Oonoonba State School Newsletter

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Our Vision**.....'CONNECTING AND ENGAGING THROUGH LEARNING'**

Term 4, Week 8, 25th November 2026

2026 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Educational achievement: Strengthen the teaching of reading
Belonging and engagement: Refine multi-tiered systems of support

Dear Oonoonba State School Community

Welcome to Week 8. The last few weeks of school provides us with a great opportunity to support students in transitioning to the following year, and to consolidate their learning (along with plenty of fun activities). The weather is becoming very warm, so please ensure your children come to school with a drink bottle they can refill so they can easily access water through the school day.

COLOUR FUN RUN

We are excited to remind families that our Colour Fun Run will be held on this **Friday 27 November.** The Colour Fun Run is always a fun-filled event, and a fantastic opportunity for students to be active, have fun with their peers, and participate in a positive whole-school event. We thank our staff and families for supporting this exciting day and helping to make it a memorable experience for all students.



WEEK 9 PARADE

The last 'regular' parade for the year will be held next Monday 30 November in the CPA at 8:55am.

This will be the last time Student of the Week and 100 Gotcha Awards will be handed out on a school parade. There will also be a presentation to students who participated in 'Deadly Choices' this year.

WEEK 10 PARADE

The final parade for the school year will be held on Monday 07 December at 8:55am at the Multi-purpose Courts.

This is a longer than usual parade, where we acknowledge our outgoing and incoming Student Leaders, enjoy the school choir singing 'Advance Australia Fair', and farewell students and in particular Year 6 students with our traditional 'farewell walk-around'. We invite all members of the school community to the Multi-purpose Courts (not the CPA) to enjoy this special morning. Please bring along a portable chair.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Do you have your singing voices ready? Next Wednesday 02 December is our annual Oonoonba State School Christmas Carols! I can't wait to see all of our students performing in front of family and friends. Come along to the Multipurpose Court and join in the festivities. Don't forget to bring a portable chair!

TUCKSHOP
As the year comes to a close, the Tuckshop will be slowing stock orders to eliminate waste. You may notice the menu reducing and some items becoming unavailable. If unsure, please check with Emina. The Tuckshop will remain open until the 08th of December (Tuesday).

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) FOCUS
At Oonoonba State School, our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus continues to support students in developing safe, respectful and responsible behaviours in all settings. Our current focus is Being Respectful. This means showing kindness to others, using polite language, listening when others are speaking, caring for school property, and valuing the learning environment. Respect is an important part of building positive relationships and creating classrooms where everyone feels safe, included and ready to learn.
Families can support this focus at home by encouraging children to use respectful words and actions, take turns, listen carefully, and show consideration for others. By working together, we can continue to strengthen a positive and supportive school culture for all students.

DEPARTING STUDENTS
If your child in years Prep to Year 5 are leaving Oonoonba State School at the end of 2026, please let us know. It is important that you advise the school office by this Friday in particular, if you have not already done so.



Thank you for your commitment to your child's education and being part of the Oonoonba State School community.

Yours in education

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Sarah Comino
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

For those students who are enrolling for 2027 in a **state high school** such as Townsville SHS, William Ross SHS, Pimlico SHS or Kirwan SHS next year for example, there will be a transition day on **Wednesday 02 December 2026** (Term 4 Week 9) for all state high schools.

For parents of students in Year 6, it is important then that **the enrolment process has been completed** at the state high school their child/ren will be attending prior to this date, in order for them to go to that state high school on the transition day.

Year 6 students are unable to attend on this day if they and their parents/carers have not already completed the enrolment process, and enrolment is confirmed in that state high school for 2027.

Non-State High School Transition Days

For parents of Year 6 students attending **non-state high schools in 2027**, could you please contact Debbie Lang or Amelia Coles in our school's office to inform of transition/orientation day dates where your child will be absent from our school. This will assist us with any organisational arrangements and curriculum and teaching decisions that have to be made by teachers in Year 6 classrooms.

Are you leaving us at the end of this school year?

