



Upper Mount Gravatt State School

UMGnews

TERM 1, WEEK 2

06 February 2026

SAVE THE DATE

11th February
Welcome Breakfast & Coffee

Parent Information sessions:

- Prep—Yr 2 | 3:15pm
- Yr 3—6 | 3:45pm

13th February
Active School Travel—Walk to school with a loved one

02nd March
Life Education Prep - Yr 2

25th March
Cross Country Yr 3 & 6

02nd April
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

03rd - 17th April
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

03rd - 6th April
EASTER WEEKEND

20th April
FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

25th April
PUBLIC HOLIDAY: ANZAC DAY

04th May
PUBLIC HOLIDAY: LABOUR DAY

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From the Principal's Desk

Let's Make This Year Exceptional!

Welcome to the start of a brand new school year. I hope all families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable holiday break and had time to recharge. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and excitement of students and staff as we begin what promises to be a positive and productive year ahead.

Our staff have returned with great energy and commitment, spending time during pupil free days engaging in professional learning and careful planning to ensure the best possible start for our students. This preparation allows us to establish strong routines, clear expectations, and supportive learning environments from day one.

A Focus on Reading and Smooth Transitions

A major focus for our school this year is **strengthening reading instruction** across all year levels. Staff have been working together to ensure our teaching practices are aligned, consistent, and based on strong evidence, supporting every child to grow as a confident reader.

We have also placed particular emphasis on **smooth transitions between year levels**, especially from Prep into Year 1. By maintaining consistent routines and expectations, we aim to ensure students feel confident, supported, and ready to learn as they progress through the school.

Belonging and Wellbeing

Creating a **psychologically safe and inclusive school environment** remains a key priority. We want every child to feel known, valued, and connected. Strong relationships, respectful language, and well structured classrooms all contribute to a culture where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Looking Ahead: Innovation and the Future

Recently, our school joined MacGregor State High School and Sunnybank Hills State School for a collaborative professional learning event with futurist **Gihan Perera**. The session encouraged educators to think carefully about the future of education and the role of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence.

The key message was one of **balance and responsibility**—embracing innovation while ensuring learning remains ethical, inclusive, and centred on strong human connections. These conversations help us remain future focused while staying true to our core values of care, learning, and community.

Thank you to **Geoff, Bindi and the teams involved** for facilitating this valuable opportunity.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
— Nelson Mandela

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we can make 2026 a year of excellence, collaboration, and joy for our students.

Warm regards,
Derek Brady

There is excitement in the air at the start to the new school year as staff and students begin the learning journey together, set goals and reconnect with friends. Students proudly transitioned into the new school year with ease last week. Thank you for supporting your child's return to school for 2026. Welcome to all our new families joining our school community.

Consistent Predictable Routines – CPR

At the start of each year, teachers spend time establishing routines and procedures which support student learning and wellbeing. Clear Predictable Routines (CPR) help to create a sense of safety and certainty with students which can support their readiness to learn. When students know what is happening and what they need to do, they may feel less anxiety and a greater sense of confidence.

Clear Predictable Routines at home can support your child's self-regulation and organisational skills. Some routines that may be useful at home include:

- Having a clear departure time each morning so that everyone arrives on time.
- Ensuring all materials are in the school bag. Using a visual timetable can be helpful so children know what they need to take each day – home reading folder, swimming gear, library bag.
- Allocating time after school each day to talk about their day.
- Choosing a designated time to complete any home tasks, including reading together.
- Ensuring a regular bedtime. A well-rested body and mind is ready for learning.

Meet the Teacher - Information Sessions

Next Wednesday 11 February, parents and carers are invited to an information session with their child's teacher. This is an opportunity for families to meet the teacher and learn about the year ahead, class routines and ways of working. The sessions will be held in classrooms.

3:15pm Prep – Year 2

3:45pm Year 3 – 6

Throughout the year there will be opportunities to meet with your child's teacher to discuss individual progress.

