



Term 1, Week3

### From Miss Hoskins' Desk

**Term 1!** How are we already in Week 3? Our students have had a calm and successful start to the 2024 school year!

Attendance 90% is our current attendance rate. This year, our goal as a school is 92%, how soon can we get there? In 2023, Monday and Friday were the days with fewest attendance. Lots of opportunity for improvement!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
93.1% Av	92% Av	92% Av	90.7% Av	85.3% Av
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance

#### **After School Club**

After School Club has had a successful start! Our students have had lots of fun with myself and Mrs. Whitney using computers, playing soccer, lego and having excellent afternoon tea which is being supplied through our tuck-shop. Bookings for Term 2 will open by the end of this term!

#### Welcome to Our New Staff

This term we have had some new staff members join our St Bernard family! We've been extremely fortunate to add Mrs. Swift to our team teaching 1/2 W on Tuesday, PB on Wednesday and Music on Thursday each week. Mrs. Swift has been working with Mrs. Antill to start our choir who had their first performance on assembly this week.

For Term 1 at this stage, we have had Mrs. Goldman join our team as P.E. teacher each Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Goldman and Mrs. Swift have fit right in with our staff and are already loved by our students!

#### Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland

Next Wednesday 14th February, St Bernard State School has the privilege of hosting Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland on a visit to our school. Her Excellency will be visiting for 30 minutes and read a picture book to our Prep to Year 4 students. Our School Captains and I will greet our visitors at the gate. This is a unique opportunity for a State Primary School to have the Governor visit!



Miette, Lola, Kaliah and Amity - Our 2024 School Captains



**School Captains** 

At the end of 2023 we announced our 2024 school captains! So far, the group of students have shown excellent leadership, initiative and kindness for their first few weeks in their new roles. Each week they meet with Mrs. Antill to plan projects and initiatives to implement in our school and our sports captains run the sport shed each first break play time. Our four school captains have already shown incredible adaptability in their first assemblies, with technical difficulties and providing information to our students. We are thrilled to see how all 10 of our sports and school captains grow as leaders within our school!

**School Captains** - Kaliah, Miette, Lola & Amity **Sport Captains** -Ella, Watson, Noah, Miette, Ken, Wes, Aurey & Amity.

We will have our badge ceremony on an assembly once they arrive.

Ella & Watson Wattle House





lawara Flame Tree





Aurey & Amity Ironbark





Miette & Noah
Piccabean









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### From Mrs Menzies

Welcome back to 2024! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday filled with joy and laughter. As we reunite with our school community, we acknowledge the challenges that some families have faced due to the recent weather events. Our thoughts are with those affected, and we want you to know that our school is here to support you in any way we can. If your family needs assistance or if your child requires additional support during this time, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Despite the challenges, we are committed to providing a nurturing and positive learning environment for all students. Our dedicated teachers have been working hard to ensure a smooth transition back into the school routine and are committed to supporting each child's academic progress. Together, as a resilient community, we will overcome any obstacles and continue to thrive. It was a pleasure to meet all of our existing and new families at the meet the teacher afternoon and connect with each of you. It really does take a village to raise a child so, welcome back, and let's make this school term a time of growth, learning, and support for one another.

### School Uniform Policy

Our school has a very proud uniform policy. Staff will be reinforcing our uniform expectations over the next few weeks. It is a part of the enrolment agreement, that students adhere to the uniform policy unless there are extenuating circumstances and the classroom teacher has been notified by parents.

Full school uniform is to be worn every day.

- Blue polo shirt (sport shirt on P.E. days), blue shorts/skirt, or the checkered dress.
- Jumpers and tracksuit pants are to be the same as the school blue. NO OTHER COLOURS OR LOGOS.
- There is a large collection in the lost property box, please check it. I will put them out on the school fence next Friday for collection. Any remaining will be washed and donated to the second hand collection.
- School hats <u>must always be worn</u> when students are outside. This includes on the playground, oval & sandpit. No hat = under covered area or library.
- School Hat is to be broad brimmed/ or bucket hat, royal blue or reversible house colour.
- Hair neat, natural style, and tied back if longer than below the ears. Students who require their hair up, can collect a hair tie from the office.
- Wrist watch (smart watches must not be worn), earrings (plain studs/ sleepers). No necklaces, bracelets or other jewelry. NO makeup/ nail polish.
- Shoes must be black closed in shoes.

