



Two Mile State School Newsletter

Friday 21st August 2026

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Student Absence number	5489 0266
School	5489 0222

Dates for Your Diary:

24th August - School Photos
26th August - Yr 4/5 Broncos Challenge
28th August - Book Week Dress Up
31st August - Prep Transition Morning
2nd Sept - Yr 5/6 Girls Broncos Challenge
4th Sept - Student Free Day

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 has been another full and rewarding fortnight at Two Mile State School. Our students have enjoyed opportunities to explore science, strengthen their understanding of kindness and respectful relationships, and experience the excitement of a live musical performance. I have been very proud of the way they have participated, listened, asked thoughtful questions and represented our school.

Science Week at Two Mile

Science Week came to life on Monday when the Gympie State High School Science Ambassadors visited Two Mile and presented demonstrations for our students in Years 2-6. The ambassadors brought science beyond the textbook, giving students the chance to observe scientific ideas in action and think about how and why things happen. Our students were fascinated by the demonstrations and responded with curiosity, enthusiasm and plenty of questions.

Visits such as this are especially valuable because younger students see older students confidently sharing their knowledge and passion for learning. The Gympie High

ambassadors were excellent role models and showed that science is active, creative and connected to the world around us. Thank you to Gympie State High School and the Science Ambassadors for preparing and delivering such an engaging experience for our students. We greatly appreciate this connection between our schools.



Bullying No Way Week and Kids Helpline

This week also provided an important opportunity to reinforce that every student has the right to feel safe, included and respected. Students from Prep to Year 6 participated in Kids Helpline's large online anti-bullying lesson, with combined sessions held in our library. The sessions supported students to think about what bullying is, how our words and actions affect others, what to do when something does not feel right, and how to seek help from a trusted adult or support service.

Throughout Bullying No Way Week, classes also explored age-appropriate kindness resources and short videos. The messages focused on the impact of small acts, the power students have to make situations

better, pausing before speaking, texting or communicating online, and the positive difference we can make when we act together. These resources gave teachers a useful starting point for conversations about empathy, respectful language, inclusion, speaking up safely and looking out for one another.

Bullying prevention is not limited to one week. We will continue to teach and reinforce these messages through our classrooms, playground expectations and PBL lessons. Families can support this work by checking in regularly, encouraging children to talk about concerns and reminding them that asking for help is a strong and sensible choice.

James Nash Musical Excursion

On Wednesday, our Year 5/6 students attended the James Nash State High School musical excursion. It was an amazing experience for the children. They were captivated by the energy of the performance and the talent, confidence and teamwork shown by the cast and crew. A live production allows students to see how acting, music, movement, costumes, sets, lighting and backstage work come together to tell a story.

Our students were a wonderful audience and represented Two Mile State School with pride. Experiences like this can spark new interests and show students what is possible when people rehearse, persist and work towards a shared goal. Thank you to James Nash State High School for welcoming us and giving our students such a memorable experience and thank you to the staff who supported the excursion.

Persuasive Writing Year 2/3 Visit- The request for a penny turtle!

I was recently invited to visit the Year 2/3 classroom to hear a very persuasive proposal from the students. After careful discussion and research, the class had decided they would like a class penny turtle! The students presented their reasons for why a penny turtle would be a worthwhile addition to their

classroom, explaining the benefits and demonstrating that they had considered the responsibilities involved in caring for it. They spoke confidently, supported their ideas with convincing arguments. They did a fantastic job of putting their persuasive skills into practice, and I was very impressed by their preparation, enthusiasm and teamwork. I let the class know that I would “think about it”.



Principals Business Day

On Tuesday, I attended the Principals Business Day at Kawana. These days bring school leaders together to hear statewide messages, receive important departmental updates and consider current priorities for Queensland state schools. They also provide valuable opportunities to discuss emerging issues, share effective practice and learn from the experiences of colleagues across our region.

Taking part helps me remain current with system directions and ensures that our planning and decision-making at Two Mile are informed by the latest advice and expectations. I value the opportunity to bring that information back to our staff and consider what it means for our students, families and ongoing school improvement.

Our Week 7 PBL Focus

Our Week 7 Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus is Be Respectful: use appropriate language. Across the school, students will discuss and practise how respectful language sounds in classrooms, the playground, online spaces and when problems or disagreements

occur. This includes choosing words that are kind and suitable for school, using an appropriate tone, and stopping to think before speaking.

Families can reinforce this focus by talking about the difference between language that helps and language that hurts, modelling calm ways to disagree and encouraging children to repair a situation when their words have affected someone else. Clear, consistent expectations between home and school help children build the skills they need to communicate respectfully and get along with others.

School Photos - Monday 24 August

A big reminder that school photos will be taken on Monday 24 August. Please ensure students arrive on time, wearing the correct school uniform and looking neat and ready for their photograph. We want every student to have the opportunity to be included in this important record of the school year.

Year 4/5 Broncos Challenge - Wednesday 26 August

Our Year 4/5 students will take part in the Broncos Challenge on Wednesday 26 August. We wish them a terrific day and know they will represent Two Mile with enthusiasm, teamwork, fair play and respect. We look forward to hearing about their experience.

Book Week Dress-up - Friday 28 August

Book Week dress-up will be held on Friday 28 August. Students are invited to come dressed as a favourite book character and celebrate the stories, authors and illustrators that inspire us. Costumes do not need to be expensive or elaborate; simple, creative ideas using items already at home are very welcome. Please make sure costumes are safe, sun-smart and practical for a normal school day. We cannot wait to see the characters who arrive at Two Mile!

Thank you, as always, for helping students arrive prepared and for supporting the learning, wellbeing and community activities that make Two Mile State School such a special place.

Warm regards,

Travis O'Keefe
Acting Principal

Prep/Year 1



Year 2/3

Welcome to week 6!

We started this week off with a bang all thanks to the students from Gympie State High School who came to show us some amazing science experiments.



Great state. Great opportunity.

Year 3/4



Year 5/6



Year 5/6 are still enjoying every opportunity to get outside and learn while the weather is still cool enough. Kitchen Garden has been great, as well as Science Week.



SCHOOL NOTICES



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.