

UNDURBA STATE SCHOOL

Hilltop Herald



TERM 1 WEEK 6 2026

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Check out the fortnightly news from from our Principal, Mrs Leanne Odorico. Great things have been happening at Undurba and we love sharing them with our community!

[Term 1 Week 6 Principal's News](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 1 2026 (Key: F = Parents and Families welcome to attend, S = Student event only)

7	<p><u>Mon 9th March</u> Year 4DE: Bunyaville excursion</p> <p><u>Tue 10th March</u> Student Leaders: Halogen Young Leaders excursion S</p> <p><u>Wed 11th – 23rd March</u> NAPLAN Testing: Years 3 and 5</p> <p><u>Fri 13th March</u> Assembly: P-2 8:35am-9:35am F</p>	8	<p><u>Mon 16th March</u> Year 1: Raw Art incursion S P-6 Parents: How Reading can be Supported at Home, presented by Kelli Bishop, from 2:00pm until the bell P&C Meeting: from 6:15pm in the Hall</p> <p><u>Tue 17th – 19th March</u> Parent Teacher Interviews</p> <p><u>Fri 20th March</u> Assembly: Years 3-6 8:35am-9:05am F Student Disco: from 4:00pm (sessions to be advised)</p>
9	<p><u>Mon 23rd – 25th March</u> Year 2: Bunyaville excursion (class days to be advised)</p> <p><u>Fri 27th March</u> Years P-6: Cross Country 8:35am-10:35am F Assembly: To be advised</p>	10	<p><u>Mon 30th March</u> Year 2: Bunyaville excursion (class days to be advised)</p> <p><u>Thurs 2nd April</u> Prep: Easter Hat Parade 2:00pm F Final Day of Term 1</p> <p><u>Fri 3rd April</u> Public Holiday: Good Friday</p>



TERM 2 2026 (Key: F = Parents and Families welcome to attend, S = Student event only)

1	<p><u>Mon 20th April</u> First Day of Term 2 P&C Meeting: from 6:15pm in the Hall</p> <p><u>Thurs 23rd April</u> Yr 6 School and Vice Captains: Brisbane Schools ANZAC Ceremony S</p> <p><u>Fri 24th April</u> Yrs 3-6: Undurba ANZAC Assembly from 9:00am Yr 5 Undurba Connect students: from 1:00pm S</p>	2	<p><u>Mon 27th April – Fri 1st May</u> Intergenerational Week</p> <p><u>Fri 1st May</u> Yr 5-6: Interschool Sport</p>
3	<p><u>Mon 4th May</u> Public Holiday: Labour Day</p> <p><u>Tue 5th – Fri 8th May</u> P&C's Mothers' Day Stall</p> <p><u>Fri 8th May</u> Yr 5 Undurba Connect: from 1:00pm S</p>	4	<p><u>Thurs 14th – Fri 15th May</u> Prep: Raw Art incursion S</p>

Communicating with your child's school

We value open and respectful communication with parents and carers, to support student learning.

✓ You can expect schools to:

- recognise and celebrate your child's achievements
- report on your child's academic progress
- communicate about your child's learning, wellbeing and development
- inform you of any serious issues concerning your child
- alert you on the same day if your child is absent without a reason
- forward requests needing your consent or payment
- provide regular school updates and notify you of school events
- offer opportunities and ways to give feedback
- offer parent/carer-teacher interviews twice per year.

✗ You should not expect:

- an immediate response to non-urgent inquiries — it may take a minimum of 2 or more business days
- staff to return calls or reply to emails outside standard business hours (including evenings and weekends)
- a response from staff to social media messages from their personal account
- access to teachers' personal phone numbers or emails
- teachers to discuss school matters when not at work (e.g. if you see a teacher outside of school hours in the community)
- meetings with staff during the school day without an appointment
- to be allowed on school grounds if you have been aggressive or harassed staff or students.

💬 Contact your child's school if:

- your child will be absent, providing the reason
- you are concerned about your child's learning, social progress or wellbeing
- there are changes to your child's medical information
- there are changes in family circumstances

- you notice safety issues or behaviour changes at home
- issues arise that may affect student and/or staff safety at school
- you need to make or change an appointment.



When contacting your child's school:

- contact the school administration for general inquiries
- follow the school's processes for requesting meetings or contact with teachers
- for more complex or sensitive issues, request a face-to-face meeting to give the matter the attention it needs
- allow staff time to respond to your inquiry, remembering that teachers' priorities during the day are in the classroom.