Excursions, Incursions and Camps

Throughout the year students have the opportunity to participate in excursions and incursions which are selected by teaching teams to complement teaching and learning and provide valuable opportunities for students to connect their classroom learning to the world. Details of the planned excursions, incursions and camps are provided to families via our meet the teacher sessions and in the parent overview emailed to each term.

Prior to the planned incursion, excursion or camp, parents/care givers will receive an email outlining the purpose of the planned incursion / excursion / camp, along with costs, payment methods and due date for payment. All of these details will be in Q Parents where parents and carers give consent for their child to participate and make payment.

Year Level	Term 1	Payment Due
Prep – Yr 2	02 – 04 March Life Education \$14	Wednesday 25 Feb



Admin & Finance News

TERM 1 UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Date of Event	Year Level/s	Name of Event	Consent Due Date	Cost	Payment Due Date
	All	Student Resource Scheme		\$100	TBA
	Select Students	Music SRS		\$60	TBA
		Music Loan		\$100	TBA

This is a friendly reminder that all **outstanding ICT SRS invoices** from previous years are to be **paid as soon as possible**. If you haven't completed your payment yet, please take a moment to do so.

Back to
school
boost

HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR CONSENT FORM IN QPARENTS?

The Queensland Government has introduced the Back to school boost which provides \$100 for every primary school student (Prep to Yr 6) to assist families with school-related costs. The \$100 payment will be placed your child's school account. To access the payment - parents/ carers must complete the consent request through QParents.

QParents



This free and secure app allows you to:

-  provide digital consent
-  notify of absences including future absences
-  pay invoices and view payment history
-  access report cards

the
School
Locker

Phone: (07) 3440 9701 <https://theschoollocker.com.au>

Shop 2 3878 Pacific Highway, Loganholme QLD 4129

UMG Onsite School Locker - Wednesdays 8:00 to 10:30 am

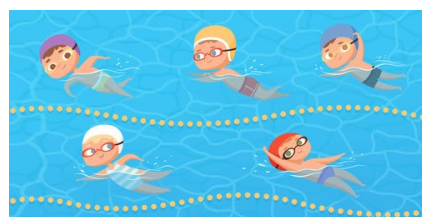
School Swimming Program Now Underway for Years 1 - 6

We are excited to announce that our term 1 school swimming program has begun for all students in Years 1 to 6.

Over the coming nine weeks, students will take part in a range of age appropriate activities, from basic water familiarisation and stroke development to more advanced technique and water safety routines. Our aim is to ensure every child develops essential swimming skills that support their wellbeing, confidence, and physical development.

Swimming is an important part of our school’s physical education curriculum, and we encourage families to support their children by ensuring they arrive at school on their swimming day with:

- Swimwear
- Towel
- Goggles (optional but recommended)
- Sunscreen applied before school
- A swimming bag for wet clothes



Please remember to clearly label all items to help prevent them from being misplaced.

We look forward to a fantastic swimming season and can’t wait to see our students learning, improving, and most importantly having fun in the water! If you have any questions about the swimming program, please contact Mr Good our physical education teacher.

Fun Swimming Fact! Did you know? Swimming is one of the only sports that works almost every muscle in your body at once! It helps build strength, flexibility, and endurance - while still being gentle on growing joints.

Active School Travel – Let’s Get Moving!

Our school is excited to continue promoting **Active School Travel**, an initiative that encourages students and families to choose healthier, safer, and more sustainable ways of getting to and from school. Whether it’s **walking, riding a bike** or even **parking and striding** every active choice helps our students start the day energised and ready to learn.

Active travel offers so many benefits:

- Improves focus and wellbeing
- Reduces traffic around the school
- Builds lifelong healthy habits
- Strengthens road safety awareness



Travel With a Loved One : Friday 13th February

We're excited to announce our upcoming **Travel With a Loved One** event on **Friday, 13th February!** This special morning invites students to walk or ride to school with a **parent, grandparent, sibling, or special someone.**

- It's a fantastic way to:
- Share quality time together
- Model active, healthy habits
- Build community spirit
- Start the day feeling happy and connected



More details will be shared soon, but for now, please mark the date in your calendar - we would love to see our school community moving together!

