



# DIRRANBANDI P-10 STATE SCHOOL

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# DAZZLER

2026  
Term 1  
March 27

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## **CALENDAR TERM 1 2026**

Friday - March 27

**Prep-2 Library Day**  
**Cross Country**  
**Year 5-6 Cooking**

Saturday - March 28

**Junior Netball sign-up, St.George**

### **WEEK 10**

Monday - March 30

**Parade**

**TAFE Visit**

Tuesday - March 31

Wednesday - April 1

**Tuckshop**

**Lifeline Visit**

Thursday - April 2

**GO Visit**

**Autism Awareness Day**

**Year 7-8 Medieval Banquet**

**End of Term Breakfast**

**End of Term Parade**

**Last Day of Term 1**

Friday - April 3

**Good Friday**



## **School Holidays**

### **Week 1**

Saturday - April 4

**Fishing Comp**

Sunday - April 5

**Fishing Comp**

**Easter Bunny Deliveries ☺**

### **Week 2**

Saturday - April 11

**Dirranbandi Show & Rodeo**

## **ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**



A Positive End to Term 1

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding Term 1, it's wonderful to reflect on the many opportunities our students have had to learn, grow and represent our school.

Students have engaged in a range of excursions and experiences, including the Youth Summit in St George and agricultural visits to Yamburgan and Nelyambo. We have also welcomed several guest speakers and programs, including the RACQ Streets Ahead road safety presentation, University of Queensland outreach sessions focused on post-school pathways, and a parliamentary visit for our Year 5–8 students as part of their HASS studies.

We are looking forward to our upcoming Cross Country Carnival, where Culgoa and Balonne Houses will compete at the Dirranbandi Showgrounds. Our Year 10 students will also have the opportunity to participate in the Blue Light Shearing Camp in Week 10, gaining valuable hands-on experience working alongside industry professionals.

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday of Week 10 in the school conference room, and we warmly welcome all parents and community members to attend.

On a personal note, I am pleased to share that I have been successful in my application for the temporary Principal position at Dirranbandi P–10 State School. I am incredibly proud to continue working with our students, staff and community in this role, and I look forward to building on the strong foundations already in place.

Thank you to our staff, students and families for your continued support throughout the term. I wish everyone a safe and restful break and look forward to a great start to Term 2.

*Regards, April McLaren*

## **NEWS FROM INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC!**

This week the Instrumental Music students had their first ensemble rehearsal... Wow what an incredible big sound this group has!! This is one of the largest ensembles the school has ever had, and I am excited for the year ahead to watch the students all grow and develop as musicians!

The students started to learn some of the new sheet music purchased by the P&C from the grant they received, we are excited to receive our brand-new instruments which are in transit on their way to us and should be ready for term 2.

Please support your children and instrumental music by encouraging regular home practice and remember it's normal to squeak and make all sorts of sounds while on the journey to making beautiful music!

If you need any home practice tips and tricks, please don't hesitate to contact me via the school.

*Happy music making!*  
*Miss Nia*



YEAR 7 AND 8  
ARE INVITED TO A

# Medieval Banquet

THURSDAY APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> -  
WEEK 10

Come dressed medieval costume to win a prize!  
Delicious medieval banquet to be provided.

PLEASE CONTACT MRS PERSSE  
WITH ANY QUERIES OR TO  
DISCUSS FOOD ALLERGIES.



**SRC's**  
**Wear Colour**  
**Day**

Wear colour that represents you.  
This may be the colour you feel that day, your favourite colour, or even a rainbow of colours. Make it your shirt, shorts, socks and even your hair!  
Remember to be sunsafe with sleeved shirts but lets get colourful

