



APPLETHORPE STATE SCHOOL

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Principal's Message



Bereavement

It is with great sadness that I inform the school community of the passing of Mrs. Pat Bradford last Sunday. Mrs. Bradford had worked as a Teacher Aide at Applethorpe State School since 2008 and had been on leave from April 2024 combatting her illness. May she Rest in Peace.

I informed the P&C at our meeting last night and I also informed the Year 4-6 students this morning. As Pat's funeral details come to hand I will pass these on to the School Community.

P&C Meeting

The October meeting was held last night with 6 people in attendance. Major business discussed included the upcoming Behaviour Reward days, approval of the 2026 Student Resource Scheme and the organization of the School Break-up on the 11th December.

2026 Student Resource Scheme

The 2026 Student Resource Scheme will remain at \$60 per student for 2026. This was ratified at last night's P&C meeting.

The scheme provides all school requisites for students to start off the new school year. Forms will be forwarded to families tomorrow for your consideration and are due back by the 17th November.

Year 6 Tallebudgera Camp

The School and P&C have substantially subsidised the cost of the Tallebudgera Camp for Year six students. Invoices have been forwarded to parents and should be finalised by the 24th October please.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Taj, Kayleigh, Kieran, Burleigh, Grayson, Jordi and Damien.



Swimming Lessons

Swimming classes will commence in Week 4. Year 4-6 students will go on Mondays from 9.30–10.30am.

Prep–Year 3 classes will be on most Wednesdays from 9.30–10:30 am.

Students will be transported by Crisps Coaches to and from the Stanthorpe Pool. The full cost of the lessons will be met by the school. Bus costs will be \$5.00 per student per lesson.

Prep Orientation Days

2026 Prep Orientation Days will commence next Thursday 23rd October. **Prep enrolments for 2026 need to be finalised as soon as possible.**

Day for Daniel

Our school will participate in the Morcombe Foundation's Day for Daniel on Friday 24th October. Lessons on Child safety will be conducted by all class teachers prior to the day. Students are asked to wear a red shirt on the Friday along with a Gold Coin donation to support the Morcombe Foundation.

School Sport

The inter–school Tennis competition gets underway tomorrow, Applethorpe 1 will play Applethorpe 2. Both teams will be finalised prior to their match.

Staff News

All school staff will be participating in PD activities over the next few weeks in relation to the V9 Curriculum.

Mrs Favaro and Mrs Gasparin will be away on the 24th October. Mrs Butler on the 27th/28th October. and Mrs. Gibbons on the 3rd November.

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
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Coming Events

October

23rd—Prep Orientation

24th— Day for Daniel

27th—Tallebudgera Camp

November

3rd/5th—Swimming



School Attendance Rate – 90.6%

Community Notices

Movie Flyer—SEEN

Halloween Flyer

Tennis Try Out Flyer

Containers for Change
Scheme ID: C10134953
Please quote this number!



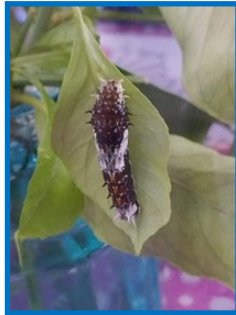
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Prep-1 News - Mrs Carmel Butler

We have had a fabulous educational week of fun and engagement. The 3 caterpillars I brought to school from my grapefruit tree have been a wonderful source of entertainment and learning. Through a camera snapshot and research, we have discovered they will change into Orchard Swallowtail Butterflies. We look forward to logging their life cycle journey as they grow and change in front of our eyes. Liliana has brought stink beetles from her lemon tree and Heidi a beautiful Monarch butterfly. So much interesting information to learn and study.



Preps and Year 1's are loving sharing their 'Special Place' with our class in our oral speaking sessions, including Show & Tell. This develops public speaking confidence and language skills. During 'Social Play' this week, students painted colourful 'Hungry Caterpillars', honed their fine motor skills with playdough fun and kinetic sand, constructed amazing creative items and played really well using turn taking and sharing. It is a pleasure to see these fantastic important lifetime skills developing.



Reading and comprehension competence for all students is rocketing. Everyone is making very good progress and spelling marks are through the roof due to students' hard work and the valuable support of all parents.

In Maths this week we have experimented with blocks to discover the capacity of different sized containers. Number activities have also been undertaken to consolidate the understanding of skip counting sequences.

In English students wrote about a Butterfly's life cycle. Preps are learning all about magic e, making i say its long sound.

Next week is our first of 4 Prep Orientation days. We can't wait to welcome our 2026 Preppies. Year 1's are looking forward to working in Mrs Gibbons' classroom.

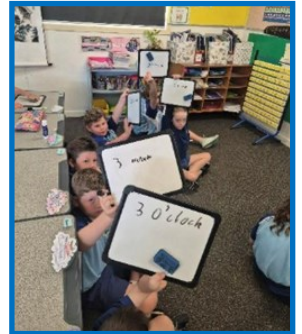
Wishing you a wonderful week.

