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News From the Principal – Mrs Glenda Moloney

Welcome to the 2026 School Year

Welcome to the start of a new school year. I hope all families enjoyed a holiday break and managed to stay cool out of the heat!

The beginning of the year is always an important time as students settle into new classes, build relationships with teachers and peers, and establish routines that support learning and wellbeing. Our staff have worked hard to prepare classrooms and learning programs that reflect high expectations for every student and align with the Australian Curriculum.

In 2026, our continued focus is on strong foundations in learning, particularly reading. We know that when students attend regularly, feel safe and supported, and are explicitly taught essential skills, they are far more likely to succeed. Teachers will be working collaboratively throughout the year to ensure teaching practices are consistent, evidence-based, and responsive to student needs.

We value our strong partnership with families. Your support in ensuring students **arrive on time (after 8.30am), are ready to learn (following school expectations), and maintain regular attendance (every day counts)** makes a real difference! Together, we can build positive habits that support both academic success and personal growth.

I encourage families to stay connected through our newsletters, Facebook, school events and conversations with teachers. Open communication and shared responsibility are key to supporting every child to achieve their best.

We have approximately 185 days of learning left for 2026 – let's make the most of them!

I look forward to working with our students, staff and families throughout the year and to celebrating the many successes that lie ahead.

News from the Head of Special Education Services – Mrs Alison Fisher

HELPING YOUR CHILD DEVELOP STRONG ORAL LANGUAGE SKILLS

The importance of supporting student mental health and wellbeing is well established. Nurturing student wellbeing in safe and inclusive school environments helps children and young people to be resilient, confident and lifelong learners. Resilient and confident students not only perform better academically but are more likely to develop and maintain healthy, positive relationships and make responsible lifestyle choices.

True student engagement is about more than good classroom behaviour or attendance. It can look very different for each student and it varies in intensity and duration. To support student wellbeing and engagement at St George State School, students have nominated 2 staff members that they feel a connection with as their '**champion**'. These '**champions**' regularly check in with students to monitor their social emotional wellbeing, providing them with an ear to listen if they have something to share or need support. The purpose of this process is to build relationships with all members of our school community, to foster feelings of belonging and inclusion. How this relationship develops depends on the individual student and can be as simple as a 'hello' each morning or sharing a chat at lunch time.

Over the next week or two, students will nominate who they would like as their **'champion'**, so staff know who they need to check in with on a regular basis. This is not a formal process and can be fluid as needs arise or circumstances change.

St George State School



Miss Anderson Mrs Anderson Mrs Beeson Mrs Bowhay Mr C Miss Crowe Mr Davis Mrs Davis Mrs Fisher



Mrs Gilbert Miss Hacker Miss Hadenfeldt Mr Holmes Miss Hopkins Mr Iandolo Mrs Iandolo Mrs Kings Mrs L Mrs Moloney



Miss Pickett Mrs Riley Miss Saunders Miss Skea Mrs Smith Mrs Sobek Miss Twidale Miss Weatherall Miss Wilson Mrs York

Who is your champion?

News from the Head of Department Curriculum – Mrs Kate Smith **Welcome Back to Another Great Year at St George State School!**

As we kick off the new school year, we are excited to welcome our students and families back for what promises to be another fantastic year filled with learning and new experiences.

Be sure to keep an eye on the school calendar for key dates throughout the year. In Term 1, we have some exciting events lined up, including the '3 Way Yarns' (Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences), NAPLAN, Year 5/6 Camp, and Open Classrooms. Further information about these events will be shared in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

As we begin 2026, I am thrilled to continue in my role as Head of Department Curriculum. I look forward to working closely with our dedicated staff to enhance and improve our curriculum implementation across P-6. Together, we continue to focus on providing engaging, high-quality learning experiences for all students, ensuring they are equipped with the skills and knowledge to succeed.

