

MIRIAM VALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATE CLAIMERS

TERM 3

JULY - WEEK 1

Fri 17th Primary & Secondary Port Curtis Track & Field Trials Paperwork to be Returned to the School Office by 3pm Today

JULY - WEEK 3

Mon 27th School Photographs
All Students to wear the MVSS Uniform on Photo Day

Tues 28th Bookclub Issue 5 Closes

Tues 28th PC Primary/Secondary Track & Field Trials

Wed 29th PC Primary/Secondary Track & Field Trials

Fri 31st SUBWAY Orders & Payment to Office by 3pm

AUGUST - WEEK 4

Thurs 6th SUBWAY DAY

AUGUST - WEEK 5

Mon 10th PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Show Day

AUGUST - WEEK 6

Mon 17th CAP Primary/Secondary Track & Field Trials

Tues 18th CAP Primary/Secondary Track & Field Trials

SEPTEMBER - WEEK 8

Fri 4th Pupil Free Day

SEPTEMBER - WEEK 9

Thurs 10th SUBWAY DAY

SEPTEMBER - WEEK 10

Fri 18th Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4

OCTOBER - WEEK 1

Mon 5th PUBLIC HOLIDAY – King's Birthday

Tues 6th First Day of Term 4

OCTOBER - WEEK 4

Thurs 29th SUBWAY DAY

NOVEMBER - WEEK 8

Thurs 26th SUBWAY DAY

Fri 27th Year 10's Last Day

DECEMBER - WEEK 9

Thurs 3rd MVSS Awards Night

DECEMBER - WEEK 10

Fri 11th Last Day of Term 4

OFFICE NEWS

PHONE CALLS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

When you ring the School Office and it goes to message bank and says "**THE OFFICE IS UNATTENDED**" doesn't always mean it is unattended.

The Staff maybe on another call or attending to a student who requires First Aid etc or speaking to a parent/person who have come into the office. This message automatically reverts to all calls we are unable to answer.



If this happens please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Order Forms were sent home this week with students.

If your child/ren did not bring home their Order Form please contact the School Office.

Each student has their own individual **SHOOT KEY NUMBER** on the **ORDER FORM** which is used to order your **PHOTOGRAPHS ONLINE**.

Please check that your child/ren has taken home the envelope with their CORRECT NAME on it.

There is a **PHOTOGRAPH INFORMATION FLYER** in this Newsletter.



WEEK 1 TERM 3, 2026

Thank you to all students for their transition back into School in Week 1!

The Term started well and everyone is eager for school to stay as normal as possible this semester.

Report Cards went home last term and Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 9 of this term. However, if you have any questions, please contact the school as teachers are more than happy to meet with you to discuss your child's progress.

I was very pleased with the whole schools Semester 1 results and look forward to more improvements in Semester 2. I want to take this time to make special mention of all our staffs hard work in Semester 1. The effort teachers are putting into making the curriculum relevant for the students is great to see.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

The School Opinion Survey (SOS) is the department's largest long-running data collection, conducted annually in Term 3 since 1998 across all Queensland State Schools, with around 700,000 respondents each year. It gathers feedback from students in Years 5, 6, 8 and 11, staff including principals, and parents/caregivers at each school. The survey assists in identifying the school's strengths and areas which may need improvement.

Please check your email for the survey.

Key dates for collection: 27 July–21 August 2026.

PHONES

- ✓ Phones must be off and **away from when they arrive at school until they leave the school** grounds every day.
- ✓ **Smart watches can be worn but notifications switched off.**
- ✓ Parents will need to phone the school office for urgent messages to be delivered to students.
- ✓ **Students that breach the off and away for the day rule will be directed to hand their phones into the School Office and can collect the phone at the end of the day.**
- ✓ **Repeat offenders will have to get parents to come to the office to collect their phones.**



This Term, we are excited to trial our new PBL - Soaring Learner Program with our Year 9 and 10 students.

The program is designed to recognise and encourage the habits that lead to success both in and out of the classroom. Students who meet the program criteria will have the opportunity to attend a Camp in Week 10 (or at the beginning of Term 4, depending on final arrangements).

Final arrangements and camp costs will be advised at a later date once all details have been confirmed.

	ATTENDANCE*	EFFORT	BEHAVIOR
EXCELLENT	90%+	4.0–5.0	4.0–5.0
GOOD	80%–89%	3.5–3.99	3.5–3.99
ORANGE	70%–79%	3.0–3.49	3.0–3.49
RED	Below 70%	Below 3.0	Below 3.0

*Attendance is based on the percentage of school days attended.

The program focuses on three key areas:

- **Attendance**
- **Behaviour**
- **Effort**

These areas are measured across all subject learning areas, using the same standards that contribute to students' school reports.

To help students monitor their progress, each student will receive an Interim Soaring Learner Report midway through the term. This report will provide a snapshot of their current achievement in each of the three focus areas.

ATTENDANCE*	EFFORT	BEHAVIOR
87.40%	4.88	4.88

*Attendance is based on the percentage of school days attended.

Following the release of the interim reports, I will meet individually with students to review their progress, celebrate their successes, and assist them in setting goals for the remainder of the term. These conversations will provide students with clear feedback and practical strategies to help them achieve their Soaring Learner goals.

