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KEEPING IN TOUCH

With 2025 coming to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community for their support throughout what has been a busy year. To those departing families, thank you for being part of our school community and for the contributions that you have made.



I would like to take a moment to wish our departing Year 6 cohort all the very best for 2026 and beyond. It has been a pleasure to work with these students over many years and witness their growth and development. We were all very impressed with the maturity and confidence these students displayed at the Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday. Our 2025 student leaders each spoke beautifully in front of a very large crowd, not an easy thing to do!



Special mention must go to the following students on receiving the following prestigious awards at Graduation:

Kawungan P &C Dux Award

Laura Bartholomew

Glenys Mills-Ramm Flame Award:

Ariana Zande

Brooke Spence Award Sporting Achievement Award:

Michael O'Brien

Matt Hauser Sporting Achievement Award:

Kainoa Tetevano

We look forward to seeing our 2026 leaders do an amazing job leading our school next year.

Congratulations to the following students on being elected to leadership positions in 2026.



KAWUNGAN STATE SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS - 2026

	CAPTAIN	CAPTAIN	
SCHOOL	Adelaide Graham	Nathan Towers	
	Madeleine Young	<u>Vahn</u> Hardy	
HOUSE CAPTAINS			
MAGPIES	Harrison White	Katara Cunningham	
	Indie Baartz	Lucinda Finn	
SEAGULLS	Bikram Singh	Hayley Wearne	
SEAGULLS	Frankie Wilson	Amatola Gosley	
11414146	Isabella Gerlach	Georgia Pasnin	
HAWKS	Kyah Gaffel	Elspeth Turner	
E <i>AG</i> LES	Ava Geerling	Sophie Lix	
	Josie Saunders	Annabelle Vandenbergh	

At the end of each year, we come to the point where we must say farewell to departing staff as they move onto different locations and challenges.

The following staff will be leaving our school at the end of this year:

 Mrs Derksen – First starting teaching at Kawungan over 12 years ago, Mrs Derksen is moving with her young family to Tasmania at the end of this year. We are excited for Mrs



Derksen as she embraces this new adventure but will definitely miss her unwavering dedication and enthusiasm to students, colleagues and the teaching profession.

- Mrs Phersson After starting at Kawungan in 2016, Mrs Pherrson has worked tirelessly in the area of Inclusive Education, forming incredible relationships with students, staff and families to support all students on their journey through education. Mrs Pherrson will be on long service leave for the entirety of 2026 and is looking forward to some travel and spending quality time with her family.
- Mrs Baltzer Mrs Baltzer has made the decision to leave education after being part of the Kawungan community for 23 years as a parent and teacher aide. I am sure you all join me in wishing Julie all the very best for the future and thanking her for her many contributions to Kawungan over the years.
- Mrs Wade Mrs Wade is retiring at the end of this year and is excited for what the future holds. Mrs Wade started teaching at Kawungan in 2023. I am sure you join with me is wishing Mrs Wade all the very best for the future.
- Miss Wical Stef will be transferring to Maryborough Central SS in 2026. Ms Wical has been a part of the Kawungan team since 2023 and has made a fantastic contribution to the Prep team during this time. Maryborough Central is lucky to be getting a great teacher!
- Miss Delandelles Miss Delandelles will be moving south to be closer to home and family in 2026. We have thoroughly enjoyed having Miss Delandelles on the Year 5 team in 2025.

At Kawungan we are extremely fortunate to have an incredibly hardworking and dedicated P&C team. Throughout the course of 2025 these amazing people donated countless hours of selfless dedication to our school community with the sole intent to make school a better place for students and families. We are excited for what the future holds as the school and P&C continue to work closely together. I am sure that you all join me in saying a huge thank you to Alyson and the team!

Class lists for 2026 will be on display from 9:00am Thursday the 22nd of January.

