UNDURBA STATE SCHOOL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It's amazing how time flies by so quickly, that we find ourselves at the end of Term 3 already. This edition's news from Mrs Odorico follows on the next page.

We wish all our families a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing everyone return in Term 4.

MESSAGE FROM MRS ODORICO

To our wonderful Undurba Families,

As we come to the end of Term 3, we continue to celebrate the wonderful achievement of our students. 2026 NAPLAN results in Year 3 and Year 5 Reading, Writing and Numeracy meet or exceed Department of Education benchmarks. This means students understanding and application of the Australian Curriculum is on track with opportunities for students to extend their learning essential. NAPLAN data in partnership with A-E achievement data English and Maths provides a comprehensive picture of the quality of learning programs for students at Undurba SS.

A hallmark of our school community is the positive partnership with our P&C. In recent years, funds raised through the P&C have been pivotal in the tuckshop redevelopment and resurfacing of the hall floor. These are major projects that would not be possible to deliver without the P&C's support. At our August and September P&C meetings, support has been endorsed for student leadership legacy items, buddy benches and our 2027 School Musical proposal (watch this space for further information). The team are also considering available grants to assist the school in delivering future projects over the next few years including playground upgrades, shade and seating options for students. All support through fundraising initiatives comes back into the school to make improvements for our students. The next planned fundraiser is the Colour Fun Run, Thursday 15th October (Week 2 Term 4). Keep an eye out through the newsletter and Facebook communicating how to get involved in this awesome day.

Colour Fun Run is part of our Mental Health Week program. We are also hosting a Wellbeing Expo on Tuesday 13th October. Save the date and come along in the last session and after school to join in the activities. Information will be sent to families early Term 4.

Parents of children eligible to attend Prep in 2027 are reminded to complete their application for enrolment and submit promptly to the school office. We have *Ready, Set, Prep* dates already scheduled for early Term 4 and we would like all future students to have the opportunity to attend.

I would like to wish our families a safe and happy holiday break and the Undurba team look forward to seeing our students back at school Tuesday 6th October, following the King's Birthday Public holiday, Monday 5th October.

Kind regards,

Leanne



UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4 2026 (Key: F = Parents and Families welcome to attend, S = Student event only)			
1	**Mon 5th Oct** Public Holiday: King's Birthday **Tue 6th Oct** First Day of Term 4 **Thur 8th Oct** Battle of Brains: from 3:30 (students involved in competition only) **Fri 9th Oct** Year 5: Undurba Connect: from 1:00pm **S** Prep: Hearing Screening: from 8:30am	**2**	**Mon 12th – Fri 16th Oct** Wellbeing Week: events during the week Prep: Hearing Screening: from 8:30am **Tue 13th Oct** Wellbeing Expo: from 2:00pm **F** **Thur 15th Oct** P-6: Colour Fun Run
3	**Mon 19th – Fri 23rd Oct** Bandanas on sale to support Canteen charity **Mon 19th Oct** P&C Meeting: from 6:15pm in the Hall **Tue 20th Oct** Pre-Prep students: Ready Set Prep! From 8:50am **Thur 22nd Oct** Year 5: Parliament House excursion **S** **Fri 23rd Oct** Year 4: Shake'n'Stir performance: The Twits incursion **S**	**4**	**Tue 27th Oct** Pre-Prep students: Ready Set Prep! From 8:50am **Wed 28th Oct** Special groups photos: more information to come **Thurs 29th Oct** Bandana Day: wear your bandanas to support Canteen charity **S** **Friday 30th Oct** Day for Daniel: wear a red shirt or a red item of clothing **S**
5	**Mon 2nd Nov** Year 4: Nudgee Beach excursion **S** **Tues 3rd Nov** Pre-Prep students: Ready Set Prep! From 8:50am **Wed 4th Nov** Year 5: Space Summit: student event **S** **Thurs 5th Nov** Year 5: SES presentation incursion **S**	**6**	**Thurs 12th Nov** Performing Arts Showcase: show begins at 5:30pm **F** **Fri 13th Nov** Chappy Pancakes: from 7:30am
7	**Mon 16th Nov** P&C Meeting: from 6:15pm in the Hall	**8**	**Mon 23rd – 27th Nov** Year 3 Water Safety lessons **S**

