



APPLETHORPE STATE SCHOOL

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Principal's Message



This has certainly been quite a hectic week with the coloured sands recall, Industrial Action, staffing issues and Behaviour Reward days. Hopefully, it will all settle down a bit next week.

Industrial Action

Parents will be aware that members of the Queensland Teachers Union at the school will be undertaking Protected Industrial Action next Tuesday 25th November in relation to the next Enterprise Bargaining Agreement dispute with the State Government.

Further advice will be forwarded to parents tomorrow in relation to how the school will be operating next Tuesday.

Coloured Sands

The school does not have coloured sands in use in any classrooms.

Staffing

Mrs McBean has been on sick leave for the last three days and despite our best efforts the school has been unable to replace her in the classroom.

Mrs Gibbons had to leave at 11am today to attend an appointment in Toowoomba. Mrs Andrews replaced Melanie at 11.30am. Tomorrow, Mrs Favaro will be absent and replaced by Ms Rachella, Mrs Smith will be taking the Year 4 class and Mrs Harris will be attending the P-Year 3 excursion.

Behaviour Reward Days

All is in readiness for tomorrow's P-3 excursion to the Darling Downs Zoo. The bus will be leaving at 9am sharp. Students will need to be at school no later than 8:45am.

Next week's excursion to Seaworld for the Year 4-6 classes will necessitate a 5am departure from the school.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Ryan B, Liliana, Jake, Isla, Sarah, Bernie and Kaia.

2026 Student Resource Scheme

Invoices have been raised for payment, due by the 30th January 2026.

Year 6 Activities

Year 6 students have a busy couple of weeks ahead of them in relation to their transition to High School in 2026:-

Transition Learning Program

Year 6 students will be attending the TLP at SSHS this Tuesday and Wednesday 26th and 27th November.

SSHS Orientation Day

Year 6 Orientation Day will be held at SSHS on Tuesday, 9 December 2025 from 8.30am until 3.10pm. This is a great day for future year 7 students to experience a day as a high school student. It is also an important day to help build their confidence as they transition into year 7 in 2026.

Year 6 Lecturette Competition

This competition gets underway for selected students next Tuesday 25th November at Stanthorpe SS Library commencing at 7pm.

Swimming

Swimming classes continue at our normal times next Monday and Wednesday.

The small schools swimming carnival for students aged 9-12yrs will take place on Friday 5th December.

End of Year Break-up

The end-of-year break-up flyer is again included in today's newsletter. All food must be pre-ordered using the QR code provided as no food will be available to purchase on the night.

School Sport

All tennis fixtures were washed out last week. Applethorpe 2 will travel to Dalveen for their game. Applethorpe 1 will play Greenlands 1 at home tomorrow in the final of this year's competition.

Applethorpe 1 will be competing in the Ted Bonner Tennis Competition next Tuesday. This will mean they will miss some of the Transition Learning Program at the High School.

The chess competition will continue tomorrow at Stanthorpe State School.

Kind Regards
Martin Hodgson
Principal

Applethorpe APPS

Good Manners

Accept Responsibility

Respect for Others

Pride in our Work

Pride in our School.

2025 AIP Focus

- Reading
- Attendance

Coming Events

November

21st-Prep-Yr 3 - DD Zoo

24th-4-6 Swimming Continues

24th—Yr 6 Lecturette Comp.

26th-P-3 Swimming Continues

25th Ted Bonner Tennis Comp

26/ 27st - Year 6 TLP

28th - 4-6 SeaWorld

School Attendance Rate -

Every day counts.



90.6%

Community Notices

Bluelight Flyer

Bushkids Flyer

Break Up Flyer

Containers for Change

Scheme ID: C10134953

Please quote this number!



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Prep-1 News - Mrs Carmel Butler

We are sooooo excited that we are going on a fabulous excursion tomorrow to the Darling Downs Zoo. This trip is a reward for spectacular classroom and playground behaviour this Semester and I am delighted all of our Prep and Year 1 students are eligible to attend.

All students are loving our dance classes with the energetic and charismatic Jackson. They are amazing me with their great listening and performance skills. Their Auslan song brings a tear to the eye.