Uniform shop will be open for business on the following times:

Wed 21^{st} January 12noon -3:00pm Thurs 22^{nd} January 8:15am -5:00pm Friday 23rd January

8:15am - 12noon

We look forward to seeing you all for the commencement of the 2026 school on Tuesday the 27th of January.

Merry Christmas!

Mark Jones

PRINCIPAL



P and C

We have made it to the end of the year! And what a great one 2025 was!

MESSAGE from the P&C PRESIDENT

I want to express, on behalf of the P&C executive, how grateful we are to serve in our roles within the Kawungan Community. It's important to recognize that a P&C isn't the effort of just one or a few individuals; it truly requires the dedication of many. We are incredibly fortunate to have such wonderful and supportive staff and volunteers that support us at meetings, in our Tuckshop and at P&C events. Thank you for all your contributions in 2025, and we eagerly anticipate an even more successful year in 2026. We also extend our gratitude to Mr. Jones and the entire school staff collaborating with you to enrich the Kawungan learning experience for all our students, it is a joy to be a part of.

Wishing you all the best for the remainder of the year. Merry Christmas!!!

Alyson Lewis P&C President

UNIFORM SHOP

- The Uniform Shop is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm.
- Year 5 students, get excited. The Uniform Shop now has senior shirts in stock. Order your shirts now ready for next year through Qkr!, \$35 each.
- Prep Students ... The Uniform Shop now has plenty of dark blue/Year 1 shirts in stock. Get ready for next year and order your shirts now through Qkr!, \$32 each



KAWUNGAN STATE SCHOOL SCHOOL UNIFORM Prep - Light Blue Polo, Years 1-6 -Dark Blue Polo, Year 6 -Senior Polo Sport shirts (Friday only!) Kawungan school dress Plain black or Kawungan school emblem shorts, skorts or skirts If you are wearing tights/leggings, shorts/skirts must me worn over the top White or black socks Sneakers. Neutral colours. Black preferred Kawungan emblem wide brim school hat Regular Uniform Shop Opening Hours Tuesday 2:15pm - 3:15pm Wednesday 2:15pm - 3:15pm

TUCKSHOP



Our Tuckshop, The Kawungan Lunchbox, is open Tuesday to Friday, from 8:15am. Orders must be placed before 8:30am. If this cut-off time is missed, orders can be placed from the 'late

menu' only and only until 10am.

OTHER NEWS

Sound Waves - Order yours now for 2026!

The P&C are now offering a pre-order of Soundwaves books that see the books ready to go as teachers start the program in classes next year. This means not only is it something off the list you can get sorted now, but it also means avoiding the mad rush at stationery stores to find out that Soundwaves is already sold out. If that sounds appealing, jump on the Qkr! app now, purchase yours for \$19.95. Pre-orders close Friday January 30th at 8:30 am and all books will be delivered directly to your students' classroom. Please note, Soundwaves books are NOT needed for Prep, Year 1 and 2.



The Clever Bean

We're excited to share that The Clever Bean, our very own coffee nook in the tuckshop, is now ready and open every morning to welcome all Kawungan parents and carers!

Pop in and say hello to our lovely tuckshop team after school drop-off to get your morning caffeine fix, pick up a coffee on your way to parade, or enjoy a cuppa when you're visiting for our next school event.



Please don't forget to be in contact with our P&C executive at pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au if you have tuckshop, The Uniform Shop or fundraising questions – we are always here and ready to help.

We wish all of our Kawungan families and community a wonderful Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday period. We look forward to seeing you again in 2026!