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9	**Mon 30th Nov – 4th Dec** Prep Water Safety lessons **S** **Mon 30th Nov** Year 6: Transition to High School: MSSC **S** **Thurs 3rd Dec** Year 6: Graduation Celebration activity **S** **Fri 4th Dec** USS Family Christmas Concert: from 4:30pm **F**	**10**	**Mon 7th Dec** Year 3-5 Academic Awards: from 5:30pm **F** **Tues 8th Dec** Year 4-6 and some Year 3: Swimming Carnival **F** Prep-Year 2 Academic Awards: from 5:30pm **F** **Wed 9th Dec** Report Cards emailed to families Year 6 Graduation Evening: from 4:00pm **F** **Thurs 10th Dec** Class Party/Celebration Day **Fri 11th Dec** Clean Up Day – Final day of 2026 School year

CURRICULUM CORNER

Reading at Undurba

From Mrs Kelli Bishop, Reading Pedagogy Teacher

Why Do We Read Books That Are 'Too Easy'?

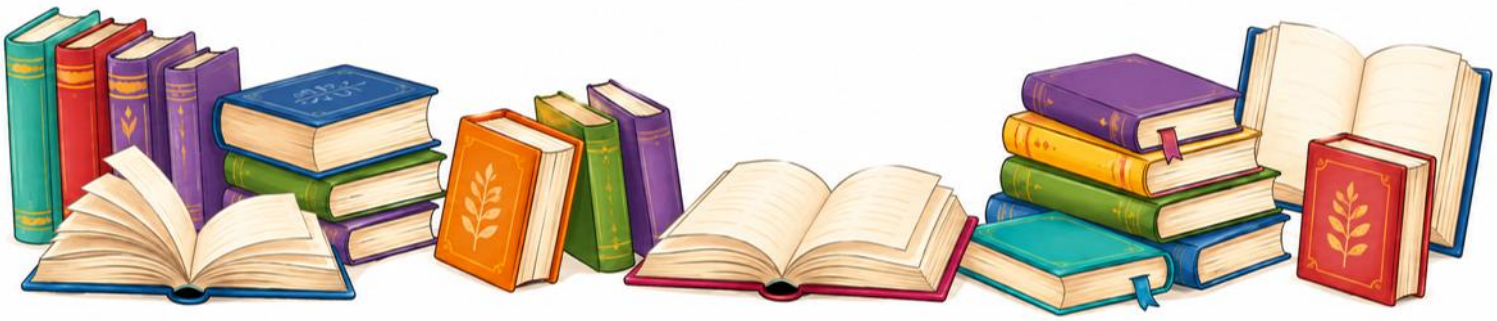
Have you ever watched your child read a book easily and thought, "They need something harder now"? It might seem logical that children should always be reading books that challenge them. However, reading books that feel easy is an important part of becoming a strong, fluent and confident reader.

Easy doesn't mean unimportant.

When a child can read a book successfully, they have an opportunity to practise the skills they have already learned. They can focus less on working out every word and more on reading smoothly, accurately and with expression.

This is called **fluency**.

Just like learning a new skill in sport, children need opportunities to practise skills they already know until they become automatic. We wouldn't expect a child learning to kick a soccer ball to practise by making every kick harder and harder. They need to practise successful kicks again and again before adding more challenge.



Reading works in a similar way!

What happens when children read books they can read easily?

✓ They build fluency
Repeated successful reading helps children read more smoothly, accurately and confidently.

✓ They develop automatic word recognition
As children encounter familiar words again and again, they become quicker at recognising them without having to work out every sound each time.

✓ They can focus on meaning
When decoding the words is easy, children have more attention available to think about what they are reading, make connections and enjoy the story.

