

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 6-7

Calendar of Events

Term 4 Week 6

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| Monday 04 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prep choir practise 1st break• 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Passport to Success Year 6 |
| Tuesday 05 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior choir 1st break |
| Wednesday 06 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming lessons commence for classes: - PAR, PCJ, PKM, P/1AK, 3AC, 5/6NH• Senior choir 2nd break in hall |
| Thursday 07 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:00 am NRSS Strings Ensemble rehearsal Year 4 students in Music room• Instrumental Music lessons• 1:45 pm – 2:30 pm – Year 4-6 Sport Friday Enrichment Medal Assembly |
| Friday 08 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |
| Term 4 Week 7 | |
| Monday 11 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prep choir practise 1st break• 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Passport to Success Year 6 |
| Tuesday 12 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior choir 1st break• Senior Assembly 1:45pm in hall |
| Wednesday 13 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming lessons for classes: - PAR, PCJ, PKM, P/1AK,3AC, 5/6NH• Senior choir 2nd break in hall |
| Thursday 14 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:00 am NRSS Strings Ensemble rehearsal Year 4 students in Music room• Instrumental Music lessons• 5:30 pm GALA evening (see information below) |
| Friday 15 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |

Date Claimers

Wednesday 4 Dec – Swimming lessons 3BK, 3CM, 3JH, 3KW, 5DC, 5ET, 5JC make up for cancelled lessons 16 October

Principal's Message:

We're now nearly halfway through the term! Like me, I'm sure you're confused about how that went so quickly! We're right in the thick of it now at Norris Road State School. This is the phase of the term where our most intensive teaching occurs, with teachers actively co-constructing their English Bump It Up Walls with students, providing feedback, collecting formative assessment pieces and moderating student work with their colleagues.

As a school, we are also in the finalisation stages for two of our most important annual events:

Gala Night- Thursday 14 November 2024

Year 6 Graduation – Wednesday 4 December 2024

Please keep an eye out for emails, Facebook updates and the NR for Families so you remain up to date.

QLearn:

During 2024, we have been thrilled to share the success of QLearn at Norris Road State School with a number of other schools and celebrate our teachers' commitment to embracing this innovative learning platform! Many of our teachers have been leading the way, using QLearn to enhance learning experiences and deliver engaging, personalised and whole class instruction. We are particularly proud that other schools have recognized our achievements and are visiting Norris Road to see QLearn in action in our classrooms. Over just this semester alone, we have had visits from

teachers and school leaders from Patricks Road, Strathpine West, Brighton, and Kenmore State Schools. This interest highlights our teachers' hard work, creativity, and dedication to making learning both accessible and exciting for our students. We're grateful for this opportunity to showcase our success and continue building a strong learning community.

This term, Mr Liam McCawley is spending 1 day per week, working across our school to support students to develop the technical skills to use the QLearn platform next year, as well as working with teachers to develop pages and learning activities in QLearn.

Attending school every day:

It's natural to think that missing a day here and there won't make much difference. Particularly at this time of the year. What many parents don't realise is that even a few "occasional" absences can add up and have a big impact on your child's learning.

Each school day is carefully planned to build on what was learned the day before, and regular attendance ensures that students stay on track, fully grasping concepts as they are introduced. Even missing a day can mean a child may miss vital explanations that can't be easily recreated. Over time, these absences can create gaps in understanding, which may make learning more difficult and affect their confidence in the classroom.

Beyond learning, attending school daily also supports children in developing important social skills. Every day is an opportunity to practice collaboration, communication, and problem-solving with peers. Consistent attendance strengthens friendships, builds routines, and helps children feel more connected to their school community.

If your child is experiencing anxiety about coming to school or is demonstrating school avoidance, I encourage you to reach out to their teacher as soon as possible. Teachers are here to help support both your child's emotional well-being and their learning journey, and they have a range of strategies to help students feel more comfortable and engaged in the classroom. By working together, we can better understand what might be causing your child's distress and create a supportive plan to make school a positive and safe space for them. Early communication and collaboration between parents and teachers can make a significant difference in helping children overcome these challenges and build confidence in their school experience.

Trivia Night:

I want to extend a huge thank you to our P&C for their incredible work in organising and running our recent Trivia Night. The night was a resounding success, filled with laughter, friendly competition, and a strong sense of community spirit. It's wonderful to see families, staff, and friends come together to support our school in such a fun and engaging way.