Footy Fun Ahead! Auskick & Superkick Opportunities for Students

We're excited to share that students now have the opportunity to join either the **Auskick** or **Superkick** programs hosted by the **Mt Gravatt Vultures AFL Club.** These programs are a fantastic way for children to get active, learn new skills, and enjoy the fun and teamwork that footy brings.

What is Auskick? Is perfect for younger students who are new to AFL or just beginning their footy journey. The program focuses on:

- Building confidence
- Learning the basics of kicking, marking, and handballing
- Making new friends
- Participating in fun, supportive activities

It provides a positive introduction to the sport, suitable for all experience levels.

What is Superkick? For students who are a little older or ready for the next stage, **Superkick** offers:

- More advanced skills and drills
- Modified game play
- Opportunities to develop teamwork, game awareness, and athletic ability
- A great pathway for children looking to extend their AFL skills

Superkick is an excellent continuation from Auskick or a strong option for children wanting more challenge.

Please see the flyer below for more information.

MT GRAVATT VULTURES AFC

nab AFL Auskick
5-7 YEAR OLDS
ALL LEVELS WELCOME
QR CODE

AFL Superkick
7-12 YEAR OLDS
ALL LEVELS WELCOME
QR CODE

*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA). Names on the list may be replaced by a similarly valued team.

STARTING FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH | 5:00PM - 6:00PM | \$90
PLUS EXCLUSIVE AFL GOODIES
FREE COME & TRY SESSION WEEK 1

For Further Information Please Contact Ryan - Ryan.doonan@afl.com.au | 0499337151

FREE BRISBANE LIONS MEMBERSHIP & TICKETS
SELECT LIONS AS CLUB OF SUPPORT TO REDEEM

Library News

Student Borrowing

Student book borrowing has commenced, please help your child to be organised each week for their library borrowing day.

Waterproof library bags are available from The School Locker for \$17.60.

<https://theschoollocker.com.au/upper-mount-gravatt-state-school-book-bag-navy>

They are sturdy, waterproof bags that should last through to year 6. Students who do not bring a suitable waterproof bag will not be allowed to take books home to read.

Nylon, drawstring bags are NOT waterproof and do not protect the books from leaking drink bottles, students using these bags will not be allowed to take books home.



Overdue Books

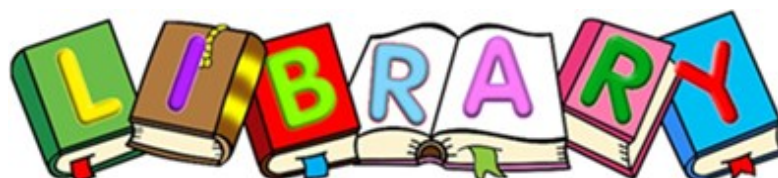
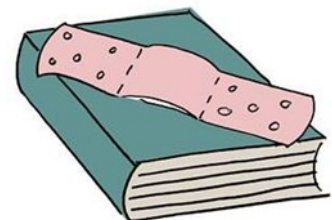
Each year we lose a large number of books, especially home readers, a prompt return of library books is appreciated. Overdue book notifications are sent to classrooms regularly. If books are not returned promptly and searches of the library shelves fail to locate the books then a letter, requesting payment will be sent home.

Please see the library staff if you have any concerns regarding overdue books.

If you are leaving the school, please check that all library books have been returned.

Damaged Books

If you notice a book is damaged, or pages missing please inform the library staff. **Please do not repair books at home** we use specialised, acid free tape for book repairs.



Library News

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Catalogue orders are due by the 13th of February.

It's a new year and a great time for students to KICK-START their reading habits and routines.