✓ They build confidence and stamina
Successful reading experiences help children see themselves as capable readers and encourage them to keep reading for longer.

But shouldn't children be challenged? Yes! Children need challenge as well as practice.

At school, children are regularly introduced to new sounds, spelling patterns, vocabulary and texts that extend their reading skills. They also need opportunities to read books independently that allow them to practise what they have already been taught.

For beginning readers, an 'easy' book should not simply be a book they have memorised. Ideally, it should contain words and spelling patterns they have been explicitly taught and can successfully decode.

So, when your child reads a book that seems very easy, don't feel that they have outgrown it. Easy doesn't mean unimportant. Easy means your child can successfully do the reading themselves.

Try this at home. This week, let your child choose a book they can read really well.

Let them read it again...and perhaps even again!

Listen for how their reading becomes smoother, more accurate and more expressive each time. Celebrate their success and enjoyment. Because becoming a strong reader isn't just about reading harder books. Children become fluent readers by having lots of opportunities to read successfully.



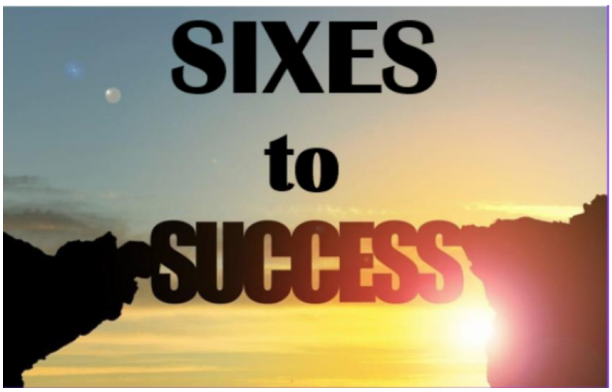
SIXES TO SUCCESS – TRANSITION PROGRAM

Our Year 6 students began our ***Sixes to Success*** program this term. ***Sixes to Success*** is a nine session high school transition program led by our Year 6 teachers and Chappy Phil.



The program is designed to give students a confident and positive start to high school by helping them understand secondary school routines, expectations and responsibilities.

During the sessions, students participate in discussions and activities aimed to help them build independence, resilience, social skills and practical strategies to support them in having a smooth transition into Year 7.



Students will also have opportunities to hear from staff from local high schools, sharing what high school life may look like, and helping our Year 6s to be more feel more prepared for their exciting journey ahead.

From the HPE Team

Friday Year 5 & 6 Inter-Class Sport

Years 5 & 6 had their final Inter-Class sport today, 18th September. Classes are competing in games of Noodle Hockey, Dodgeball, Half-court Basketball, Jail Break, Rounders, Kicking Tennis, Golden Child Basketball, Newcombe and Handball games. **Good luck and congratulations to all the MVP Award winners!**

Regional Rugby League Team at Queensland State Carnival

Congratulations to Dae-Leigh and Moana on your successful selection in the Met North Girls Rugby League Team. Good luck at the State Carnival on the 17th – 20th September. **GO MET NORTH!**

Regional Basketball Team at Queensland State Carnival

Congratulations to George on your successful selection in the Met North Basketball Team. Good luck at the State Carnival on the 1st – 6th September. **GO MET NORTH!**



