

KAWUNGAN COURIER

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Principal's Message

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2026.

We are delighted to welcome all our new students and families to the Kawungan school community. We look forward to working together to support your student's academic growth, personal development and wellbeing.

We have had a very positive start to the school year and are very pleased with the manner in which the students have transitioned into their new classes. A very impressive start!

As always, it is very exciting to welcome our new prep students to Kawungan. Special mention to these students and the amazing Prep team for an awesome start to their school journey!

New Staff

We have a number of new faces on our teaching staff this year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following teachers:

Ms Salter-Smith	Year 1
Ms Wood	Year 4
Ms Shallcross	Year 5
Ms Musco	Year 6

I am sure that you will join me in welcoming these staff to our school community.

Student Leaders

Our 2026 student leaders were presented with their school badges earlier this week. We are looking forward to watching these students make the most of their opportunity to lead and make an amazing contribution to our school.



Tuckshop



Some of you might not be aware that our Tuckshop not only provides amazing food options for our students but also now is the place to get a great cup of coffee after a hectic school drop off or on the way to parade. I would encourage you to drop by and sample a cup, you won't be disappointed!

Reminder – Back to School Boost

This week you should have received a letter regarding the "Back to School Boost". The Back to School Boost provides a \$100 credit to assist parents with costs associated with school essentials for each primary school student. A \$100 credit has been added to the account of all students enrolled in Prep to Year 6 this year. Families choose which cost they will use their \$100 for throughout the year. Please note that the Back to School Boost cannot be used for reimbursement of purchases made at external stores, nor can it be provided as a cash payment.

Please return the Back to School Boost parent choice form to our front office at your earliest convenience, indicating how you would like your Back to School Boost to be used for your child.

Zak – Our Therapy Dog

It has been not only students transitioning into their school journey at Kawungan. Zak our therapy dog in training has been busy training and learning his way around the school. We look forward to Zak becoming a fully accredited therapy dog later in the year and becoming a familiar face in our school.



NAPLAN

NAPLAN is the only national assessment that all Australian children undertake and provides comparable data about student performance in literacy and numeracy, nationally. It ensures there are consistent and well understood measures of student achievement around the country.

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN testing between the 11-23 March 2026. Further information in regards to testing dates and times during this testing window will be sent out shortly. If you have any questions about NAPLAN please arrange a time to talk with your child's teacher to discuss.

Mark Jones
Principal

P and C

Welcome back to school! New year, new adventures! The P&C is excited to be back and looks forward to supporting our amazing school community throughout the year.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

QKR! Now is the time to update/check your child's Qkr! profile. We **MUST** have accurate class information to deliver lunch and uniform orders correctly. If this information is incorrect, your child's order will be delayed or they may not receive their order at all.

Updated Qkr! profiles will make our staff and volunteer's jobs much easier. Simply log into Qkr! and select "Profiles" and edit 2026 details.

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 be worn over the top
- White or black socks
- Sneakers. Neutral colours. Black preferred
- Kawungan emblem wide brim school hat

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
 Tuesday 2:15pm - 3:15 pm
 Wednesday 2:15pm - 3:15 pm



Tuckshop



Our Tuckshop is open Monday - Friday from 8.15 am. Mondays 1st break only, Tuesday to Friday both 1st and 2nd breaks.

- Please ensure your child's Qkr! profile is updated with the correct class.
- Qkr! is the preferred ordering system! All lunch orders MUST be ordered before the cutoff time at 8:30 am. If you miss this cut-off, you can order off our late lunch menu ONLY!
- Lunch orders will not be accepted over the phone.
- You can still place orders over the counter with CASH/EFTPOS.
- KSS hats are now available at the Tuckshop.



How to order Tuckshop using Qkr!:

1. Login or create an account <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/qkr/id589799471>
 Having trouble downloading the Qkr! App on your phone? Simply access Qkr! via the website <https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store/#/home>.
2. Click on the Tuckshop menu (First break or Second break).
3. Select your child's name & meal date. Please ensure the correct date is selected for your child's order.
4. Check you have an email confirmation for your child's order.
5. Let your child or their classroom teacher know that they have ordered tuckshop.

Look out for our term one paper menu coming home soon. 📄📄

Qkr! Tuckshop Order Cancellations

The cut-off time for orders is 8.30 am, so cancellations must be made before then. The Tuckshop cannot provide refunds or cancel orders via Qkr! – it must be done by the account holder. To cancel a lunch order, you will need to follow these steps in the Qkr! app: • Go into your 'My Receipts' in the top left menu. • Click on the order you wish to cancel. • Select the red 'cancel' circle/icon. • Check which item or order you'd like to cancel. • Confirm by clicking 'OK'. Qkr! will then credit the amount to your Qkr! account. This amount of credit will be deducted from your next lunch order.

