



Helidon State School

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Start of Term Update – Term 4

Dear parents/carers,

Term 3 Highlights

We had a very busy and exciting Term 3 highlighted by the following:

- Our children continuing to be engaged in teaching and learning across all learning areas. In particular, it's great to see many of our younger students becoming more independent readers, and many of our students becoming convincing persuasive writers.
- Our House Captains attending the student leadership day at Toowoomba State High School.
- The P&C Glow Disco at the Helidon Community Hall.
- Various representative athletics events that a lot of our students participated in.
- Book Week dress up day – always a fun day!
- Our team of students representing at the Toowoomba Primary School Teams Chess Tournament.
- Prep Open classroom afternoons.
- Bush-2-Beach and Cricket Blast at-school programs.
- The Astomony night.
- Jump Rope For Heart for the whole term.
- Spelling Bee.
- One of our best Reward Day activities last week with the inflatable obstacle course.
- AND, that's not everything.

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.

Teacher Planning

In the last week of Term 3 our teachers were released for 2 days each to engage in vital professional learning, student achievement data analysis, and curriculum planning for Term 4. They are also looking ahead to start pre-planning for 2026. There will be 2 additional release days for teachers towards the end of Term 4, most likely in Week 9 (Dec 1 – 5).

Teacher Aide Professional Development

On September 5th, while the students were enjoying a Student Free Day, and the teachers were not required to be at school, our Teacher Aides were busy engaging in vital professional learning to support their capabilities to support the teachers and students in the classrooms.

- **Assessments:** In the morning I led them in the detailed process teachers go through to plan, prepare and implement assessment tasks. This is more than just giving the kids a test. This important professional learning helps our TAs better understand the role of assessments and their vital role in supporting teachers to implement assessments.
- **Essential Skills for Classroom Management (ESCM):** In the afternoon they motored up the road to Gatton State School to participate in the ESCM program run by the Principal at Tent Hill Lower SS, Christine Allen. This is a well respected program, usually offered to early career teachers, but that is a great refresher for TAs and even experienced teachers from time to time.

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

2026 Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for 2026. If you have a Prep enrolment for 2026 and haven't contacted us, please do so ASAP as the earlier enrolments are received the better.

Our **Prep Transition Days** are on **Wednesdays, November 5th, 12th and 19th at 2:00pm**.

P&C

Our P&C is a small yet dynamic group of **volunteers** who give a lot of time and effort to support not our school and families.

- **Breakfast Club** provides a healthy, **FREE** breakfast for every child twice a week.
- The **Uniform Shop** provides a convenient place to purchase school uniform items, including a range of very inexpensive 2nd hand items.
- **Fundraising** done by the P&C **heavily subsidises the cost of programs we run such as swimming lessons, school camp and support for chaplaincy.**

To **volunteer** contact our P&C Secretary Peta Steedman on 0449 004 665.

Meeting times for the rest of the year are in the Events Calendar, with the next one on Oct 21st at 5:30pm.

Halloween Disco – Friday October 31st from 6:00pm. Includes 'trick or treating' around the school.

Swimming Lessons and Carnival

For a variety of reasons, this year our school swimming will be at the Milne Bay Pool complex in Tooowoomba.

Swimming Lessons

- Daily from Monday November 24th – Friday November 28th in the afternoons.
- *The cost will be \$55 per student* which is an increase from last year.
The actual cost this year to run this program is \$115 per student. However thanks to the generosity of the P&C and additional subsidy from the school we have done our best to reduce the cost as much as possible.
- A parental consent form will soon be available on QParents, and as a paper copy if needed, with payments able to be made via QKR or BPoint.

Swimming Carnival – whole school

- Monday December 1st 2025. Details regarding times and cost will be sent in the coming weeks.