Scholastic Book Club Books are:

- **Carefully curated** with age-appropriate titles.
- **Value for money** books can be purchased from as little as \$3.
- **Quality publishing** giving access to the best in children's publishing from bestselling authors and illustrators.
- **Rewards** that go back to the school to buy more books and educational resources.

All orders are to be made online through the **Linked Online Ordering and Payment (LOOP)** download the app.

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Credit and debit cards are accepted through the LOOP please follow the directions in the back of the catalogue.

Cash payments for Book Club will not be accepted at the office.

All orders are delivered to the school and distributed to the classrooms approximately one week after the closing date.



Book Club LOOP
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for LOOP receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!

SCHOLASTIC

Happy Reading

Welcome back to UMG School! We hope everyone had a wonderful break and is ready for an exciting year ahead.

Chinese New Year is coming soon!

On 18th February 2026, our school will celebrate with a special Lion Dance performance.

We warmly invite all students and parents to join us at our School Assembly in Week 4 (Wednesday 18th Feb) at 2pm to share in the festivities and cultural celebration.

Chinese teacher
Lillian Chan



OTHER News

SCHOOL GATE TIMES

CREMIN STREET

Drop & Go gate

Morning - 8:30 to 9:15 am

Afternoon - 2:50 to 3:30 pm

Pedestrian gate

Morning - 7:30 to 9:30 am

Afternoon - 2:30 to 5:00 pm

LOGAN ROAD

Pedestrian gate

Morning - 7:30 to 9:30 am

Afternoon - 2:30 to 5:00 am

DROP & GO ZONE – REMINDER

To ensure the smooth flow of traffic in the **Drop and Go zone off Cremin Street**, please note:

- This area is **NOT a parking zone**
- It is strictly a **2-minute drop-off only**

Vehicles must not be left unattended. Failure to follow these instructions causes congestion and safety concerns for our students.



We currently have a **large amount of LOST PROPERTY**

If your child is missing any belongings, please check the lost property areas located:

- **underneath the Administration building**
- **near the lifts lower level of the Junior Learning block**

Please collect any items that belong to your child as soon as possible.



Hello! from your school social worker

Welcome to our school community! I am delighted to be part of such a caring and connected school, where every student and family is valued.

As the School Social Worker, my role is to support students' social, emotional, and overall well-being, and to work alongside families and staff to help every child feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.

I believe that strong relationships and a sense of belonging are essential for students to thrive. My door is always open for students and families who may need a listening ear, guidance, or extra support during challenging times. Whether it is navigating school life, managing emotions, or connecting with community resources, I am here to help.

I am excited to connect with our students and their families, and to collaborate in creating a positive, inclusive, and supportive year for all.

Have a wonderful day!



ROSA SHEPHERD
SOCIAL WORKER



My name is Rosa, and I am a qualified Social Worker, recognised and registered with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). I am passionate about supporting Individuals in overcoming challenges, achieving their goals, and reaching their full potential across all areas of life.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of working closely with children to support and enhance their wellbeing. My experience includes developing social skills,

Fun Facts About Me

I love exploring the outdoors with my camera in hand, always on the lookout for beautiful scenery to capture. I'm also a big fan of dancing because a little music and movement can turn any day into a better one!

School Social Worker works collaboratively with the school support team, including administration, teachers, the guidance officer, and the school chaplain, to ensure students and families receive coordinated and compassionate care.

With specialist knowledge in working with children and families, the School Social Worker provides a range of support services within the school environment, helping students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

- Foster a strong sense of belonging by valuing every student and providing a safe, welcoming space for open conversations about their concerns.
- Take a whole-child approach by considering all aspects of a student's life, school, family, mental health, grief, and loss to better support their overall wellbeing.
- Provide counselling support for students experiencing psychosocial challenges that may affect learning, behaviour, or social relationships, with an emphasis on prevention and early intervention.
- Collaborate with families and make appropriate referrals to external support services when additional economic, emotional, or physical assistance is needed.

