



Upper Mount Gravatt State School

# UMGnews

TERM 4, WEEK 10

12 DECEMBER 2025

## SAVE THE DATE

12th December  
LAST DAY OF TERM 4

15th December - 23rd January  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

26th January  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

27th January  
FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2026  
for Yr 1 - Yr 6

28th January  
FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2026  
for Prep

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

### Celebrating Our Year Together

As we wrap up another incredible year, I want to celebrate the **connections we've built**, the **wonderful student engagement**, and the **commitment of our staff**. Together with the strong support of our **P&C**, we've created a culture of belonging and innovation—helping everyone become the best version of themselves.

### Innovation and Growth

This year, we embraced new ideas and approaches that strengthened engagement and learning. Our shared vision has made UMG a place where students thrive and staff feel valued.

*"Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together."*  
—James Cash Penney

### Congratulation to the school leaders for 2026:

- School captains are Gabrielle Perez-Smith, Hannah Enchelmaier, Ayub Yusuf and Finely Holt
- Kessel captains are Aiyana Aso and Alex Schwarzbauer
- Klumpp captains are Alex Hinkham and Charlotte McLachlan
- Logan captains are Tilliah Novak and Aleksa Corovic
- Eco Captains are Daylin Tobin-Weeks, Dhyan Hewa Witharanage and Darika Revie

### Farewells and Best Wishes

- **Jenny Morton:** We wish Jenny all the best in her retirement. Thank you for your years of dedication - you will always be part of the UMG family.
- **Stephen Good:** Congratulations on your appointment as Regional Sports Co-ordinator for 2026 - Thank you for your service and commitment over the many decades at UMG. You will always be one of us.
- **Year 6 Students:** Congratulations on reaching this milestone! We are proud of you and wish you success in high school.
- **Families Leaving UMG:** Thank you for being part of our journey. We hope you carry fond memories of your time here.

### Looking Ahead

As we head into the festive season, let's **stay safe, stay connected, and enjoy time with loved ones**. Thank you for making this year extraordinary. I look forward to all we will achieve together in the year ahead.

Warm regards,

**Derek Brady**  
Principal



# Head of Learning News

Tracey Dillon

## From the Classroom

It has been a pleasure to witness the celebration of learning across the school as the term draws to a close.

Our senior music students delivered an impressive solo performance at a recent school assembly. Their commitment to lessons and practice is commendable and key to their success. Thank you to Mrs Faragher for developing music skills and love of music in our students.

I had the pleasure of visiting the year three celebration of learning on Tuesday. Students proudly showcased their term four writing and visual art for parents and carers. Students were very proud of the published writing inspired by their focused English text, Kumiko and The Dragon. It was wonderful to read their imaginative texts and listen to students share ideas and opinions about the text. Thank you parents and carers, for joining in your child's celebration of their learning.



Year six students celebrated their achievements with family and staff at their year 6 farewell on Wednesday evening. We are very proud of you all. Students took to the stage with their choreographed dance performance and danced the night away. Thank you to Creative Dance Industries for working with our students.





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Current prep students celebrated their first year of Prep at their Fairytale Ball on Thursday. Teachers and parents are rightly proud of these little people who have made a great start to school in their first year. It was a pleasure to present their certificates and acknowledge their achievement. They are stronger, smarter and confidently on their way to year 1! Thank you to the whole Prep team for a fabulous celebration.

All our students and their teachers can be proud of the learning journey they have taken together this year. From small things, big things grow.



## Welcome 2026 Preps

Last Wednesday we welcomed our 2026 Prep students and their family for transition morning. While the children joined their class teacher and classmates for activities, parents enjoyed the opportunity to meet with other parents and members of the school community to learn about school routines for their child commencing Prep. Our Prep transition program supports children to make a Strong Start in Prep and we are looking forward to working with our new Prep students and their families in 2026. Preps will commence on **Wednesday 28 January**.

## 2026 class transitions

Classrooms were buzzing on Wednesday morning as Prep - Year 5 students participated in their class transition session, meeting their 2026 class teacher and classmates.

Transitions provide students with time to process changes happening in the future. Students currently in Prep - Year 5 participated in a class transition session this week where they met their 2026 class teacher and peers.



