

THE SUMMIT NEWSLETTER

25TH JUNE 2025. TERM 2, WEEK 10

DATE CLAIMERS

25th June

New Office Prep &
P&C Get together - Sausage Sizzle

27th June

Pyjama Day
Last Day of Term

4th - 6th July

Snowflakes

14th July

Term 3 Begins

29th July

"C" Schools Athletics

8th August

GB Athletics

30th Aug - 5th Sept

Syd/Canb Camp Yr 5&6

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We've made it to Week 10! It's been a big, busy, and fun term filled with engaging learning experiences – and we've all made it through together.

The past few weeks have been especially full, with students working hard on assessments and teachers finalising reports. I'm proud of the effort and progress we've seen across the school.

As we head into the holidays, I wish everyone a relaxing and healthy two week break with family and friends. Stay safe, stay warm, and enjoy the well-earned time off.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, 14th July to begin another great term of learning.

How Lucky Are We at The Summit!

We are incredibly lucky to be part of such a beautiful, connected small school community. From our dedicated teachers and teacher aides, to our hardworking admin staff, groundskeeper, cleaner and everyone in between – we are surrounded by people who truly care about our students and our school.

But it doesn't stop there – our families and wider community are just as amazing. The support, kindness, and involvement you bring makes The Summit State School a place where everyone feels they belong.

Thank you for everything you do to help our school thrive. Please continue to spread the word – it's the support and positive word-of-mouth from families like yours that makes the biggest difference in growing and strengthening our school.

Share our successes, like our Facebook posts, interact with our school communication, and help us show the wider community just how special The Summit really is.

*Safe
& Happy Holidays*



Science News

Over the past weeks, our older students have been exploring Indigenous astronomy, discovering how Aboriginal peoples have used the stars for navigation, storytelling, and seasonal changes for thousands of years. This rich cultural knowledge has deepened their understanding of the strong connection between science and culture.

Meanwhile, our younger students have been investigating how weather influences our daily choices especially what we wear. Through hands-on activities and class discussions, they've been learning to observe weather patterns and choose appropriate clothing for various conditions.



Drama News

In Drama, students have been focusing on how to respond to and reflect on drama performances. They've been learning how to give thoughtful feedback, express their opinions, and discuss what makes a performance effective.

We also spent time reviewing our recent play performance, taking the opportunity to reflect on what went well and what we could improve next time. It was a valuable learning experience that helped students build confidence and develop their performance skills further.



End of Term Rewards Day

To celebrate the end of a fantastic term, we're having a cosy Pyjama Day! Students are invited to come dressed in their comfiest pyjamas and bring along a pillow, blanket, and even their favourite cuddly toy to snuggle with during the movie. The day will include a movie with popcorn, fun games, and some relaxing art activities – a perfect way to wind down after a busy term. We ask that students still wear appropriate footwear for any outdoor activities throughout the day. To support our school camp fundraising efforts, we're also asking students to bring a gold coin donation. Let's finish the term in comfort and style – who doesn't love a Pyjama Day!

Healthy Harold Visit

Healthy Harold visited our students last Monday, and as always, it was a hit! The students thoroughly enjoyed engaging with Harold and learning about health and wellbeing as part of the Health curriculum. These interactive sessions are always a great reminder of the importance of making healthy and safe choices.

SDRC Worm Farm Lesson

Wow – we love worms here at The Summit! After last week's visit from the Southern Downs Regional Council, our students were buzzing with excitement about all things compost and sustainability. The lesson has inspired us to build our very own functioning worm farm once the weather warms up – another step toward The Summit becoming a more sustainable school. Students even took home some special gifts from the council to help remind them of how they can contribute to recycling and sustainability at home.

Snowflakes in Stanthorpe

A revised roster will be sent home today for our upcoming Snowflakes in Stanthorpe fundraising events, taking place during the middle weekend of the school holidays. A big thank you to our amazing P&C and the Year 5 and 6 camp families for volunteering their time to help make this event a success. If anyone else is keen to lend a hand—whether it's helping at the market stall on Friday or manning the snow globes on Saturday and Sunday—please get in touch with the P&C or Mrs Harvey. The more helpers, the merrier! Many hands really do make light work, and we appreciate every bit of support.