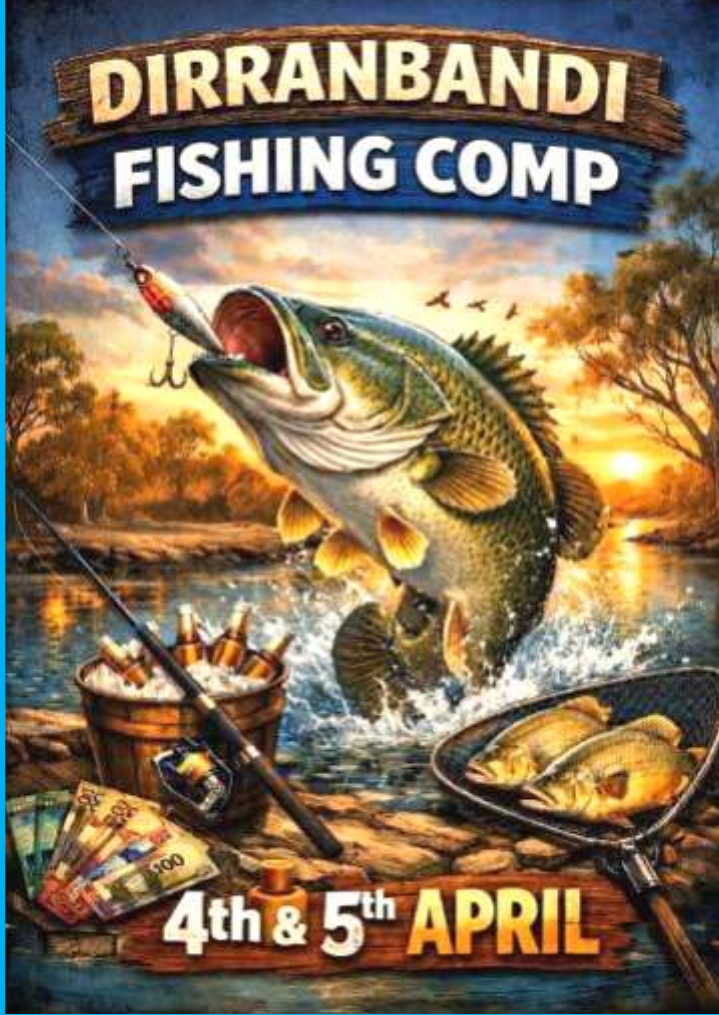
## Thursday April 2nd



Gold Coin Donation  
to raise funds for  
Autism Queensland.

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# DIRRANBANDI FISHING COMP



**4th & 5th APRIL**

# DIRRANBANDI SHOW RODEO

Dust the chaps off and save the date!

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL**

STEERS · BULLS · BRONCS · MINI BULLS · STATION CHALLENGE

Don't forget your ropes! Entries on the day!



**DON'T MISS IT!**



**PREP, YEAR 1-2 NEWS**

Art - Dot painting and prime colour mixing

English - Writing stories and working on *Hungry Caterpillar* and *Jack and the Beanstalk* activities.

Maths - number ordering and time.

Technology - Prep students are learning new programs on the I-pads.



Digital Tech - Students have been learning about algorithms. Fine motor skill activities



**PREP, 1-2 NEWS**

Practising our sequencing skills. Following instructions using Tangrams



Cooking for the show





## YEAR 3-4 NEWS

**Maths** - When looking at symmetry we loved getting creative and hands on with creating symmetrical patterns with paper and scissors. Students were eager to make an extra one to take home and show their families and have one on display in our classroom.

**In HASS** we are looking at water pollution and how we could help solve it. Students put on their inventing caps in class and designed some amazing creations after brainstorming with their peers.

**Cooking** - making jam drops and scones for show entries and cleaning up afterwards. Everyone enjoys Miss Ange's taste testing challenges.

**Art** - Painting sunset backgrounds for our silhouette pictures.





## YEAR 5-6 NEWS

In English, students have been busy doing dictation, word study, comprehension, on-line reading and Word Rocks games.

Students had a mashing good time in cooking.

The QLD Parliamentary Education team visited last week to deliver some interactive sessions, including a role-play of the law-making process.

The students are photographed with 'The Mace'



Writing Haiku poems in resilience.

In the garden doing a few jobs and checking on science experiments.



## SECONDARY SNAPSHOT

What a busy few weeks we have had. NAPLAN over, assessment in other subjects, back into the AG Plot and this is just to name a few activities where we have been busy.

We welcome back Miss Kylie.

We celebrated the [end of NAPLAN](#) with some numeracy games and thumbs up!