This week everyone has written the cutest retell of our imaginative text, 'The Terrible Plop'. I am blown away by the wonderful progress each child has made this year in their writing and reading. Our concert items are coming along well and we know you will love our performance at the end of the year.

Wishing you a wonderful week.

Year 2-3 News - Mrs Melanie Gibbons

The term is almost over! There has been a lot of exciting things happening in the Year 2/3 classroom. We have enjoyed our swimming and improving our swimming strokes. There are two more swimming lessons to go.

The class have completed some interesting activities learning about physics and impulsion. One of the activities was to stand in a line and roll a plastic ball on a piece of paper from one end to the other without dropping the ball. The Year 2/3's were amazed to learn that a person who may have rolled too quickly or the wrong way could cause them to drop the ball!



We also practiced coordination while walking with a cup on our head and moving an item between each hand. The students had a wonderful time doing these activities.

The behaviour reward day to the Darling Downs Zoo will be on this Friday. The students are very excited to go on the excursion. We ask that your child be at school by 8.45am for a 9am departure.

The Year 3's enjoyed completing their science experiment melting chocolate and ice. They were surprised that the chocolate didn't melt within the 15 minutes and used some wonderful scientific terms describing the results.

Have a wonderful week! Melanie and Ester.



Year 4-6 News - Mrs Gasparin and Mrs Favaro Mrs Smith

This last week, the year 2, 3 and 4 classes had the opportunity to participate in the Southern Downs Regional Council's sustainability education program for this year. This program links in with our current HASS units on waste management and resource usage.



We had two special guest presenters come and talk with us about how to 'Reduce, Reuse & Recycle' our waste. The year 4 students had prepared some very tricky questions and were able to test Alex and Eva's knowledge about the topic. These questions included asking about why plastics cannot



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break down when they come from natural products originally, the positive and negative impacts of wind power, and how things like batteries, aluminium and plastics are recycled locally.

The students did a great job showing their understanding about how waste is managed by council and what they can do to act responsibly when using the earth's resources.

Mrs Favaro

Next Wednesday and Thursday the Year 6 students will be participating in a two day Transition Learning Program. TLP will take place at Stanthorpe State High School where students will experience a variety of engaging activities as they prepare for their transition to high school. These activities include agricultural skills, cooking, Esports and leather work.

In English students have been writing a persuasive text which will be used as their lecturette for this term. Year 6 students have the opportunity to compete in the lecturette competition.

Students are finalising units of work and completing assessments across all subject areas.



Dance lessons continue each Wednesday afternoon. There will be an opportunity for parents to view the student dances in week 10.

Students participating in the chess competition will travel to Stanthorpe SS this Friday and Monday 25th November.



All students are looking forward to attending the SeaWorld excursion next Friday 28th November.



Community Notices



Applethorpe State School

End of year break up

- CELEBRATIONS - SCHOOL PRESENTATION - FAREWELL YEAR 6 - RAFFLES - BBQ DINNER

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2025

STUDENTS RECIEVE ONE FREE SAUSAGE & DRINK
STEAK BURGERS & SAUSAGE SIZZLE AVAILABLE

TO BOOK & PAY PLEASE SCAN QR CODE & FOLLOW PROMPTS. NO FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE DAY.

EXHIBITION CENTRE
STANTHORPE SHOW GROUND
1 / 3 HIGH STREET STANTHORPE



OPEN GATE 5PM

\$15 PER HEAD YOUR CHOICE OF

1X STEAK & SALAD
OR
2X SAUSAGE & SALAD

RSVP THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2025



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE 90 YEARS

Date: Thursday 4 December 2025
Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm
Location: 191 Wood St, Warwick

Opening of our new Nature Play Sandpit

Annual Multi Draw Raffle
• Family fun
• Morning tea

To attend - RSVP by 1st December to:
warwick@bushkids.org.au

STANTHORPE BLUE LIGHT

21 NOVEMBER 6PM - 8PM

HO HO HO

CHRISTMAS DISCO

PREP TO WIN &
ST PAULS ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL
CORUNDUM ST, STANTHORPE

MONSTER LUCKY DOOR RAFFLE

\$5 ENTRY

