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 4 Week 6	
Monday 9 November	• Senior Choir – 2nd break in the music room
Tuesday 10 November	• Junior Choir 1st break in PAR classroom • Playgroup 9am-10am in the YMCA building
Wednesday 11 November	• Swimming begins 1CK, 1LG, 1TM & 1/2SM • Junior Assembly – 1.45pm
Thursday 12 November	• Year 3 Street Science Incursion
Friday 13 November	• Swimming continues PCJ, PBC, PAR & 2ET
Term 4 Week 7	
Monday 16 November	• Senior Choir – 2nd break in the music room
Tuesday 17 November	• Junior Choir 1st break in PAR classroom • Playgroup 9am-10am in the YMCA building
Wednesday 18 November	• Swimming continues 1CK, 1LG, 1TM & 1/2SM • 2027 Prep Orientation 9am-10am • Sport Medals Assembly Year 4-6 – 1.45pm
Thursday 19 November	• 2027 Prep Orientation 9am-10am
Friday 20 November	• Swimming continues PCJ, PBC, PAR & 2ET

Date Claimers

- **Year 3 Street Science Incursion 12 November –** invoice due for payment today 6 November
- **Year 6 End of Year Celebrations** – information letter and consent issued to students Thursday 5 November
- **Term 4 Music Gala Event** – 26 November starting from 4pm. Performer permission forms due 11 November

From the Principal:

Workforce Planning 2027:

We are currently in the final stages of completing our teacher and class allocations for 2027.

Our leadership team carefully reviews enrolment numbers, creates class structures, allocates students to classes, determines staffing requirements and ensures we have the appropriate number of teachers and support staff in place. The accuracy of this planning is essential in helping us avoid disruptions and unnecessary class changes at the beginning of the school year. Our goal is always to provide students with a settled, positive and change-free start wherever possible.

To support this planning, we ask all families to ensure they complete our Student Enrolment Planning Survey if any of the following circumstances apply:

- You have a 2027 Prep-aged student and have not yet submitted an enrolment application or attended an enrolment interview.
- You will be overseas and your child will not returning on the first day of Term 1 2027.
- Your child will not be returning to Norris Road State School in 2027 because your family is moving, relocating or your child will be attending a non-government school.

Please note: parents and carers of Year 6 students do not need to complete this survey.

You can access the survey via the following link: **https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/n/dBghxlw**

If you are overseas and your child will not be returning for the first day of school, Tuesday January 27 2027, please contact our office in person or via email: **Admin@norrisroadss.eq.edu.au** so, we can ensure you have the correct forms to maintain your child's enrolment at Norris Road State School.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in providing us with accurate information. Every survey response helps us make informed decisions about staffing, class structures and resource allocation for next year.

Norris Road SS Gala Evening – Thursday 26 November 2026:

We are excited to invite our school community to the annual **Norris Road State School Gala Evening**, a celebration of the incredible talent, creativity and cultural diversity within our school.

The event will be held on Thursday 26 November 2026, with doors opening at approximately 3:30 pm and performances commencing at 4:00 pm, concluding at around 6:30 pm.

Our students have been rehearsing tirelessly for this special event, dedicating countless hours to perfecting their performances. Families can look forward to an entertaining showcase featuring our **Strings Ensemble, Band, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Dance Club, Giddha cultural dance group, Kapa Haka group and Kanta Sa Pinoy performers**, as well as a spectacular whole-school finale. The commitment, enthusiasm and hard work being shown by our students and staff is truly impressive, and we know their efforts will result in an outstanding evening of entertainment.

With more than 150 students involved, the Gala promises to be a memorable evening and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our young performers. Student awards will also be presented during the final part of the program.

The P&C Association will be running a barbecue following the performances, providing families with a great opportunity to relax, connect with other members of the school community and enjoy dinner before heading home. We encourage everyone to stay, enjoy a meal together and support this valuable fundraising initiative.

Please note that ticket numbers may be limited due to hall capacity, and standing room may be required. A limit of 4 tickets per family (including the performer). ***Tickets can now be booked via Qkr!***

We look forward to celebrating the musical and cultural success of our students with you and sharing a wonderful evening of community, culture and performance.

Strategic Planning for 2027:

Next Monday, the Norris Road State School leadership team will come together for a strategic planning day to map out our priorities for 2027 and beyond. While much of this work happens behind the scenes, its purpose is simple: ensuring every decision we make helps improve outcomes for students.

Throughout the day, the team will review student achievement data, reflect on the impact of current initiatives, and consider what is working well, what needs refining, and where our future efforts should be focused. Using evidence from across the school, we will identify the priorities that are most likely to make a positive difference for students over the next two years.

A significant focus of the day will be focusing on continuing to improve reading achievement across Prep to Year 6. The team will explore how we can continue to strengthen reading instruction, support teachers with evidence-based practices, and ensure that every student receives the support and challenge they need to become a confident and capable reader.

The planning day will also involve discussing future goals for students, identifying measures of success, considering the professional learning and resources needed to support our priorities, and ensuring our improvement efforts remain focused, coherent and sustainable.

Most importantly, every discussion will be guided by one central question: *What will make the biggest difference for our students?* This question will underpin our planning as we work to build on our strengths and continue improving learning outcomes, wellbeing and opportunities for every child at Norris Road State School.

While strategic planning may happen away from the classroom, its impact is intended to be felt in every classroom, every day. By taking the time to reflect, review evidence and carefully plan our next steps, we will be working to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed and thrive.

2027 Booklist Ordering: *(this information was also emailed to families on 30 Oct)*

We are pleased to let you know that **MK Educational** will again be supplying our student book lists for 2027 - https://www.mkeducationalsupplies.com.au/

For families who prefer to source items themselves, the 2027 book lists will also be available on our school website.