District Athletics Carnival

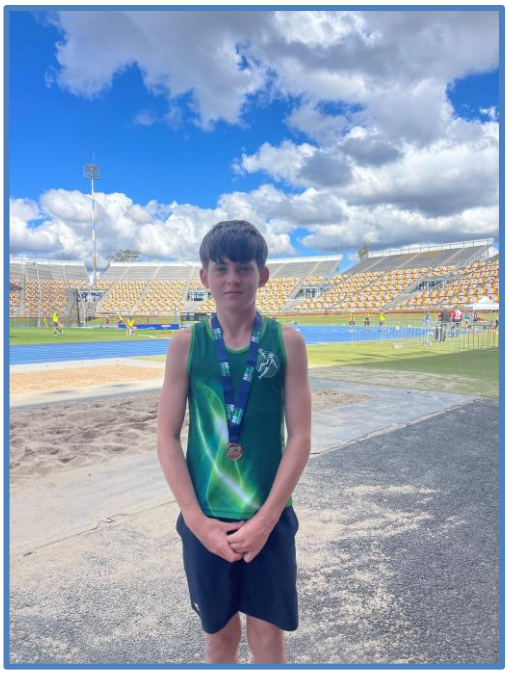
Congratulations to Bastion, Valen, Toa, Frankie, Adau, Suri, Karneisha, Harper, Heath, Jax, Sol, Mason, Lincoln, Amelia, Ella, Lea, Evie, Cadence, Isabella, Felicity, Harry, Gil, AJ, Aluet and Dae-Leigh on your amazing performances and representing Undurba at the District Athletics Carnival on the 27th and 28th July at the University of Queensland in St Lucia. **GO UNDURBA!**

Regional Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Bastion, Valen, Heath, Sol, Lea, Gil and Aluet on your outstanding performances at the Met North Regional Athletics Carnival on the 25th and 26th August at the QSAC at Nathan (QEII Stadium). **GO PINE DISTRICT!**

Queensland State Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Heath on your selection in the Regional Athletics Team for the 100m & 200m events. Good luck at the Queensland State Athletics Carnival on the 12-14th October at the QSAC (QEII Stadium). **GO MET NORTH!**





Brighton Running Festival

Congratulations to the Spasovski brothers on their amazing running skills at the Brighton Running Festival. In the 2km running event for Under 12, Valen placed 1st with a time of 9:13mins; Wren was 3rd with a time of 11:02mins and Grayson placed 5th with a time of 11:58mins. We can't wait to have all the brothers in the School Cross Country Team in the future!

U12 Indoor Cricket Champions

Congratulations to Rehaan, Luca, Lucas and Tucker on winning the U12 Indoor Cricket finals by 2 runs and playing with two less players than the other team! Good luck to you and the U12 Strathpine Squad at the Junior State Indoor Cricket Championships in the school holidays. **GO UNDURBA!**





Library News

On Friday, 28th August, as part of our celebrations of Book Week, we had our annual Book Week Parade. Students from Prep all the way up to Year 6 dressed as some of their favourite book characters and shared these with the school community. One of the highlights for Mrs Johnston was to see some of our Year 6 students encouraging the younger students as they walked around the parade and giving them a cheer as they went past. Here are just a few of the many, many photos taken on the day.











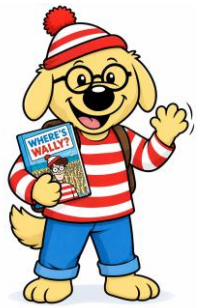






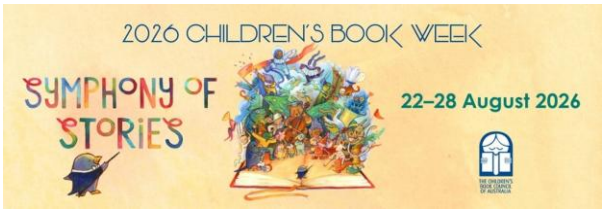












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Book Fair – Thank You!

A huge thank you to our Undurba families for supporting this year's Book Fair! Thanks to your incredible support, we raised $3,000 for our school library, which will go towards purchasing new books and resources for our students to enjoy.

Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair, purchased books and helped make it such a wonderful success.



Mental Health Week: Tuesday 13 October

As part of Queensland Mental Health Week, we warmly invite our families to join us for an afternoon focused on connection, community and wellbeing.

From 2:00pm–2:35pm, families are invited to visit our Open Classrooms and spend some time with our learners.

This will be followed by our Well Being Expo from 2:35pm–3:45pm, with opportunities to connect, explore wellbeing supports and come together as a school community.

All families are welcome - we would love to see you there!



PBL - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

PBL Update!

