



Helidon State School

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The Principal's Term 4 Week 8 UPDATE

Thursday, 27th November 2025

At Helidon State School we aim to be the *School of Choice*, not just a *School of Chance*.

*We aspire to be **THE** school in our district that parents are confident sending their children to, NOT because it just happens to be the closest school to home.*

We are all Safe, Respectful and Responsible Learners.

Events calander

Please find attached to this letter an updated calendar of events between now and the end of the year. We aim to keep this up-to-date, and will always communicate changes to events, dates and times in a timely manner. Please keep an eye out for Text Messages and E-Flashes (emails) from us with updates and latest information.

2026

- **Enrolments**

We are currently taking enrolments for 2026 for all year levels from Prep to Year 6. If you or someone you know has a Prep enrolment for 2026 and haven't contacted us, please do so ASAP as the earlier enrolments are received the better.

- **Intentions**

At the end of every school year, some families make decisions for a wide variety of reasons to move their children to another school. If you are planning this for your child, please make sure you contact Mrs Kugel or myself **directly** at the school office on 4612 9222 or email admin@helidonss.eq.edu.au.

- **Class and teacher allocations**

A note will be sent home by the middle of next week that will contain:

- Class groupings for 2026.
- Class teacher allocations
- A copy of the 2026 Resource List for each grade with the things we're asking you to supply for your child.

If you would like to discuss the class that your child will be allocated to for next year, please make a time to talk to me, NOT your child's teacher.

- **School uniforms – P&C School Uniform Shop**

The School Uniform Shop, run by our P&C stocks a variety of school uniform tops, bottoms and hats. Please see the attached costing list.

The uniform shop is open most days, but over the next few monthst it will be open:

- ✓ All day from December 8th-12th (last week of Term 4).
- ✓ Student Free Days – Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd January 2026.
- ✓ Week 1 of Term 1 2026 – Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th January 2026.

Please call ahead if you like during this time, or simply drop in.

Swimming lessons and carnival

I would like to thank parents/carers for their patience in waiting for the 2nd bus to return slightly later than the school finish time. This was an unforeseen circumstance that has been unavoidable.

Swimming Lessons have gone well and the kids seem to be enjoying getting into the pool, especially on the spate of hot days this week.

We pay our respects to the traditional owners of the land on which our school is situated.

Swimming Carnival – Our last big sporting event for the year is next Monday December 1st at the pool in Gatton, and is shaping up to be a highlight on our school calendar. For eligible students, please make sure that consent forms are returned (paper copy OR via QParents), and the \$10 payment (QKR or BPoint) by Friday this week. **Buses will leave at 8:30am for a 9:00am start.**

The following **Important information** was in the consent note sent home earlier this week, *with a few changes*:

- Only students who participate in swimming lessons (Nov 24th – 28th) are eligible to attend the carnival.
- Students from Prep to Year 6 who attend are expected to participate in events.
 - Age Champion medals will be awarded to boys and girls 9 year and older.
 - There will be competitive events in all 3 main strokes and relays over 25m and 50m for students 8 years and older.
 - Students 9 years and older wishing to swim butterfly will need to nominate by Friday 28th November. Butterfly swimmers must be competent in this stroke and need to be able to swim a 50m lap. Class teachers will collect butterfly nominations.
 - There will also be some novelty events for our younger students and for other students who are less confident swimming 25m or 50m.
- Students who participate in any event will earn points for their House.
- All students attending are expected to sit with their House group and not their parents.
- Students who attend and who want to sit with their parents:
 - Are to remain with their parents and will not sit with their friends in the House group areas.
 - Will not participate in events.
 - Will not be able to participate in the free swim at the end of the events (if there is time).
- Parents attending:
 - YES, we love that parents attend to watch their kids participate. There may be an entry fee to pay. We ask that you follow a few simple rules. Thankyou in advance:
 - Your children who are competeing are to sit with their House group.
 - Non-school aged siblings are welcome, but they must remain with parents.
 - School aged siblings are not to attend as spectators as they should be at school.
 - We ask that you do not purchase items from the pool's canteen for your children. Doing so in the past has created issues with some children missing events or having to bin items before getting on the bus.
 - If you plan to take your child home early you must sign them out with a supervsing staff member.
- A draft program of events was sent with the consent letter.
- **There will be modified instruction programs at school for non-participants.**

2026 student leaders

Our 2026 School and House Captains have been selected and they are looking forward to their tenure next year. Our 2026 student leadership team is:

- ✓ **School Captains:** Amitee Hogan-Frost & Caitlin Brink
- ✓ **Wattle House Captains:** Molly Findlay & Dan Muhiire
- ✓ **Jacaranda House Captains:** Scarlett Killen & Dylan Wright

Our 2026 Student Leaders will receive their badges at a special ceremony on Wednesday 10th December at 10:00am, after the Year 6 Graduation ceremony.

Book Fair

Our second Book Fair for 2025 is now open in the Library until after school next Tuesday, 2nd December. Book Fair, especially at this time of the year, has a great selection of gift ideas for Christmas.