**CONGRATULATIONS** - The winner of this year's EDSCO promotion is the Kippie family. Thank you for supporting your school by ordering with EDSCO.

## 2026 Booklists

Book lists for 2026 are available from our school webpage.

Order on line by visiting [www.edsco.com.au](http://www.edsco.com.au) and selecting the green book packs tab.

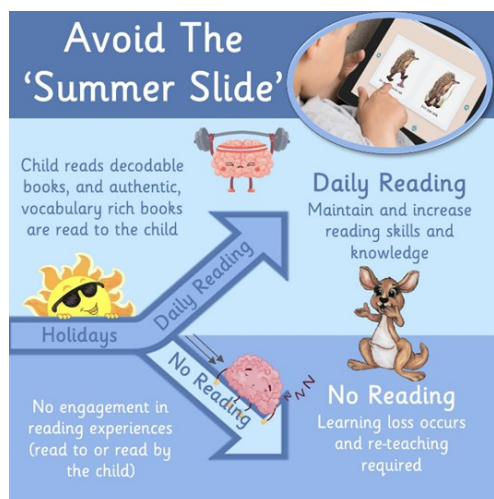
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## Book Pack Drop Off January 2026

The start to a new school year has everyone using their green key of organisation to ensure a smooth start on that first school day. Parents and carers are welcome to drop off student book packs at the classroom on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January between 10am – 11am. Please ensure all of your child's items are named.

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## Holiday Reading

The long end of year break where students are not maintaining the patterns of practice with reading, can impact reading confidence and competence. Finding time throughout the holidays to enjoy stories with your child will help them maintain the knowledge and skills learned throughout the year.

The digital library remains open during the holiday period. Students in year 2 – 6 continue to have access to books, magazines, audio books and videos throughout the holidays. Holidays are great time for reading!



## Back to School Campus Store Hours 2026

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 8:00am - 10:30am  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 8:00am - 10:30am  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 8:00am - 10:30am



### Normal Trade Resumes

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 8:00am – 10:30am



The School Locker is our official uniform supplier.

## UMGSS Music Program

Purchase of the Music Program polo shirt is optional for students participating in the Instrumental or Strings Program. Order forms to purchase the Music Program polo will be available for students at the start of 2026.



\$32.90



## Brisbane Kids

Looking for holiday activities? Brisbane kids provides details about opportunities for children and families to engage in community activities. Visit <https://www.brisbanekids.com.au/> to locate details of what's on for Brisbane kids.



**Student Absence**  
**Text Message**  
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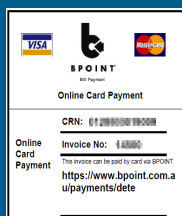


## SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

### OPEN

Wednesday  
8:00am–10:30am

Uniforms can be purchased online or their store at Loganholme  
Phone: (07) 3440 9701  
<https://theschoollocker>



## TERM 4 UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Date of Event	Year Lvl/s	Name of Event	Consent Due Date	Cost	Payment Due Date
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This is a friendly reminder that all **outstanding ICT SRS invoices** are now **OVERDUE** and the **outstanding Music SRS invoices** for select students are to be **paid as soon as possible**. If you haven't completed your payment yet, please take a moment to do so. If your child is currently in Year 6 and will be leaving at the end of the year, please ensure that all payments are up to date.

### 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).

### PEDESTRIAN GATES

Please note that the pedestrian gates at Cremin Street and Logan Road will be closed daily at 5:00pm.

### 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 still have a large number of items in our lost property collection.  
If your child is missing any belongings, please check the lost property area located

## UMG Physical Education and Sport Report – 2025

What an incredible year it has been for Physical Education and Sport at UMG! Our students have demonstrated enthusiasm, teamwork, and resilience across a wide range of events and activities.

### Cross Country

We kicked off the year with our first carnival—**Cross Country**, where **Logan** claimed victory as the Champion House! Congratulations to our Age Champions:

- **9 Years:** Emma and Eugene
- **10 Years:** Rose and Kathir
- **11 Years:** Charlotte and Sasha
- **12 Years:** Lucy and Samuel



For those who preferred a non-competitive option, we introduced the **House Run**, a fantastic initiative where students completed as many laps of a modified course as possible in 15 minutes. Each lap earned points for their house, creating a fun and inclusive event for everyone.

