions, incursions or interschool sport (for example due to weather) will be applied to student accounts and available to view and action in QParents. These credits will remain on your child's account to be used toward future school activities or charges. We encourage parents and carers to log in to QParents to view their current balance. If you have any questions about your credit, please contact the school office for assistance.

Student supervision – after school arrangement:

No provision for supervision by any school staff member is available after 2:30 pm. Please ensure that you have made suitable arrangements for your child/ren to be collected or booked into either YMCA or an outside school provider. Please ensure you inform your child/ren of their collection arrangements before school commences each day to alleviate the need of phone calls to the office. Students are not always in their classroom and might not be able to be located before 2:30pm to relay the message. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

From the Principal:

Saddle Up for the 2026 Norris Road State School P&C Bush Dance!

The countdown is on for one of the most anticipated community events of the year, the **Norris Road State School P&C Bush Dance Fundraiser**, happening this **Saturday, 1 August 2026**, from **5:00pm**!

This fantastic family event promises a night of fun, entertainment, great food and community spirit. Whether you are a seasoned bush dancer or have never stepped onto a dance floor before, everyone is welcome. With a live bush band, dance

caller, kids' games, prizes, food trucks, lucky number boards, a cent auction and a best dressed competition, there is truly something for every member of the family.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated P&C Executive and the many volunteers who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to organise this wonderful event. Their countless hours of planning, coordinating sponsors, preparing activities and bringing everything together help make events like this possible for our school community. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment and hard work in ensuring the Bush Dance is a memorable and successful evening for all.

What to Expect

- Event starts at **5:00pm**
- Food, drinks, carnival games, lucky numbers and cent auction from the start
- Beefa's Bush Band performing live from 6:30pm–8:30pm
- Dance caller on hand—no experience needed!
- BBQ dinner available
- Dessert food trucks
- Kids' games with prizes
- Best Dressed Competition
- Fun for the whole family

Don't Forget!

- ✓ Bring cash or use EFTPOS available on the night
- ✓ Bring a picnic rug or camp chairs
- ✓ Invite family and friends—everyone is welcome!
- ✓ Follow the Norris Road SS P&C Facebook page for updates

Tickets are just **\$5 per person**, with **children under 5 free**.

By attending, you are not only enjoying a fantastic evening with family and friends, but you are also supporting fundraising efforts that benefit our students and school community.

We encourage all Norris Road families to come along, dust off those boots, and join us for a fun-filled evening of music, dancing and community spirit. We look forward to seeing you there!

Celebrating NAIDOC Week – 50 Years of Deadly

Last week, our school community proudly celebrated NAIDOC Week 2026, embracing this year's theme, "50 Years of Deadly." This significant milestone recognises 50 years of honouring and celebrating the histories, cultures, achievements and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. [Overview o...tions 2026 | Word]

Throughout the week, students and staff participated in a wide variety of meaningful activities that promoted learning, respect and appreciation for First Nations cultures. Celebrations commenced with a Flag Raising Ceremony, bringing together First Nations students, families and our Cultural Captains to acknowledge Country and mark the beginning of the week's events.

A highlight of the week was our NAIDOC Assembly, where students reflected on the importance of respect, culture and community. We were delighted to welcome families and community members to join us as we celebrated the achievements of our students and recognised the enduring strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. [Overview o...tions 2026

Students also enthusiastically participated in the NAIDOC colouring competition, showcased their spirit during Deadly Dress Day, and enjoyed a special "Back to Country" Reading Picnic, where classes explored First Nations literature together in outdoor learning spaces across the school. These activities provided valuable opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of First Nations perspectives and traditions while celebrating the theme of 50 Years of Deadly.

We extend our sincere thanks to Brenda Sears, Jess Chapman and Rosemary Keough for their outstanding work in organising and coordinating the week's celebrations. Their dedication ensured that students had rich and engaging opportunities to learn about and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

We would also like to thank Allison Renton, Sarah Morey and Elliot Rentoul for the many hours spent rehearsing our choirs for the NAIDOC Assembly. The students' performances were a wonderful feature of the celebrations and added a special sense of pride and community to the occasion.

As we mark 50 Years of Deadly, we acknowledge the resilience, achievements and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and remain committed to fostering respect, understanding and reconciliation within our school community. We

thank all students, staff, families and community members who helped make this year's NAIDOC Week such a memorable and meaningful celebration.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Over the coming weeks, our school will be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD is an annual collection of information from schools across Australia. It helps schools, education authorities, and governments better understand the needs of students with disability and ensure that appropriate supports and resources are available. The collection is conducted in all Australian schools and follows a nationally consistent process.

Importantly, the NCCD is **not a test for students**. No additional assessments are required, and students do not need to complete any extra work. The information collected is based on adjustments and support that schools are already providing to help students access and participate in learning on the same basis as their peers.

Examples of adjustments may include:

- Differentiated classroom learning programs
- Personalised learning plans
- Assistive technology or specialised equipment
- Additional support from teachers or education support staff
- Wellbeing, behavioural, or communication supports

Student privacy is a key priority. Personal information is protected, and no student names are included in the national data collection.

The NCCD provides valuable information that helps schools review the effectiveness of the support they provide and assists governments in planning for future educational needs. Most importantly, it promotes inclusive education and ensures that students requiring adjustments receive the support they need to achieve success at school.

If you would like more information about the NCCD or the support available for your child, please contact the school. Further information is also available on the NCCD website: www.nccd.edu.au.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in supporting the learning and wellbeing of all students.

Prep and Year 4 students will receive this consent (as well as families enrolled since end of 2025) – we ask that you complete the consent, via QParents (or paper copy if you are not in QParents) by Friday 7 August.

