



— Term 2 Week 4, 2026 —

Fledgling Flyer

A newsletter for families of Ayr State School.



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Eisteddfod Success

Birburu competed in the Eisteddfod and found success in the Novelty Section - Choir, **Winning 1st Place!!**

We think that is something to sing home about and celebrate. All three classes competed in the choir sections and lots of our students entered artwork. See inside our newsletter for the full story.

From the Principal

As we move further into Term 2, it has been wonderful to see our students continuing to embrace every opportunity with enthusiasm, pride and determination. There has certainly been plenty happening across our school community, and I am incredibly proud of the way our students continue to represent our school so positively.

Recently, our students in Birburu were fortunate to listen to representatives from Deadly Science, who shared engaging and inspiring learning experiences that sparked curiosity and excitement in Science. Opportunities like these are invaluable in helping our students see themselves as future scientists, innovators and leaders.

Our students in Thungaroo also enjoyed a fantastic visit from Shake & Stir Theatre Co. The performance and workshops provided students with an engaging and memorable experience that brought storytelling and the arts to life. We thank both organisations for investing in our students and enriching their learning experiences.

A highlight of the term was undoubtedly our floral-themed Mother's Day Breakfast. It was heartwarming to see so many supportive women from our community attend – mothers, grandmothers, aunts and special carers – all coming together to celebrate the important role they play in the lives of our children. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped create such a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

We were also incredibly proud of the students who represented our school at District Cross Country. As our community cheered them on, students demonstrated determination, resilience and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the event. We received very positive feedback regarding both student participation and the respectful way our students conducted themselves on the day. Congratulations to all involved for representing our school with pride. Our talented students also recently participated in the Burdekin Junior Eisteddfod, achieving some wonderful results. Dhagany impressed adjudicators and audiences alike, placing 2nd in their unison song and receiving a Highly Commended for their novelty song. Thungaroo followed in Dhagany's footsteps with another strong performance, also placing 2nd in their unison song and receiving a Highly Commended in their novelty performance. Finally, it was Birburu's turn to take the stage, and they certainly shone brightly – achieving 3rd place in their unison song and taking out 1st place in the novelty section. Congratulations to all students who participated and showcased the incredible talent within our school community.

A special thank you must go to Mrs Linton for her outstanding leadership, dedication and support of our students throughout their preparations and performances.

As we continue to celebrate the many successes of our school, we are also beginning to look ahead to enrolments for 2027. We would love to welcome new families into our school community. While advertisements and promotions are helpful, the most powerful form of marketing is the recommendation of our current families and community members. If you love what our school offers, please help us spread the word about the amazing opportunities, supportive environment and strong sense of belonging that make our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you, for your continued support and partnership.



Nikki Schell

Where's Wingy?

Can you find Wingy this week?

Each newsletter will have a picture of Wingy the Magpie hidden in it somewhere. Sit with your child and read through our newsletter.

When they have found Wingy they will need to tell their teacher where he is, when asked in class. The two students who correctly tell their teacher first get the major prize each week and this term it is 10 Magpie points towards their Class Prize box selection. The more students who come to their teacher and know where he is, the more points we will have to give out.

Enjoy time together, find out celebrations and news from school - a win for everyone, especially your child.

A word from our



P&C will be holding their next Plantation Park Markets on Sunday 7th of June. Why not come down, check out all the stalls and enjoy a stroll to the park with the kids. It is a lovely place to visit and you may just find some treasures along the way.

Birthday Celebrations at school

Birthdays are a special event in the lives of children and yet another wonderful way to celebrate and make each day special. P&C celebrate and give each student a little birthday bag. If you would like to celebrate this day with your child's class, please contact the P&C to organise either a cupcake tray or zooper dooper bucket to help make this one to remember.



Burdekin Junior Eisteddfod

Ayr State School entered the Burdekin Eisteddfod in Choir and Arts. As you can see from our photos, the students had a wonderful time and we had lots of award recipients.



Thungaroo placed 2nd in the Unison Section and received Highly Commended in the Novelty Section.

Dhagany placed 2nd in the Unison Section and received Highly Commended in the Novelty Section.

We are very proud of all of our students who entered and celebrate with those who were acknowledged.



Birburu placed 1st in the Novelty Section and 3rd in the Unison Section.

Burdekin Junior Eisteddfod



Mickey - 3rd



Kelis - 3rd



Jessiah - 1st

Art Awards



Mercedesz - 3rd



Leandra - 2nd



Jaxsyn - 3rd

Burdekin Junior Eisteddfod



Renia



Levi

Highly Commended



Mariarnah



Morgana

Burdekin Sweetest School Competition 2026

Growing Big Dreams in the Burdekin



Ayr State School is proud to once again be part of the Burdekin Sweetest School Competition!