A special mention to **Lachlan**, who represented UMG at the District Cross Country and was selected for the **Mt Gravatt team** to compete at the Met East Carnival—an outstanding achievement!

### Colour Run

Next came the vibrant **Colour Run**, where students ran through colourful powder and bubble stations, making it one of the most memorable afternoons of the year!

### Track and Field Carnivals

Our **Prep to Year 2** students enjoyed a fun rotation-based event, while Years 3–6 competed in a more traditional carnival format.

- **Champion House (Prep–2):** Logan
- **Champion House (Years 3–6):** Kessel

Congratulations to our Age Champions:

- **Year 3:** Princess and Daniel
- **9 Years:** Emma, Ishika, and Harvey
- **10 Years:** Aiyana and Larson
- **11 Years:** Hailey and Sasha
- **12 Years:** Chelsea and Iosua

Our athletes also performed strongly at the **District Track and Field Carnival**, with several students narrowly missing selection for the Mt Gravatt team.

## Swimming Carnival

In the pool, **Logan** once again claimed the title of Champion House! Congratulations to our swimming Age Champions: **Priscilla, Rook, Charlotte, Jorge, Asuka, Grace, and Max.**



## Interschool Sport

Beyond school events, we entered **four soccer teams** and **three netball teams** into the interschool competition. Congratulations to our **Senior A Soccer Team** for winning their competition! Special shout-out to our **Players of the Season**:

- **Football:** Alex, Sasha, Jayden, Samuel
- **Netball:** Izabella, Chelsea, Charlotte

## Esports Tournament

This year, UMG continued to venture into the world of **Esports**! A group of students represented our school in a competitive tournament, finishing **4th overall out of 12 schools** - a fantastic achievement for just our second year in this exciting new arena.

## Champion House

Congratulations to **Logan**, who earned the title of **2025 Champion House** through outstanding performances across all carnivals and the wearing of house shirts each Friday!

## Physical Education Highlights

In PE lessons, students enjoyed a wide range of activities, including swimming, athletics, cricket, basketball, tag games, scooter boards, noodle games, and various throwing, catching, and kicking games.

Top three highlights:

1. **Remote-Control Car Tag** with scooter boards (Year 2)
2. **Octopus Tag** using pool noodles (Prep)
3. Introducing **Pickleball** to Year 6 - special mention to **Lachlan and Mohammed** for some amazing matches!

As we look ahead to 2026, I am excited to share that I have accepted a new position as Senior School Sport Advisor within the Metropolitan North School Sport Region. This role will involve planning and conducting district school sport programs—a new challenge I am thrilled to embrace.

I want to sincerely thank Derek, Phil and all teaching staff, past and present, for their incredible support, as well as our parents and students for making my time at UMG so memorable. I leave with countless wonderful experiences and cherished memories. **Thank you, UMG for an amazing journey!**



I wish to extend my thanks for the support you have given to the library activities and the fundraising this year through Scholastic Book Club and Book Fair. Your support enriches the lives of the children and places new books on the library shelves for your child's reading pleasure.



Your willingness to crawl under bed with the dust bunnies to find that overdue book has been appreciated. Along with the battles you've had with sticky tape, glue and cardboard, to create the perfect Book Week costume with your child. Thank you for helping to make these events both enjoyable and memorable.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that I am retiring at the end of this school year. As this 28-year chapter at UMGSS finishes, I am filled with a mix of both sadness and anticipation for what the next chapter holds for me.

A love of reading and appreciation of books starts in the home and is one of the greatest gifts we can give to a child. I have loved journeying with you helping to grow a lifelong love of reading in your children.

**Enjoy your holiday break and happy reading**

**Jennifer Morton**

## **End of Year Book return:**

Thank you for searching out those library books and getting them back to the school as quickly as possible.

Don't forget to place any library books you find at home, if you're still looking, into your child's school bag to return when school recommences next year.



## **Holiday Reading Ideas**

Sleigh your summer reading with these ideas, [school holiday collections and more - with QR codes](#), to keep reading over the summer holidays.



Students in years 2 -6 are registered for the **Ed Queensland eBooks digital library**. Don't forget to install the Sora app for easy access to great reading material.

**Copy the link for help getting started:** <https://help.soraapp.com/en-us/home.htm>

You can download and install Sora from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#), or go to [soraapp.com](https://soraapp.com).