School Opinion Survey:

This year's School Opinion Survey runs from 27 July to 21 August. Parents, carers, students in selected year levels, and staff have been emailed a link to participate. Your feedback will help us understand our school's strengths and areas for improvement. Survey responses are confidential. Find out more on the School Opinion Survey webpage <https://qed.qld.gov.au/publications/reports/statistics/schooling/schools/schoolopinionsurvey> or contact school administration.

Bringing Toys and Squishies to School:

To help maintain a caring, safe and supportive learning environment, we ask that personal toys, squishies and similar items remain at home.

Personal Toys, Squishies and Similar Items

- Talk to your children and ensure they **do not bring these to school**.
- Students who bring these items to school will be asked to store them in their school bag and not bring them to school again.
- If an item is impacting learning or safety, a teacher may hold it until the end of the school day and then return it to the student.
- Squishies contain a substance that can be toxic – if these break it can be a safety hazard.
- If an item presents a safety concern, the school will contact parents or carers.

Fidget and Listening Tools

We recognise that some students may benefit from fidget or listening tools.

- Parents/carers can discuss requests with their child's classroom teacher or the Inclusion Teacher.
- **Requests will be considered based on the student's educational needs and the most appropriate support.**
- **School-provided listening tools** may be offered where appropriate.

- Approved tools must be:
 - Secret – not distracting to others
 - Safe – not presenting a risk of harm
 - Silent – no sound

Ongoing Concerns

- If personal toys or unapproved tools continue to be brought to school after reminders, a staff member may contact home to discuss a solution.

Thank you for your support in helping us create a positive learning environment for all students.

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

From the P & C



**FROM THE P&C
NRSS UNIFORM SHOP**

**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Monday
17 August**

**the Uniform Shop
will be CLOSED**

pandc@norrisroadss.eq.edu.au



NORRIS ROAD STATE SCHOOL P&C

BUSH DANCE

5PM, SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2026

FAQ's

Can I buy tickets on the night? Yes, however there will be limited tickets available, we recommend pre-purchasing your tickets on Qkr! or through Try Booking

Can people outside the school attend? Of course! The more the merrier, however tickets for the event must be purchase through the Try Booking link.

Will there be food and drinks available to purchase? Yes! There will be a BBQ, soft drinks, juice and water on sale. For dessert we have Miss P's Ice Cream and Get Flossed Fairy Floss.

Can I leave the kids there? Definitely not, parental supervision is required!. The Bush Dance is not a drop and go. There is no supervision provided.

Where is the Bush Dance being held? At NRSS, on the senior oval off Norris Road.

What should wear? There is a best dress competition so you'll want to wear your best country inspired outfits but more importantly, warm clothing as this is an outdoor event.

Can we bring our camp chairs? Please do! Bring your camp chairs and picnic rugs and find a spot to relax when you're not dancing!

Event Guide

5:00pm event starts! Food, drinks, carnival games, lucky numbers and cent auction can be purchase from this time. Cash or Eftpos available

6:30pm-8:30pm Beefa's Bush Band, will be playing live music over the two hours. Join us on the dance floor to learn a couple of dances like Heel & Toe Polka and the Nutbush. They will also play some classic Country Rock hits and a few games in between.

8:30pm Best dressed and best dancers awarded. Lucky number and cent auction winners are announced. With the cent auction you don't need to be there to claim your prize.

9:00pm Event concludes

**TICKETS ARE \$5 PER PERSON
CHILDREN UNDER 5 ARE FREE
GET YOUR TICKETS ON QKR!
OR SCAN BELOW:**




NORRIS ROAD STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION
pandc@norrisroadss.eq.edu.au

Parents &
Guardians stay
and play during
the 1 hour
session!

The Y Play Norris Road State YMCA PLAYGROUP

Interested in joining our amazing Norris Road State School Community?
Join in on the fun at the Y Play - Norris Road State School



CONNECTIONS

Come meet our fabulous Y Educators and build connections with other parents/guardians.



COMMUNITY

The Y Play brings families together through play, creating friendships, connection and a strong sense of belonging within the Norris Road State School Community.



CREATIVITY

Inspiring young imaginations through play and friendship.

Play, Connect, Grow - Together

DATE & TIME

Starting Tuesday 11th of August,
weekly 1 hour session
9:00am to 10:00am

LOCATION

YMCA Room
(little brick building on oval)

FEES/COST

no cost

BOOKING DETAILS

scan the QR code to fill out registration



For more information, please contact
YMCA Norris Road - 0436 664 936
Email - anr@ymcaqueensland.org.au





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9am - 2pm
McPherson Park
Bracken Ridge

FREE ENTRY
SUNDAY
23 Aug

Food Stalls
Market Stalls
Community Stalls
Lions Train Rides
+ so much more...

3 LIVE Interactive Experiences
10.00 - 10.20 am
12.00 - 12.20 pm
1.00 - 1.20 pm

LIONS CLUB

DEAGON BULK MEATS

BRT

Three Wise Monkeys

NORTHSIDE PRINT

Backyard Bonanza

Our Senior and Junior Choirs are performing at this years Backyard Bonanza! Come along and watch them perform!



WHAT'S ON

Event Highlights

- Brisbane School of Iberian Swordsmanship
- Guide Dogs
- Aussie, Aussie, Aussie
- Solo artists
- Local schools bands and choirs
- Over 99 stalls including market, community and food

FREE RIDES
Teacups,
Rockwall and
Giant Slide

FREE
Face painting
Animal Farm
Reptiles

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2027 PREP

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR 2ND INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 5 AUGUST

5.00pm - 5.45pm

GET SET FOR PREP 2027

LEARN ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

VISIT OUR PREP CLASSROOMS

CHAT TO OUR TEACHERS AND LEADERSHIP TEAM



Scan the QR Code to pre-register for the Information Session



Contact us for more information on 3261 0777
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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.