



Pilton News

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Pilton State School

Thursday 7th May 2026
Term 2 Issue 2

It has been great to reflect on student’s individual learning goals from term 1 and we have some more awards to present tomorrow for those students who achieved their goals from Term 1. We have high expectations of our students and are doing our best to ensure that student’s individual needs are catered for in order to provide them with the best education we can. If you haven’t yet seen your student’s learning goals for term 2, please discuss this with your student as we are finalising these and have them available for parental review. Can I also congratulate our students for their amazing attitude and behaviour on our recent Clifton Cluster Leadership Camp at Emu Gully. With the tremendous support of Mr. Ruhle our Year 5/6 students impressed me with their noticeably impressive display of our school values – you can be very proud of yourselves students!

Instrumental Music and Piano Update

I understand the complexity of time and priorities for families and want to assure families that even a little time practicing goes a long way in providing many benefits to students when they engage with music. I would like to encourage students who are receiving piano lessons with Mrs. Atkinson to spend even 5-10mins a couple of times each week to practice the pieces that they are working on during their lessons. All students should have a copy of their music book at home so they can find and play the same small pieces that they work on during their lessons. If anyone needs a hand in making sure this is setup correctly please come and see me when you get the chance.

I would also like to commend parents for assisting students from our beginner band with opportunity to practice their instruments. It is a ‘unique’ sound that beginner band students make for the first 6 months and we are well and truly into this period of time at the moment! Thanks to Mrs. Challacombe for the work she has done to setup our instrumental music program for the year with engagement and positivity. We have a plan to provide students with an opportunity to perform on their instrument at 9am on Thursday morning in Week 9 of this term and are looking forward to sharing this with parents if they are able to attend.

P&C Support for our school

Thanks to everyone who assisted with the P&C catering of the latest Tuckshop event at school, and congratulations on the successful event that this was for our school. Thanks also to the executive for their hard work and the support they have generated for the raffle and events

planned for later this year. We have had two companies come to school and provide input into planning for the new playground that we are considering for the sandpit area and I will provide an update on their proposals at our next P&C Meeting at the end of the term on Wednesday the 10 June at 6pm.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

I am delighted to invite all students to join in the 2026 Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC). The PRC is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability and record books read during the reading period, from 11 May to 28 August. Attached to this newsletter is a bookmark for every student to tally books read throughout the challenge and forms and letters have been sent home separately this week.

To complete the challenge:

- Prep to Year 2 must read or experience at least 20 books
- Years 3 and 4 must read at least 20 books
- Years 5 to 9 must read at least 15 books.

Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2026 challenge is to encourage students to make time to read.

Book suggestions are available on the PRC website: <https://prc.median.com.au/BookList>.

Every student who completes the challenge, and returns the completed record reader form, will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland. I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible take part in the 2026 Premier’s Reading Challenge. You can play a big part in your children’s future by encouraging them to be part of this positive initiative. I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible take part in the 2026 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Completed reader record forms can be submitted up until the 3 September 2026.





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Central Downs Gala Day 1 – Friday Week 4 & Week 6 (15 & 29 May 25)

Students from the Year 3-6 class are involved in the Central Downs Gala Days at the Allora State P-10 School, the first of which is running on Friday of Week 4 and the second day is the Friday of Week 6. These days are the Central Downs School Sport way of running interschool sport instead of the traditional Friday afternoon sport that stills runs in many schools in town. The competition on this day will run from 9:30-2:30 and permissions for this event are accessible on the QParents app – thanks to everyone for finalising these permissions. We will have students competing throughout the day as either a combination of students from our school or a combined team with other small schools from our cluster. Parents are welcome to come and support our students but there is no expectation for parents to attend. We are unable to provide the bus for transport for Gala Day 1 due to my Military Leave, but I am looking forward to being back for the second day and thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to attend these days with our students. If there are any queries or anyone requires assistance with transport please contact Mr. Ruhle when you get the chance. Tuckshop pre-orders are being submitted by school today, but there is Tuckshop available for purchase on the day for anyone who hasn't pre-ordered. I am also hopeful that our new representative sports uniform will arrive in time to be worn on these days!

Staffing Update – Term 2 Leave Arrangements

I am required to undertake a period of military leave over the 13-22 May this term and also have Long Service Leave for Week 10 as we celebrate a family wedding and the 17th Birthday (and first child's driver's licence) of my eldest daughter Amelie. We are very fortunate that Mrs. Youngberry has been appointed by the Department of Education as the acting Principal in my absence to provide a consistent environment for everyone at our school. We are very grateful for the excellent staff we have at our school and the commitment that they show to providing our students with the best education that we can.

Finally, can I wish the four students who are representing the Central Downs at the next level of representative Cross Country tomorrow all the best for their events in Warwick. We have had another successful season of Running Club at school and were thrilled to see 4 more 'Gold' wristbands awarded yesterday as we snuck in our last few laps before the rain. We will continue to do one or two warm up laps each Wednesday before commencing athletics training rotations on Wednesday afternoons

for the rest of the term. Thanks again to the staff and parents who assist with volunteering their time to provide this opportunity for our students.

All the best,

Jon Robertson



Coming Events³

Tennis Lessons	Tuesday 8am-9am, Weeks 2-8
Athletics Club	Wednesday Afternoon 3pm-4pm Starting Week 2
Gala Day 1 (Yrs 3-6)	Friday May 15
Pickleball (P&C fundraiser)	Sunday May 17
Gala Day 2 (Yrs 3-6) and Under 8's Day (P-2)	Friday May 29
Reader's Cup	Thursday June 11
Instrumental Music Performance	Thursday June 18, 9am—Pilton State School
Small Schools Athletics Carnival	Friday June 19
Last Day of Term 2	Friday June 26
First Day of Term 3	Monday July 13



Everyone with children under school age are welcome to attend our playgroup on Friday's 9am - 11am



Kids Corner



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P&C News

Hi everyone, I apologise in advance for it being so long, there are so many exciting things happening. There are also no expectations for everyone to participate in everything, we understand how busy everyone is.