Search for 'Education Queensland' and log in with your MIS ID.

Don't want to install an app?

**Copy the link in your browser and use your MIS ID to log in:**

<https://soraapp.com/library/eduqueenslandau>





## This year the P&C:

Ran Fun Food Friday to provide healthy lunches at affordable prices (including special cupcake and cookie days).

Held the Mango Drive to raise funds.

Cooked 100s of sausages at the election BBQ and bake sale.

Held Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas Stalls to raise money and give students a real-life shopping experience.

Organised 2 community Movie Nights.

**With your help, we raised enough money to contribute \$20,000**

to the school to improve facilities and create opportunities for our kids.

**Plus an extra \$8,374.40**  
for additional laptops for year 5.

**Save your cans over the holidays!**  
Next year, we'll be collecting for Containers for Change.

**See you next year!**  
Next meeting: 4 February  
AGM: 4 March

# 2026 BACK TO SCHOOL BOOST

The *Back to School Boost* provides a \$100 credit for each primary school student from the start of 2026. This \$100 credit will assist families with school costs during 2026.

A \$100 credit will be placed on the account of all students enrolled in Prep to Year 6 from the start of the 2026 school year.

Families choose which cost they will use their \$100 for throughout the year. For example, families may apply their *2026 Back to School Boost* towards the cost of the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) or, other school related expenses such as excursions, camps, or extra-curricular activities.

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 to families or students.



Department of Education International  
Global Engagement

**Global Passport:**  
Explore the world in 5 days

# Global Passport: Explore the world in 5 days

The Global Passport: Explore the world in 5 days program offers Queensland Years 4–6 state school students an exciting opportunity to virtually 'travel' to new countries from the comfort of their own home.

Participants will connect with experienced university tutors in an engaging online environment, where they will enjoy a fun learning experience over five consecutive days. Through interactive lessons and hands-on activities, participants will experience different cultures through interactive activities, basic language learning, and the exploration of diverse topics, including food, art, daily life and cultural traditions to broaden their cultural horizons and develop global competence.

This program not only introduces participants to new cultures, but also equips them with the knowledge, skills and cultural awareness needed to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.

## Key dates

Scan the QR code to find out more about our prize inclusions, eligibility requirements, information session and key dates.





# School Holiday Activities

**Holiday Pass 2026** – January Summer School Holidays. GET IN QUICK, LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!! Holiday Pass gives you access to 8 x 1.5-hour sessions per location across a 3-week training period!

Keep your skills sharp over the holiday period and get a head start on your 2026 volleyball goals. While everyone else is resting, you'll be building momentum! Holiday Pass is designed to offer high-quality training, flexible scheduling, and an affordable way to stay on court. Attend all or as many sessions as you like, and register for the school grade you'll be entering in 2026.

The Dates:

Week 1: 5th, 7th, 9th January (sessions run on these dates - please find the timetable on our website for more details)

Week 2: 12th, 14th, 16th January (sessions run on these dates - please find the timetable on our website for more details)

Week 3: 19th, 21st January (sessions run on these dates - please find the timetable on our website for more details)

We usually hit capacity pretty quickly, so if you're interested, sign up today to secure your spot!!

Visit our website for more information  
[www.https://sharksvolleyball.com/holiday-pass](https://sharksvolleyball.com/holiday-pass)

<https://sharksvolleyball.com/holiday-pass>

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**HOLIDAY  
PASS  
2026**



**THIS JANUARY  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
INDOOR VOLLEYBALL TRAINING**

REGISTER  
TODAY



## PROGRAM DETAILS

- 8X 1.5HR SESSIONS
- GRADE 4 - 12
- SESSIONS AVAILABLE IN
  - SUNSHINE COAST
  - BRISBANE
  - GOLD COAST



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

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# After School Activities in 2026

## TERM 1 TENNIS ENROLMENTS OPEN!

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Perfect for children in Prep to Grade 6. We help children build tennis skills, stay active, and learn important values like sportsmanship, respect, and teamwork - all while having fun and developing character with our dedicated coaches.

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- Full day tennis camps available at The Gap Tennis Club
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- Perfect for all skill levels with all equipment included



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JUNIOR U8 - U11  
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(FEMALE/MALE)

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