### Bringing Toys to School

There have still been a lot of students bringing toys and other objects to school. We don't want students to have their special toys, cards or objects broken, lost or stolen so they are not to bring them to school. If a student has something that is a tool for learning and it is written into their Personalised Learning Plan - they may have that one object at school. However, Pokémon cards, Beyblade pieces etc. are to remain at home. Anything brought to school will be kept safe on the teacher's desk until 2.45pm and if a students is consistently bringing something not in their PLP, it will live on Miss Hoskins's desk until 2.45pm Friday afternoons to keep safe.





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#### The Holidays

I experienced a large storm over the Christmas holidays. It all started December 24th when my Auntie Bhindi, cousin Jamuna and Auntie Kells came over to do a gift swap when we were having lunch, it started storming then a huge gust of wind arrived and leaves started swirling around in the sky the next minute the power went out and back on again. On Christmas night I was asleep and I awoke to the sound of thunder. I got out of bed and soon discovered that the power was out so I grabbed my torch and went into the lounge room and saw mum and dad watching the lightning. the next couple of weeks we didn't have electricity. So some insurance guys payed \$10,000 to get us a holiday apartment in surfers a few blocks away from the beach.

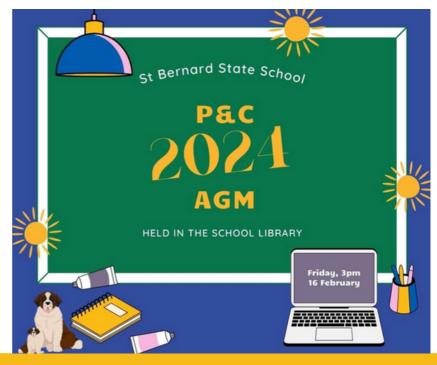


Written by Tilly.

Has your child/ren done something outside of school you're proud of and would like to share? We love celebrating the achievements of our students, whether in the arts, sporting or other extra-curricular activities, inside and out of school. Email the information through with some photos if you have them to **admin@stbernardss.eq.edu.au** to feature in future newsletters.

## From the Business Manager

- Payment due for Year 5 & 6 Life Education Puberty Tuesday 13th February -\$13.
- Payment due for Interschool Sport by Friday 23rd February - \$3.50
- If you have moved over the Christmas holiday break please pop in the office to complete an change of details form.







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## Religious Instruction

Religious Instruction recommenced at school last Wednesday at 10.30 am. We have 2 RI groups; the Cooperative group and the Baha'i group. Please email admin@stbernardss.eq.edu.au if you would like to update your students' details. Below we have provided information about the two groups.

#### Baha'i

In Baha'i Children's Classes the development of spiritual attributes or virtues common to all the world's major religions are explored. In addition, content of the program is aimed to develop within the students the knowledge, skills, understandings and attitudes required to be world citizens and to embrace the equality of all peoples regardless of race, religion, nationality, class or gender.

Students explore ways in which they may be able to contribute to the betterment of society and serve humanity.

The classes are based on the teachings of Baha'u'llah, the Founder of the Baha'i Faith, and explores all the worlds major religions and Messengers of God including Krishna, Buddha, Zoroaster, Abraham, Moses, Jesus Christ, Muhammad, The Bab and Baha'u'llah.

The classes are open to all students regardless of their cultural or religious background and are held at your school during RI time. If your child wishes to be part of this class, please contact your school.

### Cooperative Group

Christian religious instruction (RI) is commencing for 2024 at St Bernard State School Wednesday 7th February, for children of consenting parent/ carers.

RI is a non- denominational program supported in a cooperative arrangement by faith groups on Tamborine Mountain. It aims to present the core teachings of the Christian faith and provided by volunteer instructors using materials which are engaging, age appropriate, and complies with relevant government legislation and Department of Education policies.

