



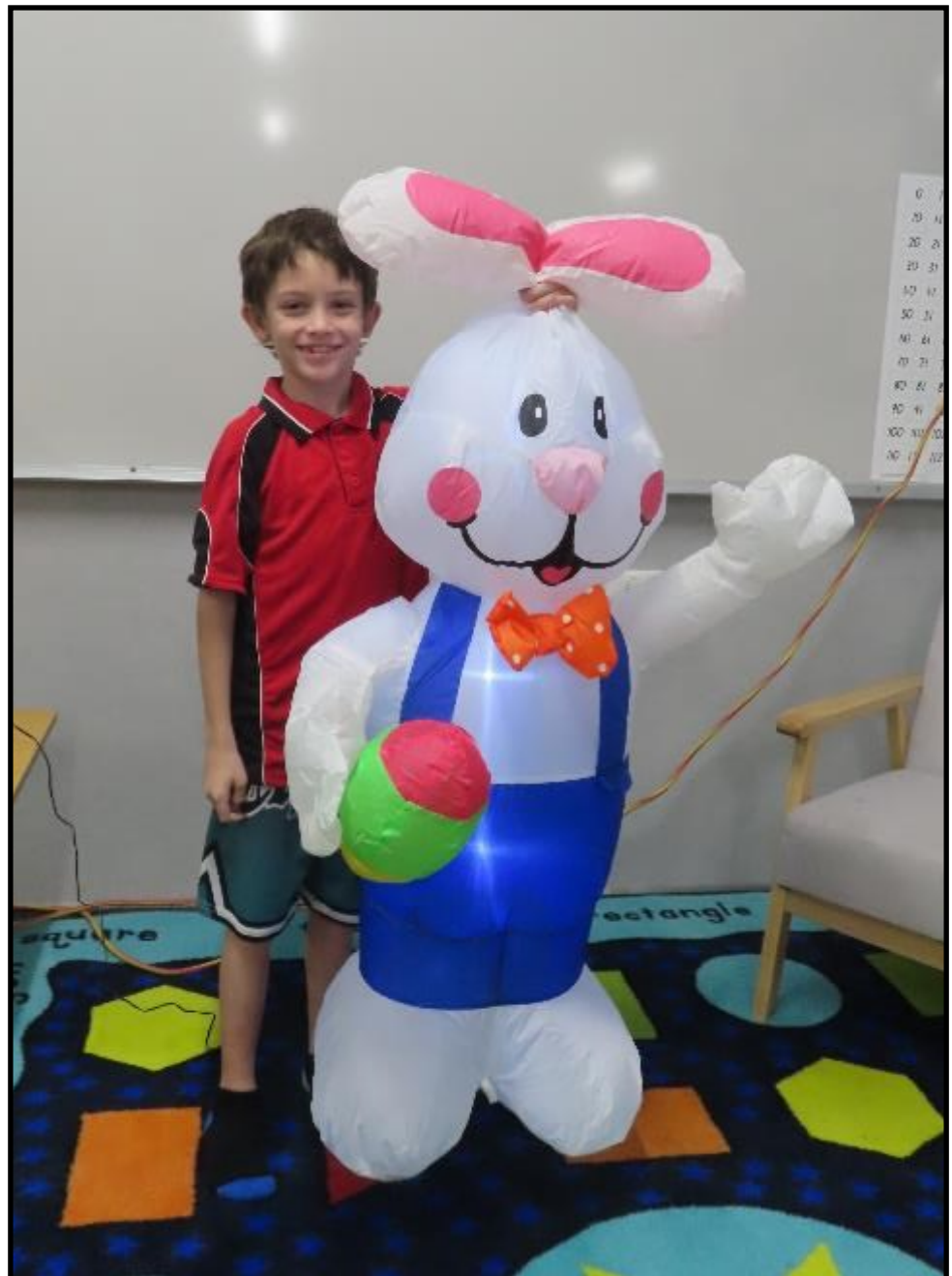
# Homestead Headlines

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# Principals Report

We have had another great start to the year,

NAPLAN testing has been completed, a big thank you to all students, they showed respect and support to students participating this year. Results should be available early next term.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Andrew to our staff team, he will be looking after our grounds while Don is taking some well-earned Long Service Leave.