How you can help your child's school:

- keep your contact details up-to-date
- read school communications
- use polite language in all spoken and written messages
- be open to ideas and willing to compromise if needed to reach an agreement.



If you are unhappy about something that has happened at school, you can make a complaint:

- first raise your concern with the school by making an appointment or sending an email
- if you're not happy with the outcome, you can speak with the principal or take your [complaint](#) to the school's [Regional Office](#). All complaints about staff or school operations are handled fairly.

From The HPE Team

Cross Country Carnival: 8:35 – 10:35am 27th March

The Cross Country Carnival is on the 27th of March. Mrs Jones has bought the ice blocks and they are in the freezer. So make sure you come along, wear your house colours and participate to earn points for your sports house! Durakai and Uralba have won the trophy ...is it time for Nimoola to win?



Met North Regional Swimming Carnival: 2nd March

Congratulations to Ella, Layla, Matthew, Tavita and Arabella on your selection in the Pine District Team to compete at the Met North Regional Swimming Carnival on the 2nd March. GO PINE!!

Interschool Sport for Year 5 & 6 Students starts Term 2

Interschool Sport for Year 5 & 6 starts after the Easter holidays in Term 2. Please talk to your friends and family to work out what sport you would like to select: Basketball for girls, Dodgeball (boys and girls), League Tag for Boys, Cricket (boys and girls), Soccer (boys and girls), Netball (boys and girls). Training will be on Friday afternoons during school time and will start in Week 8 on the 20th March. Permission forms are due by the end of March.



Pine District Netball trials: 5th March

Yesterday, Mrs Kennedy, Evie, Amelia and Lucy represented Undurba at the Pine District Netball Trials. All three girls were selected for the next level and will attend district trials. Mrs Kennedy was very proud of the students for not only their skills but for their sportsmanship and resilience. CONGRATULATIONS EVIE, AMELIA AND LUCY!



Have you seen the curlews visiting Chappy's Garden?

We've had a pair of curlews that have become regular visitors to Chappy's Garden near the Resource Centre. Sometimes they're hard to spot because they blend in so well. A group of eager students in Year 5 and 6 have been keeping a close eye on the curlews and have even doing some of their own research to find out more about them!



From The Arts Team

What an amazing first six weeks it has been! Arts subjects, clubs and instrumental programs are now in full swing, and it has been wonderful to see students' creativity and enthusiasm.

Prep Dance students have been developing their gross motor skills and exploring how to move various parts of their bodies through music and movement.

Year 2 Music students have been learning about graphic notation, using drawings to show high and low pitch, while also practising their rhythm skills.

Year 4 and 5 Music students have begun learning to play the glockenspiel and recorder, with Hot Cross Buns quickly becoming a class favourite.

Year 1 Drama students are enjoying storytelling with our puppets, while **Year 3 Drama** students have been analysing dramatic plays and characters like the Queen of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland.

Club Activities

Our Arts clubs are now up and running and the level of interest this year has been outstanding!

Following the success of our sign-on week, we have needed to make a few adjustments to the clubs' timetable to accommodate student participation. Please see the updated schedule below.

Monday: Guitar Club – Music Room

Tuesday: Year 5 Dance Club – Hall

Wednesday: Show Club – Hall; Junior Chorale: Music Room

Thursday: Year 3 & 4 Dance Club – Hall

Friday: Year 6 Dance Club – Hall

Instrumental Music

Instrumental lessons and before-school rehearsals are also well underway, and we are thrilled to see so many students involved.

Please note that morning rehearsals begin promptly at 7:30am. To help them run smoothly, students are reminded to arrive on time and bring their instrument, music and any required equipment. Regular attendance, being organised and arriving prepared to participate helps everyone make the most of our rehearsal time together.



Year 4 visits Bunyaville Environmental Centre

This week, some of our Year 4 classes visited Bunyaville to learn more about erosion and weathering. Some of the activities they did include a bush walk to spot evidence of erosion, conducted simple experiments on the pond water for pH, turbidity, temperature and salinity to assess its health, recorded data on the macroinvertebrates that were present in the pond water, and finally, they planted new trees to help restore a patch of forest that had been cut down. They learnt so many new things and also reinforced so much of the learning they had already been doing at school. They were very tired but had a great day! 4D and 4E can't wait for their turn to go on Monday!