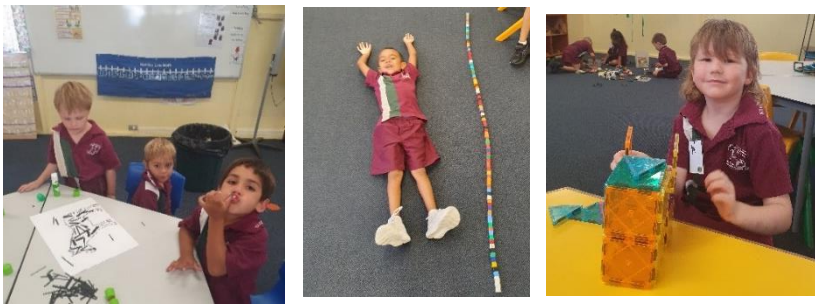
Here's to another year of teaching and learning!

News from Prep – Mrs Kellie Davis

Welcome to the 2026 school year! Our Prep class has had a wonderful start and has settled beautifully into life at St George State School despite the heat. It has been a joy getting to know the students as we establish classroom expectations, learn school routines, and build positive relationships with one another.

In English students have begun exploring the text *The Very Cranky Bear*. Through shared discussions they are learning to unpack the story, which will support their retell later in the term. In Mathematics, students have been busy using bean bags to explore position and working with a range of manipulatives to develop their counting, sorting, and measuring skills.

Please ensure your child brings munch and crunch, a water bottle, and a hat each day. I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, growth, and fun with your child in Prep.



BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club pamphlets were distributed to children this week. There are some wonderful books at great prices!

Families must use **Linked Online Ordering & Payments (LOOP)** for Parents at: <http://www.scholastic.com.au/> There you will be able to easily enter your order and pay via secure Westpac payment gateway and pay using your credit card. All orders must be in before 12 noon on Thursday 12 February 2026.

When orders return to the school, the office staff will organise for individual orders to get to students for them to take home. We will also hold orders for you to pick up if you are buying presents or similar. Please do not feel obliged to purchase from every Book Club as there are 2 issues of Book Club every Term, and other opportunities throughout the year including Book Fairs.

News from 1/2A – Miss Phillipa Hacker

Welcome everyone to a new year of learning!

I am very excited to introduce our new 1/2A class for 2026. We have hit the ground running with our learning. This term in English, students will be creating a procedure and sharing it with their class. In Mathematics, students will be collecting, representing and understanding data as well as giving and following directions.

Remember to send your students with a full water bottle, a hat and a fruit or vegetable snack for munch and crunch. This helps ensure we start our day smoothly with minimal interruptions! We can't wait for all that's to come in 2026!

News from 1/2B – Mrs Marie-Ann Sobek

Welcome to 1/2B for 2026. I am so excited for the year ahead, the learning, adventures and fun to be had. The class has settled really well into the classroom routines and are following all school expectations. The transition

from Prep to Year 1 and Year 1 to Year 2 have been smooth and students have had a great beginning to the term. I look forward to seeing them all grow this year.



SWIMSTART ROUND 3

SwimStart voucher program supports learn to swim activities for 0-4 year olds. Parents, carers or guardians can apply for a voucher valued up to \$150 for their child, which can be used towards swimming lessons with a registered SwimStart activity provider.



Limited to 1 voucher per child per financial year. For more information email swimstartvouchers@sport.qld.gov.au or visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/swimstart/apply.

\$200 PLAY ON! SPORTS VOUCHERS



Help your kids get active and play their favourite sport with the \$200 Play On! Sports Vouchers.

For more information, visit qld.gov.au/backtoschool

A warm welcome to our families and students of 3/4A! My name is Mr Ryan Holmes and I am looking forward to teaching your children this year.

This term in English, students are examining persuasive texts and will produce an oral presentation for an audience. We are using the books *The Pencils on Strike* and *Daisy Eat Your Peas* as our focus texts.

This term in Mathematics, students are beginning with number concepts including ordering and representing numbers beyond 10 000, as well as representing tenths as both fractions and decimals. We will also focus on the concepts of space and statistics during the term.