## **Our School Priorities for 2026**

This year, we continue to focus on:

High-quality teaching and learning

Student wellbeing and engagement

Building respectful and inclusive school culture

## **Communication Matters**

Strong partnerships between school and home are vital. Please stay connected through our school communication channels and reach out to if you have any questions or concerns.

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

Regular attendance is essential for student success. We appreciate your support in ensuring students arrive on time each day, ready to participate fully in their learning. Thank you for dropping students off at a slightly later time to allow staff travel whilst all the road works continue along Flinders Highway. It is greatly appreciated.

## **Looking Ahead**

Term 1 is always a busy and productive time. We are looking forward to upcoming events, learning opportunities, and celebrating student achievements along the way.

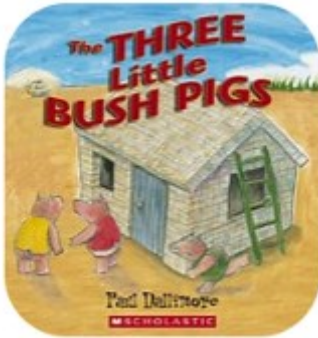
Preparations are currently being made for Term 2 camp as we head West looking for Dinosaurs to support the teaching and learning in Science and English.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. Together, we can make this a successful and rewarding year for every student.

Principal

Tania Hollis

# Term One Overview



Hi, I'm Laine from Homestead State School. This term I have been learning place value and five digit numbers. In English I had to write a story about three little bush pigs. In science we looked at the Earth's surface and how it changes, my experiment was to shake sugar



cubes in a jar for two minutes and examine the changes. In Health I have been learning about emotions I have learnt my favourite emotion is disgust. I enjoy playing cool maths games when all my



work is finished. Next term I am excited to sleep in a deluxe cabin when we go to camp. I am hoping to find a fossil when we go out digging, and I get to go to the pub for dinner.



# Back to School Boost

The Back to school boost provides a \$100 credit for each primary school student (Prep to Year 6) to help with school-related costs. Your family can use the credit for costs such as Student Resource Scheme fees, excursions, camps, or extra-curricular activities. The credit will be automatically added to each students' accounts at the start of the year and can be used throughout the year. The credit cannot be used to reimburse purchases from external suppliers or as a cash payment. We will ask you how you would like to apply your Back to school boost before we apply it to a charge.

For more information: <https://www.qld.gov.au/backtoschool/boost>

# Every Day Counts

We're starting the year strong at Homestead State School!

Coming to school helps students develop a love of learning and is important for social connection and wellbeing.

Setting a good weekday routine can help support students with school attendance.

Try to:

- have a set bedtime
- have a set time to get out of bed in the morning
- have their uniform and school bag ready the night before
- speak positively about school.

For more tips and to learn about the benefits of attending school every day, visit the [Every day counts webpage](#).

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# CTRC Easter Visit



Every Easter Charters Towers Regional Council visit for a easter egg hunt and easter activities. This year however with students absent on the day Mrs Hollis stood in for a photo with the Easter Bunny.



# Happy Birthday Mrs Curtis



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# Thanks Don



Don has taken long service leave.

Homestead State School staff and students would like to thank you for keeping our grounds looking great and enjoy your break!



# Welcome Andy



While Don is on leave, Andy has stepped in as his replacement. Andy has been working hard to get our ground back into shape.

Thanks Andy for taking on the task.

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# Congratulations



*Kody Robert Pemble born on the 7th February at 4:16pm, weighing 3440g and length of 50 cm. Baby boy to Robert and Jaemi and little brother to Chase.*

# Flood



Recent flooding has had a impact on most here in Homestead some people were affected more than others. Hopefully everyone is on their way to recovery.



# School Watch

## Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on

**13 17 88.**

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective

Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy —

**13 17 88** — and let's work together to help create a safer school community.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2 April—Last day term 1

20 April—First day term 2

25 April—ANZAC Day

4 May—Labour Day Public Holiday

10 May—Mothers Day

### Newsletter Items:

An issue of the Homestead Headlines will be printed at the end of each term. Anyone wishing to place an article in the 'Headlines' must have their article into the school a week before printing.

Small articles can be emailed to [principal@homesteadss.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@homesteadss.eq.edu.au)

Any additional flyers or inserts must be pre printed before submission.

The next issue will be printed in the last week of Term 2, 2026