2026 Student Leaders

Several of our current year 5 students have nominated to become School Captains or House Captains for 2026. Over the first part of Term 4 the process to select and vote for the 2026 Student Leaders will take place. This will culminate with elections for School Captains on November 7th, and House Captains on November 14th. The badge presentation to our 2026 student leaders will take place after the Year 6 Graduation on December 10th.

Christmas Event – Tuesday December 2nd

This year we're changing things up! Rather than the Concert and Carols event, the staff and students are preparing a special Christmas Play/Musical for our end of year celebration (thanks largely to Mrs Nixon & Mrs Reibelt). There will be more details coming in Term 4, but the basics are:

- Tuesday December 2nd, from about 5:30pm.
- Helidon Community Hall – next door to the RSL
- Food and drinks on sale by the P&C

This date has been chosen to avoid a clash with the Helidon Early Learning Centre's Christmas event on Dec 5th.

Parent Meetings and Reports Cards

In early Term 3 we offered formal parent-teacher meetings, and many of you took up that opportunity. If you would like to make a time to discuss your child's progress heading into Term 4, then please contact your child's teacher and make a time to meet with them. **Report Cards** for Semester 2, 2025 are due to be emailed home to parents on Wednesday December 10th.

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, Monday 7th October 2025.
- Additional information for some events listed below are To 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

Monday Oct 6th	King's Birthday Public Holiday – no school
Tuesday Oct 7th	First day of Term 4
During week 1	2026 Student Leadership nominees interview with the Principal
Friday Oct 10th	5/6 CAMP – Medications for campers to be handed in at office
Friday Oct 10th	Prep Open Classroom from 10:00am – 10:45am
Oct 13th – 15th	5/6 CAMP – Luther Heights Youth Camp (near Coolumb, Sunshine Coast)
Tuesday Oct 21st	P&C General Meeting – School Library, 5:30pm
Friday Oct 31st	P&C Halloween Disco in Undercover Area at school – details TBA
Wednesday Nov 5th	Prep Transition Day 1 – 2:00pm
Friday Nov 7th	2026 School Captain nominee speeches & voting – special parade time TBA
Tuesday Nov 11th	P&C General Meeting – School Library, 5:30pm
Wednesday Nov 12th	Prep Transition Day 2 – 2:00pm
Friday Nov 14th	2026 School Captains announced on morning Parade
Friday Nov 14th	2026 House Captain nominee speeches & voting – special parade time TBA
Wednesday Nov 19th	Prep Transition Day 3 – 2:00pm
Friday Nov 21st	2026 House Captains announced on morning Parade
Nov 24th – 28th	Swimming Lessons – Milne Bay Pool, Toowoomba (daily in Week 8)
Week 9	Teachers curriculum planning days – days & relief teacher details TBA
Monday Dec 1st	Swimming Carnival – Milne Bay Pool – whole school, all-day event
Tuesday Dec 2nd	Christmas Play/Musical. Details TBA
Thursday Dec 4th	Rewards Day for eligible students
Tuesday Dec 9th	High School Transition Day – details TBA
Tuesday Dec 9th	P&C General Meeting – Venue to be decided, 5:30pm followed by a meal
Wednesday Dec 10th	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony, 10:00am – 11:30am
Wednesday Dec 10th	2026 School Captains & House Captains badge presentation after yr 6 Grad
Wednesday Dec 10th	Report Cards to be emailed home
Thursday Dec 11th	Class Party Day
Thursday Dec 11th	Year 6 End of Year 'Fun Day' for eligible students – (Details TBA)
Friday Dec 12th	LAST DAY OF TERM 4.
Dec 13th – Jan 26th	School Holidays
Tuesday Jan 27th 2027	First school day of 2027

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.**

Cricket Blast (Term 4)

See attached flyer to register & pay.




Helidon SS Pop Up Cricket Blast

Ready to bat, bowl and have a ball?
Helidon State School Oval
Thursday 16th Oct - 6 Nov
Time - 3:30pm-4:30pm

4 Week Program



play.cricket.com.au

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