Tuckshop Volunteers

Are you an amazing baker? Or do you make a super sandwich? Or are you great at counting and tallying? Then we need you! The Tuckshop relies on the generosity of volunteers to make it a success. Each year we lose some of our dedicated helpers, due to children moving to high school or parents going back to work. In 2026, we need as many helpers as we can get – mums, dads, and grandparents. If you think you can help, please send us an email at pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au

You don't need to be available for a whole day, just an hour will make a big difference.

Class Birthday Celebrations

Don't have time to make birthday cupcakes? It's ok we have BIRTHDAY BUCKETS!!! You can choose between a popcorn bucket or a Zooper Dooper bucket and it includes one for each child in the class. Birthday Buckets are \$15 each and can be ordered through the Qkr! app. Please let your child's teacher know if you have ordered a birthday bucket.

Absences/Home Early/Sick

If your child has ordered Tuckshop and is away or has gone home early/sick, please let the tuckshop know straight away and/or collect your tuckshop before going home. No refunds or credits will be accepted if the tuckshop has not been promptly informed of your child's absence and/or fresh food has already been prepared.

Clever Bean

The Clever Bean, our very own coffee nook in the Tuckshop, is open Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 11.15am. Pop in after school drop-off and say hello to Kristy, our barista, grab your morning caffeine fix on the way to parade, or enjoy a cuppa when you're visiting the school for our next event.

P&C Meetings

The first P&C meeting will be held on Monday, February 16th. We will meet in the H Block (behind the Uniform Shop) at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. We are all volunteers who love to help raise money to improve the school for our children.

Save the Date! AGM - 16th March

We hope you have had a great start to 2026 and look forward to a wonderful year ahead.



If you have any questions or concerns please contact the P&C directly at pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au

Team P&C

SCHOOL NEWS

Principal's Award Term 1 Week 2 "Demonstrating Manners"

PK	Chloe, Odie
PA	Heyford, Sophie
PW	Sera, Monty
PU	Scarlette, Joran
PN	Calix, Greycen
1K	Haylee, Dylan
1A	Dylan, Mason
1W	Dheerav, Addie
1U	Eden, Leo
1/2M	Katana, Jacob
2K	Metis, River
2A	Jessica, Alexander
2W	Emily, Oliver
2U	Ivan, Ava
2N	Suha, Sulaf
3K	Nirvana, Anthony

3A	Ky, Ruby
3W	Hunter, Lainey
3U	Grace, Jaxson
3N	Allyson, Cooper
4K	Marshall, Millie
4A	Jax, Matilda
4W	Mikayla, Jax
4U	Matilda, Alfie
4N	Destin, Scarlett
5K	Keaton, Darcie
5A	Seth, Isabella
5W	Daisy, Callum
5U	Josephine, Daniel
5N	Preston, Leo
6K	Arleigh, Zayn
6A	Tayla, Aiden
6W	Millie, Blake
6U	Layla, Luke
6N	Jack, Heidi

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We're off to a great start this term for Physical Education lessons. Years 4-5 are getting into the skipping spirit while our Year 3's are learning some scooter skills. The Year 4's will bring home information about the Jump Rope for Heart program they are beginning in the coming weeks. Year 6's are enjoying the Tchoukball unit.

There are a few things happening this term in regards to fitness, with many of the Hervey Bay District sport trials happening and our fun run at the end of this term.

This is a great time for our students to start training if they are keen to improve their fitness for the various sports and events. Jogging around the block or yard a couple of times a week is a great start.

Below are the significant dates for sports and HBDS this term.

Sports Dates Term 1, 2026	
16/02	Wide Bay swimming nominations due
19/02	HBD Basketball and Touch trials
19/02	HBD Netball trials
23/02	HBD 11's Netball trials
24/02	HBD softball trials
27/02	AFL gala day , first round of QLD Schools cup – at Bombers Field

Sports Dates Term 1, 2026	
02/03	9's and 10's Boys and Girls Futsal PCYC
03/03	11's and 12's Boys and Girls Futsal PCYC
10/03	HBD Rugby League 11's and soccer trial
25/03	HBD 10-11's RL
27/03	School Fun Run (whole school)

With the Hervey Bay District sports trials happening this term there will be school trials in the lead up to select the most skilled students to attend. These are not come and try days, they are for those who know all the rules already. If students are interested in trialling the first step was to sign up at Mrs Robertson's room.