Team P&C



SCHOOL NEWS

Principal's Award Term 4 Week 6 "Being Honest"

	Doning Horicot
PK	Noah, Sophia
PA	Finlay, Conrad
PW	Mia, Lachlan
PU	Daisy, Spencer
PN	Lucas, Braxton
1K	Marnie, Georgie
1A	Lebron, Freddie
1W	Alison, Lazar
1U	Will, Adalyn
1N	Stevie, Arya
2K	Grayson, Evie
2A	Octavia, Eden
2W	Lachlan, Alina
2U	Ruby, Mary
2N	Grace, Ali
3K	Joshua, Charlotte
3A	Kai, Ariah
3W	Riley, Darcy
3U	Clancy, Ava
3N	Billy, Millie
3/4M	Destin, Millie
4A	Maia, Elli
4W	James, Sean
4U	Moriarty, Drew
5K	Levi, Blake
5A	Calico, Jax
5W	Vahn, Annabelle
5U	Hunter, Memphis
5N	Patrick, Wendy
5/6M	Ari, Isabelle
6K	Pippa, Seth
6A	Ella, Damien
6W	Corban, Jasmine
6U	Jaxon, Marley
6N	Annabel, Ashton

Principal's Award Term 4 Week 8 "Striving to Achieve Excellence"

PK	Amelia, Mason
PA	Sutton, Amaiya
PW	Bailey, Jacob
PU	Delilah, Elle
PN	Breeze, Brunon
1K	Bridie, Oliver
1A	Arya, Metis
1W	Brock, Willow

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1U	Holly, Will
1N	Poppy, Madison
2K	Gavril, Luca
2A	Noah, Rydah
2W	Harlow, Eva-Jane
2U	Allyson, Ky
2N	Sophia, Gus
3K	River, Oscar
3A	Aiden, Harriet
3W	Tommy, Aliha
3U	Christian, Isla
3N	Chase, Lilliana
3/4M	Chloe, Ellie
4K	Natalia, Myliesha
4A	Rocco, Ryder
4W	Jimmy, Darcie
4U	Piper, Taidem
5K	Kaylee, Amita
5A	Mitchel, Kohen
5W	Jemaica, Blake
5U	Indie, Harley
5N	Ellie, Katoa
5/6M	Nathan, Marcus
6K	Jax, Chloe
6A	Aura, Ariah
6W	Evie, Daviena
6U	Jayden, Allyah
6N	Alijah, Merliah

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GOODBYE 2025!

What a fantastic year of physical activity Kawungan has had. I have been so impressed with the level of effort so many of you have been putting into the various sporting opportunities throughout the year. Our sports leaders have done a wonderful job helping with all of the events and encouraging participation by all, we thank you for your efforts and wish you the best in high school.

Well done to all students who made various Kawungan, Hervey Bay District, Wide Bay and State sports teams throughout the year. It is a big achievement just making a Kawungan team as there is such a high level of skill amongst our students.

I **CHALLENGE** every Kawungan student to go outside for at least half an hour EVERY day of your holidays! Bounce/kick/throw/hit a ball



against a tree/wall/fence/bat/foot, go for a swim at the beach, jump on the trampoline, ride your bike, go for a walk/scoot/jog/run/skip. I don't even care if you just lie down on the grass bare foot but please, please, please GET OUTSIDE. Of course make sure you are sun safe with a hat and sunscreen also and have checked with your parents. Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you all next year!



Peace out, Mrs Robbo

STUDENT LEADERS







Remembrance Day Newsletter

On the 11th November, Kawungan State School commemorated Remembrance Day. On this day, we remember and thank those men and woman who died in war to give us a free life we live today. Our two School Captains, Shanaya and Jack, went to lay the wreath at Freedom Park to commemorate and honour the people who fought and died for us. We had one minute of silence to remember and thank the men and women who lost their lives. Many other schools came to lay a wreath too. Back at school, some classes read a book and others coloured in a poppy picture to go in the office foyer. We thank all veterans who fought for us and gave us this life of freedom and justice.

Written by Shanaya







Remembrance Day Service







Class Activities











YEAR 6 MARKET STALL

This term, the Year 6 students made 3D printed items, crafted items and even food. They sold their items to other students before school in H block. It was enjoyable for Year 6 students and the people buying the goods.





Thanks to Mrs Tinker and the teachers helping us with the setting up and helping the customers.













