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Principals Notes 5th of May 2026

Welcome to Week 3 Term 2 of our 2026 School Year.

I hope you all had a lovely break over the long weekend. Unfortunately, there is not another long weekend till October.

Drum Muster:

On Thursday the 7th of May, Mr Kane will be conducting the Drum Muster. The drop off point is next door to the Bell tip. Plastic Drums can be delivered between 12.30pm and 3.00pm.

Academic Results

Every five weeks we as a teaching cohort are running data cycles. This is to analyse the results of the units work or class assessments. It is important to do a deep investigation into the data and check that there are no major drop offs in achievement.

There are some major red flags that affect a student's progression in their educational journey.

- Social and emotional wellbeing
- Student motivation
- Attendance

These three will have a considerable effect on a student's ability to achieve at level or better. If for example, a student has thrown all the toys out of the cot in the morning before school for no apparent reason. It is important to inform the school and the teacher, so that, if possible, we can remedy or at least de-escalate the situation.

Should the behaviour continue for more than a few days the situation may require a deeper dive than just 'we had a bad day'. This could then start to reflect in the data and that is the time for some intervention if necessary.

PBL: "Wait your turn"

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus area this week is "Wait your turn." Unfortunately, in the city there seems to be an increasing propensity for a lack of patience. Especially when driving. A second's patience could very well prevent a lifetime of pain.

Our students learn to wait their turn every time they enter a classroom. At the door, students

are greeted by the teacher and students wait to enter the classroom. In the classroom there is an order for things like accessing the laptops. Procuring their reading books etc etc. The order is often determined alphabetically however teachers are encouraged to change the order to allow for the XYZ's to have a turn at the front.

Well @ Bell Wednesdays:

Thank you to the ladies who supplied the Well at Bell Wednesday lunch. Mrs Hopper and Mrs Knight.

I think the next day for teachers is checks and then a double denim day two weeks after that.

School Facebook Site: Mrs Hopper and the admin staff are happy to receive any good news stories or photos of school activities from parents and friends of the school.

The email address is facebook@bellstateschool.eq.edu.au should you wish to contribute.

Communication with the School: We offer several ways to stay informed and connected:

- ★ School Newsletter
- ★ Facebook Page
- ★ Letters Home
- ★ Text Messages

If you need to discuss any matter, please reach out to our friendly office staff. Also, remember to call the school if your child or ward is going to be absent.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Rob Nowlan
Principal



Date Claimers

Term 2

May

- 6th - Parent Teacher Interviews
- 7th - Mother's Day Afternoon 2-3pm
- 8th - Do it for Dolly - Wear Blue
- 25th - 27th - Kingaroy Eisteddfod

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Newsletter Term 2
Week 3 - 5/05/2026

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READY WITH REDDING - WEEK 2



Reading Fluency – Why It Matters

Reading fluency is an important part of your child’s literacy development. Fluency means being able to read smoothly, at a natural talking pace, while paying attention to punctuation and expression. When students read fluently, it sounds like they are speaking — not just saying words one at a time.

Fluent readers:

- Read at an appropriate speed (not too fast, not too slow)
- Use expression and tone (their voice goes up and down)
- Pause at full stops and notice punctuation
- Understand what they are reading more easily

Research has consistently shown that **repeated reading** is one of the most effective ways to build fluency. When children read the same text several times, they become more confident, accurate, and expressive readers. This also supports better comprehension, as students can focus on meaning rather than just decoding words.

At school, students are practising fluency regularly through short, targeted reading activities. These may include reading aloud, partner reading, and timed one-minute reads.

How Families Can Help at Home

You can support your child’s fluency in just **10–15 minutes a day**:

- Encourage your child to read aloud to you
- Have them re-read the same short passage 2–3 times
- Model fluent reading by reading to them
- Talk about punctuation (e.g. “Where should your voice pause?”)
- Praise smooth, expressive reading

Even a few minutes each day makes a significant difference!

With Appreciation

Brigid Redding

STLaN



Respect

Safety



Active

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Students of the Week

Olivia Kindy/Prep Class: Active Learner Award: For working really hard on her word blending and segmenting.

Madeline 1/2/3 Class: Active Learner Award: For working hard at reading time to the quarter hour on digital and analogue clocks.

Bailey 1/2/3 Class: Active Learner Award: For correctly identifying a range of nouns, adjectives and verbs in written text.

Kory 4/5 Class: Active Learner Award: For following our PBL of Listen Actively as he completed all tasks.

Dominic 4/5 Class: Active Learner Award: For trying his best in Maths and staying on task.

Ethan 4/5 Class: Active Learner Award: For being a supportive and inclusive classmate.

Taliah 6 Class: Active Learner Award: For the upholding all school values on a daily basis.

Eathan 7/8 Class: Active Learner Award: For demonstrating consistent effort and dedication in English.