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-year reports will be sent home with students this Friday. We encourage families to take the time to read through the report together with your child and celebrate their progress and achievements so far this year. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress further, please make an appointment to speak with their teacher when we return in Term 3.

THANK YOU *Thank you* SO MUCH!

Thank You Jo

We'd love to give a huge shout-out to the amazing Jo, who generously volunteers her time to help out at Breakfast Club every Thursday. Jo has been a wonderful support through the Granite Belt Weekenders branch of the QCWA, and her friendly presence each week makes a big difference to our school community.

This week, Jo also stepped in to help on Tuesday while Mrs Hinze was away. Thank you for going above and beyond! We truly appreciate your kindness, commitment, and the care you show our students.

You are a wonderful lady, Jo. Thank you!

Thank You to Our Amazing Families

A big thank you to all the families who were able to lend a hand with moving resources and furniture in preparation for our new office space to be built over the holidays. Your support and willingness to help with this big task is truly appreciated – we couldn't have done it without you!

Thank You to Our Wonderful P&C

A huge thank you to our amazing P&C for once again going above and beyond to support our school community. The family BBQ to finish off the term was such a fantastic way to come together, share a snag on bread, and enjoy each other's company.

It's always special to end the term with a sense of connection and community, and we're so grateful to our P&C for valuing and promoting that. Parents truly are a vital part of our school, and we appreciate all that you do.

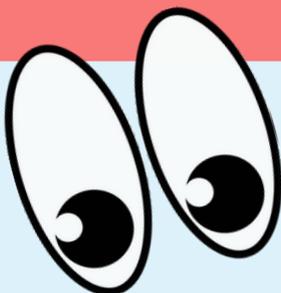
Thank you, P&C – you're the best!

Holiday School Watch

If you live nearby or are passing through during the school holidays, we'd appreciate you keeping an eye on the school grounds. If you notice anything unusual or concerning, please report it straight away.

Your support helps us keep our school safe and ready for students to return.

Thank you and have a safe and happy break!





SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

AT THE SUMMIT WE ARE:

RESPECTFUL RESPONSIBLE

RESILIENT SAFE



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) at The Summit

At The Summit State School, we are committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and responsible learning environment—and Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is one of the key ways we're achieving this.

PBL is a whole-school framework that promotes positive behaviour, supports student wellbeing, and enhances academic outcomes. This year, we are trialling the PBL framework in preparation for our official school-wide launch in 2026. Already, we are seeing fantastic results.

Each week, students are introduced to a new behaviour focus. These weekly focuses are shared in our fortnightly newsletters so families can support the learning at home. Every morning, students participate in short, explicit lessons that model what the focus looks like in action at school. These daily conversations are making a real difference—there has been a noticeable and positive shift in student behaviour across the school. This success is a credit to both our staff and students.

As part of our PBL approach, we have introduced Summit Stars—a fun and meaningful reward system. Students earn Summit Stars for showing positive behaviour and can use these tokens to “purchase” special items, experiences, or privileges at school. These rewards were designed by the students and valued by the students, making the system truly student-driven. It's a powerful example of student agency in action—because positive behaviour belongs to them.

We're proud of the positive outcomes we are seeing with PBL at The Summit. The excitement, engagement, and respect being shown by our students is just the beginning, and we're excited to see the program grow even further next year.



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Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) – We Want Your Input!

On Tuesday, our staff participated in their next full day of PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) training. We are well on our way in our PBL journey and have already implemented a number of valuable systems and documents to support positive student behaviour across our school. This year, we are excited to invite parents and caregivers to be involved in shaping our PBL direction. Your input is an important part of ensuring our approach reflects the values of our whole school community.

Our first opportunity for community input is around the development of our school vision statement – updated with a PBL mindset. We have narrowed it down to two possible options, and we would love to hear your thoughts!

Please read both options below and vote for the one you prefer.

Alternatively, if you have a suggestion of your own, feel free to share it with us – we'd love to hear it!