This fortnight our PBL focus has been **I care for learning** and **Words have impact, sorry as an action**. We uphold our cares by:

- Allowing our peers to learn and our teachers to teach.
- Coming organised ready for learning.
- Starting with a growth mindset and remembering that mistakes help us to learn. We know sometimes learning is tricky, but we try out best.
- Focusing on what our teacher is saying and asking for help if we are unsure.
- Always doing the right thing, caring for others and being reflective on our impact.
- Taking ownership of our actions.
- Ensuring others feel heard at school because my actions have affected them.
- Giving everything a go and if we make a mistake taking ownership and responding appropriately to feedback.
- When we give someone a genuine apology, we must mean what we are saying and understand why we are apologizing for our actions.











To help maintain a focused learning environment, we kindly ask that students do not bring toys, including Squishes and Ooshies to school. These items can distract from learning, become lost or damaged, and sometimes cause disagreements between students. Unless a prearranged request from a parent/carer has been approved by the school, these items should remain at home. Thank you for your support to create a calm, safe and focused learning environment for all our students.

Have you seen our beautiful new mural?



We have recently seen the beautification of a rather bland space in our school thanks to Rachael. Rachael is a grandparent of one of our lovely students who volunteered her time and talents to produce this stunning mural. The students enjoyed watching the artistic process and are very grateful for this stunning image we can enjoy every day at Undurba.



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FROM THE OFFICE

CURRENT SCHOOL INVOICE & PERMISSION DUE DATES FOR 2026

Activity	Invoice Amount	Due Date
Robotics	$70 (with shirt) $31 (without shirt)	**This is now overdue.**
Instrumental Music Hire Fee Instrumental Resource levy	$70 $40	**This is now overdue.**
Year 5 Government House and Gardens: Payment Due	$11.60	Thursday 15th October 2026
Year 4 Shake'N'Stir: The Twits	$9.00	Friday 16th October 2026
Year 4 Nudgee Beach EEC	$28.75	Monday 26th October 2026
Prep Indigenous Storytelling: Consent form due	Not yet invoiced	Wednesday 16th September 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	17th July 2026
Year 3 – Year 4	$130	17th July 2026
Year 5 – Year 6	$110	17th July 2026

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PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

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

- 19 October - General Meeting
- 16 November - General Meeting
- December - No Meeting

Fundraising

Thank you to the families and staff who supported the Father's Day Stall, and to the volunteers who generously gave their time to assist students at both the School Disco and Father's Day Stall. Your support, dedication, and willingness to help are greatly appreciated and contributed to the success of these events.

Colour Fun Run 🌈 GET READY TO GET COLOURFUL! 🌈

Next term on the 15th of October we are bringing the excitement with our **Undurba State School Colour Fun Run**, while raising funds to support our school community.
Getting involved is super easy! Simply head to **www.myprofilepage.com.au**, set up a profile and share it with family and friends to receive online donations.
Students can earn awesome prizes and collect Monty Coins as they fundraise!