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PBL NEWS...

This Weeks PBL Wait your turn







Mural Art at Bell

In week 1 this term we had the privilege of a second visit to our school by Miss Kirralee Costelloe. Kirralee is an aboriginal artist who attended our school last year for the first time and worked with our students during art time and attended the student's inaugural art exhibition at the Bell Art Gallery. While she was here last year, she also began the fantastic mural under the admin block. Kirralee returned this term to complete the mural and again work with the students this time on a collaborative piece with each class. All classes are still working on this art project and we can't wait to show you the finished product.

Year 6 Science

Year 6 students put on their science hats last week as they explored how living things respond to different conditions. Through hands-on investigations, they made thoughtful predictions and carefully recorded their observations while growing mould and plants in a variety of environments.

From tracking changes over time to comparing results, students demonstrated curiosity, responsibility, and strong scientific thinking. It's been fantastic to see them engage so enthusiastically with real-world science in action!



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MEETINGS
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
8:30 AM - 8:50 AM
PRIMARY HANDBALL COURT

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

GRAB A ROPE AND LET'S JUMP!

WORK HARD ★ PLAY HARD ★ SUPPORT EACH OTHER



Book Club

Issue 3 of Book Club is due back 7th May.

Thank you for your support.

Book Club Organiser
Mrs McGuire

GIVING BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL
WITH 15% OF ORDER SPEND
IN SCHOLASTIC REWARDS



JUMP ROPE for HEART



Our school's Jump Rope for Heart initiative launched today, and it's been fantastic to see so many students attending Jump Club on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to raise awareness for the Heart Foundation.

We encourage families to register their child online as soon as possible so they can begin fundraising for this important organisation. If you require any additional information or paperwork, please contact the school office.



Heart Foundation **JUMP ROPE for HEART**

Love your Heart

Heart Facts

- An octopus has 3 hearts!
- Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day
- The largest heart of any living creature belongs to the Blue whale

Did you know, your heart:

- Is a muscle.
- Has two sides -left and right.
- Is like a pump. The right side pumps blood to the lungs, the left side pumps blood to the rest of the body.

www.jump rope.org.au

Year 9/10 Workshop

STATE LIBRARY¹
QUEENSLAND

Year 9/10 students participated in an engaging research workshop this morning delivered by the State Library of Queensland School Engagement Team. Led by Jack, the session focused on building effective research strategies, navigating the State Library website, and locating targeted, reliable information for their contemporary issues assessment.

Students were highly engaged throughout the workshop and found the experience both interesting and invaluable in supporting their assessment preparation. The practical skills and tools provided will help them conduct more efficient and credible research.

Miss Powell and Mrs Gleeson also thoroughly enjoyed the session, noting how beneficial these skills would have been during their own schooling.

We look forward to our Year 7/8 students taking part in the same workshop next week.



Welcome to the Year 4/5 Classroom

Science

Our Year 4/5 students recently became scientists as they explored the fascinating world of non-Newtonian fluids! Using a simple mixture of cornflour and water, students investigated how some materials don't behave like typical liquids or solids. They observed how the substance could be firm and solid when pressure was applied yet flow like a liquid when handled gently. Through hands-on experimentation, students made predictions, tested their ideas, and discussed their observations using scientific language.



PE

Students are exploring a range of court and field games this term. On Friday, our Year 4/5 students proudly showcased their developing netball skills, demonstrating strong teamwork, coordination, and confidence on the court.



GO BLUE TO END BULLYING!



DO IT FOR
DOLLY
DAY '26

8 MAY 2026

Go BLUE and help raise funds to support Dolly's Dream to end bullying.

doitfordollyday.org.au

The Student Council is running Do It For Dolly Day on Friday the 8th of May.

Come dressed in blue and bring a gold coin donation to support this important fundraiser.



P&C Meeting - Friday the 15th of May @ 3.30pm in the School Library.

Swim Club Meeting - Sunday the 26th of June @ 3.00pm in the School Library

Drum Muster - Thursday the 7th of May from 12.00 till 3.00pm

Bike Ride - In Recess

Uniform Convenor

Amy Brooks - Please contact Amy on 46792333 during school hours or by email abroo271@eq.edu.au for uniform enquiries or orders.

JOIN US FOR

Whole School Mother's Day Pamper Afternoon

Thursday 7th May
2-3pm

In Front of the Primary
School Block

*Let's celebrate all the incredible Mums
and Mother figures in our lives!*

Darling Downs Health



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Free and confidential services

- Cervical screening including self collect
- Breast care information
- Sexual health care
- Family planning and contraception
- Perimenopause and menopause support
- Bladder control and confidence
- Puberty, periods and hormone health
- Pregnancy care options and support
- Domestic violence
- Healthy lifestyles
- Free talks to community groups/ workplaces about Women's Health topics
- Osteoporosis and heart health information

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