# 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 | |
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| **Term 4 Week 8** | |
| **Monday 23 November** | • Senior Choir – 2nd break in the music room |
| **Tuesday 24 November** | • Junior Choir 1st break in PAR classroom<br>• Playgroup 9am-10am in the YMCA building |
| **Wednesday 25 November** | • Swimming continues 1CK, 1LG, 1TM & 1/2SM<br>• 2027 Prep Orientation morning<br>• No Assembly |
| **Thursday 26 November** | • **GALA** - starts at 4pm |
| **Friday 27 November** | • Final swimming for PCJ, PBC, PAR & 2ET |
| **Term 4 Week 9** | |
| **Monday 30 November** | • Senior Choir – 2nd break in the music room<br>• 1.45pm Senior Independent Learner Assembly |
| **Tuesday 1 December** | • Junior Choir 1st break in PAR classroom<br>• Playgroup 9am-10am in the YMCA building<br>• 1.45pm Junior Independent Learner Assembly |
| **Wednesday 2 December** | • Final swimming for 1CK, 1LG, 1TM & 1/2SM |
| **Thursday 3 December** | • SDSHS Yr 7 - 2027 Transition Day<br>• Senior Rewards Afternoon |
| **Friday 4 December** | • Junior Rewards Afternoon |

**Date Claimers**

- **Term 4 Music Gala Event** – 26 November starting from 4pm. Performer permission forms OVERDUE. Tickets are to be ordered through the Qkr! app. No cost. P&C BBQ afterwards.
- **Year 6 Graduation** – Wednesday 9 December 5.30pm

**From the Principal**:

**Gala Evening – Thursday 26 November:**

Our Annual Musical Gala is one of the highlights of our school calendar, and we are excited to invite families to join us for an evening that celebrates the extraordinary talent, creativity and cultural richness of our Norris Road State School community.

On Thursday 26 November, our students will take to the stage to share the results of months of learning, practice and teamwork. Audiences will be treated to a wonderful showcase of musical, cultural and dance performances featuring our Strings and Band students, Junior and Senior Choirs, Dance Club, Giddha, Kapa Haka and Kanta Sa Pinoy groups. Together, these performances reflect the diversity, pride and strong community spirit that make Norris Road such a special place.

The Gala provides an opportunity for students to share their passions, celebrate their cultures and build confidence through performance. Whether through music, dance or cultural expression, every student involved has worked incredibly hard to prepare for this event and deserves to be recognised for their efforts.

To ensure all performers are fully celebrated, we encourage families to stay for the entire event. The evening will conclude with a special whole-group finale involving all performers, followed by the presentation of student awards. These concluding moments are an important part of the celebration and provide an opportunity for our school community to recognise the dedication and achievements of our students.

Doors will open at approximately 3:30pm for a 4:00pm start, with the event finishing at approximately 6:30pm. Following the concert, our P&C will be hosting a barbecue, providing a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and continue the celebrations.

A special thank you must go to the dedicated staff members who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make our Gala possible each year. Events of this scale do not happen without countless hours of planning, organisation, coordination and rehearsal.

Thank you to Mrs Steph Tingee, Mrs Sarah Morey, Mr Elliot Rentoul, Mr Brenden Schick, Ms Alexa Sheppard, Miss Alli Renton, Ms Jess Chapman, Mrs Teresa McLucas, Mrs Rosemary Keough and Mrs Hayley Maginness for the extraordinary work you have put into preparing our students for this year's Gala. Your commitment to nurturing students' confidence, talents and love of performance creates opportunities that many of our students will remember for years to come.

We are grateful for the energy, expertise and care you bring to this event and for the many hours spent supporting students to shine on stage. Thank you for helping create such a special celebration of the talent, diversity and creativity that exists within our Norris Road community

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you as we celebrate the talent, cultures and achievements of our students.

**There is No Cost to attend the Gala however you will need to order tickets through the Qkr! app. Ticket ordering closes Tuesday. Tickets will be sent home with students from Monday 23 November.**

## Transition to Cashless Payments from 2027:

From the commencement of the 2027 school year, our school will be moving to a cashless payment system for school transactions.