If your child/children is/are in the following year levels, please read the parent/carer action details in the table below.

Thank you for your assistance as this information will assist us to plan for next year.

Child/ren's Year Level this year 2026	Leaving us end of this year and confirmed WILL NOT be at Oonoonba SS in 2027
Prep Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5	1. Contact the school office 0747998333 Speak with Debbie Lang or Amelia Coles to give student/s details including that of destination school for next year. OR **Email:** admin@oonoonbass.eq.edu.au 1. **Subject:** Attention Debbie Lang or Amelia Coles. Give student/s details including that of destination school for next year.

2027 School Year Dates

Term 1:	27 January	-	25 March	09 weeks
Term 2:	12 April	-	25 June	11 weeks
Term 3:	12 July	-	17 September	10 weeks
Term 4:	05 October	-	10 December	10 weeks

Some Important Dates for Year 6 Students end of Year in Term 4 Week 10:

Please note important dates in the final weeks of the year, below:

Monday 07 December	08:55am	Whole School Final Parade in the **MPC** Note that this parade is **longer** than a usual parade
Tuesday 08 December	09:45am	Year 6 Farewell Celebration rehearsals excursion at James Cook University
	6:30pm	Year 6 Farewell Celebration at James Cook University George Kneipp Theatre

Please bring your own chair!

With regard to end of year activities coming up, some will require parents and family members to bring their own portable chair. Any activity in the **Multi-purpose court (MPC)** will require parents and family members attending to bring their own portable chair.

If you are attending next Monday's T4W09 school parade in the CPA, it might be an idea to bring a chair as seating is limited.

Term 4 Week 08 this Friday 27 November Second Break/Final session time changes due to P and C Colour Run activities

- **New** middle session time **= 11:50-12:50**
- **New** second break time **= 12:50-1:20**
- **New** final session time **= 1:20-2:50**

  This will ensure Colour run activities have concluded well before 2:50pm end of day school bell.

Christmas Carols

Next Wednesday Christmas Carols **start at 6:00pm.**

There will be an area marked off for students to sit in their year level classes in the MPC area.

Whilst school staff will be present inside the MPC area with students who are expected to remain inside the MPC area, there is no supervision outside this area.

Supervision of any students and students' siblings outside the MPC is parent/carer responsibility.

Have a great week!

Regards

Trevor Milton

2026 Term 4 (06 October —11 December)—Key dates to remember

(Events / Dates subject to change)

Week 5 **Monday 02/11** Parade	**Week 6** **Monday 09/11** Parade **Wednesday 11/11** Remembrance Day Ceremony 	**Week 7** **Monday 16/11** - Parade **Wednesday 18/11** Junior LEGO Robotics Competition **Thursday 19/11** Music Showcase Concert 4:30PM **Friday 20/11** AFL Auskick
Week 8 **Monday 23/11** Parade **Friday 27/11** P&C Colour Run AFL Auskick	**Week 9** **Monday 30/11** Parade—CPA Start 8:55AM **Tuesday 01/12** Interhouse Swimming Carnival **Wednesday 02/12** Christmas Carols 6:00PM Start	**Week 10** **Monday 7/12** Farewell Parade—MPC Start 8:55AM **Tuesday 08/12** Yr6 Farewell Celebration 6:30PM **Last day of tuckshop for 2026** **Wednesday 09/12** Yr 6 Excursion King Pin **NO Tuckshop 09-11**

2026—Calendar of Events *(Events/Dates subject to change)*

Term 2	Term 3 **(13 July—18 September)**	Term 4 **(6 October—11 December)**
School Photos—20 May Interhouse Athletics—23-24 June Instrumental Fanfare 4 June School Disco June 4	Yr 2 Excursion—Jezzine 26/08 Prep Come + Try Sessions School Disco 02/09 Book Week 18/09	Interhouse Swimming Carnival -Dec 1st Feel Good Expo 12/10 Christmas Carols Year 6 Graduation Tuesday 08 Dec



Student of the week....

