

The River School Newsletter



Farewell Red Cedar class of 2024

End of Year important events

We would like to wish our Red Cedars a big farewell and best wishes for the future. The Red Cedars have had a diverse year exploring a range of activities with their teachers and developing their academic, interpersonal and leadership skills. Last Friday was their last Circle for the year. This week is an important week for them as we celebrate their growth and successes. We will join them for a whole school clap out on Thursday at 10 am on the oval then in the evening, they will attend their graduation dinner. We would all like to express our thanks to the parents of the graduating students for organising the graduation dinner and for entrusting your beautiful children to us over their time at The River School.



Rotary ~ Speak Up

The Speak Up Now committee from Rotary spent a session with our Lillypillies focusing on kindness and respect. Here are some of our wonderful students and the kites they made.

Transition Day

Our transition day went very smoothly – teachers and students had an opportunity to meet each other in their new classroom and to enjoy some activities together.

We also welcomed some new students who will be joining The River School in 2025. Thank you to the teachers for the work and effort you put in to ensure your students felt welcomed. Everyone is looking forward to 2025.



Fond goodbyes to staff members



Tam ~ Lillypillies

We have been very lucky to have Tam with us this year sharing the teaching with Kristy in the Lillypillies.

We really appreciate your kindness and care for our students and luckily we will see you again next year as a relief teacher. We're glad to still have you as part of our River School team.

Zoe ~ Red Cedars

A big thanks to Zoe who has supported and encouraged the Red Cedar team this year, along with her fellow teachers. We really appreciate your dedication Zoe! You will be missed.

"I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the entire school community. It has been a joy to teach and learn in such a beautiful school, alongside incredible students, and supportive colleagues. I will treasure the memories made, the growth I've witnessed in each of my students, and the kindness that makes this school so special. I look forward to remaining close to the River School through the ECC and relief teaching in 2025!" ~ Thanks, Zoe

Frida ~ Wattles

You have only been here for a year but you have touched all of our hearts – thank you for your sincerity and love. Our students have loved working with you and we wish you all the best.

Ann - Support

Ann has been a valued staff member for more than two years and has made an immense contribution to supporting our students. We wish her well as she heads into new adventures in 2025.



Lizzie ~ Kingfishers

Lizzie has been a long term staff member at The River School and has worked with many of our young children. We wish her all the best as she continues her journey into retirement and adventuring. To us, she will always be "A River School Kid". (This song was penned by Lizzie and is now one of most loved school songs).



Sue ~ Deputy

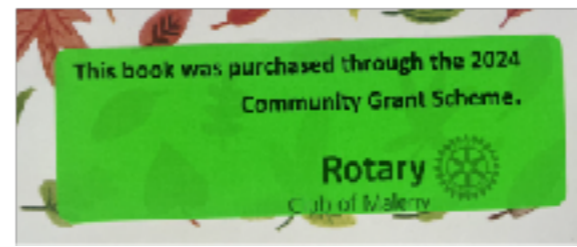
Farewell to Sue!

Seeing that I'm writing this I will just say my sincere thanks for the opportunity to spend time in The River School again. It's been a big 4 years and I want to especially thank Ann and the admin team for supporting me. I've had a lot of fun times and will always remember The River School with love.



End of 2024 ~ Final Farewell

We finish the year with a big thanks from Opal and myself. Thank you to the teachers for their amazing work, dedication and professionalism. Thank you to parents for working with us and entrusting your precious children to our care. Thank you to our LA's and support staff, our bus drivers, cleaners, everyone!! Ann will be welcomed back at the beginning of 2025 and we wish you a safe and peaceful holiday.



We were successful in our application for a Community Grant from the Rotary Club of Maleny this year which is very exciting. Kerrie has had so much fun choosing non-fiction books for our library from our amazing local bookshop, Rosetta Books. Most of our non-fiction collection was culled as it was seriously outdated. This grant has enabled us to purchase more up-to-date and appealing non-fiction texts for our children and teachers to enjoy over the coming years.

Our beautiful Library Monitors (Xavier, Leo, Caitlin, Saskia, Lia, Willow, Amelia and Aven) have helped to prepare these new books to go on our shelves. They have ensured that all books have the appropriate labels so that Kerrie can catalogue them ready for our parent volunteers to cover them.

These are just some of the awesome new books that will become part of our library collection. They will be available to borrow and enjoy next year!!!

We are so grateful to the Rotary Club of Maleny for ALL they do in our community but especially for the support they have given The River School in the past, including the awarding of the Community Grant funding to us this year.

A Review from our Book Fair in October.