2D are being Water Wise!

2D had an exciting surprise last week with a visit from Whizzy the water drop.

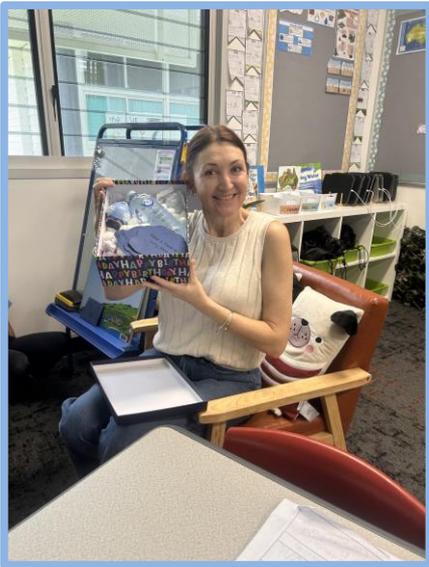
His visit linked perfectly with our Science unit where we've been learning about water as a natural resource and how we can conserve it. Whizzy left us a precious gift, a bottle of water, along with some thoughtful questions to get us thinking.

We read *Whizzy's Incredible Journey*, which follows Whizzy through the water cycle, into homes and back through the environment. The story helped us understand the different stages of the cycle, and we created actions to match our water cycle song.

The next day, Whizzy left another note and the materials for a water cycle in a bag experiment. We've been observing and recording our findings over the last few days.

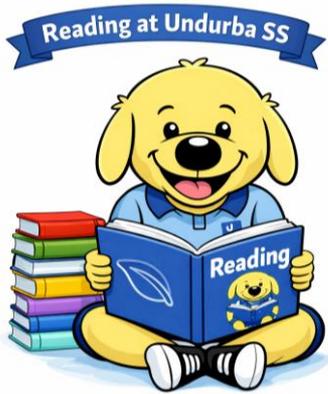
Later in the week, we explored ways to conserve water at school and at home, before sharing our learning through a readers' theatre performance with props.

Who knew one tiny water drop could make such a big splash in 2D?



Reading at Undurba From Kelli Bishop, Reading Pedagogy Teacher

At our school, we use the PLD approach to teach structured synthetic phonics.



Prep

In Prep, children learn that letters represent sounds. By learning a small group of sounds, they can begin reading simple words like *sat*, *sit*, *pin*, and *tip*.

How you can help:

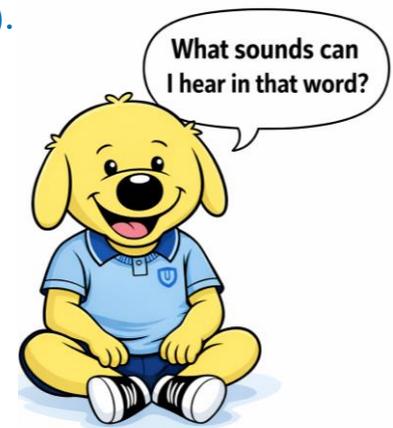
- Practise letter sounds (focus on the sound, not the letter name).
 - Play sound games like “I Spy” (something that starts with /m/).
 - Encourage your child to say and blend sounds when reading.
 - Look for letters and sounds on signs, packaging and in books.
 - Celebrate their effort — reading takes practice!
- Just a few minutes each day makes a big difference.

Year 1

In Year 1, students build on their phonics skills through PLD. They learn digraphs (sh, ch, th), short and long vowel sounds, different spelling patterns, and simple word endings like *-ing* (jump → jumping).

How you can help:

- Practise letter sounds daily.
 - Ask, “What sounds can you hear in this word?”
 - Encourage sounding out and blending unfamiliar words.
 - Build and write simple words together.
 - Look for words and sounds in everyday places.
- Short daily practice builds confidence.

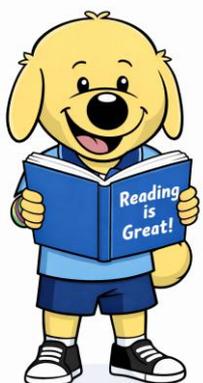


Year 2

In Year 2, students continue developing decoding, spelling and fluency. They learn more complex sound patterns, vowel combinations, and suffixes such as *-ing*, *-ed*, *-er*, and *-est*.