This decision has been made in response to the closure of local bank branches, as well as the need to improve the efficiency and security of the school's payment processes. Reduced access to banking services, together with the administrative demands of handling cash, has made this change necessary.

From 2027, the following payment arrangements will apply:

- School office payments will be accepted by EFTPOS only. Cash payments will no longer be accepted at the office.
- For the tuckshop, Qkr! will be the preferred method of payment for student orders.
- Where students/parents/carers make over-the-counter tuckshop purchases in the mornings, payment will be by EFTPOS only.
- Students will still be able to use cash to purchase over the counter ice blocks, slushies and brownies during first and second break.

We understand that this change will require some adjustment for families, and we appreciate your support as we transition to a more sustainable and practical payment process.

Families are encouraged to ensure they are set up to use Qkr! for school payments and tuckshop prior to the start of the 2027 school year.

Should you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the school office. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

## Important Information for Outside School Hours Care Families:

We would like to provide advance notice of an important change that will take effect from the beginning of 2027 and will primarily affect families accessing our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service via Glencam Street.

Following consultation with departmental infrastructure and safety advisors, the area accessed from Glencam Street will no longer be available for vehicle access, parking, drop-off or pick-up purposes.

We recognise that this change may be inconvenient for some OSHC families who have used this area over many years. By providing early notice, we hope families will have plenty of time to plan alternative arrangements before the change takes effect.

The decision follows a review of the safety and suitability of the area. Key concerns identified include:

- No safe pedestrian access into or out of the area.
- An unsealed surface that creates potential environmental and safety hazards.
- Limited vehicle access and insufficient space for vehicles to safely turn around.

While the area has been used informally over time, it has never been formally approved or designated as a school car park.

The safety of our students, families, staff and visitors remains our highest priority. After careful consideration, it was determined that continued use of the area for vehicle access and parking presents unacceptable safety risks and does not meet departmental safety requirements.

We appreciate the understanding and support of our OSHC families as we work to ensure our facilities and practices remain safe for everyone. Further information about alternative access arrangements will be communicated well in advance of the change taking effect.

**Exciting Facilities Update:**

We are delighted to share that a number of improvement projects will be taking place over the coming months as we continue to invest in creating welcoming, functional and engaging spaces for our students and community.

During the upcoming holiday period, internal painting will take place in E Block, F Block and the Hall, helping to refresh some of our most heavily used learning and gathering spaces.

Work will also commence on the much needed refurbishment of our Junior Toilets from Monday 23 November. This project will modernise the facilities used by many of our youngest students and provide an improved environment that better meets the needs of our school community. Parents in Prep to Year 2 will have already received an email with further information regarding toilet arrangements for our students during the interim period.

Around the junior playground, sandstone seating blocks will be installed to enhance the area and provide additional opportunities for students to gather, rest and interact during break times.

Visitors to our administration building will also soon notice the addition of new screening in our front office space, creating a safer work environment for our administration staff.

We are excited to see these projects come to life and thank our students, staff and families for their patience and support while these improvements are completed. Together, these upgrades will enhance our school environment and contribute to a positive experience for everyone at Norris Road State School.