All the funds raised from fundraising are going towards a new playground to be built in the big sand pit area for our kids to enjoy.

Pickleball is Sunday the 17th of May - a flyer is attached with how to nominate your teams. We would also love plenty of spectators. The committee would love families to send in Home-bake for the event. Please note that our children and community love your baking it's always the biggest seller at every event 😊.

There is a flyer attached for the online raffle. On the flyer is a QR code, if you scan it, it will take you to the link to purchase tickets. If anyone has any trouble with it please reach out to the executive committee.

The Pilton Long Lunch is locked in for Sunday the 6th of September. We will attach a letter seeking sponsorship if you are able to approach a business. We understand how hard things are for everyone in the current times. If you do go to approach a business, we ask you just pop the business name in the parent chat just so we don't double up. This event is raising funds for the new playground; we have also partnered with Farm Angels for the event. A percentage of funds raised will go to them to help with the amazing work they do for our farmers and rural communities.

Thankyou everyone for all your support.

Christine Donnelly
P&C President
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Tennis Star Dress-Up Theme

PILTON STATE SCHOOL

PICKLEBALL COMP

Sunday 17th May

10am

Pickleball Nominations

Open NOW!

Mixed Age (Child & Adult) and Competitive Division

FOOD & DRINKS

EFPOS Available

Pay to Play

\$5 per Team

PRIZES!

Pickleball Comp Winners

Best Dressed

To Nominate your Team please Email: piltonsspandc@gmail.com

or Phone: Christine 0427 820 201

-Please Include Player Names and the Division you are Playing In-

P&C News

Pilton State School Prize Raffle



All Funds Raised go towards our New Playground & Shade Area.

KitchenAid Artisan Tilt-Head Stand Mixer

Yeti Roadie 15 Hard Cooler



1st

2nd



2 Tickets to 'The Pilton Long Lunch'

3rd

ONLY 700 TICKETS AVAILABLE!
\$5 per Ticket
+ ONLINE PROCESSING FEE

<https://www.trybooking.com/DKPG>



Community News

It's Back!!

PILTON STATE SCHOOL PICKLEBALL COMP

Sunday 17th May

- Tennis Star Dress-Up Theme -
More Details to Come!

**NEW DATE!
NEW THEME!**

Presented by The Pilton State School P&C

The Pilton Long Lunch

September
SUNDAY | **6** | 11 AM
2026

Save the Date

**3 COURSE MEAL, RAFFLES, BAR,
LIVE MUSIC & GREAT VIEWS**

- 18+ EVENT -

FARM ANGELS
Standing with Aussie Farmers
The Backbone of our Country

More Information Coming Soon!

Community News

Please Bring a Small Plate of Sweet Treats to Share with a Cuppa.

COMMUNITY

BAR & BBQ

@ PILTON HALL

Sausage Sizzle - Steakette Burger
Bar Open
 a Thank You for our ANZAC Concert Performers and Volunteers,
 but **all community members are welcome.**

 **9 MAY 2026** **BAR OPENS AT 5:00PM**
BBQ 5:30-6:30 PM

RSVP
 Janette: 040 949 5514
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Dear Valued Business,

We are reaching out to invite your business to become a valued sponsor of The Pilton Long Lunch, to be held on the 6th of September 2026.

This special community event will bring together families, local businesses, and supporters to celebrate our region while raising essential funds for the Pilton State School. Funds raised will directly support the development of a new shaded playground for our students, creating a safe and enjoyable space for children to learn and play.

This year we are also proud to be partnering with Farm Angels, with a percentage of funds raised being donated to support the incredible work they do assisting farmers and rural communities during times of need. Through this partnership, your support will not only benefit our students but also extend to the wider community.

We would be honoured to have your business involved as a sponsor. Your contribution will help make this event a success, and in return we are pleased to offer recognition opportunities including.

- Promotion through event marketing material and social media
- Acknowledgement on the day of the event
- The opportunity to connect with our local community

We are happy to discuss sponsorship opportunities that best suit your business. This may include one of our promotional sponsorship packages, or we would be equally grateful for a donation of goods or services for our Basket Raffle.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support both our local education and rural communities. We would love to partner with you to make The Pilton Long Lunch a meaningful and successful event.

If you would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities or have any questions, please feel free to contact us at piltonsspandc@gmail.com or you can contact our President directly on the details below.

Warm Regards

Christine Donnelly
President - Pilton State School P&C
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Sponsorship Packages:

Gold Sponsor

\$3000 and over

Includes:

- Major logo on all promotional material
 - Dedicated social media recognition post
 - Logo displayed at the event
 - Acknowledgement during event speeches
 - 4 tickets to The Pilton Long Lunch
 - Option to display business banner
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Silver Sponsor

\$1500 - \$3000

Includes:

- Logo on event material
 - Social media mention
 - Recognition at event
 - 2 tickets to The Pilton Long Lunch
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Bronze Sponsor

\$500 - \$1500

Includes:

- Name/logo on event material
 - Social media thank you post
 - Acknowledgement at the event
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Community Sponsor

Prize or goods donation

Includes:

- Recognition on Basket Raffle Item
- Social media thank you
- Acknowledgement at event

Limited sponsorship opportunities available.