Year 2-3 News - Mrs Melanie Gibbons

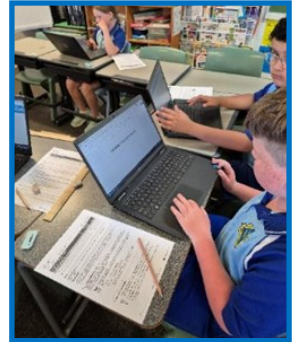
We have learnt a lot of new skills this week! The Year 3's have started to learn about mapping in greater detail. They have practised looking at different objects from a bird's eye view and started to understand the difference between 2D and 3D. We have also started to look at food and fibre production as part of our Design Unit. The Year 3's

are very interested in how their chosen food is produced and have made some discoveries about how foods such as potato chips and coco pops are made.

In Maths, we have been looking at how to read time on both analogue and digital clocks. Some of the concepts have been tricky, but the students are doing well with grasping duration and time.



We are practicing writing compound sentences in English and have used some amazing and tricky words. Both Year 2 and Year 3 are given a stimulus in which to write a persuasive text. They have been practising writing in paragraphs and are doing very well. This week's topic was convincing parents to pay children pocket money for chores! We had some interesting responses.



Our swimming notes went out in Monday's homework folders. Could you please ensure you have filled in both pages and return these ASAP. The students are looking forward to these lessons.

Have a wonderful week! Melanie and Ester

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

The students have started to use persuasive language and techniques to persuade me to visit different counties, towns, dislike bats and love Taylor Swift. The students are very creative and have picked up on how to write a persuasive letter very quickly. The students have been using rhetorical questions, emotive language and other persuasive techniques to analyse and write persuasive texts.

The students have been working hard in Maths. They have grasped the concept of following patterns and writing patterns really well. Year 4 have also done well to apply a range of mathematical skills to find unknown numbers in addition and subtraction questions. Keep up the great work, Year 4.

Science is always fun.

The students were archaeologists and used tools to dig up hidden items. The students have been amazed about how there are three main types of rocks (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks) and from there, there are numerous



types of rocks under those main headings. We will continue to research and investigate rocks and soil.



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Mrs Favaro

On Wednesday morning, the Year 6 students attended an online meeting in preparation for their camp in week 4. The Call to Adventure stage requires a pre-visit by staff from Tallebudgera to meet the students and invite them on a learning journey. Tallebudgera staff introduced the Hero's Journey, explored different types of heroes, explained what is required to prepare for the journey and identified the personal challenges that they may face on their camp journey. Students will be provided with a "Journal" to record details of their "Journey" which will be used throughout the camp experience to reflect on their learning.



Today in HaSS students began creating an information guide comparing Australia and Indonesia as part of their assessment. They will investigate the diverse characteristics of these two countries to create an information guide for exchange students.

In Science we are continuing to explore energy and electricity. After testing the components of the 'Steady Hand Game' last week, students are now required to choose an energy source to generate electricity to run the rides and games at two destinations - a desert area and an island. Students used their science knowledge to choose an appropriate energy source for the show in each of the different locations.

Our dance lessons continued yesterday afternoon which are a highlight of our week.

Thank you Sophie for bringing in your gorgeous puppies last Friday!



Community Notices

BUSHKIDS 90
MAKING EARLY YEARS COUNT

What if one evening could help you feel truly seen as a parent?

As part of BUSHKIDS 90th anniversary celebrations, join local families and services for a **FREE** community screening in Stanthorpe of the transformative parenting documentary **SEEN - The Film**.

seen THE FILM

STANTHORPE, QLD FILM SCREENING

Tuesday, 21st October
6:30pm | Doors open from 6pm

STANTHORPE CIVIC CENTRE,
61 MARSH STREET, STANTHORPE

RESERVE YOUR FREE TICKET HERE

Sponsored by **BUSHKIDS 90**

For further information, please contact:
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SPOOKY CARNIVAL

Exhibition Centre - Stanthorpe Show Grounds

Thursday 30th October
6.00PM - 8.00PM

Entry: \$6/ Child

AGES: 0-12 must have a adult
12-18 can attend alone
18+ NO ENTRY unless accompanying a child

Adults FREE - Must be accompanying a child

Booking via Trybooking
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1469001>

Food will be available for everyone to buy

SQUADRON ENERGY

Stanthorpe & District Tennis Club

COME & TRY DAY

OCTOBER 26, 9AM - 3PM

TENNIS COACHING FOR ALL AGES!

HOT SHOTS TENNIS| CARDIO TENNIS| SOCIAL TENNIS

+ ENJOY A SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND FUN FOR ALL

\$5 PER PLAYER

TENNIS FUSION

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