I'm really looking forward to all the learning we'll do together this term! Please remember to bring water bottles to stay hydrated and fruit for Munch and Crunch.

News from 3/4B – Miss Rosie Pickett

Welcome back to St George State School for 2026! My name is Miss Pickett, and I am excited to be teaching 3/4B this year.

This term in English, we will be presenting persuasive texts. Students will need to express an opinion or preference, as well as share their ideas and information, to convince an audience. This will be based on the book, 'Pencils on Strike!'

This term in Maths we will be learning about number, space, and statistics. Students will need to understand and create maps and symmetrical patterns. They will also be collecting, interpreting, and graphing data.

Remember to bring a hat, water bottle, and a piece of fruit for munch and crunch every day. I look forward to a term full of learning.

News from 5/6A – Miss Isabel Anderson



Welcome to Term 1! Students in 5/6A have had an excellent start to the year and have already hit the ground running with their learning. In English we have been reading the text *The Short and Incredibly Happy Life of Riley*. Students will use their learning from this text to create and present a persuasive argument to an audience. In Mathematics we have been practising our problem-solving skills using the four operations along with exploring positive and negative numbers in a range of contexts. We are looking forward to all this term has to offer, especially Year 5/6 Camp in Week 4! All students are encouraged to continue to bring a hat and water bottle every day!

News from 5/6B – Miss Emma Crowe

In English students have been developing their persuasive writing skills, learning how to structure a strong persuasive argument to present clearly to an audience. We have been reading 'The Short and Incredibly Happy Life of Riley' as a focus text.

In Maths students have been building their understanding of positive and negative integers, exploring how they are used and represented in different ways.

News from HASS/Tech/YCDI – Miss Olivia Skea

Welcome back to school for 2026! The first two weeks of learning have flown by, and it's been wonderful to see so many eager faces at school each day.

In Prep students have begun the *You Can Do It!* program and have been learning all about success. We talked about things we once couldn't do that we can now, and how this shows our growth and success. Students shared their achievements, such as riding a bike, using the monkey bars, opening a packet of food, and even learning new things at school.

In Year 1/2 students have started Digital Technologies. We explored the different parts of a computer and discussed what we use computers for. Students learned which keys to press to log on to the school computers and how to type a capital letter. We are very excited to visit the computer labs in the coming weeks.

In Years 3–6 students have started the term with HASS. In 3/4, we have been learning about different groups within the St George community and how they form part of our identity. We also had a lively debate about rules and laws, where students shared their opinions on why laws are important to keep us safe. In 5/6, we have been learning about how Australia became a Federation and are looking forward to learning about the different levels of government in the coming weeks.



News from HPE – Miss Jessie Twidale

As we begin a new school year, Health and Physical Education (HPE) is off to an energetic and exciting start! HPE plays a vital role in supporting students' physical, social, and emotional wellbeing, and this year we'll be focusing on building strong foundations for lifelong healthy habits. Students will engage in Health lessons in terms 1 and 4 and Physical education in terms 2 and 3.

This term students will engage in Health lessons. Students will explore topics such as personal growth and the changes that occur as we grow older (yr 1/2), identity and what makes us special and what influences who we are (Prep and yr 3/4), and lastly friendships and relationship and how emotions and behaviour impact how we interact with others. These lessons aim to build resilience, self-awareness, and positive relationships, helping students feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.

It is also the beginning of Balonne District Sports. We begin the year with 10-11 mixed and 10-12 yrs girls netball. Notes are available in the office with the trials being held on the 2nd March from 1pm-3pm at the St George Netball courts. 11-12 yrs boys rugby league and 10-12yrs Basketball will also occur this term. Notes will be handed out in the next couple of weeks.

Any questions regarding sport please contact the school office.

PCL News – Mrs Sue Anderson

It's great to be back and already hard at work for 2026. All students have settled into their classes very well and following school expectations closely.

Our three school expectations are still: I am Safe, I am Respectful and I am Responsible. We also expect that our students will practise kindness in all they do. This year teachers along with their classes, have chosen 3-5 class rules which talk about behaviour in the classroom. These rules are linked to social skills which are valuable for all of us to practise (eg I follow instructions).

