



Bedourie State School Newsletter

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Next P&C Meeting:

Week 6
Date to be decided

*All community members
are welcome!*

What's on:

Term 3

1/08 Combined Sports

6/08 Outback Patrol visit

13/08 Cathedral visit

21/08 Children's Book week

22/08 Premiers Reading Challenge Ends

25/08 Wear a Flanno for a Farmer Day

28-29/08 Ethabuka Camp

4/09 Birdsville Cup Parade with the Crack up sisters

5/09 Student Free Day



The Outback Advantage

At Bedourie State School our vision is to:

- ★ Provide a safe and supportive environment where all students feel valued and worthwhile.
- ★ Celebrate diversity and create a culture of inclusion for students and Staff alike.
- ★ Promote excellence in primary education, as an Outback Advantage school.
- ★ Encourage students to find 'happiness through learning', our school motto, throughout childhood and adult life.

From the Principal

Welcome back! Can't believe we are already half way through Week 2! It has been fantastic to have everyone back after the winter break.

STAFF CHANGES

Miss Dakota has taken up a position with the Diamantina Shire. She has been an amazing addition to our team, and we wish her well in her new position.

Miss Katrina is working in the intervention space providing additional instruction in literacy and numeracy for our Year 1 and 3 students for 4 hours per week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the library. Welcome back, Miss Katrina!

ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are sitting at 3.2 students, and it would be lovely to see more families move to Bedourie to enjoy what our school has to offer.

WINDORAH CAMP

Our students had a great time at the Windorah Sports Camp. They participated in Soccer, NFL, Gymnastics, Tennis, Athletics and Cricket under the tutelage of registered coaches in their respective fields. As well, they enjoyed watching the annual talent show, participating in the movie and disco nights.

A huge thank you to Miss Dakota and Sienna's mum, Lauren, for coming along to support our students.





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NATIONAL PJ DAY

This Friday, students are encouraged to wear their PJs for National PJ Day. National Pyjama Day (officially held on Friday 25 July, 2025) is all about wearing your favourite pair of PJs to help The Pyjama Foundation raise much-needed awareness for children in foster care. So, we are encouraging all students and Staff to come dressed in their favourite PJs for the day.



COMBINED SCHOOLS ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY/ATHLETICS FAMILY FUN DAY

Our sports carnival is happening next Friday, August 1, at our Bedourie SS oval and on this side of the main road area of the Bedourie Township. The day will begin at 8:30 sharp with the intention of ending at 2pm to allow our visiting schools to get home before dark. Students are to wear their school uniform and hat on the day. They can take their hats and shoes (depending on the event) off while competing only. There will be sunscreen available at the events throughout the day for students and Staff to use. Lunch is supplied and their school water bottles will be available for refilling. See program of events below.

2025 Program of Events

Time	Events
8:30 am	Welcome, March Past, War Cries
8:45 am	Cross Country – Years 5-6 (3km run or walk)
9:00 am	Cross Country – Years 2-4 + Adults comp (2km run or walk)
9:10 am	Obstacle Course – Prep – Year 1
9:20 am	Obstacle Course – Pre Kindy-Kindy
9:30 am	Athletics – 6 event rotations
11:00 am	Lunch break
11:45 am	Sprints 40 m Pre Kindy-Kindy
11:55 am	Sprints 60 m Prep – Year 1
12:05 pm	Sprints 80m Years 2 – 4 races
12:30 pm	Sprints 100m Years 5 – 6, Adults races
1:00 pm	4 x 100m Relays – Years 5-6 vs Adults
1:15 pm	Tug – o – war – Students vs Adults
1:30 pm	Farewell and Pack Up
2:00 pm	Head for Home



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WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT THIS TERM:

ENGLISH -

English — Persuasive texts - We will be writing an extended response on: Why the RFDS is an important service for people living in Bedourie?

Reading — InitialLit explicit instruction in spelling, comprehension, grammar and literature.

Mathematics— the concepts of number, measurement and space

Science — Physical Sciences: light, sound and heat

Design Technology — agricultural practices

HASS — Geography: People and Places

Health — Looking out for others

PE — Ball skills and circus skills e.g., juggling

Japanese — Bento and the art of the Japanese lunchbox. Comparing our school lunches to our Japanese counterparts.

Music — Continued exploration of reading music, playing instruments and singing.

Drama - Stories coming to life and dramatic traditions

Seekers — sewing aprons, picking and cooking from our Kitchen Garden, making cement pavers for our Sensory/Music garden.

Smiling Minds— learning social and emotional skills for life.

HEAD OF CURRICULUM PILOT

As part of the Outback Advantage Alliance, Bedourie State School, have been offered a place in the Head of Curriculum pilot program (as part of the governments reducing red tape/workload reduction for Small School Principals) The pilot runs from Term 3, 2025 until Term 4, 2026. We are blessed to have the lovely Michelle Sieber from Bowen State School working with us virtually over the coming 18 months.

DAD JOKES OF THE FORTNIGHT

Why is Peter Pan always flying?
He neverlands.

Wanna hear a joke about paper?
Never mind-it's tearable

July Birthdays

None :(



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 Free counselling + support for parents & carers in QLD & NT

Pregnancy & Babies aged 13 to 3	Pre-schoolers aged 3 to 5	Kids aged 5 to 8	Older kids aged 9 and up	Parents & Carers all about you
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AFTER HOURS TELEHEALTH SERVICE

1300 697 337

Royal Flying Doctor Service
QUEENSLAND SECTION



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NAIDOC WEEK

On Thursday, we celebrated NAIDOC week, exploring the history and reason we celebrate this annual event. As well, we made damper and painted boomerangs using dot art and symbols. We all enjoyed the damper for 2nd break with butter and golden syrup. Yum!

REPORT CARDS

Report cards were sent out on Thursday last week. If you would like a parent/teacher meeting, feel free to let Mr Letts and/or Mrs Carige know and we can arrange a time for a chat.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY is now open. Students, parents and Staff have been sent a link to add their voice to the running of our school. Please take the time to complete this 10 minute survey as it provides valuable feedback for myself, my Supervisor and informs our next steps.

OUTBACK PATROL VISIT

The folks from Outback Patrol will be visiting on Wednesday, August 6th. They will be sharing a faith based message through the work of Quizworx puppetry. Can't wait!

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OF ST. ANNE AND ST. JAMES, TOWNSVILLE VISIT

The Staff and students of Cathedral will be visiting us on Wednesday the 13th August between 11:30am – 12:30pm. They will be sharing about their boarding and school experiences with the children. Parents are most welcome to come and sit in to ask questions after the session.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE closes Friday, August 22nd. This is a yearly initiative by all State Premiers to encourage a love of reading. If you have misplaced the form, please do not hesitate to ask. Any book counts from home-work readers to town or school library books.

BOOK WEEK REMINDER

Book Week is occurring in Week 7 (21/08) on Thursday in our school library. Students are to come dressed as their favourite book character. Our book week celebrations will run over the morning session from 9-11am with a finger food lunch. Children, parents and grandparents are welcome to come and join in the festivities.