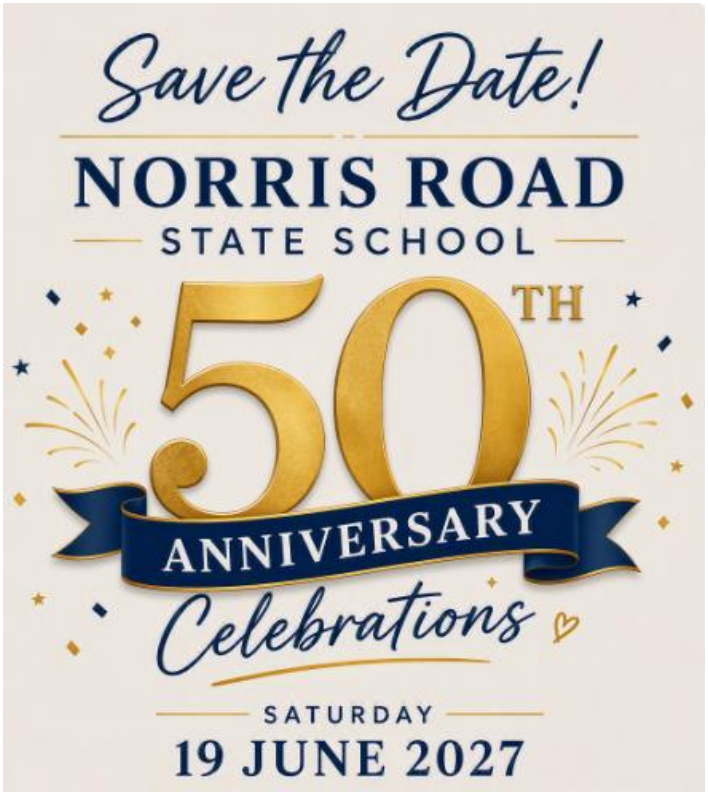
Melissa Burke
Principal

**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.






# P&C NEWS

It's hard to believe we're already counting down to the end of another school year! There's still plenty happening at the P&C, with lots of ways to get involved and support our school. Here's the latest update!




**Join us for our 2027 P&C AGM**
Want a say in how P&C funds are spent at our school? Come along to our Annual General Meeting **at 6:00pm on Monday 8th February 2027** in the Administration building. We'll celebrate our wins from the past year, elect our new team, and plan for 2027, its going to be a big year!

**Gala Night – Thursday 26th November**
**Volunteers and Donations Wanted!**
The P&C will be hosting a sausage sizzle to wrap up the night and would love a few extra hands! If you can spare some time to help on the day or donate any supplies eg. drinks, we'd really appreciate your support.




**Stationary Drive**
As the school year comes to an end, we'd love to collect any unused stationery that students no longer need. Rather than taking it home, please pop it into the donation box located in the school office.




**End-of-Year Raffle – Last Chance!**
Our End-of-Year Raffle is packed with fantastic prizes, including experiences, adventure passes and more! s. A huge thank you to all our generous local businesses and supporters! Tickets close Monday 30 November. Purchase now via Qkr! or: https://tickets.rafflelink.com/norris-road-state-school/nrss-pc-end-of-year-raffle

**Book Club**
Final Book Club Issue for 2026 went home this week with last orders due 8am Monday 23rd November. Christmas gift wrapping will also be available again to keep presents a surprise, email your order details to request wrapping to: nrsspc.secretary@gmail.com



**Graduation Keepsakes**
Graduation Bears, Puppies and Soccer Balls are available to order through Qkr! A special keepsake for our graduating Grade 6 students. Orders will be delivered to classrooms in Week 10.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported the P&C this year. Whether you've volunteered, supported a fundraiser, purchased raffle tickets or spread the word, we truly appreciate it!

Lastly, don't forget to link our Facebook page **Norris Road SS P&C** to keep up to date with everything P&C!
















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 | COMMUNITY | COGNITION |
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| Build connections with other parents and guardians. | Play, make friends, and build a sense of belonging within the Norris Road SS Community. | 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

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## *End of Year Tuckshop Menu, starting Monday 23 November until Wednesday 9 December*

Below is the revised tuckshop menu for the remainder of the term. Please note that some items may be substituted as we gradually reduce our stock levels. Orders can be placed via Qkr! or over the counter. If your child has any dietary requirements, please contact the tuckshop team. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support







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SPINNING DRAGON FIGHT CLUB

# SPINNING DRAGON

Spring is the perfect time to try something new!
**Whatever your goals, we've got a class for you. Happening in the hall at NRSS!**
**For more information contact – 0408 447 944**
Spinningdragonfightclub.com
Whether you want to improve your fitness, build confidence and self-discipline, learn practical self-defence, focus on personal growth or even work towards competition, you'll find a welcoming and supportive place to train at Spinning Dragon.

- Muay Thai
- 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.***