



Two Mile State School Newsletter

Friday 7th August 2026

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Student Absence number	5489 0266
School	5489 0222

Dates for Your Diary:

11th August - P&C in the Library 1:30pm
17-21st August - Science Week
20th August - Pic Order Collection Day
24th August - School Photos

Please – remember send a note or ring the school office 24hr answer service on 5489 0266, if your child is absent for any reason. Calls before 9am are best.

Dear Families,

It is wonderful to be back at Two Mile State School after spending some very special time travelling to the Cape with my family. The journey was a terrific opportunity to slow down, explore a remarkable part of Queensland and enjoy time together away from the usual routines. I returned feeling refreshed, grateful and very pleased to reconnect with our students, staff and families.

While I was away, Mrs Pearce stepped into the role of Acting Principal and took wonderful care of our school. I sincerely thank Mrs Pearce for leading Two Mile with such warmth, professionalism and commitment. Her calm presence and genuine care for our students, staff and families ensured the school continued to run smoothly. We are very fortunate to have her support, and I know our community joins me in thanking her for taking such excellent care of the school. Mrs Pearce will still be with us each fortnight in her usual role as Head of Special Education Services.

A wonderful Eisteddfod achievement

A huge congratulations to our school choir on their outstanding win at the Gympie Eisteddfod! This is a fantastic achievement and a proud moment for our whole school

community. Our students performed with confidence, enthusiasm and wonderful teamwork, and their success reflects the many hours of practice and preparation that went into their performance.

Thank you to Ms Cole who prepared and supported the choir, and to the families who encouraged our students and helped make their participation possible. Most importantly, congratulations to every choir member. You represented Two Mile State School beautifully, and we are incredibly proud of you.

Welcome, Miss Mac

This term, we are pleased to welcome Miss McCarthy, known to the students as Miss Mac, who will be teaching the Year 5/6 class each Monday. Miss Mac will work closely with the Year 5/6 team to provide consistency and support for student learning. We are delighted to have her join our school community and know our students and families will make her feel very welcome.

Our PBL focus

Our Week 4 Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus is Be Respectful: speak respectfully to others and respect teacher instructions. Across the school, students will discuss and practise what respectful words, tone, listening and responses look and sound like in classrooms, the playground and other shared spaces.

Families can support this focus by talking with children about ways to disagree calmly, listen when another person is speaking, follow instructions promptly and use words that help everyone feel safe and included. When school and home use the same positive language and expectations, children receive a clear and consistent message. We will

continue to notice and celebrate students who demonstrate respectful behaviour each day.

School improvement works

There has also been plenty happening around our grounds. Painting works are soon to be underway on the administration building and the REO room, helping to refresh and protect these important spaces. We appreciate everyone's patience while this work is completed and look forward to seeing the finished result.

Electrical works to the student toilets have now been completed in preparation for building works over the holidays. New gates are also being added along sections of the boundary fence to improve access, safety and security around the school. These projects are important investments in maintaining a safe, welcoming and well-presented environment for our students, staff and community.

New play equipment planned

We are excited to share that our P&C has generously donated funds towards the purchase of new play equipment for the school. The project has been made possible through money raised at last year's Muster, and we are hoping to have the new equipment installed during Term 4. The proposed equipment includes an Auslan sign, beams, twinkle stars, a xylophone and drums. These additions will create new opportunities for active, creative and inclusive play and will be a wonderful enhancement to our school grounds.

A sincere thank you to our P&C and to every parent and student who volunteered at last year's Muster. Your time, energy and community spirit helped make the event a success, and the funds raised are now being invested directly back into experiences and facilities for our students. This is a terrific example of what our community can achieve by working together.

School uniform reminder

Wearing our school uniform helps build a strong sense of belonging and pride in Two Mile State School. We ask families to ensure students attend each day in the correct uniform, including a **school hat** and **plain items in our school colours**. Clothing with large logos, patterns or colours outside our school uniform is not appropriate. Recently we have seen an increase in non-school uniform hats being worn to school. Students will not be permitted to wear these in the playground. Please also make sure all uniform items, particularly hats and jumpers, are clearly named so they can be returned if misplaced. Thank you for helping our students present neatly, safely and proudly as members of our school community.

Students leaving school early

Families recently received a text message regarding students leaving school early. Students should remain at school for the full day and should not be collected before 3:00pm unless exceptional circumstances exist. Leaving early interrupts learning, affects classroom routines and can result in students missing important instruction.

If circumstance exist where you need to collect students early, you are required to report to the school office and sign your child out in person. Office staff will then arrange for your child to come to the office for collection. Parents and caregivers must not go directly to classrooms or other areas of the school to collect students. Following this process is essential to our duty of care and ensures we can accurately account for every student on site. Thank you for your cooperation.