Congratulations to the following students

Certificates will be presented to Students on parade on Monday.

P & C NEWS





Notes from Office



- **Colour Fun Run**—All students at the school can participate in this event for free. No need to fundraise or volunteer to have your student be a part of this, but consent is a must. Please read flyer on last page of Newsletter for more information.

- **LOST PROPERTY**—Our lost property is filling up. If you are missing any items, please come into the office. Items will also be out for collection during next weeks end of term parade Monday 30th. Our items range from jumpers, water bottles, lunch bags/containers, and misc.

PE News

Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Next Tuesday will mark the final event on the Oonoonba Interhouse Sporting calendar for 2026 – the Interhouse Swimming Carnival. 174 keen swimmers will be racing for their house to claim bragging rights. Tobruk are the current champions of the pool – who will take the trophy home this year?

Final information will go home with participating students this week.



Sporting Superstar



We have our own Superfish here at Oonoonba State School!

Henri in Year 6 has qualified for the upcoming Queensland State Long Course Championships held in Brisbane in December. Just showing what an all-rounder Henri is, he will be competing in the following 6 events:

- 50m Freestyle
- 50m Backstroke
- 50m Breaststroke
- 50m Butterfly
- 100m Backstroke
- 100m Breaststroke

Henri will be repping the Townsville Tiger Sharks as he takes on the Queensland's best. Go well Henri!

Yours in Sport

Matt Williams – HPE

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News from Music

Wow! What a wonderful afternoon of music-making we enjoyed last Thursday at our annual Music Showcase! A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who came along to support our young musicians. I'm sure some of you were surprised and delighted by what can be achieved when we work together to create something truly special.

Thank you also to all of our students who performed on the afternoon. I know there were a few nervous faces, but everyone did a fantastic job! The growth and development we have seen in our students' musical abilities this year has been exceptional, and they should all be incredibly proud of their achievements.

Instrument Returns

All borrowed school instruments need to be returned by the end of this week. If no one is available in the Music Room, please leave the instrument at the school office.

If your child will be continuing with their instrument next year, please remember to speak with their instrumental teacher about what you will need to purchase.

Christmas Carols Night – Wednesday 2nd December

Next Wednesday is our annual Christmas Carols Night! This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together, enjoy some Christmas cheer and celebrate the festive season through song.

Each year level will be performing a Christmas song for the audience to join in and sing along with.

The evening will begin at **6.00pm on the Multi-Purpose Courts** and is expected to finish around **7.30pm**.

So, it's time to get into the Christmas spirit, dress up in your favourite festive gear and join us for a lovely evening of music and community celebration. We look forward to seeing you there!



Oonoonba's Got Talent

What an incredible showcase of talent we have had this year at Oonoonba's Got Talent! Our students have certainly impressed us with an amazing range of performances, showcasing their creativity, confidence and unique abilities.

This year's competition featured a fantastic mix of acts, including gymnasts, singers, dancers, comedians, talented artists and even a rock band.

It has been wonderful to see so many students step outside their comfort zones, overcome their nerves and share their talents with the school community. Every performer deserves recognition for their courage and effort. The audiences have certainly played their part too, with plenty of enthusiastic cheering, clapping and applause filling the CPA throughout the performances.

Our finalists put on an outstanding show, and we congratulate each of them on making it to the Grand Final. They should all be incredibly proud of what they have achieved.

Following the counting of the audience votes, the competition was extremely close. However, there could only be one winner. Congratulations to this year's Oonoonba's Got Talent champions – our Year 6 rock band, Blood Sweat and Tears.

A huge congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to every student who participated, as well as everyone who supported and encouraged our performers along the way.

We can't wait to see what amazing talents our Oonoonba students will share with us in 2027.





DEFENCE NEWS

Hello, We are getting closer to the end of the year. If you are posting out or changing schools could you please let myself or Debbie Lang in the office know. Also, if you have a Defence Kids Passport you would like filled in please bring it to my room and I will get it back to you hopefully the same day. If you have any questions please come and see me or email me. Till next time take care.