To be eligible for the Camp, students must achieve either a Light Green or Dark Green rating in all three areas—Attendance, Behaviour, and Effort.

This ensures students are consistently demonstrating the positive habits and commitment expected of a Soaring Learner.

We look forward to seeing our students rise to the challenge and demonstrate the commitment and positive habits that will help them succeed.

Richard Dowsett
HOD – Student Engagement

PBL – COSMIC AWARDS

Students receive their Cosmic Award \$10 Vouchers on parade Tuesday.

These vouchers can be used at local businesses in Miriam Vale or **they can use it when ordering their SUBWAY (check the back of the Cosmic Award).**

Our Cosmic Award recognises students who have received **10 or more Star Cards** for displaying our school expectations of being **Safe, Responsible & Respectful** both in and outside the classroom.

Congratulations to all students who received their COSMIC Awards on parade Tuesday.



STUDENT COUNCIL --- 2026 SUBWAY



**SUBWAY - EAT
FRESH SCHOOL
LUNCH
PROGRAM**



**TERM 3 -Thursday 6th August &
Thursday 10th September**

**TERM 4 -Thursday 29th October &
Thursday 26th November**



Students who are drawn out on weekly parade for **"Star Student of the Week"** for Primary & Secondary will receive a **Voucher from SUBWAY** which entitles them to a 6 Inch Sub of their choice.

***Thank you Tannum Sands Subway for sponsoring
'The Star Student of the Week'!!!***

Tannum Sands Subway @ Tannum Sands Central Shopping Centre also give the School \$1 for every order that is ordered and is delivered free to the school.



A NOTE FROM OUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The school has partnered with MSP Photography to capture their school records this year, and you're invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, every student will be photographed, whether you choose to make a purchase or not.

Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope with a secure SHOOTKEY from the photographers. Please take a moment to read and follow the instructions carefully.

You can place your order online by SHOOTKEY, QR code or use cash in your student's envelope.

Alternately, you can talk to one of the Photographers on the day to arrange payment.

REMEMBER: PLACE YOUR ORDER ON OR BEFORE PHOTO DAY. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and help you avoid any additional fees.

SIBLING PHOTOS

Sibling photos are available only for siblings attending the same school.

A sibling envelope will be sent home with the eldest child in your family. Please follow the instructions on the envelope if you wish to order sibling photos.

If your eldest child does not bring home a sibling envelope, you can call your school's office or MSP for their secure SHOOTKEY before photo day to be able to order Online.

Alternately, you can talk to one of the Photographers on the day to arrange the sibling photo and payment.

Only pre-ordered sibling photos will be taken on photo day.

NOTE: Online sibling orders close at midday the day before photo day. Cash orders will still be accepted on photo day.

BLENDED FAMILIES

Please let the school office or MSP know if you wish your photo pack to be picked up from the school office for separated parents, blended families, and grandparents. You can call your school's office or MSP for their secure SHOOTKEY for Online ordering before photo day.

NEED HELP?

Please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography.

Email. schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au

Phone. 07 4921 3355



ENVELOPES WERE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS THIS WEEK

You will have the option to order online or with cash in your student's envelope.

CORRECT MONEY is to be placed in the Ordering Envelope, AS STAFF DO NOT OPEN THESE ENVELOPES.

Please take care to follow the instructions carefully.

YEAR 8 TFD



CUPCAKES



This week we were learning about NAIDOC celebrations and how food can bring people to together to share stories. We hoped to use 'Lemon Myrtle' in our cupcakes but could not access a supply.

We soon learned our red, black and yellow icing became pink, brown and yellow. We could reflect on this, needing stronger and better-quality food colours in the future. We also learnt how to work collaboratively while sharing and using piping bags to create different icing effects.

In Week 10 of last term, Addison & Millee attended the Girls STEM-tacular Camp 2026 at Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre along with 40 other Year 9 girls from across Queensland. It was a jam packed week with several site visits, hands-on activities, new experiences and great friendships made.

Yr 9 Girls STEM-tacular Camp



Millee said...

My favourite activity on STEM camp was the rocky shores study. Early Tuesday morning we travelled down to the rocky shores at Canoe Point to observe the marine life at the low and high tide points of the rocks. We discovered that close to the waters edge was home to soft bodied organisms like mud skippers & brittle stars, whereas at the high tide point there was not a very diverse range of organisms as not many living things survive in minimal water and are easily exposed to predators.

I enjoyed my experience at STEM camp and I loved every activity we were privileged to take part in. I'd like to thank everyone involved that allows us the opportunity to join this great experience.



Addison said...

One of my favourite activities was definitely the offsite visit to the Coastal Marine Ecosystems Research Centre (CMERC). We learnt about the work CMERC does to protect and grow sea grass as well as other activities. We were given a tour of the sea grass and mangrove nursery, learned to dissect a mullet, and did water testing. We also made mud balls and poked a hole in each one so they could be filled with sea grass seeds. These then get distributed in marine areas that they are focusing on to grow the sea grass population even more.

Overall it was a very interesting experience and I would recommend for any Year 9 girls interested in STEM to attend the camp.





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Teddy Bears' Picnic

Featuring Young Author Mason Thornley

9.30am to 11.30am, Wednesday 19 August
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