



# Pilton News

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**Pilton State School**

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It was great to reflect on student’s individual learning goals from term 1 on our parade last Friday. We have high expectations of 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 us or your student as we have finalised these and have them available for parental review. 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!

### **P&C Support for our school**

Thanks to everyone who assisted with the P&C catering of the Cross Country recently, and congratulations on the successful fundraiser that this event was for our school. The Pilton P&C Home-bake was particularly amazing!! Thanks to the executive for their hard work and the support they have generated. At last night’s meeting there were some discussions about potential fundraisers for 2024, including social tennis afternoons, a State-of-Origin event at school for Game 3 and the potential for a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle or possibly a community event later in the year... if you have any great ideas please reach out to our President Josh Macpherson or contact me at school.

### **Premier’s Reading Challenge**

I am delighted to invite all students to join in the 2024 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 7 May to 23 August. Attached to this newsletter is a reader record form to tally book read throughout the challenge.

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 2024 challenge is to encourage students to make time to read. Last year saw more than 110,000 children from around the state participate.

Book suggestions are available on the PRC website: <https://readingchallenge.education.qld.gov.au/resources/book-lists>

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 2024 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 2024 Premier’s Read-

ing Challenge.

### **Maths Games and Olympiad – Year 5/6**

This year we have committed our Year 5/6 students to undertaking both a Maths Games and Maths Olympiad competition which will commence during our Maths lessons next week. This is held over a number of months and includes 5 rounds of complex problem-solving activities. It is a great opportunity for students to see why they need their numeracy skills so much to solve real-world problems and some very abstract mathematical problems also!

### **Hermitage Schools Plant Science – Aquaponics vs Traditional Agriculture**

If you haven’t seen it yet, make sure you check-out the Aquaponics food production system that the students are running at school this term. We have planted many ‘food-producing’ seedlings in the system that also has 50 Silver Perch growing in the base tanks. The plant health and productivity are being compared with the same seedling growing in our traditional garden beds at the back of the school to see which system produced the most food and what efficiencies exist in both systems.

### **Central Downs Gala Day 1 – Friday Week 6 (24 May 24)**

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 6 and the second day is the Friday of Week 8. 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 forms for those students who are attending will be sent home today. 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. If there are any queries please contact me when you get the chance.

Finally, we have attached a Meal Deal form for Under 8s Day which is a special event for all children in our wider Clifton Cluster aged 8 or under. We will have further details in the newsletter as the event approaches, but the organisers from Clifton State School have requested that the meals are pre-ordered by the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. These forms can be returned to school as soon as possible and we will collate our school order.

All the best,

Jon Robertson

# Coming Events<sup>2</sup>

Running Club/Athletics	Wednesday 3pm - 4pm, Weeks 2-9
Tennis Lessons	Tuesday 8am-9am, Weeks 2-9
Labour Day	Monday May 6
Gala Day 1 (Yr 3-6)	Friday May 24
Gala Day 2 (Yr 3-6)	Friday June 7
Under 8's Day (Clifton State School)	Friday June 7
Small Schools Athletics	Wednesday June 19
Last Day of Term 2	Friday June 21



We can't wait to see Miss Stewart's new theme come alive this term!





# Kids Corner





# Student Leader News



The school leaders have been talking to the school Chaplain and Mr Robertson at school and we have been thinking about starting a tuckshop. Tuckshop will start in week five of term two. There will be an order form that goes out to all families. The order form will come home with kids next week.

From your 2024 Pilton Student Leaders.



# Community News

Hi Everyone,

Have you ever heard of PICKLEBALL.

The Clifton & District Tennis Ass are proud to announce Pickleball will commence at the Rec Pavilion at the Clifton Show Grounds, starting Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Timeslots will be – Mondays 3.30pm to 5.30pm  
Fridays 5.30pm to 7.30pm,

Fees are \$5 a session.  
ALL AGES WELCOME.

Come and try out this new sport. Tell your friends.

Follow on the Clifton & District Tennis Ass facebook page.

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**SAVE THE DATES**

**PILTON SOLDIER'S MEMORIAL HALL**

**2024 EVENT DATES:**

**COMMUNITY BBQ & BAR - APRIL 14TH**

**ANZAC CONCERT - APRIL 25TH**

**TRIVIA NIGHT - AUGUST 3RD**

**CHRISTMAS BBQ, BAR & CONCERT**  
**DECEMBER 6TH**