A recent joint Australian Israeli study\* found that RI offers benefits for students in 4 Key areas:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Values education, empowering students decision making, fostering action, and encouraging responsibility.
- Creating safe places for students to explore deeper questions of faith and belief.
- Strengthening the multicultural fabric of Australian schools

\*Gross, Zehavit and Rutland, Suzanne, 'Special Religious Education in Australia and its Value to Contemporary Society, Springer





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### From Mrs. Antill

This week we had our very first chess club. Mr Ashley Anderssen, a community volunteer, came along to share his knowledge and to support students who are new to the game. We had a group of very enthusiastic players and look forward to welcoming new members each week! It officially starts at 8 am each Wednesday in Mrs Antill's room, (or whenever students can get to school) and goes until the first bell rings to prepare for class. All abilities and ages are welcome to attend.

Further enquiries, please contact Sue Antill santi2@eq.edu.au

#### **Back to School** Key Word Sign Phrases

















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#### PBL News with Mrs Quinn

At St Bernard State School, we have 4 behaviour expectations

- · We are Safe
- We are Respectful
- We are Responsible
- We are Learners

Week 1 - We reviewed our 4 expectations listed above

Week 2 - We Are Learners

Week 3 - We Are Responsible



## From Chappie "Breakfast Club" is on again,

"Breakfast Club" is on again, Tuesdays at 8.15am at the tuckshop.

We thank Chappy's wonderful volunteers.

### Titans Visit

Last Friday, Chappie organised a visit from the Gold Coast Titans. It was an excellent afternoon and students had a fantastic time meeting the athletes and some of the Titans' staff. Thank you Chappie for the incredible opportunity!

#### Dear St Bernard SS families,

Given the recent weather events, our community has faced numerous challenges, and many families are currently experiencing hardship. In light of this, we want to extend our support to those in need. If you or anyone you know requires assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher, Denise in the office, the inclusion team or myself. We are committed to making families lives a little easier, considering the difficult times our community have recently endured. Regards, Chappy.







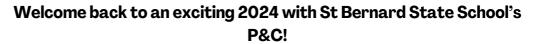




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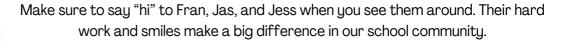
### From the P&C

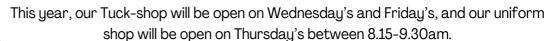




We're thrilled to welcome Fran back as our beloved Tuck-shop Conveyer, ready to dish out those delicious snacks and meals. Joining Fran again this year is Jas, our fantastic tuck-shop assistant, together making sure our kids are well-fed and happy.

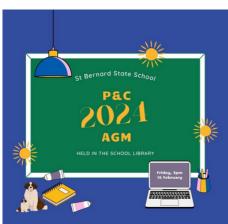
As announced last year, we'd also like to say a big hello to Jess, stepping in as the Uniform Shop Convenor and doubling as our second tuck-shop assistant. Jess is here to keep our students looking sharp and helping out with the tasty offerings in the tuck-shop.





You can also order tuck-shop and uniforms online using the Flexischools app: https://www.flexischools.com.au/

Here's to a great year ahead with our amazing P&C team!



P&C Meeting

#### You're invited to the St Bernard State School P&C Association's AGM on

Friday, 16th February 2024, at 3pm, in the school library. This is a great opportunity to join our P&C and contribute to our beautiful school's future.

#### Why Your Participation Matters?

- Shape the Future: Your involvement helps enhance our children's education.
- Flexible Involvement: No need to attend all meetings to make a difference.
- Open Positions: Consider nominating for roles including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and more.

#### **Volunteering Simplified**

- No Blue Card Needed for parents; we facilitate for other family members.
  - Quick Induction: Complete a 15-minute training to volunteer safely.

#### **Benefits of Joining**

- Build connections, enhance your skills, and have a say in school matters.
  - Support our school while having fun!