At the River School we had a scholastic book fair it went over two days, Friday and Saturday. On Friday the kids from The River School wrote what they would like for books on their wish list. On Saturday parents came in to purchase the books that were on the kids wish list. The school raised over a thousand dollars to buy new books for our River School library, and we now have new books for our River School kids to read! ~ Lia

The River School book fair was very enjoyable, it lasted two days and was included in the events at the River School Spring Fair. There were lots of new and interesting books, it had graphic novels, novels and many more. Although i don't know the exact amounts i am told that we earned quite a bit of money. I saw a lot of books being sold and lots of people reading them which is a great thing to see. ~ Xavier



Swimming Carnival

It was a fun day for everyone last Thursday. Thank you to all the families that came to watch and help. Also to the teachers and to Opal for MC'ing the day



The Piccabeens are creating posters, as a culminating activity to their endangered animal inquiry unit.



The P & F Committee are finishing 2024 feeling satisfied at the contributions we were able to make in 2024 thanks to the hard work of the committee, parents and teachers volunteering their time at fundraising events in 2023 and 2024. Because we had accumulated funds in previous years and added another \$19000 in 2024, we were able to make significant funding contributions to a wide range of projects.

We will provide more detail at the AGM at the Term One Cafe Night (Save the Date - 28 February!), but an overview of our major contributions are:

- \$1000 to the library,
- \$1000 towards the Red Cedars garden project,
- \$2000 towards the music program (including djembe drumming activities),
- \$2000 for literacy resources for learning support,
- \$3000 towards the school kiln,
- \$6600 for new carpet and tech equipment for the Bliss Centre
- \$8000 towards new laptops for Red Cedars classroom
- \$15000 to improvements for the school kitchen including a commercial dishwasher, a new oven, a fridge and catering equipment

Our main priority for 2024 was improving the school kitchen to make it more user-friendly for tuckshop, school events and class use. We will all be able to benefit from these new resources at the first Cafe Night for 2025 on 28 February!

The outgoing P & F Committee would like to thank the staff, parents and students for their hard work this year. We look forward to another successful year in 2025 with a brand new committee, led by Tanya Arnold who is stepping up as Acting President and will formally nominate for the role at the AGM in February.

Finally, we are bidding a sad farewell to two members of our committee who are leaving the school - Nyssa and Alana. We wish them all the best and thank them for bringing their energy and love to our school community.

2024 P&F final update

2025 School Calendar

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Term 1	
Monday 27 th January	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Australia Day
Tuesday 28 th January	First day of term
Wednesday 29 th – Friday 31 st January	Red Cedar Camp
Monday 3 rd – Friday 7 th February	Class meetings held this week
Monday 12 th – Monday 24 th March	NAPLAN years 3 & 5
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th March	Parent Teacher Interviews held this week
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term
Term 2	
Monday 21 st April	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Easter Monday
Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of term
Friday 25 th April	PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC Day
Monday 5 th May	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Labour Day
Friday 30 th May	MALENY SHOW HOLIDAY
Friday 4 th May	Last day of term
7 th – 13 th July	NAIDOC WEEK
Term 3	
Monday 14 th July	PUIL FREE DAY
Tuesday 15 th July	First day of term
Wednesday 30 th – Friday 1 st August	Regent Camp
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd August	BOOK WEEK – Parade Friday 22 nd
Wednesday 20 th & Thursday 21 st August	Red Cedars at Kids in Action
Monday 25 th – Wednesday 27 th August	Wattie Camp
Friday 29 th August TBC	OLYMPICS Day
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th March	Parent Teacher Interviews held this week
Wednesday 10 th – Friday 12 th September	House of Happiness Bribie Island Camp
Friday 12 th September	Last day of term
Term 4	
Monday 6 th October	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Kings Birthday
Tuesday 7 th October	First day of term
Saturday 25 th October	SPRING FAIR
Monday 27 th October	PUPIL FREE DAY
Thursday 1 st December	Red Cedar Clap out & Graduation dinner
Friday 11 th December	Last day of term & Clean UP Day
6 week Summer Holidays	



Does your child feel overly fearful, anxious, or worried in certain situations?

Many children can feel anxious, fearful, or worried in certain situations. In most situations this is a normal emotion when faced with something threatening. Everyone can feel anxious from time to time. However, some children experience anxiety more intensely or more often than others and it stops them

from having fun, going to school, or getting the most out of their life.

Take Action is an evidence-based program for 7- to 12-year-olds experiencing anxiety. Each child session takes approximately 1 hour, and the program runs over 10-12 weeks (either in-person or online). The program also includes six x 1-hour sessions for parents/carers to provide additional education and support on managing children's anxiety.

All children receive a comprehensive assessment before and after the program, and all child and parent/carer workbooks and materials to practice Take Action skills at home are provided. The project has full ethics approval from the Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee (**HREC: 2023/381**).

To find out more information and register to complete an initial assessment over the phone, please email us at cadrp@griffith.edu.au.

Learn Piano on the Range at Montville State School

individuals - buddies - small groups
before school - after school

Students from other schools on the range are welcome!



Express your interest for 2025 at



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