Positive Culture for Learning (PCL)
Expectations that promote a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment
at St George State School

KIND WORDS AND KIND ACTIONS – EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE AND EVERY DAY

I am Safe
When I am safe no one gets hurt. Being kind helps everyone feel safe.

- I am helping, not hurting – I keep my hands, feet and objects to myself
- I use *Peli's 5*
- I use equipment correctly

I am Respectful
When I am respectful I treat others with kindness. Being kind shows respect to everyone.

- I follow instructions first time, every time
- I allow the teacher to teach and other students to learn
- I help others and encourage them to do their best

I am Responsible
When I am responsible I do the right thing. Being kind is being responsible because it helps others.










- I am in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing
- I am a learner – I have a go
- I accept consequences for my behaviour

Students who choose to follow our School expectations and Classroom Rules may earn PELI BUCKS. These can be banked weekly and spent at Peli's Pitstop- a great REWARD SHOP that will be held every five weeks. Students will also be earning:

- A Peli Pin (when they have earned 60 Peli Bucks)
- Wristbands (20 bucks/Expectation)
- End of term reward events.

Please see our Acknowledgement Chart which explains our Reward System. Peli awards are always presented on Parade in even weeks and you will receive a text message from the office to let you know if your child is receiving an award.

ACKNOWLEDGING KIND WORDS AND KIND ACTIONS – EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE AND EVERY DAY

All Year	Term 2 & 3	Term 4			
<p>Class:</p>  <p>10 fish in Peli's Belly = 10 minutes whole class reward</p> <p>Whole Class Reward options are brainstormed with the class</p> <p>House Points: Leichhardt, Mitchell and Nixon</p>  <p>10</p> <p>House Points count towards Buffalo Lodge Shield</p> <p>Peli Bucks:</p>  <p>PELI BUCKS – Spend at Peli's Pitstop Week 5 and 10</p> <p>60 Peli Bucks Join Peli Club & Receive Peli Pin</p> <p>End Term 1 reward for Peli Club Members</p>	  <p>60 Peli Bucks Join Peli Club & Receive Peli Pin</p>  <p>Safe Respectful Responsible</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>20 Safe Peli Bucks = Wristband</td> <td>20 Respectful Peli Bucks = Wristband</td> <td>20 Responsible Peli Bucks = Wristband</td> </tr> </table> <p>End Term 2 reward for students who have earned all 3 wristbands</p> <p>End of Term 3 reward for students who have earned another 60 Peli Bucks</p>	20 Safe Peli Bucks = Wristband	20 Respectful Peli Bucks = Wristband	20 Responsible Peli Bucks = Wristband	   <p>End Term 4 reward for students who have earned another 60 Peli Bucks</p>
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We look forward to many great things ahead in 2026!

Yarning Circle – 5/6B

On Monday afternoon, 5/6 B visited the Yarning Circle. We talked about what we wanted to be when we grew up! We had lots of great discussions.



Congratulations to our students who received Student of the Week and Goal Getter for Week Two.



Students of the Week demonstrate the school expectations "I am Safe, I am Responsible, I am Respectful."

Prep: *Zachariah* - For following instructions first time, every time. (I am Respectful)

1/2A: *Remi* - For following instructions first time, every time. (I am Respectful)

1/2B: *Indy C* - For consistently following instructions first time, every time. (I am Respectful)

3/4A: *Malayah* - For consistently being ready to learn during class time. (I am Respectful)

3/4B: *Jaylah* - For consistently following instructions from all staff first time, every time. (I am Respectful)

5/6A: *Mason O* - For having a great start to Year 6 by being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing. (I am Safe)

5/6B: *Ryder* - For following instructions first time, every time. (I am Respectful)

ARTS: *Evelyn W* - For cleaning a work station without being asked. (I am Kind)

ARTS: *Chloe* - For working with focus and creating amazing art. (I am a learner)

