

— Term 2 Week 2, 2026 —

# Fledgling Flyer

*A newsletter for families of Ayr State School.*



## Who are they?

Have you seen the yellow gnomes getting around the school? Staff give Sunshine to each other in recognition of great work. Lollipop visits the Sport's House with the highest attendance each week.

The staff member responsible for each gnome takes photos and we build a story about their adventures.

Many of the students interact with our gnomes as they spread fun and laughter throughout the school - they are now even featured in mini clips on our Facebook page.

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# From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope all of our families enjoyed a restful break and are ready for another exciting and busy term ahead. It has been wonderful to see our students return with such enthusiasm and positive energy.

We began the term by coming together for our school ANZAC service, a meaningful occasion where our choir sang beautifully and helped create a respectful and reflective atmosphere.

We are incredibly proud of the way our students represented our school at both the dawn service and the morning march. Thank you to the families who joined us—your presence made the experience even more special as we honoured and remembered together.

Our Thungaroo class had an unforgettable experience with their recent sleepover at Billabong Sanctuary. Highlights included spending time with the meerkats, feeding a cassowary, and watching Crackatoa feed at night—memories that will no doubt stay with them for a long time and assist in their learning journey!

Dhagany students continued their learning journey with another engaging session with Deadly Science, sparking curiosity and excitement in the world of science. We also managed to fit in school photos early this term—thank you to everyone for ensuring students were ready and looking their best.

We are thrilled to share that our new basketball court and playground are now complete! All students had the opportunity to explore and enjoy these new facilities during the first week of term, and they are now being particularly enjoyed by our senior students. The run and climb wall has been a standout feature, with many students eagerly taking on the challenge and sharing lots of positive feedback.

Our Friday afternoon parades have been a wonderful success and a lovely way to wrap up each week. We are pleased to share that this will continue throughout 2026 as a regular opportunity to celebrate student achievements and come together as a community.

## Upcoming Dates & Events

- **Monday 4 May** – Labour Day Public Holiday (no school)
- **Friday 6 June** – Mother's Day Breakfast (we warmly invite all of our mothers and special guests to join us)
- **Thursday 7 May, 1:45pm** – ARTIE Launch
- **Friday 8 June** – District Cross Country (we wish our students every success as they represent our school and showcase their outstanding running ability)

Across the school, we continue to see exciting improvements to our facilities. Our new covered walkway is almost complete, marking the final stage of the A Block renovation—the oldest building in our school, now beautifully revamped. In the coming weeks, you will notice scaffolding going up around F Block, located in the heart of the school where Birburu and the Aviary are situated, as we prepare for fresh new paint.

It's shaping up to be another fantastic term, and we look forward to all the learning, growth, and opportunities ahead.

Warm regards,

*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 20 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 3rd of May. 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.



# Chappy's Corner

Dear parents & carers

Proverbs [11:17](#) says: "A man who is kind benefits himself, but a cruel man hurts himself."

Kindness is not something we do only to benefit ourselves. It goes beyond what we can understand or expect. Kindness is not just doing a nice thing to anybody; it is a gesture of humility and service.

Those two things are not an easy thing to do most

times, and it can be hard for some. Humility is not putting yourself in a weak position and letting others take over your life, situation or choices. Humility is knowing what is right and [take action](#) in that direction even when is the hardest thing you [have to](#) do. It takes a lot of humility to be humble.

And service is another way we can show kindness. Again, service is much more than doing something nice to someone or helping someone when in need. Service is best served when you have the knowledge of what you can offer without being a struggle or a big effort. For example, I don't like cooking. So, for me, cooking will be a struggle, and I would not have joy in that service. On the other hand, I really enjoyed washing the dishes (weird right?) and if I can help someone by washing their dishes, I would have joy in doing it and it won't be a struggle for me. We all have ways to serve and to show kindness.

Can you imagine if every person on the planet would be kind to one another, we sure will be living in a very different world. The reality is that we can't change people choices, but we can work on our own, and that is how we start changing our own world, and that will be a great start.

Many blessings

Chappy 😊



# Thungaroos Overnight Visit to Billabong Sanctuary

Our Thungaroo class had an amazing time at our overnight camp at Billabong Sanctuary. It was such a special experience for the students, giving them the chance to learn, explore, and spend quality time together outside the classroom.



During our stay, we joined guided ranger tours where we were able to meet many of Australia's unique animals up close. The students loved patting Burru the baby crocodile, meeting Lou the python, visiting Buri the koala, laughing at the cheeky wombat, Manfred, and even feeding Hope the Cassowary, some cold crunch grapes.



One of the most exciting parts of the camp was seeing the large crocodiles, especially on our night walk. Everyone was thrilled when Krakatoa, the biggest crocodile in the park, gave us quite a fright and had both students and teachers letting out a scream!



Spending the night together in the cabin was another wonderful part of the experience. It gave the students time to bond, share laughs, and create memories together.





This camp was also a valuable learning opportunity for our class. The knowledge students gained at Billabong Sanctuary will support their information writing as we continue exploring Australian flora and fauna this term.

We are so proud of the way the students represented our class and school with enthusiasm, curiosity, and excellent behaviour throughout the camp.