Interested or have questions? Contact us at pandc@stbernardss.eq.edu.au. Let's work together for our school's success. See you at the AGM!







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## Community Notices

### **School Zone**

#### Safety advice for motorists, parents and carers

With school back for 2024, we need to keep safety top-of-mind when travelling through active school zones and around our school community.

School zone times have been standardised in Queensland to help motorists remember when to slow down. The standard operating times for most school zones in Queensland are 7-9am and 2-4pm, with some operating all day between 7am-4pm.

Speeding remains a significant concern, contributing to fatalities and injuries, and police will be on the lookout for speeding motorists. Keeping below the signed speed limit in school zones helps keep everyone safe. This simple adjustment may have minimal impact on travel time but has the potential to significantly contribute to saving lives.

Children's crossings are identified by children's crossing flags, displayed near crossings before and after school hours.

#### When the crossing is supervised, you, as a motorist, must:

- · Wait until all pedestrians, bicycle riders, or personal mobility device riders have crossed the road and the crossing supervisor has returned to the footpath. Abide by the direction given by the School Crossing
- Please keep our children safe by staying alert, slowing down and obeying our school crossing supervisors who are there to help kids cross the road safelu.

#### You can also help children become more road safety aware by:

- Showing them how to look for vehicles coming in and out of driveways and discourage them from playing behind parked cars, or with toys or balls when walking to school.
- Ensuring your child knows the safest route to and from school. This is usually the way with the least traffic and the fewest roads to cross and teach your child to always walk on footpaths.
- Showing your child how to cross at traffic lights when the green 'walk' sign is showing at pedestrian crossings when vehicles have stopped and at supervised school crossings when the supervisor has signalled it is safe to do so.
- · Accompanying children when walking or riding to school until they are old enough to understand road safety (usually around 10 years or older).
- Teaching your child if they catch the bus to never cross in front of or behind a bus; wait until the bus goes before crossing the road.
- Making sure wheeled devices (bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or rollerblades) used to travel to school are well maintained and that the appropriate protective and safety gear (for example, helmet, visible clothing, knee and elbow pads) are used.

Visit the Street Smarts website for more information about what to do at pedestrian and children crossings.



## **PLAYGROUP**



Make new friends and get to know the kindy teachers!

#### Selected Friday mornings 9am - 11am **TERM 1 DATES**

February 16th, March 1st, March 15th Held at Coleman Square, Tamborine Mountain

23 Coleman Square North Tamborine QLD 4272 (07) 5545 2224 | staff@tmckindy.org.au | www.tmckindy.org.au







#### **ARE YOU THE PARENT OF AN AUTISTIC CHILD?**

Researchers at UQ are looking for parents of autistic children who would like to · strengthen their relationship with their child

- · understand autism from autistic people
- develop personalised strategies for self-care

#### WHAT IS THIS STUDY ABOUT?

This study seeks to test the effectiveness of a new innovative online parenting group program for parents of autistic children, designed to improve parent-child relationships and wellbeing of autistic families





#### **WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

- · Adults fufilling a parental role (e.g. biological, adoptive, foster parents or legal guardians) of autistic children (10 years and younger)
- · Able to commit to 3 sets of assessments and a 5-week online program (zoom), across 4 months
- · All parents will receive free access to the full program

#### I want to participate!

For expressions of interest or more information, please contact Sarah Lee at lee.jy.sarah@uq.net.au or scan the QR code to find out more!





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#### Dear Families of Year 1 and 2 students,

Last year we were fortunate to be a part of a Community Sculptural Installation Project with Artist Therese Flynn-Clarke. The students had the opportunity to make art around the theme of 'something you'd find in your garden' using all recycled and repurposed waste materials.

Some students had their artwork selected to be included in an exhibition to be held at The Centre, 82 Brisbane St, Beaudesert.

The official opening will take place on Saturday Feb 17th at 10am. The title of the exhibition is 'A Garden of Possibility:
Reimagine It!'. Student work will be exhibited with other Artists' work around the concept of reimagining waste.