HPE: *Zachariah* - For following instructions first time, every time. (I am Respectful)

HPE: *Malayah* - For following instructions first time, every time. (I am Respectful)

HASS/Tech: *Rose* - For actively contributing to class discussions during HASS. (I am a Learner)

HASS/Tech: *Mackenzie* - For expressing her opinions about rules and laws during HASS. (I am Respectful)

Science: *Mason R* - For completing all tasks carefully in his book. (I am Responsible)

Science: *Amelia D* - For completing all tasks carefully in her book. (I am Responsible)

Goal Getters demonstrate the school expectation "I am a learner." These students have been able to show us what they know.

Prep: *Phoebe* - For working hard to blend syllables to say words.

1/2A: *Ellie* - For saying the sounds to write the words.

1/2B: *Issabella* - For reading fluently and with expression.

3/4A: *Kiellah* - For giving her best effort during Word Study

3/4B: *Kendall* - For consistently trying his best during Word Study.

5/6A: *Liam* - For giving his best effort to complete Word Study tasks to a high standard.

5/6B: *Chelsea* - For reading her dictation passage with fluency.

Buffalo Lodge Shield

Leichhardt

80

Mitchell

260

Nixon

20

EVERY DAY COUNTS

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 WEEK 1	26 Public Holiday	27 First Day Term 1 BACK SCHOOL	28	29	30 PARADE	31
1 WEEK 2	2	3 PAC meeting	4 TUCK SHOP	5	6 PARADE	7
8 WEEK 3	9	10	11 TUCK SHOP	12 Change Protection	13 PARADE	14
15 WEEK 4	16	17	18 TUCK SHOP	19 Change Protection	20 PARADE	21
22 WEEK 5	23	24 PAC meeting	25 TUCK SHOP	26 Change Protection	27 PARADE	28 OPEN CLASSROOMS

NOTES First Day Term 1

Welcome to **St George State School for 2026!**

Back to school boost

The Qld Government has introduced the Back to School Boost (B2SB) from 2026, which provides \$100 for every primary school student to assist families with school-related costs. More information is coming soon. Sign up to QParents now.

NOTES

Breakfast provided daily

PARADE 8:50am in the hall

Orders must be placed & paid for by 9am

Instrumental Music

9-10am in the Playgroup hall (Starting Week 3)

3pm in the Office Common Room

CUC Smoking Ceremony for Year 5/6 Students and School Leaders. Please provide consent via QParents.

2025 Student Leaders Induction following parade. Invitations will be sent to Leader's families.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP at Emu Gully

School Photo Day! Envelopes will be sent home with students. Sibling envelopes are available from the office.

Open Classrooms Straight after parade

MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WEEK 6	2	3	4 TUCK SHOP	5 Change Protection	6 PARADE	7
8 WEEK 7	9 BOOK FAIR	10 BOOK FAIR	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13 PARADE	14
15 WEEK 8	16	17	18 TUCK SHOP	19 Change Protection	20 PARADE	21
22 WEEK 9	23	24 PAC meeting	25 TUCK SHOP	26 Change Protection	27 PARADE	28
29 WEEK 10	30	31	1 TUCK SHOP	2 Final Day Term 1 Reward Session	3 Good Friday	4

NOTES

School Resumes Monday 20 April

Newsletters are distributed electronically each fortnight. If you would like a paper copy, please let the office know.

QParents is a secure online portal for families to access information about their children. Sign up now to:

- Notify student absences 24/7
- Provide digital consent for excursions
- Access report cards
- View invoices and make online payments

NOTES

Breakfast provided daily

8:50am in the hall **PARADE**

Orders must be placed & paid for by 9am

9-10am in the Playgroup hall

Instrumental Music

Book your Parent-Teacher-Student Yarn online or see Ruth or Kate in the office

BOOK FAIR

We will have a large variety of books available to purchase from the Library. Further details will be provided regarding opening times

3pm in the Office Common Room

PARADE meeting

NAPLAN For Year 3 & 5 students