

NORRIS ROAD NEWS

We strive to create an inclusive environment built on respect and resilience. Through high expectations and accountability, we support every student to become a life-long learner.

FOR FAMILIES

Term 4 Week 4-5

Calendar of Events

Term 4 Week 4

Monday 21 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prep choir practise 1st break• 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Passport to Success Year 6• P&C Meeting 6:00 pm
Tuesday 22 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior choir 1st break• Senior Assembly 1:45 pm in hall
Wednesday 23 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming lessons for classes:- 3BK, 3CM, 3JH, 3KW, 5DC, 5ET, 5JC• Senior choir 2nd break in hall
Thursday 24 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:00 am NRSS Strings Ensemble rehearsal Year 4 students in Music room• Instrumental Music lessons
Friday 25 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Teachers Day• Day for Daniel (wear red to school)
Saturday 26 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:30 am – 6:00 pm Election Polling Booth in hall• 7:00 am - 12:00pm P&C Sausage Sizzle -located near uniform shop
Term 4 Week 5	
Monday 28 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prep choir practise 1st break• 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Passport to Success Year 6
Tuesday 29 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3 Big Bang Science Incursion• Junior choir 1st break• Junior Assembly 1:45pm in hall
Wednesday 30 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming lessons for classes:-3BK, 3CM, 3JH, 3KW, 5DC, 5ET, 5JC• Senior choir 2nd break in hall
Thursday 31 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:00 am NRSS Strings Ensemble rehearsal Year 4 students in Music room• Instrumental Music lessons
Friday 01 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm P&C Trivia Night

Date Claimers

Year 3 Big Bang Incursion 29/10/24 - \$15 payment is due by 22/10/24

Swimming commences Wednesday 06/11/24:- PAR, PCJ, PKM, P/1, 3AC 5/6NH- \$15 payment is due by 31/10/24

Principal's Message:

Workforce Planning for 2025

We are in the final stages of workforce planning for the 2025 academic year. This planning is based on our current enrolment numbers, which may change between now and Day 8 of the new school year. To assist us in making accurate predictions regarding staffing and reduce the need to reorganise classes at the beginning of the year, we've sent parents a survey to update their information.

We appreciate you responding to this survey if:

- You have a 2025 Prep aged student who you have not yet submitted an enrolment for or attended an interview
- Your child is not returning to Norris Road State School in 2025 as you are moving, relocating or your child is attending a non-government school.

You can access the survey via the link: <https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/n/avghGp6>

Please note, parents of Year 6 students do not need to complete this survey.

At present, our enrolment projections for 2025 sit at approximately 570 students. This is a decrease of approximately 30 students from Day 8 2024. This decrease is aligned with broader demographic trends, including the declining birth rate and a drop in population in the 0-14 age group across Metropolitan North. Some of our families will also be relocating to other areas within Brisbane North, regional centres, or overseas.

Term 4 Changes:

We would also like to inform you that Thelma Scammells, our Deputy Principal for Years 3-6, is on leave for the remainder of Term 4 due to health reasons. We expect Thelma to return to NRSS at the beginning of the 2025 academic year.

Strategic Planning:

Last term we shared the affirmations and key improvement strategies from the Executive Summary from our recent school review, highlighting the key affirmations and improvement priorities for the next 4 years. You can find this Executive Summary on our [website](#). The summary highlights affirmations and outlines four key improvement strategies for the future.

Our teachers and teacher aides have been busy participating in workshops to dive deeper into how these affirmations, key findings, and improvement strategies connect. They've also been working on identifying and prioritising the most important areas for improvement over the next four years.

We're also planning opportunities for parents, students, and other stakeholders to get involved. In the second half of this term, we'll be seeking your input to help shape our strategic plan moving forward! Keep an eye out for our parent survey.

Community Garden:

A HUGE thank you to Jodie Mason and family who has funded, organised and established a NRSS Community Garden! Jodie, along with a team of volunteers, engaged in an initial set up last weekend using wicking bed planting systems, and there has already been much interest and wonder from our students about what is being grown and how long it will take!

We look forward to seeing the garden take shape and expanding its scope in 2025.

World Teachers' Day – October 25 2024:

As we celebrate World Teachers' Day, it's a great opportunity to recognise the hard work and dedication of our teachers, who play such a vital role in our children's lives. A simple gesture can go a long way in making them feel valued, whether it's a handwritten note of thanks from you or your child, a small token of appreciation, or even just a kind word at pick-up time. These small acts can have a big impact in showing our teachers how much their efforts are appreciated by both parents and students.

Given the acute teacher shortage we are now facing, it is so important that as a community, we actively and consciously support and encourage the exceptional teaching staff we have at Norris Road State School.


