

Principal's Report February 2026

Student Numbers:

Prep	61
Year 1	69
Year 2	52
Year 3	28
Year 4	34
Year 5	31
Year 6	34
TOTAL:	309 students



Current Facebook Page Statistics: 1853 followers

Students

- In the Hall on Thursday 5 February, the team from Star Lab presented sessions to students in Prep and Years 5 & 6. Melanie Armstrong (STEM teacher) organised this event to complement the STEM learning program in these year levels.



- Glen Robinson (HPE) has organised the program of Smart Moves activities which has now started for the year.
- The Term 1 Prep Dance Program started on Tuesday 3 February.
- The 8-week Footsteps Dance Program for Years 1-6 began on Wednesday 11 February.
- At the end of Week 2, Curriculum

Snapshots were sent home to parents to explain what the students will be learning about this term.

- Students in Years 5 & 6 have applied, presented speeches, and/or attended interviews to be considered for various student leadership roles, including PBL leaders, House Captains and Class Representatives.
- In Week 2/3, teachers and teacher aides wrote PBL postcards to select students and mailed them to their homes to congratulate them.
- On Thursday 12 February, Jabiru conducted their Term 1 Community Breakfast. By all accounts, many families attended this early morning event.
- Peter Craig (Instrumental Music Teacher) commenced before school Band Rehearsal and Year 4-6 instrumental lessons for the year on Thursday 12 February.
- I have awarded Mason Amber (4M) and Poppy Scanlon (6W) each a Ben's Friends Award this term. Congratulations to these two students.
- This month, the lunchtime and before school clubs/ activities have been organised by individual teachers for students to choose from to extend and develop their skills. Examples of these clubs





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include Run Club, Crochet Club, Senior Singers, Junior Singing Club, Chess Club, Hama Beads Club, Eco Marine Club, Chicken Champions, Garden Gurus.

- ACARA sent the 2026 NAPLAN resources to the school in preparation for the upcoming testing in Week 8. Teachers are supporting students in how to engage in the process of the online NAPLAN test.

Staff

- Jared Davey (cleaner) and Mary Cox (cleaner) have been doing some casual cleaning hours for the school.
- Emma Brownscombe (teacher) left for maternity leave on Friday 6 February. We wish her well with the birth of her second child.
- In Week 2, I appointed Candice Bracken as our Breakfast Club Coordinator for 6 hours per fortnight. The School Food Grant funds from the Queensland Government are being used to pay for this position. Candice has worked tirelessly in this role in a volunteer capacity and was the obvious choice for this casual role.
- Each Monday this term, Kasey Venn (TAFE student) has been engaging in her 100hours practicum placement with Ange Kasper (inclusion), to complete her TA qualifications.
- Each Wednesday this term, Sharllene Kneilands (TAFE student) has been engaging in her 100hours practicum placement with Catherine Tighe (3/4T), to complete her TA qualification.
- Melanie Armstrong (STEM) attended a Women in Science Breakfast on Wednesday 11 February.
- Throughout February, all staff have engaged in the Setting Professional Goals process. This is where they outline to their supervisor what they want to learn about this year.
- On Thursday 12 February at 8am, the Teacher Aides had their Term 1 meeting with the Leadership Team.
- Various teachers have been engaging in our Watching Others Work (WOW) program on Thursday mornings. This is where teachers visit their colleagues' classrooms and learn more about structured synthetic phonics teaching, Teach Like A Champion strategies and other explicit instruction strategies.
- Kelly Marc (BM) has received a Business Manager Grant from the Department of Education to complete her Diploma of Leadership and Management and her Diploma of Business, over the next 12 months.
- Sue Hendriks (P) attended the Metro South Region Principal Connect Meeting on Friday 13 February at the Calamvale Hotel.
- From Monday 16- Friday 27 February, Pre-service teachers from Griffith University have undertaken their observation practicums. Amanda McQuitty has been with Zoe Brookes (PrepB), Imogen Hodson has been with Catherine Tighe (3/4T) and Lauren Dwyer with Jess Donnelly (Prep D)
- On Tuesday 17 February, Sue Hendriks (P) participated in an Effective Governance Microsoft Teams meeting with the staff from Metro South Region.
- On Monday 16 February we received our 2026 staff allocation, and I am pleased to share that we have been allocated more teacher time than we were expecting. This is wonderful news for our students and our school community. We have been able to re-deploy Renae Kippin (currently DRT) to an Inclusion teacher role for 3days per fortnight. Additionally, Janet O'Byrne (Year 2 O) teacher has, for family reasons, requested to work 4 days per week for the remainder of this term. Renae Kippin has kindly agreed to take on the Year 2 teacher role each Friday. As a result, Year 2 O will now be known as Year 2 OK.



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- Tegan Thorne (Year 1 T) and Trent Fairweather (Year 2 F) visited Sunnybank Hills State School for a Watching Others Work (WOW) morning, on Monday 23 February.
- Glen Robinson (HPE) attended an Aspiring Leaders Professional Development session on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 February.

Site

- On Tuesday 10 February, Sue Hendriks (P) and Kelly Marc (BM) met with the team from Jabiru to request that they increase their student capacity. This process is now underway and should be finalised in the coming weeks. We have asked for 120 student capacity.
- Cove Catering opened the Canteen on Thursday 12 February with Kristine appointed as our Chef/ Manager. The staff and students have enjoyed the wide variety of breakfast and lunch options which are available 5 days per week. Downloading the Flexi-schools app makes the process of ordering and payment extremely easy.
- On Friday 13 February, the grand piano on the stage in the Hall was and tuned by a professional piano tuner, so now it is ready to be played by our staff and students.
- The Department of Transport notified the school on 19/2/26 to inform us that they are installing flashing school zone signs on Scenic Road. These works will commence in the coming weeks.
- At the end of February, the school budget, Annual Implementation Plan (AIP), School Data Plan and staffing allocations on SBS are due. The leadership team has been finalising these documents and our School Supervisor, Daniel Duke, together with finance/ HR staff from Metro South region will give them final approval.
- On Tuesday 24 February, we conducted our Term 1 Fire Drill during the lunch break.
- We ask that our staff, students, and community members be aware of snakes on site. We have had a number of sightings and have enacted our school Snake Policy as a result.



Other

- Thursday 5 February, was Day 8. On this day each year, the Department of Education uses the number of students in each school to determine the funding and staffing allocation for the year.
- On Tuesday 17 February, a parent/teacher Meet and Mingle afternoon was held in the classrooms where parents had the opportunity to speak with their child's teachers/ teacher aides.

DATE CLAIMERS

- 10 Student Leaders will be attending the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at the Sleeman Sports Complex at Chandler on Wednesday 25 February.
- Religion lessons will be starting up in Week 5.
- Glen Robinson (HPE) will organise our Cross Country Carnival which will be held on Friday 27 March- Week 9. More information to come.

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