AFL Gala Day – 27/02 (Years 5/6)

Our 2 AFL teams have been training with Mr Brain on Mondays 8am (boys) and Thursdays 8am (girls). They also have some lunch first break training sessions. We take 1 boys teams and 1 girls teams team to compete. It is mandatory that students have a mouthguard to play. Their ticket on the bus on the day is to show us their:

Mouthguard, hat and long black socks (the school has some pairs to borrow if this is an issue).

Fraser Coast Futsal School Titles - Monday 02/03 for the 9's and 10's, Tuesday 3/03 for the 11 and 12 Years Boys and girls

Students in Year 4/5/6 have been training since the end of last year for the Fraser Coast Futsal Trials. Mrs Robertson is impressed by the number of students who are practicing their skills at home with a soccer ball. The invoice will be sent to emails for this competition, which has a team fee, notes were sent home this week. The training times are below for these age groups

Day	Time	Age Group	Location
Tuesday	11am	9/10's B	Hall
Tuesday	11am	11/12's B	Hall
Wednesday	11am	11/12's G	Hall
Thursday	11am	9/10's G	Hall

FUN Run – Friday 27 March

The Fun Run is Friday of week 9 for the whole school. There will be Tuesday and Thursday training sessions before school at 8:15 in the three weeks leading up to the fun run (starting week 7).

Mrs Robbo's 2026 Tips

- Do you get headaches often?
- Do you find yourself waiting until you are busting to go to the toilet (because you don't want to leave your game)?
- Do you sometimes skip meals or say 'I'm coming soon' or 'just one more round'?
- Do you go to sleep when your parents tell you to?
- Do you find it hard to get to sleep at night?
- To be a healthy human we must sometimes re-assess our habits. Just because something is fun doesn't always mean it is good for us. Gaming can be fun on devices but we need to realise when we have been playing for too long or when we have been in front of a screen for too long. It is important we get outside EVERY day and spend some time in nature. It is important to move EVERY day (8 000 steps at least).
- All of us can change our habits to be healthier and feel better in the long run. One late night can affect our whole week.
- Make 2026 a great year by taking responsibility for your actions and becoming a healthier you!
- Our Year 4 students learn about 'green time' and 'screen time' this term in Health each year.

MUSIC NEWS

🎵 Music Ensembles 2026 are back! 🎵

We're excited to launch our music ensembles for 2026 starting this week!

Concert Band and String Orchestras – ensemble placement will be confirmed by **Ms Mothershaw** and **Ms Zorbas**.

Bel Canto Choir – open to all **Year 4–6** students.

Piccolo Choir – open to all **Year 1–3** students.

If you have any questions, please contact **Mrs Molen** at abamf12@eq.edu.au 🎵



Music Ensembles 2026

Concert Band
Monday 7.30am

Bel Canto Choir
Tuesday 7.45am

Senior Strings
Wednesday 7.30am

Piccolo Choir
Wednesday 8am

Beginner Strings
Thursday 7.45am

Join the fun and make music!

CHAPPY CHAT



Welcome to 2026! Another year to look forward to all that Kawungan State School has to offer. I trust your children have settled in well and are ready to learn, grow and accomplish much throughout the year.

To the new families that have joined our school, an extra special welcome to you all. Please feel free to reach out should you have any queries or needs. We are all here to help. Kawungan is a very friendly school, making every effort to make your children's school experience a good one.

Just to introduce myself – I am the School Chaplain (9 years this year) and am here on Mondays and Tuesdays. I also work at Sandy Strait State School. My office is located in the Year 3 undercover area and I am available to students, parents and staff.



I offer lunch time activities – see photos. I run group programs ranging from Friendship issues, Bullying, Anger Management, Resilience and more. I also offer other forms of support such as school supplies, uniforms, food hampers etc. Should you have any needs of any sort please feel free to pop in and we can have a chat. If you would like your child to see me on a one-on-one basis, you can pick up a form from the office to sign. I love to see children develop to their

full potential.



I like to give parent tips. So, here's the first for

2026.

Parent Tip #1 – Boundaries

Stick to them! Especially when it comes to technology. Yes, it may be tough, but it will be worth it in the end. Children need boundaries. It's not being mean, it's setting them up for life. It's tough love.

Have a great week

Chappy M
School Chaplain (Mon & Tues)