Hervey Bay High School Transition

Term 4, Hervey Bay transition day was fun and exciting for everyone. We met at Creative Arts Complex where the Principal and Deputy Principals introduced themselves, along with the Year 7 teachers and case managers. After their



introduction, we split up into our form classes. From there we toured the school seeing buildings like sports hall, canteen and senior/junior eating area. After the tour, we regrouped at the Creative Arts Complex, we watched a slideshow about the school and what life is like there. After this, we did a Q and A. Once

again, we split up to do dodgeball, an Ag tour, cookie making and Art. These activities continued until the end of the day.

By Maddox and Corban

Urangan State High School Transition Day

Schools from all over Hervey Bay gathered at Urangan State



High School for a transition day. Year 6 students from Kawungan mixed throughout the sports houses of USHS such as Baylor Triton and Cowrie. At Urangan, we attended Form Class, English and HPE. Everyone had a fun time and was very respectful.

Written by Imogen W





CHAPPY CHAT





COMMUNITY NEWS



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Where to find more information



You can find more information on Parent Pathways at: dewr.gov.au/parentpathways

Need extra support?

Many parents and carers experience extra challenges from time to time. You can talk to your mentor about finding practical, emotional, or personal support, as well as information and advice. If you need to exit Parent Pathways or take a break you can do that too.

If you need immediate help you can call





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MON 15 DEC



Santa's Workshop Service Day

Join Santa's Workshop! Write letters to Santa, decorate ornaments, and craft festive decorations in a hands-on day full of holiday cheer.

BASE FEE DAILY TOTAL FROM AS LOW AS* \$71.50 \$71.50 \$7.15



Holiday Wonderland Special Event: Chess Mates

Get ready for a special chess incursion with fun challenges as we discover the joy of chess through play. We'll also enjoy a snow-themed experiment and play holiday bingo!

BASE FEE \$71.50 EXPERIENCE FEE \$22.20 DAILY TOTAL \$93.70 FROM AS LOW AS* \$9.37



Sweet Celebrations Make & Take: Gingerbread Decorating

We've teamed up with local cookie makers for a special gingerbread decorating session! Get your own box of cookies to decorate, take home, and enjoy.

BASE FEE \$71.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$18.60
DAILY TOTAL \$90.10
FROM AS LOW AS* \$9.01





Jingle Games! Service Day

Let the games begin! Take part in festive relays, silly challenges, and competitions that bring out the holiday cheer in everyone.

BASE FEE \$71.50
DAILY TOTAL \$71.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.15

FRI 19 DEC



Global Traditions Service Day

Celebrate global traditions through art, games, and stories. Enjoy Lunar New Year crafts, take on the Saint Silvester Road Race, and discover new cultures together.

BASE FEE \$71.50
DAILY TOTAL \$71.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.15











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MON 05 JAN



Ready, Set, Summer! **Service Day**

Kick off the holidays with a day packed with creativity and adventure. Make pinatas and partake in an obstacle challenge to launch the summer fun!

BASE FEE DAILY TOTAL FROM AS LOW AS*

\$71.50 \$71.50 \$7.15



Water Wonders Special Event: Water Warriors Bring swimmers, sunhat & a rashie

Dive into a day of water-filled fun! Take part in exciting splash relays and water games that will keep you cool.

BASE FEE \$71.50 **EXPERIENCE FEE** \$22.80 **DAILY TOTAL** \$94.30 FROM AS LOW AS* \$9.43

WED 07 JAN GROW

Grow Wild!

Make & Take: Super Sprouts

Get hands-on with nature! Build your own mini greenhouse, and plant bean seeds to watch them sprout and grow right before vour eves.

BASE FEE \$71.50 **EXPERIENCE FEE** \$17.70 **DAILY TOTAL** \$89.20 FROM AS LOW AS* \$8.92



Movie Mania

Excursion: Movie: Zootopia 2 Popcorn & water included!