Our school has been granted 10 free tickets to attend the opening celebrations, meaning two per family (one for the student and one for a parent/accompanying adult). If you are free and would like to attend the official opening, please let the office know. It will be on a "First in" basis.

The exhibition will continue to April 27, 2024 at "The Centre" in Beaudesert. You can visit with the whole family to see your child's work on display in the gallery. Opening times are Tuesday to Friday 10am to 4pm, and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Please visit the website:

#### Kind regards, Angela Berryman PB Teacher 🙂







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#### **OUR PROGRAMS EXPLAINED**

Weekend Camps (2 nights) Weekend Camps commence on a Friday evening and concludes on a Sunday afternoon - A Perfect Weekend Away. Enjoy a mix of adventure based activities, time outdoors as well as a chance to spend time with like minded people.

#### **OUR SUPPORT RATIOS EXPLAINED**

1:3 Ratio

- A camper who is independent in all areas of personal care including toileting, showering and brushing teeth (may just require prompting).
- Can eat independently, make drinks for themselves and has good communication and social skills.
- Understands rules of the road, social settings and can stay with the group on outings.



- Require prompting or some assistance with showering, toileting and brushin teeth.
- May require prompting to pick appropriate clothes and get ready for the day.
   May need supervision with eating or using cutlery.
- Requires closer supervision in the community during outings
  - A camper who uses manual or electric wheelchairs and need assistance.

1:1 Ratio

- A camper that needs full assistance with personal care showering, toileting.
- A camper that needs full assistance with personal care showering, toileting, brushing teeth and dressing.
- Has special requirements during meal times and needs assistance to eat.
- Requires full assistance and constant supervision in the community.
- May have limited social skills.
- · May display behaviours of concerns.



GOT QUESTIONS - JOIN US - AT OUR ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION



PLEASE CONTACT US TODAY IF YOU REQUIRE A
QUOTE FOR YOUR NDIS PLAN

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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN WOLVES BASKETBALL SEASON 1,
THERE ARE POSITIONS STILL OPEN FOR OUR
U12B.2 AND U12G.1 TEAMS

YOUR TEAMMATES AND COACHES ARE HERE TO HELP!

Training is held Wednesdays at TMSHS from 3:30pm - 5pm.

QUERIES CAN BE SENT TO REGISTRATIONS@WOLVESBASKETBALL.COM.AU





St Bernard State SChool

Every child can learn and every child can learn and Term 7

## **OUR SCHOOL**

St Bernard State School is a State School located on Tamborine Mountain catering to all students from Prep to Year 6. With a strong history spanning over 110 years, beautiful school grounds with lush greenery and rainforest. We have small class sizes, a diverse and collaborative staffing approach, contemporary teaching and learning spaces, our school provides student centred teaching and learning experiences that value innovation, curiosity and kindness.



With **no enrolment catchment area** we accept all enrolments, all year round from Prep to Year 6. For more information visit: Our school website:

> email: admin@stbernardss.eq.edu.au or see our school Facebook page.

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St Bernard State School has an inclusive, caring, child centred approach to learning. We work in partnership with the whole community to support every child to realise their potential.



Small School. Big Heart

#### AT ST BERNARD STATE SCHOOL ALL STAFF BELIEVE:

Student learning and wellbeing is at the core of everything we do. Our curriculum is learner focused, giving students agency in a responsive and creative way. Our teaching team use an inclusive approach to teaching and learning. Our teaching team use highly effective, research based learning opportunities tailored to the students in their classrooms.

Our school works collaboratively to effectively deliver the Australian Curriculum. Staff at St Bernard celebrate student success openly and frequently. We provide our students with extensive programs across all their interests whether

academic, sporting, musical or the Arts. The sky is the limit for our beautiful school.