How you can help:

- Encourage sounding out rather than guessing.
- Practise reading and spelling words with suffixes (jumped, jumping).
- Talk about what word endings mean.
- Discuss new vocabulary when reading.
- Encourage re-reading to build fluency.



Thank you for partnering with us! 5–10 minutes of positive practice each day makes a big difference.

NAPLAN: Years 3 and 5

Just a reminder that NAPLAN testing starts on Wednesday 11th March. Here is the timetable of when students in Year 3 and 5 will be sitting their tests.



NAPLAN WEEK 7

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- 11 March** Writing
All of Year 3 and 5
- 12 March** Reading
All of Year 3 and 5
- 13 March** Conventions of Language
3D, 3E, 2/3
5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5/6

PLEASE REMEMBER
To ensure all devices are charged



NAPLAN WEEK 8 & 9

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- 16 March** Conventions of Language
3A, 3B, 3C
- 16 March** Numeracy
5A, 5D
- 17 March** Numeracy
All of Year 3
5B, 5C, 5/6
- 19-23 Mar** Catch up Testing

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An important message to our students sitting NAPLAN next week:

Everyday you show us just how far you've come and much you've learned along the way in lots of different ways. We see how smart, creative, sporty, kind, generous and amazing you are! NAPLAN is just one of the ways that you can show what you know. Just try your best, take your time, and remember—it's okay if you don't know every answer. What matters most is giving it a go and believing in yourself. You've got this!



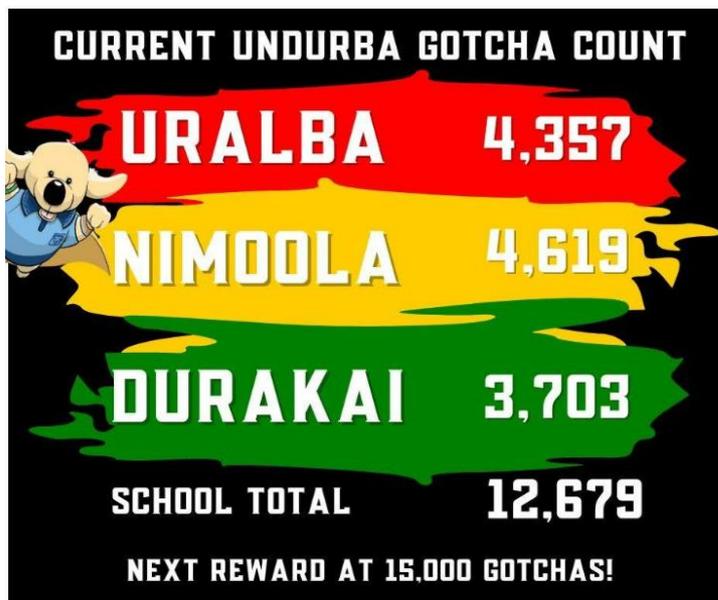
PBL - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

PBL Update!

This fortnight our PBL focus has been **I care for rules and routines** and **I care for myself**.

We uphold our cares by:

- Always making safe choices and encouraging those around us to do the same.
- Coming to school prepared for learning.
- Always trying out hardest in all tasks even when things are difficult.
- Respecting the personal space of others.
- Following and being respectful of class and school rules.
- Asking for help when we are unsure.
- Speaking to ourselves with positive words and reminding ourselves that we can do it.
- Using a growth mindset and knowing that sometimes learning is tricky and we will make mistakes.
- Using our strategies to develop our resilience.



IT'S HAPPENING AT UNDURBA!

DURBY'S TROPICAL BEACH BASH DISCO!

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

P-2: 4:30PM - 5:30PM

3-6: 5:45PM - 6:45PM

ENTRY \$3

GLOW PRODUCTS & SNACKS
AVAILABLE

FAQ'S

CAN PARENTS ATTEND THE DISCO?

UNFORTUNATELY NOT, FOR STUDENT SAFETY, THE DISCO IS A STUDENT ONLY EVENT. DISCO TIMES ARE STRICT, AND ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP ON TIME FROM THE HALL BY A CAREGIVER.

WILL THERE BE FOOD AND DRINK?

STUDENTS CAN PURCHASE FROM THE CANTEEN INSIDE THE HALL DURING THE DISCO. PLEASE SEND ANY MONEY FOR PURCHASES INTO THE DISCO WITH THE STUDENT.