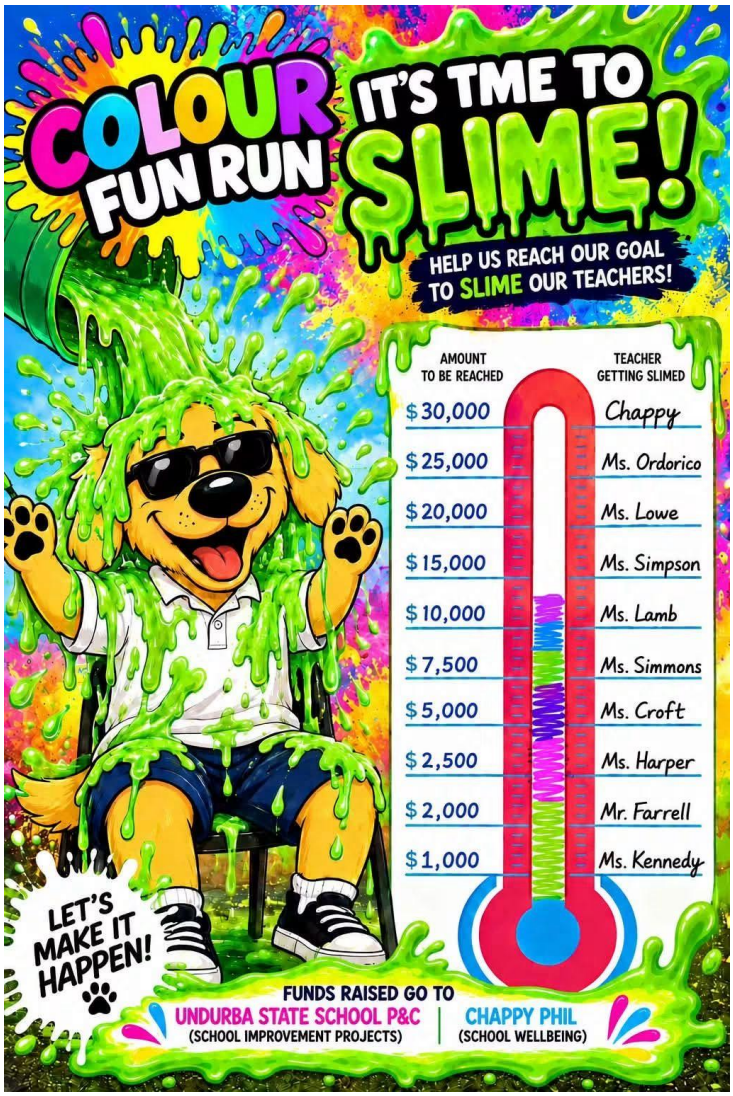
Raise just $10 to unlock your first prize, and the more you raise, the more prizes you can mix, match and choose from. Every registration and donation helps make our Colour Fun Run a fantastic event for our students.

Happy fundraising! 🌈

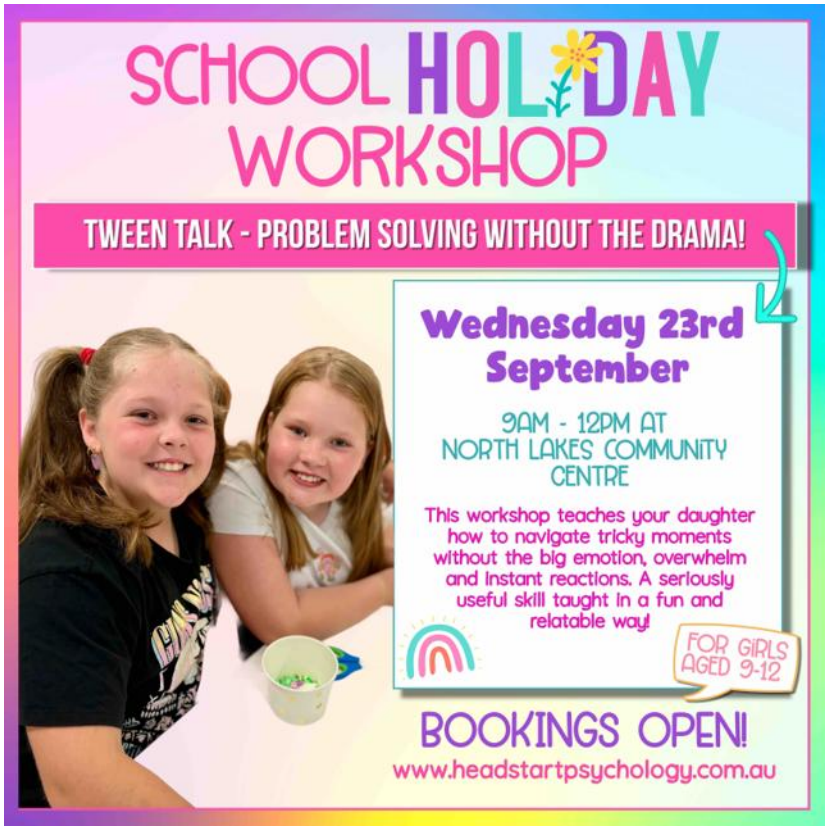

COLOUR FUN COMP 1!
ICE BLOCK PARTY!
CONGRATULATIONS
4A
YOU ARE OUR COMPETITION 1 WINNERS!
Enjoy your ICE BLOCK PARTY TODAY!
LET'S MAKE A BRIGHTER TODAY!