Over the next twelve months, our students will work together to grow a fantastic crop of sugar cane, ready to be harvested in 2027 for the Sweet Days Hot Nights Festival.

Competing alongside other Burdekin schools, this exciting competition is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate community spirit, teamwork, and our region's rich agricultural heritage. We look forward to seeing our cane – and our pride – grow throughout the journey!

Burdekin Sweetest School Competition 2026



Thank you to our helpers planting cane - Rian Swindley, Glenn Betteridge, Michelle Andrews from CANEGROWERS Burdekin, Robyn Devine from Qld CANEGROWERS and Anna Greenland from Burdekin Productivity Services.



PBL Mid-Term Reward



Students at Ayr State School got to vote on what they would like for their mid-term reward for PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning).

The students chose to have hamburgers for lunch and they loved them. There were smiles and full bellies all round.



ARTIE Launch - Term 2

ARTIE launch for Term 2 was held on Thursday 7th May. Aunty Ollie and the ARTIE Team came to talk to us about the goals for the term. We are working towards a new jumper.



The students enjoyed some fun group games and a lovely afternoon tea.

Celebrations

Week 3



Parade Awards

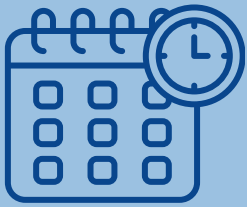
Jett, Decland, Tahnay, Danielle, Ava
Daisha, Chance, Mercedesz, Mikaylah, Jada-Rose



Spin the Wheel - Thungaroo
In Class Minute to Win It Games



Wingy's Way - Principal Awards
Peggy, Aaron
Zahn



Upcoming Dates & Events

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TERM 2 5		PBL Mid-Term Reward			P&C Day Interschool Sport
6			National Simultaneous Storytime SMOL TOK Meeting - 9am		
7					Interschool Sport
8	Magpie Cup Elders Visit		Thank a First Responder Day		
9	Cleaner's Day	Under 8s Celebration 9.30am - 11am		Fancy Dress Ball	
10	Athletic Carnival	PBL Reward Jump Rope for Heart	Burdekin Show Holiday	NAIDOC Day Celebrations	



Sing Today, Read Forever!

Singing and music skills are linked with reading.

Daily music making in the early years wires
brains for learning.

What can you do
for your children?

-  Chant rhymes
& sing songs.
-  Sing songs you love
& repeat often.
-  Sing a lullaby
at bedtime.



Every day counts

Department of Education

Every day counts

MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day 🗣️🗣️🗣️🗣️

OK reasons to stay home from school

- sick
- natural disasters

It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even 1 day can make a difference

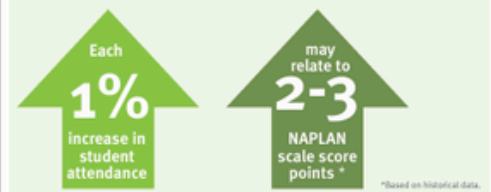
1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Prep
It's where good habits begin



ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY



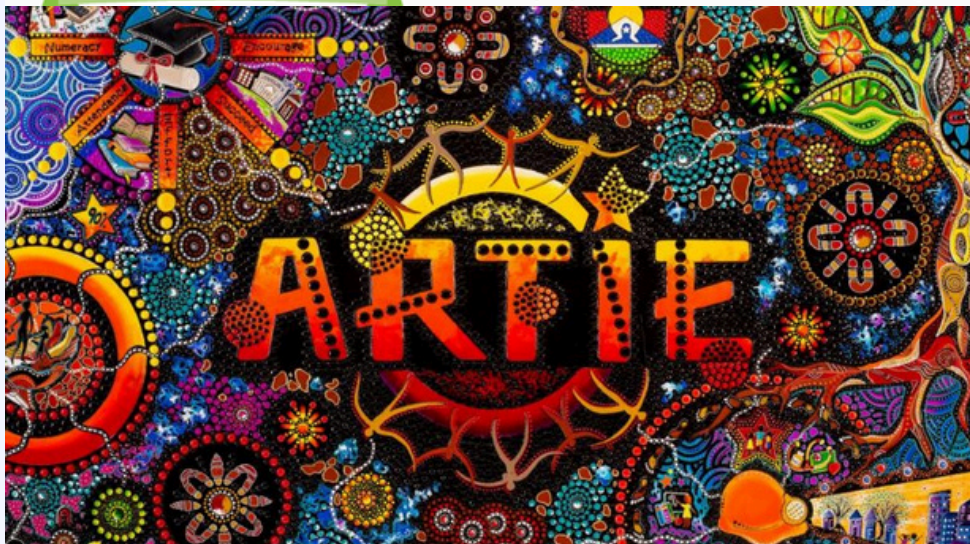
What parents can do

- Promote the importance of school
- Get to know the teacher
- Go to school events
- Read the school newsletter
- Be organised at home
- Supervise homework
- Ask about your child's day
- Volunteer to help at school