**WHAT DOES MY STUDENT WEAR TO A TROPICAL BEACH THEMED DISCO?
HULA SKIRTS, FLORALS, HAWAIIAN SHIRTS, BOARDIES, BUCKET HATS, LEIS!**

WHO IS SUPERVISING?

OUR AMAZING STAFF WILL BE THE DISCO EYES AND EARS.

CAN SIBLINGS ATTEND?

THE DISCO IS ONLY FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS IN THEIR DESIGNATED YEAR LEVELS.

HOW DO WE PAY THE ENTRY FEE?

Harmony Day 2026

🌍 ❤️ Harmony Week is coming to Undurba! ❤️ 🌍

In Week 8 this term, we will be celebrating Harmony Week - a time to recognise and celebrate the many cultures that make our school community so special. At Undurba State School we are proud of our diversity and the way our students learn from and support one another every day.

Throughout the week, classes will take part in a range of activities that celebrate culture, inclusion and belonging.

❤️ Friday 20 March – Dress for Harmony Day!

Students are invited to wear their cultural dress or an item of orange to help us celebrate the message that everyone belongs.

Let's come together as a school community to celebrate the cultures, stories and traditions that make Undurba such a wonderful place to learn.



CURRENT SCHOOL INVOICE & PERMISSION DUE DATES FOR 2026

Activity	Invoice Amount	Due Date
Year 1 Raw Art	\$11.20	Monday 9th March 2026
Year 2 Bunyaville - Watery Ways	\$28.00	Monday 16th March 2026

SRS INVOICE DUE DATES FOR 2026

SRS Participation Cost: Prep-Year 2 = \$140; Year 3-Year 4 = \$130; Year 5 – Year 6 \$110

SRS: Participating	Amount	Due Date
Prep – Year 2	\$140	17 th July 2026
Year 3 – Year 4	\$130	17 th July 2026
Year 5 – Year 6	\$110	17 th July 2026



Parent-Teacher Interviews

In Week 8 of this term, we will be holding our first Parent-Teacher Interviews for 2026. These will take place on the **17th, 18th and 19th March**. Over the weekend, families will receive information about how to book a time to meet the teachers of your learners. Please note: the families of one of our Year 2 classes won't receive this email, as your interviews have needed to be scheduled in Term 2, more information about booking times will be provided to you then.

Parent-Teacher Interviews are just one of the ways our school and our Undurba families can connect and work in partnership to achieve the best outcomes for our learners. It's a great opportunity to discuss how they've been settling into school this year, their progress so far and the next steps in their learning.

P&C Meetings

P&C meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month, and everyone is welcome. Come along and have your say or just find out what's going on around the school.

Meeting Dates 2026

- 16 March - General Meeting and AGM
- 20 April - General Meeting
- 18 May - General Meeting
- 15 June - General Meeting
- 20 July - General Meeting
- 17 August - General Meeting
- 21 September - General Meeting
- 19 October - General Meeting
- 16 November - General Meeting
- December - No Meeting



P&C AGM: 16th March 2026

The meeting will commence immediately following the General Meeting, which begins at 6:15 pm. The venue for the meeting is the Life Skills Room, located on the school side of the Hall. Executive Committee positions will be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), all Nominations will be accepted, and a new Executive Committee will be elected.

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Executive Committee? This is a great opportunity to get involved, contribute your skills, and play an important role in shaping our school community! These positions are:

- **President:** provides leadership and is the accountable officer of the P&C. Their role is to act as the public representative of the P&C, encourage communication between the P&C, school and community, and encourage participation to support the P&C. The President chairs all meetings and is educated on all P&C rules and guidelines, including P&C Constitution, Accounting Manual and all other documents governing P&C operations. The President is the accountable officer for all employment for Tuckshop services.
- **Vice President:** provides essential support for the President and possibly other members of the Executive Committee. They will chair meetings if the President is absent and carry out any duties that have been delegated by the President. They should also be familiar with all P&C rules and guidelines, including P&C Constitution and other documents governing P&C operations.