COLOUR FUN COMP 2!
WIN A FREDDO FROG PARTY!
The class that has the MOST FUNDS RAISED by the end of the week will win a class Freddo Frog party!
Competition opens: Monday 21 September 2026
Competition ends: Sunday 27 September 2026
LET'S MAKE A BRIGHTER TOMORROW!


COLOUR FUN
FUNDRAISER 2026
FUNDRAISE FOR AWESOME PRIZES!
THE MORE YOU RAISE, THE MORE YOU CAN CHOOSE!
CHECK OUT WHAT YOU CAN ORDER!
RAISE $10 - $24
SQUEEZY BANANA
BOUNCING PUTTY
NOISE PUTTY
STICKY SPLAT BALL (GLOW IN THE DARK)
ICE CREAM BEADZ SQUEEZE
DNA GLOB BALL
RAISE $25 - $49
MONSTER JELLY SQUEEZER
MAGIC ALIEN GROWING PET
SCENTED CLOUD SLIME
SQUISH GLITTER KOOL KUBE
QUICK CUBE
WHACK A LIGHT
RAISE $50 - $74
HEX BOTS MICRO ANT
MINI PLASMA BALL
MEMORY MAZE
FLYING ORB BALL
ZURU HUG-A-LUMPS
ROBOTIC CRAWLING SPIDER
RAISE $75 - $99
NEBULOUS STARS FRIENDSHIP NECKLACES
VIRTUAL PETS
IQ PUZZLER PRO PUZZLE GAME
SCREAM ROCKET
GALAXY MOON LAMP
STICKI BANDS STICKI ROLLS
RAISE $100 - $149
VIRTUAL REALITY GLASSES (PHONE REQUIRED)
LIGHT UP SPEAKER
ROBO REMIX ROBOT
PETS ALIVE SCURRY'N SQUIRREL
WIRELESS EARBUDS
APHMAU MYSTERY PLUSH
RAISE $200 - $299
SLUSH PUPPIE SLUSHIE MACHINE
FOLDABLE DRONE WITH CAMERA
REMOTE CONTROL HOVERCRAFT
KARAOKE LIGHT PARTY
V-TECH SMART WATCH
EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS!
Let's make a brighter tomorrow together!
Please see physical book or fundraising website for proper details.
This is just an example.


COLOUR FUN RUN
IT'S TME TO SLIME!
HELP US REACH OUR GOAL TO SLIME OUR TEACHERS!
AMOUNT TO BE REACHED
TEACHER GETTING SLIMED
$30,000 Chappy
$25,000 Ms. Ordorico
$20,000 Ms. Lowe
$15,000 Ms. Simpson
$10,000 Ms. Lamb
$7,500 Ms. Simmons
$5,000 Ms. Croft
$2,500 Ms. Harper
$2,000 Mr. Farrell
$1,000 Ms. Kennedy
LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!
FUNDS RAISED GO TO
UNDURBA STATE SCHOOL P&C (SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS)
CHAPPY PHIL (SCHOOL WELLBEING)


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MORE THAN JUST SIGNS!
CELEBRATION OF CULTURE, CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY
Mark your calendars! The Welcoming Communities Festival is coming to the City of Moreton Bay as part of Welcoming Week.
Everyone Belongs, Everyone Matters.
Bring your family and friends for a vibrant afternoon celebrating the diverse cultures, stories, and traditions that make our community thrive.
Register your attendance link below
https://shorturl.at/zeGut
or scan the QR code.
Saturday, 19th September 2026
12:00pm to 5:00pm
Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine
Free, family-friendly event
What to expect:
Delicious international food stalls
Global cultural performance
Live music and traditional dance
AND SO MUCH MORE !
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