We hope this information assists you with preparing for the 2027 school year, and we thank you for your continued support.

After-hours access to school grounds:

To help protect our school and ensure it remains a safe and welcoming place for our students, staff and families, the external gates to the school will soon be locked after hours.

This decision has been made in response to an increase in unauthorised entry to the school grounds outside of school hours. Unfortunately, this behaviour has resulted in damage to school property and facilities. This is unacceptable and takes valuable time and resources away from supporting student learning and maintaining our school environment.

Locking the gates after hours is a necessary measure to help prevent further incidents and protect the spaces and resources our students use every day. We understand that schools are an important part of the local community, and we value the positive relationship we share with our community. However, the safety, security and care of our school grounds must remain a priority. We would also like to sincerely thank members of our local community who have reported suspicious activity or unauthorised access to the school grounds. Your support, care and vigilance are greatly appreciated and make an important difference in helping us look after our school.

If you see suspicious behaviour on or around the school grounds after hours, we encourage you to report it to School Watch 13 17 88.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we take this important step to protect our school community.

Happy Tuckshop Day!

Today we celebrated and thanked our wonderful tuckshop team who work tirelessly behind the scenes to provide fresh, delicious meals and friendly service to our students and staff each day.
Our tuckshop staff and volunteers play an important role in our school community. We are incredibly grateful for the time, care, and dedication Cheryl and the team bring to the role.
THANK YOU to our amazing tuckshop team for everything they do! Nothing is ever too much trouble.



From the P&C:

As we head towards the end of another school year, and start planning towards next year we'd like to say a big thank you to all our families, volunteers and local businesses for supporting the P&C throughout the year! Whether you've volunteered your time, supported a fundraiser, purchased raffle tickets or helped spread the word, every little bit makes a difference to our school community. We've still got a few exciting things happening before the year wraps up, so here's what's coming up!

End of Year Raffle

Our End of Year Raffle is packed with fantastic prizes to keep the whole family entertained over the holidays! Win passes to Amaze World, Story Bridge Climb, Iceworld, Skateaway, The Ginger Factory and Inflatable World Bracken Ridge, plus vouchers for Perrott's Florists, Neurum Creek Bush Retreat, Carseldine Barbers and Event Cinemas thanks to Sandy Landers and Bisma Asif.
A huge thank you to our generous sponsors for supporting our school community! Tickets can be purchased on Qkr! and Rafflelink via the link below which also has the full prize list
https://tickets.rafflelink.com/norris-road-state-school/nrss-pc-end-of-year-raffle



P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is this Monday 9 November at 6pm in the administration building. We'd love to see some new faces, fresh ideas and families keen to get involved. Everyone is welcome, and children can come along too!

Volunteers Needed – Gala Night

We're looking for volunteers to help out at the BBQ for Gala Night on Thursday 26 November. Even a little bit of your time makes a big difference and helps us raise funds for our school. If you can lend a hand, we'd love to hear from you!
Thank you to all our families and local supporters who continue to support our P&C. Every little bit helps make a difference for our school community

Save the Date!

NORRIS ROAD
STATE SCHOOL

50TH
ANNIVERSARY
Celebrations

SATURDAY
19 JUNE 2027

Save the Date!

Norris Road State School

Music Gala

Thursday 26 November
Starting from 4.00 pm
More information to come!

MEET THE SHOREBIRDS
Community Day

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT AT
THE NUDGEE BEACH
ENVIRONMENAL EDUCATION
CENTRE

SUNDAY
22ND NOVEMBER 2026
11 AM - 2 PM

Address: 1588 Nudgee Road
Nudgee Beach 4014





WHAT'S ON:

FREE!

- Shorebird education talk by the QLD Wader Study Group
- Beach explorations & invertebrate discovery
- Participate in authentic Citizen science!
- Shorebird Arts and Craft
- Fun educational activities and games
- Free sausage sizzle (vegan options available)

QLD WADER STUDY GROUP

Queensland Government

BRISBANE CITY

BRING ALONG WET SHOES FOR TIDAL FLATS WALK

(07) 3267 9333

Tuckshop
Help Needed

Can you spare just one hour?

8.30am - 9.30am
Monday to Thursdays

Help our students
Support our school community
Meet other families
No experience needed

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

Supporting our tuckshop means supporting our school and students.

Contact the tuckshop to volunteer!
(no long term commitment needed)

Thank you



NORRIS ROAD STATE SCHOOL

PLAYGROUP

Proudly supporting the Norris Road State School community. Y Queensland is a member of *Play Matters Australia*, working together to strengthen family connections through play.

Tuesdays
9am – 10am

in the Y OSHC Room
(little brick building on oval)

Parents & carers stay & play!

REGISTER NOW!
No enrolment needed.



CONNECTIONS
Build connections with other parents and guardians.

COMMUNITY
Play, make friends, and build a sense of belonging within the Norris Road SS Community.

COGNITION
Inspiring young imaginations through child-led activities.

For more information, please contact the Y OSHC Norris Road on 0436 664 936 or email anr@ymcaqueensland.org.au

the Y



BRACKEN RIDGE
State High School



ENROLMENTS

We look forward to welcoming our future Year 7 students and families.

Expressions of Interest for Year 7 in 2027 close on Friday, 20 November 2026.

Small group Transition Days are already underway, helping students become familiar with our school community, with our Whole School Transition Day taking place on 3 December 2026.

Applications for Academic, Sporting and Cultural Bursaries close on 6 November 2026.

Enrolments for Year 7 in 2028
OPEN NOW!

Enrol Now:

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Spinningdragonfightclub.com

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- 🥋 Karate
- 💪 Fight Fit
- 👫 Ages 8+ | Beginners welcome
- 📍 Bracken Ridge & Sandgate

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.