[Senior Jerseys](#): Year 10 boys showing off their new Jersey.

[QPARENTS](#): Please refer to the paperwork that has been send home to join QParents to assist in less paperwork for excursion permissions.

[University of Queensland Visit](#): Thank you to Rachel, Jade and Connor for conducting two workshops with us: 1. Study Skills where you showed us simple strategies for staying organised, managing time well, and creating an effective study routine and 2. Engineering where we were able to experiment with physic concepts to design a sustainable and efficient system.

[Youth Summit](#): The focus this year was Grow your Future. Students listened to the keynote speaker Annie Henwood as well as a panel of locals where they outlined their personal learning pathways. Students were then involved in workshops ranging from: welding, how to act in a farm emergency, podcasting and exploring technology in farm machinery.

[Parliament Visit](#). The Parliament team visited and students participated in mock sessions. The parliamentary mace the students are pictured with is a ceremonial staff representing the authority of the Crown and the Speaker, essential for the legal functioning of a Westminster-style House of Representatives.



Pecan harvest.



## WORD OF THE WEEK

Every week students are given a word that they learn the meaning of, they then create a sentence using the word correctly. If a student's sentence has been judged a winner, they earn 20 Gotcha and have bragging rights!

### Word of the Week - Suspected

I suspected that my puppy broke my fairy garden so I am watching her. *By Bronte*

My dog suspected a snake was under the house. *By Haddie*

I suspected that the cat ate the mouse. *By Scarlett*

I suspect Lucy ate my apple. *By Lachie*

Shrek suspected that Donkey was in his mud pool. *By Liam*

The suspect suspected that his friend framed him for murder. *By Preston*

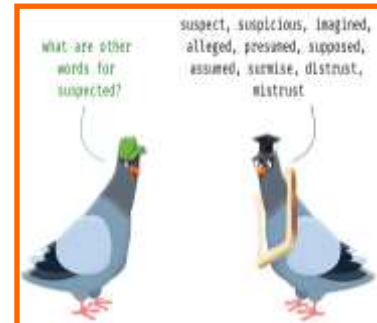
I suspected my dog ate the lollipop because he was hungry. *By Eli*

I suspected that I would fall off the kneeboard while doing a 360. *By Declan*

I suspected my baby brother Leon stole my phone and tried to hide it from me. *By Matvei*

I suspected that Mis McLaren was going to call me up on the stage for the 'word of the week'. *By Brodie*

I suspected that dad left me at work so I can do it for him so he could have a break because he is lazy. *By Tom*



### Word of the Week - Strategy

I use a strategy to help me run fast. *By Lachie*

I have a strategy when I ask dad to go pigging. *By Eli*

I have a strategy to get my dad out of the house with Mars bars. *By Lilis*

Every puppy has their own strategy of playing with others. *By Lucy*

We have to use a strategy when we're thinking of our plan in GOALS. *By Josie*

I have a very good strategy to get diamonds in Mine Craft and it is to get diamonds. *By Jack*

My friend taught me a strategy on how to do a good wheelie on my motorbike. *By Preston*

I taught my cattle dog a good strategy to catch rabbits and pigs out in the wheat and chickpea. *By Laylah*

I had to use a strategy in basketball that's both safe, yet still gets us to possibly shoot a goal. *By Lilah*



### Word of the Week - Supervised

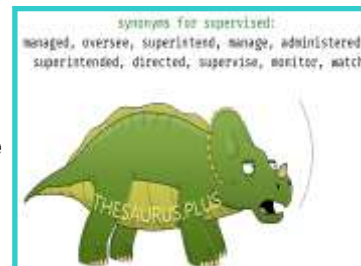
The king supervised his kingdom because a war had broke out in a nearby country and he didn't want any tanks or war horses to take over. *By Jack*

My aunty supervised my puppy while my family and I were at Caloundra. *By Sophie*

Mum supervised me while I went kayaking so I didn't fall in. *By Jimmy*

My mum supervised me while I rode my quad bike. *By Jaxx*

I have to be supervised while I go fishing. *By Leiquan*





## STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to all students and classes on your awards.

**'Success Follows Effort'**