Vision Screening

A special thank you to the Lions Club volunteers who visited our school on Monday through the Lions Eye Health Program Australia Children's Vision Screening Program. The team provided free vision screening for more than 38 students, using a range of assessments that can help identify children who may benefit from further examination by an optometrist. We are

extremely grateful to the volunteers for generously giving their time, expertise and care to support the health, wellbeing and learning of our students. Thanks to Joan Adcock and the whole team for co-ordinating this.

P&C meeting reminder

Our next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday, 11 August, at 1:30 pm in the school library. All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend. The P&C is an important way to contribute ideas, support school initiatives and stay connected with what is happening across our school. We would love to see you there.

Looking ahead

It has been a positive and busy start to the fortnight, with much to celebrate and look forward to. Thank you, as always, for the many ways you support our school. I look forward to seeing our students continue to learn, grow and represent Two Mile State School with pride.

Warm regards,

Travis O'Keefe
Acting Principal

Prep/Year 1

Welcome to Prep/Year One in Weeks 3 & 4

I just wanted to say a very big thank you to the awesome and amazing Mrs Boaden for taking my class while I was away galivanting across the country. As always thank you to Mrs Z and our amazing class to being wonderful students for Mrs B.



This fortnight in our classroom we finished off our kitchen garden adventures with a bumper harvest of sweet potatoes. We are running full steam ahead with our learning and we are so pleased with the progress the students are making with their reading and writing. We welcomed students from the Flexi school to help with our literacy rotations on a Tuesday, and all the students agreed that it was very successful. Welcome to the new friends who have joined our class this term and we look forward to more amazing learning adventures in the next fortnight.

Keep Smiling,
Mrs Nalder



Great state. Great opportunity.

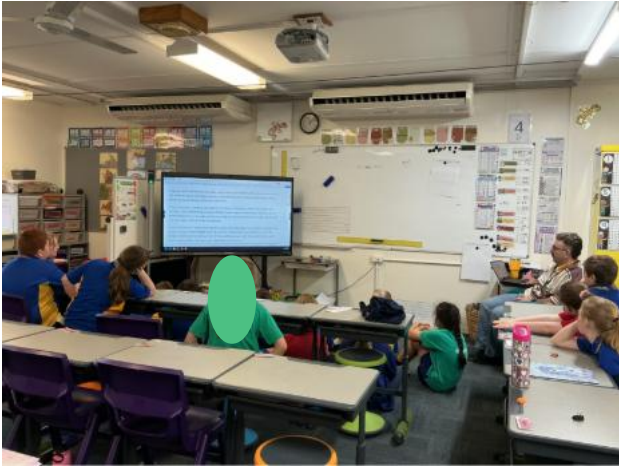
Year 2/3

It has been a flurry of activity in 2/3W, which saw Weeks 3 and 4 disappear in the blink of an eye.

Our literacy block looks a little different this term, and we are really enjoying spending more time together as a whole class and delving deeper into words, their sounds, and how that helps us to read and write. We have all been enjoying our time reading our stories together. Echo reading is not only enjoyable, but a great way for the students to hear not only how the word sounds, but how to use expression when reading. We have identified different persuasive methods from our stories... the class favourite being an ultimatum. My apologies if your child has attempted to use this method against you at home!



Year 3/4



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Year 5/6



5/6 have had a great couple of weeks of learning with a Pyjama Day and giant bubbles thrown in the mix. Looking forward to another great fortnight ahead 😊

SCHOOL NOTICES

Pie Drive

Pie Drive orders will be ready for collection on Thursday 20th August. Pick up time will be advised closer to the day.



Two Mile State School has a new Containers for Change member number. Please use the new code below to support our Kitchen Garden program.

Here's your member number. Keep it handy - you can use it to identify yourself at the refund point and track the change you're making.

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Important Reminder: Student Sign In and Sign Out Procedures

The safety and wellbeing of our students is our highest priority. To ensure we always know who is on site and can account for every student in the event of an emergency, all families must follow our student sign in and sign out procedures.

If you are collecting your child early from school (before 3pm) you must report to the office first and sign your child out. Office staff will then arrange for your child to be brought to the office for collection. Parents and caregivers are not to proceed to classrooms, playgrounds, or any other area of the school to collect students. Students leaving early must be collected from the office only.

Similarly, **if your child arrives late to school (after 9am) they must be signed in at the office before going to class.**

These procedures are non-negotiable and apply to all students and families without exception.

They are a critical part of our duty of care obligations, student supervision requirements, and emergency management processes. Failure to follow these procedures creates significant safety concerns and compromises our ability to account for all students on site.

We ask all parents and caregivers to support our staff by following these processes every time.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for every student.