Helidon's Got Talent

FINALS – Friday December 5th at 9:00am in the undercover area. Parents are welcome to attend.

Christmas event – Tuesday December 2nd

- 🔔 The students, under the close eye of Mrs Reibelt, Mrs Nixon and Mrs McLoughlin have been rehearsing for a great evening.
- 🔔 The P&C has started the food prep. Volunteers are still needed for setting up, food service and cleaning/packing up, so contact Peta Steedman on 0449044665.
- 🔔 Immediate families of enrolled students (including siblings and grandparents) are welcome to attend. This is not a public event.
- 🔔 Parents are responsible for the supervision of the children they bring along (including pre-school and post-primary aged children). Any persons loitering out the front will be asked to either come and sit inside, or leave.
- 🔔 For those who wish to smoke during the event, we expect that they will cross over the street to do so. This is strictly an alcohol-free event.

Returns and final payments

By Friday December 5th, please make sure that:

- All borrowed library books and home readers are returned to the Library.
- Any outstanding invoices for 2026 are to paid – speak to Mrs Kugel if you have any questions.

Lost property

The lost property cupboard will be cleaned out next week. Therefore, by Friday December 5th:

- Items that are named will be returned to their rightful owner.
- Unclaimed school uniform items that are **not** named, will be washed by volunteers, and donated to the P&C Second Hand Uniform shop.
- Unclaimed non-school uniform items (Eg lunch boxes, drink bottles, shoes, etc) that are **not** named, will be cleaned and donated to local charities.

Parent meetings and reports cards

- ✓ **Report Cards** for Semester 2, 2025 will be emailed home to parents on Wednesday December 10th.
- ✓ If you would like to make a time to discuss your child's progress, then please contact your child's teacher and make a time to meet with them before Friday December 5th.

New Principal in 2026

Earlier this term I wrote to all families informing you that I will be taking long service leave for all of 2026 and then plan enter the semi-retirement phase of my life. It's been a hectic and exciting time as have been preparing a transition that will hopefully be as smooth as possible for my successor. At this stage a decision has **not** been made about who your new Principal will be. I will inform the school community when I have that information. In the meantime, **do not** believe or support any rumours, 'hot tips', or info from 'the grapevine' that you hear because I can absolutely positively guarantee you **they are not true**. If you need to know the actual truth, ask me any direct question you like, and I will tell you what I can! 😊

We'll keep you updated with these things and more. Contact me if there's anything you wish to discuss.

Regards,



Mark Robertson
Principal



Helidon State School – *EVENTS CALENDAR 2025*

- Details are correct at this time, Thursday, 27th November 2025.
- Additional information for some events listed will be advised (TBA) in due course.
- Please understand that details such as dates, times and venues may change due to currently unforeseen circumstances.
- Changes to dates, information and corrections about listed events will be communicated in a timely manner.



Dates to Remember – Term 4

Nov 24th – 28th	Swimming Lessons – Milne Bay Pool, Toowoomba (daily in Week 8)
Nov 27th – Dec 2nd	Book Fair – in the Library
Monday Dec 1st	Swimming Carnival – Gatton Pool – 9:00am-12:00pm (approx)
Tuesday Dec 2nd	Christmas Play/Musical. Details TBA
Dec 3rd – 4th	Teachers curriculum planning days – relief teachers on ALL classes both days
Friday Dec 5th	Helidon's Got Talent finals
Friday Dec 5th	5/6 Class Party Day – Mrs Fea will communicate details with parents
Monday Dec 8th	High School Transition Day – Lockyer District SHS
Tuesday Dec 9th	High School Transition Day – Centenary Heights & Toowoomba SHSs
Tuesday Dec 9th	P&C General Meeting – School Library, 5:30pm followed by a meal
Tuesday Dec 9th	Rewards Day for eligible students
Wednesday Dec 10th	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony, 10:00am – 11:30am
Wednesday Dec 10th	2026 School Captains & House Captains badge presentation after Grad Ceremony
Wednesday Dec 10th	Report Cards to be emailed home
Thursday Dec 11th	Class Party Day (except 5/6) – teachers will communicate with their own classes
Thursday Dec 11th	Year 6 End of Year 'Fun Day' at Emu Gully for eligible students
Friday Dec 12th	Last Breaky Club – <i>Up 'n' Go's</i>
Friday Dec 12th	LAST DAY OF TERM 4.
Dec 13th – Jan 26th	School Holidays
Tuesday Jan 27th 2026	First school day of 2026
Tuesday Feb 10th 2026	P&C Annual General Meeting – 5:30pm in the Library

Weekly/Regular

TUESDAY Office Times

Please be aware that Mrs Kugel does not work on Tuesdays. **While the office will be open**, there may not always be someone present if you drop in.

Whole School Parade

Every Friday at 9:00am. All welcome to attend.

Tasty Tucker Tuesday

Weekly fundraiser selling pies and ice block each Tuesday that supports Chaplaincy. Qkr payments close at 4:00 pm each Monday, or children can bring cash on Tuesday mornings.

Breakfast Club

Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:30am. **Volunteers are always needed.**