



NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message



As you would be aware the QTU members at our school have indicated their intent to undertake Industrial Action on Tuesday 25th November. Further details regarding school operations will also be sent separately to this update today. We appreciate your ongoing support and acknowledge the inconvenience caused. Our class teachers are finalising class lists for 2026 in preparation for our Step Up session Monday 8th December. If your family are leaving Picnic Creek at the end of the year please email office@picniccreekss.eq.edu.au to advise the destination school for your child/ren. Similarly, if you have a Prep student to enrol, or know families that do, please encourage them to act to enrol as soon as possible to support an informed transition to Prep. Any changes to numbers in year levels will affect class numbers for the new year. We would like to minimise any class changes after Day 8.

Attached to this update you will find information about 2026 Booklists; additional dates and times our uniform shop will be open and another important information piece from the Queensland Police Service about E Bikes and safety for all.

We are looking forward to our annual end of year celebrations; Hat turning for our Prep cohort, Year 6 Graduation, Celebration of Success assemblies and the bridge crossing for our Year 6 cohort as they transition to High School.

Thank you for your continued support as partners in education.



A MESSAGE FROM THE P&C

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED AND SUPPORTED THE P&C THIS YEAR. YOUR TIME, EFFORT, DEDICATION AND INVOLVEMENT TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE ONE FINAL P&C MEETING FOR 2025 COMING UP ON THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE AS MANY PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE MEMBERS ATTEND AS POSSIBLE.

THIS FINAL MEETING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS, CONCERNS, IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS AS WE BEGIN PREPARING FOR 2026.

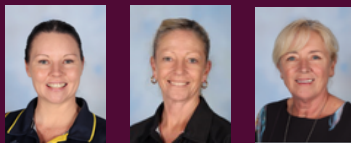
YOUR VOICE MATTERS. YOUR INPUT SHAPES NEXT YEAR.

WE TRULY APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.



Sector Sharing

By Miss Willcox (Prep-1), Mrs Lennox (Year 2-3) and Mrs O'Sullivan (Year 4-6)



STEP UP SESSION

During Week 10 students will have the opportunity to visit their 2026 classroom, meet their teacher and greet their new classmates. This experience has been designed to allow students time to process the year ahead. We have spent a substantial amount of time creating classes, where students have identified 'learning friends' they would like to be with next year. We will not be making any changes to these new classes until Day 8 2026.

Our 2025 'Step Up' day received positive feedback from staff, students and our community therefore we have continued it as a part of our transition process this



year.



REPORTING

At Picnic Creek State School, we believe in keeping parents informed and engaged in their child's learning journey. We report to parents four times a year through a range of formats designed to foster open communication and provide meaningful feedback on student progress. Report cards for semester 2 will be emailed home on Thursday of week 10.



END OF YEAR 6 CELEBRATIONS



Tuesday evening 9 December will see our year 6 cohort celebrate their end of primary school years with their parents.

Friday 12 December will be a school community send off with our Crossing of the Bridge at 2.15 p.m. All are welcome to attend this send off with viewing access available from either side of the bridge.

Thanks to the families who attended the Prep Transition Sessions.

Please see below or our upcoming Prep 2026 Events

PICNIC CREEK STATE SCHOOL
UPCOMING EVENTS
For 2026 Prep Transitions

15th AND 22nd OCTOBER
PREP TRANSITION SESSIONS
 Come along for a fun afternoon from 2.45pm-3.15pm. 2026 Preps can attend one or both sessions where they will play in the prep classrooms and playground.

5th-11th NOVEMBER
ENROLMENT MEET AND GREET
 Complete your enrolment paperwork to ensure you are invited to attend a Meet and Greet during this week.

5th DECEMBER
PREP ORIENTATION MORNING
 Meet the 2026 Classroom teacher and see the classroom. Only students who have enrolled can attend this special event.

Enrol Now or at the Prep Transition Sessions



Dates to Remember:

- Monday 24 November - Assembly - 2026 Leaders
- Friday 28 November - Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 2 December - Prep Hat Turning - 2025 cohort
- Wednesday 3 December - Prep 2026 Orientation
- Monday 8 December - Step Up Day - 2026 classes
- Tuesday 9 December- Year 6 Graduation
- Wednesday 10 December- Celebration of Success Assemblies -invitations to be sent.
- Friday 12 December - Final day of Term 4 and 2025 Year 6 bridge crossing - Farewell



*Class teachers to advise families of class parties via email.

Super News for 2026

Back to School Boost

The Back to school boost provides a \$100 credit for each primary school student from the start of 2026. This \$100 credit will assist families with school costs during 2026. A \$100 credit will be placed on the account of all students enrolled in Prep to Year 6 from the start of the 2026 school year.

Families choose which cost they will use their \$100 for throughout the year. For example, families may apply their 2026 Back to school boost towards the cost of the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) or, other school related expenses such as excursions, camps, or extra-curricular activities. Please note that the Back to school boost cannot be used for reimbursement of purchases made at external stores, nor can it be provided as a cash payment to families or students.



Supporting Reading at Picnic Creek



At Picnic Creek we believe that learning to read is one of the most important skills a child will ever learn. Reading is not a natural skill—it needs to be taught, supported, and practiced consistently both at school and at home. Our approach to teaching reading is based on the latest research. We focus on developing language comprehension by reading and discussing rich texts, building background knowledge, and explicitly teaching vocabulary and other key strategies.

Reading is complex, and while we are committed to providing every child with the support they need, we can't do it alone. Recent data shows that 1 in 3 Australian students are not reaching expected reading levels. With your support at home, we can work together to help your child become a confident, successful reader.

How You Can Help at Home

Reading is a partnership between school and home. Your support can make a big difference in your child's progress. Even if your child is a fluent reader, it is important that you look for opportunities to continue reading aloud to your child and having them read to you. There are many benefits to reading with your child. It also creates a special time each day for parents or carers to connect with their child. Reading aloud also provides opportunities to improve reading comprehension and exposure to a range of reading materials.

Here are a few easy ways to support reading at home

Read Together Every Day

Listen to your child read aloud. Reading daily, even for just 10–15 minutes, can significantly boost fluency and comprehension over time. Read to your child regularly (yes—even if they can read themselves!). Try choral reading—read the words together aloud.

Talk About the Book

Ask questions like:

“What do you think will happen next?”

“Why did that character do that?”

“Can you tell me what that word means?”



Encourage Practice on Reading Eggs or Reading Express or Fast Phonics

Your child has access to online reading programs (through the Student resource scheme) like Reading Eggs, Reading Express and Fast Phonics. These platforms offer fun, custom-levelled activities to help build skills and confidence.