P&C News (cont'd)

- **Treasurer:** has the overall responsibility for the financial management of the P&C, including all subcommittee accounts. In their role they must comply with the Accounting Manual in all respects. They prepare an annual budget and annual operational plan for the Association in consultation with other members of the P&C's Executive Committee. It is the Treasurer's responsibility to manage and keep accurate accounts of receipts and expenditure. We have an Operations Manager to manage day-to-day operations and collate reports, and a bookkeeper to handle the BAS payments.
- **Secretary:** has the overall responsibility to prepare all documents for all meetings, such as agenda, minutes, and other necessary reports (including subcommittee reports) and assists the President in preparing an agenda for each meeting. They present minutes of the P&C's previous meetings, record and manage incoming and outgoing correspondence as directed and generally organise, record and maintain information pertaining to the activities of the P&C. The Operations Manager takes on most of these tasks.

Although the P&C has an Operations Manager to look after the day-to-day running of the P&C, holders of the above Executive positions would need to attend regular P&C meetings, Exec Meetings and are expected to be available 1 to 2 hours per week.

All P&C Executives are responsible for any urgent decisions required outside of P&C meetings and are the official employers of all P&C staff.

Fundraising

Tropical Beach Bash Disco: Friday, 20th March

We are looking for volunteers to help serve the children snacks and drinks over the counter during the Disco.

CAN YOU HELP? Use the link in the graphic on the next page to express your interest in helping at the Disco.

Volunteers are not required to have a blue card if they are a parent of an Undurba student, all other volunteers will be required to have a blue card.



Volunteers Needed

We need some helpers to serve the children drinks and snacks at the

Disco Friday 20 March

P-2 disco - 4.15-5.30pm

3-6 disco - 5.30-6.45pm

To sign up to help at the disco

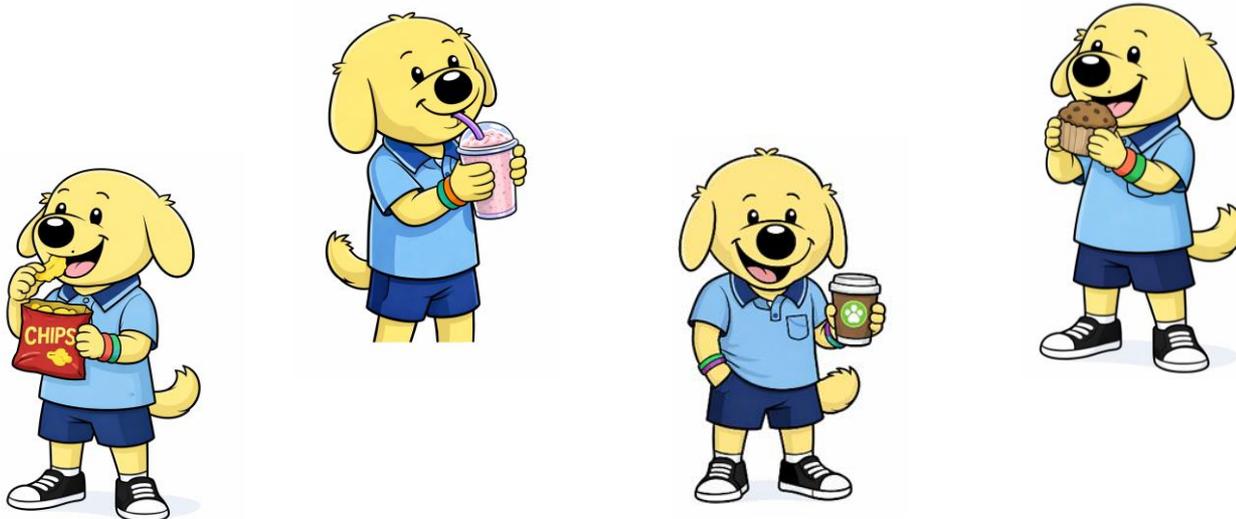
<https://signup.com/go/UXucCaE>

Volunteers are not required to have a blue card if they are a parent of a student of the school, all other volunteers are required to have a blue card.



The Café will be open during the Disco for parents and caregivers.

There will be a range of beverages, cold drinks and snacks available.



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OPEN EVENING 2026

Respectful Engaged Aspiring Learners
THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE?

Join us for an exciting afternoon showcasing our programs, facilities and vibrant school culture.

What to expect

- Extensive Enrolment Information
- A variety of delicious food vendors
- Interactive faculty exhibitions and displays
- Guided campus tours
- Exclusive goodie bags & *Much More*

Bring the whole family! Come and see what makes our college community thrive!



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Tuesday, 28 April 2026
3:00pm – 6:00pm
25 Richard Road, Mango Hill
www.mangohillssc.eq.edu.au

