



SAVE THE DATE

01st May
P&C Meeting 6:30pm

07th May
Yr 4 Street Science

08th May
Community Breakfast

08—10th May
Mother's Day Stall

10th May
National Walk Safely to School Day

14th May
School Photo Day

21st May
2025 Prep Open Night
6:30—7:30pm

22nd May
2025 Prep Open Day
9:00—10:00am

24th May
Prep Hearing Screening

29th May
Yr 4 Life Education

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From the Principal's Desk

Derek Brady

The holidays provided time to relax, reflect and reset for this term.

Enjoy every moment and be present with friends and family. I look forward to creating wonderful moments and memories together.

Thank you, Adam Ivory, for sharing a wonderful best seller "The Fear Bubble" by Ant Middleton, a chief instructor on SAS Australia. His narrative reminds us to, only step into the fear bubble for a few seconds at a time and to use the fear to get things done. Avoid maybe, be decisive and either do something or don't. Hesitation creates unwanted fear. A simple message that over thinking things limits success. Focus on pride rather than ego. A wonderful quote from Ant. "I've now got a place where I rely on fear. When it goes missing from my life, I find myself becoming anxious and dissatisfied. Without fear, there's no challenge. Without challenge, there is no growth. Without growth, there's no life."

This motivational speech by Ant Middleton is worth viewing. https://youtube.com/watch?v=smyP2-Bq_nI&si=70zmNCI5SDa_tdyb

Brendan Smith, Principal of Birkdale State School visited on Wednesday to explore the UMG ways of working. He enjoyed visiting classes, having substantive conversations with staff, and I appreciated hearing his feedback about how we are doing things.

We provided students a context for the Anzac commemoration on Wednesday and reminded them of this significant contribution to the fabric of society. A huge thank you to Mr Guy, staff, students and the community for organising and being part of an emotional and moving ANZAC Day commiseration. The attention to detail was exceptional, the student leaders spoke confidently, with excellent articulation. It was wonderful to catch up with members of our community over a tasty morning tea provided by the school.



Have a wonderful term and be gentle.

Cheers Derek

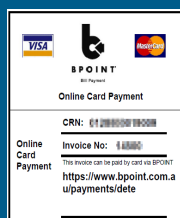




Student Absence
Text Message
0455 446 399



**SCHOOL
UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN**
Wednesday
8:00am–10:30am
Uniforms can be
purchased
online or their
store at
Loganholme
Phone: (07)
3440 9701
[https://
theschoollocker.
com.au](https://theschoollocker.com.au)



TERM 2 UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Date of Event	Year Level/s	Name of Event	Cost	Due Date
30th April	<i>Selected students only</i>	2024 District Mt Gravatt Cross Country	\$10.00	26/04/2024
7th May	Yr 4	Street Science– Creating Processed Materials	\$15.00	01/05/2024
29th May	Yr 4	Life Education– All Systems Go	\$12.00	23/05/2024

PAYING YOUR SCHOOL INVOICES

UMG is CASHLESS. All payments of Student activities, camps, excursions and ICT Student Resource Scheme to be paid online. This can be done using QParents, BPOINT, Eftpos or credit card payments over the phone (option 2).

QPARENTS *The benefits of QParents - Convenience and time savings for parents*

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child's school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer. QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including;

- Entering student absence and view absence details
- Consent requests (i.e. ICT SRS, photo permission, incursions/excursions, etc.)
- Making payments online, viewing unpaid invoice details and payment history
- Academic report cards
- Viewing and updating student details, including medical conditions and address
- Behaviour information



QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

BPOINT—Payment Option

When using BPOINT it is important you ensure the following details are entered correctly (this information can be found in the lower left side of the invoice, as seen in example on the left):

1. Customer Reference Number (CRN)
2. Invoice Number
3. Amount

<https://bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>

Please note that if these steps are not correctly followed it may be difficult for us to track your payment.

We would like to encourage parents/caregivers to use **BPOINT**. It is a convenient way for parents/caregivers to pay for school activities rather than sending children to school with cash.

!LOST PROPERTY!

We have a large amount of items in our lost property, just a reminder to label your children's belongings. If you know your child has lost something, please collect the item/s from the lost property. Located on the Community Café Deck.

Library News

Jennifer Morton

Overdue Books

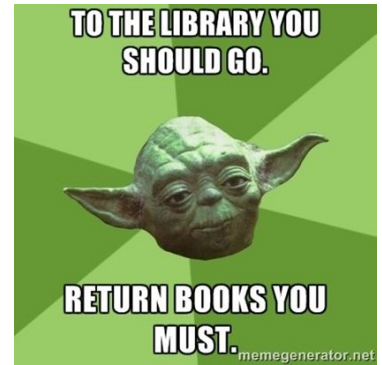
We have a large number of overdue books from Term 1.

Please check your child's room and send books back ASAP. We have other children waiting to read many of these titles, this will also allow your child to read more of the great books available through our library.

Book Club Issue 3



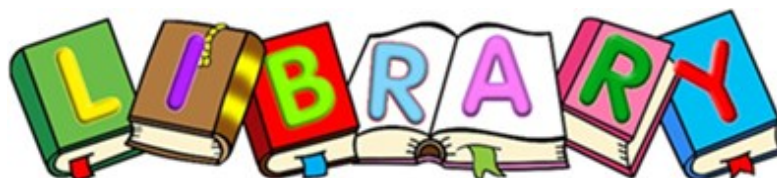
Orders are due by the 5th May 2024.