Year 6 Camp:







Our students arrived home safe and very tired on Friday afternoon. A HUGE thanks to our Year 6 team who without their support, camp wouldn't be possible. We appreciate their hard work before and during camp to ensure our Year 6 students had the chance to make some wonderful lasting memories!

Have a great weekend

Melissa Burke

Get Ready for Our Gala!

We're thrilled to announce that Gala Night is just around the corner! 

-  **When:** Thursday, 14 November (Week 7)
-  **Time:** 5.30pm start, with the show wrapping up by 7.00pm
-  **Where:** Norris Road State School Hall
-  **Tickets:** On sale soon—keep an eye on this space!  



✨ Important Info ✨

This year, we're embracing a timeless tradition with a **classic Gala**, focusing entirely on the magic of **music** 🎵🎸. Last year's event, *Creative Fusion*, was a mix of Visual Arts and music, but this year, we're spotlighting music alone. This is because we alternate our curriculum focus over two years—one year, we teach Drama and Visual Arts, and the next, we focus on Dance and Media Arts. Since 2023 already featured Visual Arts, this year's Gala is all about music! 🎵🎸 *Creative Fusion* will return in 2025 to coincide with our prevision on Visual Art! 😊

Performers will receive notes in the coming week with specific arrival times to prepare before the doors open.

We can't wait to celebrate the joy of music with you! 🎵

Voluntary Contribution:

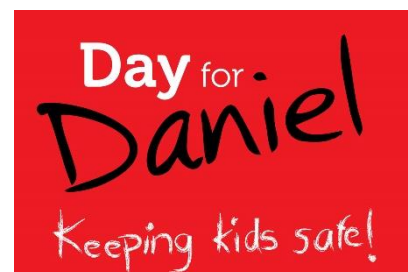
Thank you to families who have already contributed. Your payment is very much appreciated. The suggested contribution amount is **\$60 per student, capped at \$120 per family for 2024**, however any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Voluntary financial contribution payment can be made:-

- directly into the school bank account, **BSB 064 124 Account 000 904 99** ensuring the payment reference includes the student's name and characters VFC eg. Sam Smith VFC
- in person at the office using eftpos or credit card between 8:00 am – 3:00 pm Monday-Friday

Day for Daniel:

To commemorate Day for Daniel, all students are encouraged to wear red (no donation) on Friday 25 October, 2024. Resources to support Day for Daniel and start a conversation with your child about personal safety can be found [here](#).



P&C Democracy Sausage Sizzle:

The P&C are on the lookout for some superstar parents to lend a hand on the 26 October from 7.00am – 12.00pm at the Sausage Sizzle.

If you are able to help with either your time on the day or a donation of sausages or drinks, please email by Wed 23 Oct to the P&C – pandc@norrisroadss.eq.edu.au

Thank you

Democracy Sausage Sizzle

Your Norris Road P&C are hosting....

We are on the lookout for some superstar parents to lend a hand on the 26th of October from 7am to 12pm. Whether you can spare an hour or the whole morning, your help would be greatly appreciated. We're also seeking donations of sausages or drinks for the day, so if you're able to contribute in any way, that would be fantastic!

If you are free to help please email vicepresident.nrss@gmail.com



Your Help at these special events really means alot to us as without the help of our families and volunteers we cannot make amazing things happen within the School Community

P&C Trivia Night - Friday 1 November:

P&C Trivia Night

18+ (no children)

6PM-10PM

01.11.24

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CWDGO](https://www.trybooking.com/CWDGO)

How to Order TRIVIA TICKETS

1. Head to the link below <https://www.trybooking.com/CWDGO>
2. Select a ticket (\$25 each)
3. You can join an existing table or come solo and make some awesome new friends

NORRIS ROAD STATE SCHOOL

2025 Prep ENROL NOW!

"Norris Road State School offers an exceptional learning environment with dedicated teachers and teacher aides and a strong community spirit, making it the perfect place to enrol your child in Prep for a fantastic start to their educational journey." We look forward to meeting with you soon.

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

NRSS Website

NRSS Facebook

Community Sharing

Good afternoon

DAY FOR DANIEL 2024

I will be holding a 'Walk for Daniel' event on Friday 25 October 2024 to bring together the community, including local schools and early learning centres to remember Daniel and continue his legacy by supporting the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Starting point: Meet at 7.30am
Bill Brown Reserve
Netball Court Carpark
Telegraph Road, Fitzgibbon

Ending point: Hidden World Playground
Roghan Road, Fitzgibbon

Please join me on the day with a gold coin donation and wear red to show your support and encourage your students and their families to also participate. All proceeds from the event will be going to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Please RSVP by emailing brackenridge.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au or phone on 36676000.

Kind Regards

Sandy Landers
COUNCILLOR FOR BRACKEN RIDGE

*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.