The planning and effort that goes into an event like this are no small feat, and our P&C members pour their time, energy, and creativity into every detail. From coordinating teams and questions to setting up and decorating, their dedication makes the night not only enjoyable but also highly successful in raising funds that will benefit our students directly.

Thank you once again to the P&C and to everyone who attended and participated in making the Trivia Night a highlight on our school calendar. We appreciate all that you do to support our school community!

Animals on school grounds:

For the safety and comfort of all students, parents and other adults, including older children, are not permitted to bring animals onto school grounds. Even well-behaved dogs can act unpredictably in busy, noisy environments, which may create safety concerns for our students. Some children may feel fearful or anxious around dogs/animals, and others may have allergies or sensitivities. By keeping our grounds animal-free, we ensure that all students feel safe and supported in their school environment. Assistance animals are permitted on the grounds. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe space for everyone.

Link to Survey:

We are sharing this link again. *We appreciate you responding to the 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.

Wishing you a great week.

Melissa Burke

Tuckshop Day – 1 November:

Last Friday, School Tuckshop Day, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful tuckshop team including our parent volunteers. Their hard work, dedication, and creativity bring joy and nourishment to our students every day.

Thank you for your commitment to providing healthy, tasty options and for always going the extra mile!

Let's celebrate our tuckshop team today and every day for the incredible contributions they make to our school!



🎵🌟 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: \$5.00 for adults (Information letters have gone home with all students)

Performers – An additional letter has been sent home to all performers.

**Enrichment Celebration Assembly:**

This Thursday, 7 November is our annual Enrichment Celebration Assembly. This is when the coaches and organisers of the Friday interschool sports (including newcombe volleyball, soccer, touch football, netball and volleyball) and the organisers of the Friday at-school activities (including art, at-school games and Think-Move-Create) will recognise a student from each of the activities by presenting them with a medal.

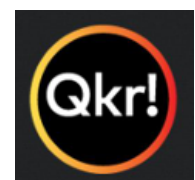
This medal could be given for any reason - best player, most improved, most enthusiastic participant, best helper, best sportsmanship, best attitude, etc.

Parents are very welcome to attend, at 1:45 pm on Thursday, 7 November in the hall.

Qkr! App:

We have added Qkr! to our payment options for families for excursions/incursions. If you haven't already signed up, please refer to the attached document to the email with instructions.

Qkr! is the payment platform already being used for the Tuckshop and also for the P&C Uniform Shop.



2025 Booklists:

Booklist information has been sent home and is available on the school website [here](#).

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2025 BOOKLIST ORDERING

Please place your order online via <https://mkeeducationalsupplies.com.au> by Monday November 25.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Credit Card – Please place your order online only – <https://mkeeducationalsupplies.com.au>
- Lay-by – Please contact MK Educational Supplies

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS

- Pick up from MK Educational Supplies- Between December 11 – 16, please only come between these dates, opening hours are 8.30 to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.30 to 1.00pm Saturday.
- Home Delivery- Packs will be delivered between December 11– 16. To help with the cost of home delivery, MK Educational Supplies are offering to deliver your order for the cost of \$10.00 per address/family if you place your order by the due date. For orders placed after the due date a delivery fee of \$10.00 per order/pack will apply.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We wish to acknowledge that by ordering through MK Educational, a small percentage of each order will be passed on to the Norris Road State School's P&C Association, to provide additional support for all students. Every order makes a difference for our students. Thanks in advance to all families who utilise this service.

- Please ensure that all items are clearly named or marked.
- Some basic items will need to be replaced during the year.

On receipt of your pack, please check that the contents are as per invoice. If an error has occurred, please contact MK Educational Supplies within 10 days.

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Community Garden Update:

Thank you to Jodie and the team of parent volunteers that are caring for our community garden.

Some updates on the garden are –

- The corn forest is thriving
- Pumpkins are starting to spread and throw out runners and a couple flowers. These will keep spreading along the ground inside the beds and the vine will act as ground cover to help keep the moisture in for the corn and beans.
- Flowering last week - cucumber, dwarf sunflower, capsicum and pumpkin
- Herbs are growing well
- Flowers are all thriving and have outgrown their protection. Hopefully the birds won't bother them now that they're a bit bigger and we can attract some pollinators 🐝



Norris Road State School
**2025 PREP
INTERVIEWS**

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NOW!**



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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.