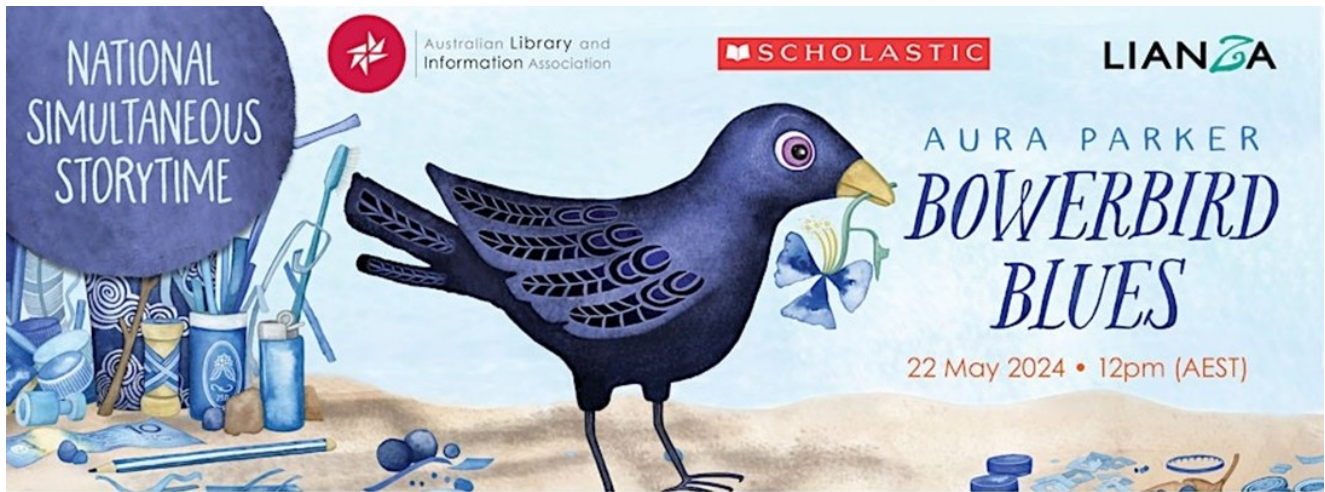
All orders are to be made online through the Linked Online Ordering and Payment (LOOP). Credit and debit cards are accepted through the LOOP. Cash payments for Book Club will not be accepted at the office.

Orders are delivered to the school approximately a week after the closure date and distributed to the students.

Thank you for your support, all books purchased generate reward points enabling the purchase of new books for the children's enjoyment.



National Simultaneous Storytime



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 24th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

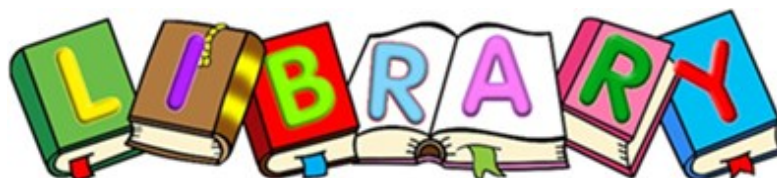
This year NSS takes place on **Wednesday 22nd May at the new time of 12pm (AEST)**

Join in the fun reading **Bowerbird Blues** written by Aura Parker.

Register now to participate and on Monday 20th May ALIA will send you a variety of electronic downloads to support your NSS event. Please note, digital presentations of the book will only be available until Friday 24th May.

It's quick, easy and free: <https://www.alia.org.au/nss>

Happy reading!



Active School Travel – Friday

Upper Mount Gravatt State School and Brisbane City Council as part of the Active School Travel Program, encourage you to get involved as we actively travel to school each Friday! The program encourages us, as a school community to change the way you move' by walking, cycling, car-pooling or catching public transport to and from school. As a result, you and your children will enjoy a healthier lifestyle, save on fuel avoid parking issues and contribute to a cleaner and more sustainable Brisbane.

Please join us at one of the following locations by 8:15am and actively travel to UMGSS;

1. Corner of Lumley St and Logan Road, travelling along Logan Road to UMGSS
2. Corner of Hoad and Larwood St and travel through Roly Chapman reserve to UMGSS
3. Klumpp Road Park n Ride and travel through Roly Chapman reserve to UMGSS



Congratulations to 5D who were our champion Active School Travel class for the first week of term 2.

Upcoming Active Travel Events



Friday 10th May - National Walk Safely to School Day

and

Mothers Day

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all primary school students are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school.

Students who join us from our designated active travel locations will receive a book of coupons which mothers can use at home to make their child(ren) spoil them on their special day



After School Activities



hot shots tennis **TENNIS**

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 2

POSITIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR HOT SHOTS TENNIS AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL!

Programs suitable for children in prep to grade 6 with convenient times available after school.
Private and shared-private lessons are also available on request.

FREE JUNIOR RACQUET FOR EVERY NEW PLAYER*

Positions are limited so get in quick to secure your spot - www.tennisforkids.com.au

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GET STARTED TODAY

* conditions apply

High School Open Days



Open Day
Thursday 09 May
 9:00am - 11:00am
 School Hall (via Creighton Street)
Out of catchment enrolments welcome

www.mtgravattshs.eq.edu.au

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