Looking forward to meet-

School based social worker work as a link between school, home and community, providing counselling, advocacy, resources and crisis man-

If you are interested in learning more about the services offered by the school based social worker, feel free to contact your Principal, Deputy Principal, GO, or Classroom Teacher.

This service operates through referrals. It is not a direct service.

During the week, I work across three different primary schools' locations.

Ironside SS: Mondays and Tuesdays

Social workers adhere to a Code of Ethics that are informed by principals of the inherent dignity of individuals, human rights, and social justice.

We work with and on behalf of individuals, families, groups and communities.



Fun Food Friday Menu

TERM 1

- \$3.50** Chicken tender sub*
- \$2.50** Pepperoni pizza sub*
- \$2.50** Ham and cheese pizza sub
- \$2.50** Hawaiian pizza sub
(ham, cheese & pineapple)
- \$2.50** Cheese pizza sub*
- \$2.50** Garlic bread*
- \$3.50** Garlic bread (GF, vegan)*
- \$2.50** Custard*
- \$1** Fruity icy tubes*

*Halal

How to place order:
 Write your child's name, class and order on a brown paper lunch bag or A4 ziplock bag and place the correct change inside.
 Please fill out a separate bag for each child.
 Unfortunately, no change can be given.
 Orders collected in class buckets in the morning and distributed to classes at lunchtime.
 All hot food must be pre-ordered through this system.
 Custard cups and fruity icy tubes can be purchased from the Community Cafe during 2nd break.

**Community breakfast
 Wednesday 11 February**

**P&C Curbside Collection
 Friday 27 February**

Save our stuff from the skip!
 We're giving away a stack of stuff we no longer need, come and collect from 8am Friday morning.
 Keep an eye out on socials for pics.

**Fun Food Friday needs
 more volunteers!**

Fun Food Friday is desperate for volunteers! If you have time to help out on Friday mornings, even for half an hour, please come along.
 The FFF crew are a lovely bunch of people! Come along for a chat and while helping feed the school and contribute to our biggest fundraiser.

Annual General Meeting
 6.30pm Wednesday 4 March
 PAC Instrumental Room
 Followed by a planning meeting.

After School Activities

UPPER MOUNT GRAVATT STATE
SCHOOL
2026



TERM 1

FROM FEBRUARY 2ND
MONDAYS, WEEK 2 - 10

NEW YEAR! NEW STEPS!

JOIN OUR DANCE TEAM IN 2026



LOCATION
SCHOOL HALL

HIP HOP CLASSES

PREP - YR 6 | 3:05 PM to 3:50 PM

BALLET/CONTEMPORARY CLASSES

PREP - YR 6 | 3:50 PM to 4:35 PM



Scan the QR Code
and follow the
steps below

\$15 PER CLASS
REGISTRATION DETAILS BELOW

*\$37 annual registration fee
*costume investment around \$40



1. Create an account and student profile
2. Select the Register for Classes Tab, find your class and continue to check out!
3. You will receive a confirmation email when you have successfully completed the enrollment process.

Contact our Administration team for more information creativdancepr@gmail.com

After School Activities

JOIN US FOR TERM 1 TENNIS!

DEVELOP
TENNIS SKILLS



LEARN VALUES
LIKE RESPECT &
TEAMWORK



MAKE FRIENDS &
HAVE FUN

**LESSONS HELD BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL,
RIGHT AT YOUR SCHOOL COURTS!**

- Suitable for Prep - Year 6
- Led by professional, Tennis Australia certified coaches
- Lessons build solid tennis technique while teaching valuable life skills: teamwork, resilience, sportsmanship

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NEW SIGN-UPS!**



YOU'RE INVITED!

PARENT CHILD EVENT | SUN 8 MARCH

Join us for some family fun on the court. Team up with your child for doubles play!

- ★ Register today & go in the draw to win one FREE term of lessons!*

Plus great prizes up for grabs!

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