Get involved in your child's school

For more information

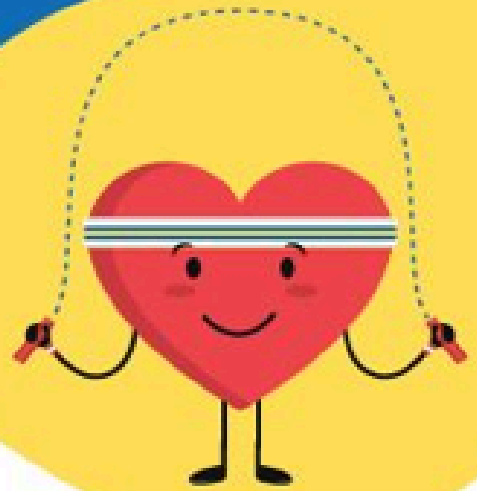
Go to the **Every day counts** website: <https://education.qld.gov.au/initiatives-and-strategies/initiatives/every-day-counts>



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JUMP ROPE *for* HEART



Be active every day!

Being active is important
for your health!



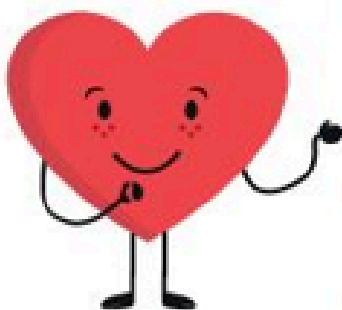
Aim for at least 1 hour of
physical activity every day.



Especially exercises that
will make you 'huff and puff'.



Limit your screen time to
less than 2 hours per day.



Did you know?

- ✓ **Skipping** is a fun way to get your heart pumping.
- ✓ It is a great way to **strengthen your muscles and bones**.
- ✓ **Skipping and being active with friends** is good for your heart.

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Scouts
QUEENSLAND

LOWER BURDEKIN SCOUT GROUP

57-59 Twelfth Ave Home Hill (Behind the swimming pool)

Join the Adventure

Come try for free 4 Thursday Nights

5-30 to 7-30pm Aged 5 to 88 years

Contact "Rikki" 0419104 035

(E: gl@lowerburdekin.scoutsqld.com.au)



BURDEKIN PLAYGROUPS 2026

DAY	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	TIME	OCCURANCE
Monday	Kalamia State School	Kalamia SS Playgroup	9:00 - 11:00am	Weekly during school term
Tuesday	Brandon State School	Brandon SS Playgroup	9:00 - 11:00am	Weekly during school term
Tuesday	Home Hill State School	Home Hill SS Playgroup	9:30 - 11:30am	Weekly during school term
Tuesday	Ayr Library	Storytime	10:30 - 11:30am	Weekly during school term
Wednesday	St Francis Catholic School	Francis' Friends Playgroup	8:45 - 10:30am	Weekly during school term
Wednesday	Giru State School, Library	Giru SS Playgroup	9:00 - 11:00am	Weekly during school term
Wednesday	Osborne State School	Osborne SS Playgroup	9:00 - 11:00am	25 th March, 17 th June, & 16 th September
Wednesday	Ayr Library	Toddler Time	10:30 - 11:30am	Weekly during school term, except last Wednesday of the month
Wednesday	Ayr Library	Play Time	10:30 - 11:30am	Last Wednesday of the month during school term
Thursday	Ayr Libray	Baby Rhyme Time	10:30 - 11:30am	Weekly during school term, except last Thursday of the month
Thursday	Ayr Library	Messy Play	10:30am - 12:00pm	Last Thursday of the month during school term, March - October
Friday	Burdekin Christian College	BCC Cubs Playgroup	9:00 - 10:30am	Weekly during school term
Friday	Clare State School	Clare Kids Playgroup	9:00 - 11:00am	Weekly during school term
Friday	Maidavale State School	Maidavale Munchkins Nature Nook Playgroup	9:00 - 11:00am	Weekly during school term
Friday	Millaroo State School	Millaroo SS Playgroup	9:00 - 11:00am	Select weeks during school term, please contact school for dates
Friday	St Colman's Catholic School	St Colman's Playgroup	9:00 - 10:30am	Weekly during school term