# What have we been up to??



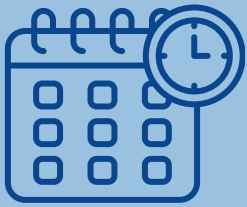
Mickey and Daisha have been having a great time using their imagination in the library during lunchtime. Nice creations kids!!



Ayr State School students have been busy practising their athletics skills. Competition is heating up between the sports houses, as they practise their relay races. The school athletics carnival will be exciting.







# Upcoming Dates & Events

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TERM 2 3	Labour Day Public Holiday		Mother's Day Breakfast	ARTIE Launch for Term 2	District Cross Country
4					Walk Safely to School Day
5					PBL Mid-Term Reward Interschool Sport Day P&C Day
6			National Simultaneous Storytime SMOL TOK Meeting - 9am		
7					Interschool Sport Day
8	Magpie Cup Elders Visit		Thank a First Responder Day		
9	Cleaner's Day			Fancy Dress Ball	



# 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

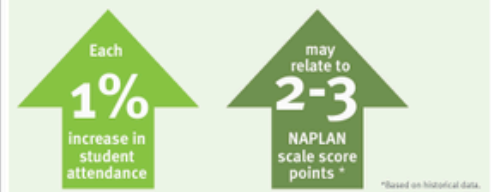
1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

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



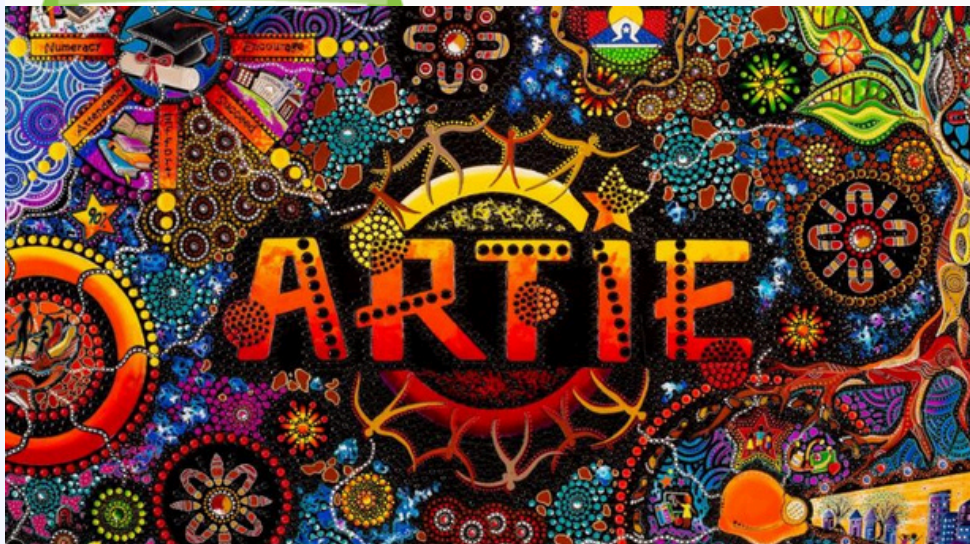
#### What parents can do

- 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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PHONE  
**13 17 88**



Hi Everyone

I would like to announce we have a new class at our club for under 5's.....

WIGGLES - Dance - Tumble - Gymnastics

Our new class offers fun, play-based movement designed to help your child build confidence, coordination, and essential motor skills in a safe, structured environment.

Through climbing, jumping, dancing, and tumbling, children develop and boost problem-solving, memory, taking turns and a love of movement.

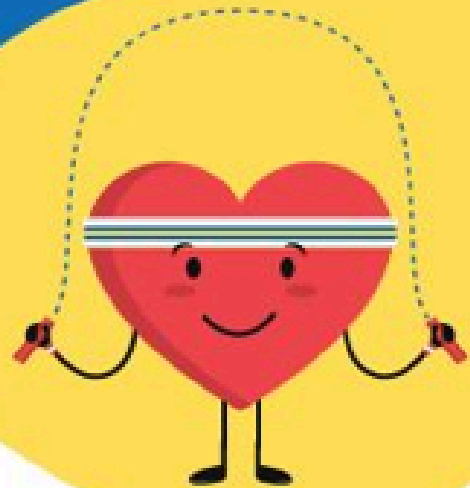
WEDNESDAY 9.00 - 9.45am FRIDAY 9.00 - 9.45am

Thank you,  
Amy

Type the link below into your search engine and find information about a free trial.

<https://portal.iclasspro.com/theburdekinacademy/classes?ages=2>

# JUMP ROPE *for* HEART



## Be active every day!

Being active is important  
for your health!



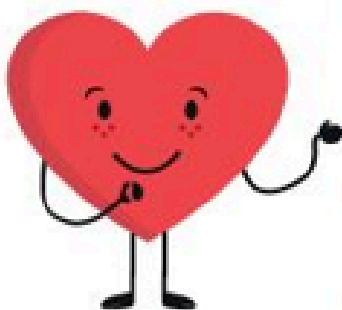
Aim for at least 1 hour of  
physical activity every day.



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](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup> March, 17 <sup>th</sup> June, & 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 Library	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