◆ Option 1:

At The Summit State School, we promote a culture of respect, responsibility and resilience through purposeful teaching, positive behaviour, and strong school–community partnerships. We empower confident, self-motivated learners who take pride in their learning, act with integrity, and thrive in a safe, inclusive environment.

◆ Option 2:

The Summit State School empowers students to become respectful, responsible, and resilient learners. Through purposeful teaching and a supportive school–community partnership, we foster a safe and inclusive environment where every student is inspired to grow, take pride in their learning, and act with integrity.

To vote or share your own vision suggestion, please email jharv142@eq.edu.au or send a message to the school phone.

Thank you for supporting our PBL journey. Together, we can create a positive learning environment where every child thrives.



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PBL Focus: We Are Respectful

Learning Focus: We raise our hand to ask or answer questions

This week, we're focusing on respectful classroom behaviour – specifically, raising our hand to ask or answer questions. This simple action helps everyone learn by reducing interruptions, giving each student a fair chance to speak, and showing respect to both the teacher and classmates.

At school, we're practising:

- Waiting for our turn to speak
- Using our hand to signal we have something to share or ask
- Listening while others are talking
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🧠 How can this look at home?

At home, this links closely to waiting your turn to speak in conversations, especially during busy family times like dinner or when others are talking on the phone. Families can support this by encouraging turn-taking in conversations, saying "excuse me" when needing attention, and modelling patient listening.

Together, we can help our students become respectful communicators at school and beyond!

Community News



School Holidays @ Southern Downs Libraries

Guess the number of things in the container. The closest to the correct number wins. Lego pieces + goodies in the container = guess Allora, Stanthorpe & Warwick

Mindful movement & storytime @ Warwick Library. Monday 30 June at 10.30am Ages 5-10 Bookings essential

Movie @ Stanthorpe Library The Princess Bride (rated PG) Wednesday 2 July at 2pm Bookings essential

LEGO Lego Building Challenge @ Warwick Library. Tuesday 1 July at 10.00am & Tuesday 8 July at 10.00am Ages 5+ Parent supervision required.

NAIDOC Week @ Stanthorpe Library Make wristbands & bookmarks. Try your hand at sand drawing. Monday 7 July at 1.30 pm Bookings essential

NAIDOC Week @ Stanthorpe Library Decorate boomerangs & clapsticks. Wednesday 9 July at 10.30am Bookings essential

Pirate Treasure Hunt Warwick & Allora Libraries Find the 16 pirate images hidden throughout the library. 28 June - 12 July.

The Princess Bride Treasure Hunt @ Stanthorpe Library Find pictures of 16 characters from the movie hidden throughout the library. 28 June - 12 July.

Take & Make Craft Bags Grab your FREE take and make craft bag from your local library.

stanthorpe regional art gallery

Ages 8+ QUT: CREATE YOUR OWN PODCAST! 1-3pm Tues 1 July

Ages 5+ QUT: CREATE YOUR OWN STORYBOOK! 9-11am Wed 2 July

FREE!

All ages LEARN WET FELTING WITH TAYLAH! 10-11.30am Wed 9 July

ONLY \$5

Kids school holiday art workshops!

BUSHkids BABIES

Parent and Baby's First Playgroup

An opportunity to meet with other parents with babies. Tummy playtime, sensory play, singing and music.

Talk about and learn how to:

- Promote baby's development
- Build a stronger bond and tune-in to baby
- Support baby's emotional and physical health
- Promote parent self-care
- Use positive parenting strategies

Mondays (School term time) - 10.00 to 11.30am

Contact BUSHkids Warwick Team

4667 1200 BUSHkids Warwick Centre 191 Wood Street

GENC Pirate Scavenger Hunt

FREE School Holiday event for the whole family

Wednesday 2nd July 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Start/Finish Weeroona Park

With 10 Stops around town, each with a puzzle to solve and clues to find. There are bonus questions and mini challenges to keep you busy between stops. Enter our prize draws For Social Media & Puzzle Answers

Come dressed like a Pirate

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For more information contact GBNC on 4681 3777