Today we're heading to the movies for a fun day out watching Zootopia 2 - a new animated comedy adventure full of laughs and excitement!

BASE FEE \$71.50 **EXPERIENCE FEE** \$54.60 DAILY TOTAL \$126.10 FROM AS LOW AS* \$12.61

FRI 09 JAN



Summer Safari Service Day

Embark on a Summer Safari! Explore nature with a wildlife scavenger hunt, take part in Wildlife Olympics, and enjoy a funfilled day of games, adventure, and discovery.

BASE FEE \$71.50 **DAILY TOTAL** \$71.50 FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.15

MON 12 JAN



Campfire Showtime Service Day

Gather round for Campfire Showtime! Sing, dance, or show off your special talents in a camp-style talent show filled with laughter, cheers, and fun.

BASE FEE \$71.50 **DAILY TOTAL** \$71.50 FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.15



Splish Splash Spectacular Special Event: Summer Splash Showdown

Bring swimmers, sunhat & a rashie

Get ready for a special Summer Splash Showdown brought to you by our water play crew! Dive into epic challenges, games, and splashy fun in this ultimate summer event.

BASE FEE \$71.50 **EXPERIENCE FEE** \$25.20 **DAILY TOTAL** \$96.70 FROM AS LOW AS* \$9.67

WED 14 JAN



Picnic Party Service Day

It's Picnic Party Day! Enjoy the sunshine with cricket and outdoor games, then relax with a fun Sketch & Snack activity where you draw, doodle and munch on tasty treats.

BASE FEE \$71.50 **DAILY TOTAL** \$71.50 FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.15

THU 15 JAN



Sizzling Science Service Day

Get ready for fizz, colour, and fun! Take part in exciting science experiments, like giant bubbles, and discover the magic of hands-on learning.

BASE FEE \$71.50 **DAILY TOTAL** \$71.50 FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.15



Jump into Fun

Excursion: Inflatables

Get ready for giant bouncing fun! Climb, iump, slide and race through huge inflatable challenges with friends. It's big, bouncy and full of nonstop laughs from start to finish!

BASE FEE \$71.50 \$45.50 **EXPERIENCE FEE** \$117.00 **DAILY TOTAL** FROM AS LOW AS* \$11.70



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MON 19 JAN



Summer Quest Service Day

Join the Summer Quest! Team up for an epic Educator Bounty Hunt, then journey through Imaginationland to complete challenges, solve clues and finish the quest with your friends!

\$71.50

\$71.50

\$7.15

BASE FEE DAILY TOTAL FROM AS LOW AS*



Chill Out Zone Special Event: Ben & Jerry's Sundae Funday

Beat the heat with a special icecream Sundae Funday! Enjoy yummy icecream, topped with tasty treats. We'll also enjoy hands-on fun making fizzy bath bombs and exploring ice cube magic.

BASE FEE \$71.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$9.60
DAILY TOTAL \$81.10
FROM AS LOW AS* \$8.11



Beach Bonanza Special Event: Bouncy Ball Science Workshop

Get ready for science magic! Mix ingredients, make your own neon bouncy balls, and watch them glow and bounce. It's bright, hands-on fun packed with amazing experiments!

BASE FEE \$71.50 EXPERIENCE FEE \$30.00 DAILY TOTAL \$101.50 FROM AS LOW AS* \$10.15



Spy School Make & Take: Spy Pencil Case

Become a secret agent for the day! Decorate a book-style pencil case, build a hidden compartment, and join in fun undercover missions and games.

BASE FEE \$71.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$17.10
DAILY TOTAL \$88.60
FROM AS LOW AS* \$8.86



Summer Send-Off Service Day

Say farewell to Holiday HQ with a day of campfire stories, music, and a lively dance party! Celebrate the end of the holidays with fun, laughter, and dancing.

BASE FEE \$71.50
DAILY TOTAL \$71.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.15