Miss Donna DSM
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Australian Government
Defence



2027 Defence Welcome & Information Expo

Defence Member & Family Support Townsville invite ADF members and families to our Welcome and Information expo!

Whether you are brand new to Townsville or have been here a while, this is the perfect chance to connect, explore, and discover what's on offer for Defence families in the region.

☆ What to expect:
Over 100 exhibitors, including local community and sporting groups, government organisations and service providers.

- Meet the Townsville DMFS team in person
- Giveaways, interactive activities, and fun for all ages
- Food and drinks available to purchase

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WHERE: Emmaus Hall at Ryan Catholic College, Morindo Drive, Kirwan
WHEN: Saturday 30 January 2027, 9:30am-12:00pm
REGISTER: Eventbrite: 2027 Defence Welcome Expo Townsville
MORE INFO: email dmfs.townsville@defence.gov.au or ph 4430 3879

To defend Australia and its national interests in order to advance Australia's security and prosperity
www.defence.gov.au

Link: Eventbrite: 2027 Defence Welcome Expo Townsville

TUCKSHOP NEWS

LAST DAY OF TUCKSHOP WILL BE TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER.
TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON THE 9TH ,10TH & 11TH FOR CLASS PARTIES, STAFF LUNCH AND CLEANING.

CLASS PARTY FUN

WE'RE EXCITED TO SHARE THAT PREP, YEAR 1 & 2EB CLASS PARTIES WILL BE RUN THROUGH THE TUCKSHOP. TO KEEP THINGS EASY FOR FAMILIES, PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE CONVENIENTLY THROUGH FLEXISCHOOLS AND OR OVER THE COUNTER

- PREP C, O & FM – WEDNESDAY 9TH (WEEK 10) – $8.00 PER STUDENT
- YEAR 1 – WEDNESDAY 9TH (WEEK 10) – $8.00 PER STUDENT
- 2EB – ICECREAM PARTY WEDNESDAY 9TH (WEEK 10) – $3.00 PER STUDENT

IF YOU'RE ABLE TO SPARE A LITTLE TIME TO HELP, IT WOULD BE SO APPRECIATED AND WILL HELP MAKE THE DAY EXTRA SPECIAL FOR THE KIDS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! 💛

LITTLE CHRISTMAS TREATS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE NEXT THURSDAY & FRIDAY!
DECORATED GINGERBREAD STUDENTS $3 & RED/GREEN JELLY CUPS $2
AVAILABLE VIA FLEXISCHOOLS AND OR TO ORDER OVER THE COUNTER

ICED GINGERBREAD LATTE WITH VANILLA AND CINNAMON COLD FOAM. $6.00
COME SEE OUR TEAM NEXT WEEK FOR YOUR SPECIALTY ICED LATTE. ITS LIKE CHRISTMAS IN A CUP. TREAT YOURSELF.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – CHRISTMAS STAFF FEAST 11TH DECEMBER

WE'RE LOOKING FOR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS TO HELP COOK A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FEAST FOR OUR AMAZING STAFF AS A THANK YOU FOR A FANTASTIC YEAR.
AS A LITTLE BONUS, AFTER HELPING YOU'LL GET TO SIT DOWN AND ENJOY THE DELICIOUS MEAL AT YOUR OWN BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED TABLE. THE STAFF ALSO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE COST OF THE MEAL FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS AS A THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT.

🕗 HELP NEEDED: 11TH DECEMBER @ 8:30AM – 11:00AM
🍽️ VOLUNTEERS THEN JOIN US TO ENJOY LUNCH FROM 11:00AM
IF YOU'RE ABLE TO HELP AND BE PART OF THIS FESTIVE DAY, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

Reminder!



Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to $500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

saverplus

saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355



Book Packs
Yes, we will be doing book packs again!

Unfortunately, we have had some trouble sourcing a company to do this, however we have now **secured a company** to do this for us.

Packs will be available to order soon!
So keep your eye out!

Watch this space!