### St Bernard State School WHAT'S HAPPENING EACH WEEK?





### Lunch Time Clubs & Activities

In 2024 we are going to be running lunch time clubs and activities. Our incredible staff are going to be utilising their interests and talents and providing some unique opportunities for our students! These are happening EVERY week at the same time.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
ACTIVITY & STAFF MEMBER	F Todd legacy projects		Choir with Mrs. Antill & Mrs. Swift	Craft club with Miss Zita	Sport / Game with our PE teacher	Movement Club with Chappy
TIME	11am - 11.30am	11am - 11.30am	11am - 11.30am	11am - 11.30am	11am - 11.30am	11am - 11.30am
LOCATION	3/4 M Turtle Cove Classroom		Music Room	Sensory Room	Oval	Turtle Cove

## Other Important Events

Each fortnight there are a number of different events that happen throughout our school. These include assembly, tuck shop, specialist lessons, please keep the calendar below to remind your students what they have on every 2 weeks!

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Odd	Instrumental     Music     Guidance     Officer's Day     After School     Club	<ul> <li>Japanese</li> <li>Breakfast Club</li> <li>School</li> <li>Psychologist's Day</li> <li>After School Club</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>After School Club</li> <li>Yr 6 Academic Extension Program TMSHS</li> <li>Tuck-shop</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Health</li> <li>PE</li> <li>Music</li> <li>Chappy in</li> <li>Assembly 2.15 - 2.40pm</li> <li>After School Club</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Health</li> <li>PE</li> <li>Chappy in</li> <li>After School Club</li> <li>Tuck-shop</li> </ul>
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Our days for Assembly have changed to a Thursday in every **ODD numbered week.** Our first being Thursday 25th January, 2024. This will now be from 2.15pm - 2.40pm.

Questions? Email: adminestbernardss.eq.edu.au





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# WANTED

## Are you kind, caring and empathetic?

St Bernard State School is currently looking to expand our pool of casual / relief teacher aides.

A teacher aide is an integral part of a school and when they are away, very important to replace. Teacher aides do not require formal training but do require a few departmental checks & training prior to beginning.

A pool of casual or relief aides may not be guaranteed work, but requires reliable, trustworthy and discreet people to be willing to work every now and then. It may lead to further opportunities within the department of education if they arise.

## Not Just Any One

Teacher Aides must comply with Department Code of Conduct and Information Privacy Act and know that failing to do so will result in no further opportunities. They know that gossiping about and spreading rumors' about school staff and other students is not ok.

#### What does it entail?

- Following the direction of the Principal and Business Manager.
- Following the lead and instructions of teachers.
- Doing playground duties using active supervision.
- Working alongside students to facilitate learning not do it for them.
- Provide support to students with and without disabilities - teacher aides are there to support all.
- An understanding that when employed, you are an employee, not a parent/caregiver & are unable to just be with your own child.

## Casual Teacher Aides



/hat you Need:
 Current or willing to apply for a QLD
Blue Card.
Willing to go through criminal history check.
Willing to complete all
departmental mandatory training
prior to receiving any days work.

## Interested?

Email your resume & a brief cover letter why you would like to be included in our relief pool.



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## St Bernard State School Term 1, 2024 Planner



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1	22 Jan First Day 2024	23 Staff Meeting	24	25 Assembly	26 Australia Day Public Holiday	27	28
Week 2	29	30 Staff Meeting	31	1Feb	2	3	4
Week 3	5	6 Parent Information Sessions	7	8 Day 8 Assembly	9	10	11
Week 4	12	13 Staff Meeting	<b>14</b> Valentines Day	15	16	17	18
Week 5	19	20 <b>CMM</b>	21	22 Assembly	23	24	25
Week 6	26	27 Wellbeing Week	28	29	1 Mar Interschool Sport Carnival	2 Dr. Suess Day	3 Clean Up Aus Day
Week 7	4	5 Staff Meeting	6	<b>7</b> Assembly	**  **  **  **  **  **  **  **  **  **	9	10
Week 8	11	12 Staff Meeting	13	14	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day
Week 9	18	19 <b>CMM</b>	20	21 Assembly  Harmony Day World Down Syndrome Day	22	23	24
Week 10	25 Celebration Assembly	26 Staff Meeting	27	28 Cross Country Last Day Term 1	29 Good Friday Public Holiday	30  HAPP	31 Lays
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