



Step inside our gates
AND SEE THE DIFFERENCE

FROM | THE PRINCIPAL



It is hard to believe how quickly Term 1 has come to a close. The pace of the school year is always fast, but what stands out most is just how much has already been achieved in such a short time.

When I walk around the school, I see students who are more settled, more confident and increasingly willing to challenge themselves. That growth doesn't happen by chance - it comes from consistent effort in the classroom, the support of our teachers, and the encouragement of families at home. It is this collective effort that sets our students up for success.

One of the things I have noticed most this term is the way our students are looking out for one another. Whether it is in the classroom, on the sporting field or in the playground, there is a growing sense of connection and belonging. When students feel they belong, they are far more likely to engage, achieve and thrive. Our senior students have played an important role in shaping this culture. The way they have carried themselves - through their leadership, their example and their everyday actions - has made a positive impact across the school. They are setting a strong standard for others to follow.

Term 1 has also required persistence. Students have now completed their first rounds of assessment, learning how to manage their time, respond to feedback and keep improving. I encourage all students to take a moment to reflect on what has gone well and where they can continue to grow in Term 2.

As we head into the break, I hope all members of our school community take the opportunity to rest, recharge and spend quality time with family and friends. For those celebrating, I wish you a safe and happy Easter - may it be a time of joy, reflection and connection.

Thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive families for the role you play each day in supporting our students.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 2, refreshed and ready to continue the journey.

Leanne Knight-Smith

KEY TERM 2 DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

23rd April	First Day Term 2
24th April	ASHS ANZAC Parade
25th April	Atherton ANZAC March
28th April	Junior Colour Run
4th May	Public Holiday
5th May	Parent Teacher Interview
12th May	P + C Meeting
15-17th May	Cattle School
18th May	2026 School Tour
19th May	Regional Fanfare Heats
28th May	Uniform Committee Meeting
27-29th May	Year 8 Camp
9th June	P + C Meeting
12th June	Spirit of Youth
14th June	Atherton Poultry Show
16th June	Year 7 Immunisations
17th June	Student Pathway Parent Info
19th June	Yr 10 Career Showcase
25th June	Uniform Committee Meeting
25-26th June	Athletics Carnival
26th June	Last Day Term 2
26-28th June	Malanda Show
29-30th June	Atherton Show
13th July	First day term 3



2026 INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026 CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPION HOUSE



EURAMOO

What a day! Our students raced, laughed, and cheered their way through our annual Cross Country, showing energy, determination, and plenty of school spirit.

A huge congratulations to Euramoo House, who sprinted to victory and claimed this year's champion crown!

2026 AGE CHAMPIONS

18 + BOYS LOGAN BRIND-HOUSE

18+ GIRLS MADELEINE SCRIVENS

17 YRS BOYS ETHAN BERRY-PORTER

17 YRS GIRLS EMMA

16 YRS BOYS JAMIE BLOOMFIELD

16 YRS GIRLS KIRA DALGETY

15 YRS BOYS JACOB BERRY-PORTER

15 YRS GIRLS FINLAY PAYNE

14 YRS BOYS JAYCE VIDLER

14 YRS GIRLS LAUREN WATSON

13 YRS BOYS AUSTIN TURNER

13 YRS GIRLS SOPHIA CHESTER

12 YRS BOYS ARCHER WILLSON

12 YRS GIRLS ANNA LOWE

A massive thank-you goes to our amazing staff, enthusiastic students, and supportive families — you all helped make today smooth, fun, and unforgettable. From cheering on the sidelines to keeping everything running like clockwork, we couldn't have done it without you!

Here's to fast feet, big smiles, and memories that last long after the finish line!





GO TEAM



THROUGH THE LENS

Term one in review



CULTURE CLASS WITH
MS LINWOOD



YEAR 12
CAMP



DODGE
BALL

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



MAKING WAVES

MAKING WAVES ON THE NATIONAL STAGE!

A huge congratulations to Cruz and Blaze on their outstanding success in wakeboarding competitions across Australia!

At the Australian Wakeboard National Championships, Cruz claimed 1st place and Blaze secured 2nd - an incredible achievement at a national level.

They also competed at Boardstock Australia, a major action sports festival celebrating wakeboarding and water sports, where Cruz again took 1st, and Blaze placed 2nd and 3rd across events.

Cruz went on to compete at the iconic Moomba Masters, Australia's largest waterskiing and wakeboarding event, finishing an impressive 5th overall - and as the youngest competitor in the field!

An amazing effort from both students - your dedication, talent and hard work are truly paying off.



CELEBRATING CREATIVE TALENT!

A huge congratulations to Atherton High senior Visual Art student, Alarna.

Alarna was selected as one of just 25 young artists in the region to take part in the 2026 FLAME Visual Arts

Program - an incredible opportunity to develop her skills and explore her artistic practice.

Over three months, Alarna worked alongside professional artists, building her techniques, experimenting with new ideas, and growing her creative expression. Her work is now proudly on display at the Tanks Arts Centre as part of "FLAME 2026 – Future 150."

What an amazing achievement — we can't wait to see where her artistic journey takes her next!



GREAT JOB ANNA!



SWIMMING SUCCESS

Our Year 7 student, Anna, recently represented our school in Brisbane at the Peninsula School Swimming Championships.

Anna competed in both Freestyle and Breaststroke events,

showcasing her talent and determination at a high level. We are so proud of your effort, Anna — well done on giving it your all and representing our school with such skill and sportsmanship!

Young Ambassadors



YOUNG RURAL AMBASSADORS

REPRESENTING OUR COMMUNITY

We are incredibly proud to congratulate the 2026 Cairns Show Young Rural Ambassador Shelby and runner up Yana - a fantastic accomplishment for both students.

This prestigious program celebrates young people who are passionate about rural industries and committed to supporting the future of agricultural communities across Queensland. Both Shelby and Yana demonstrated enthusiasm, leadership, and pride in representing our region throughout their involvement in the competition.

Their participation highlights the strength of our local community and the important role young people play in shaping its future.

Congratulations, Shelby and Yana, on this wonderful achievement.





Color Run

COLOR YOUR RUN, BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY!

28 APRIL \$10 PER STUDENT, YEAR 7-9
2026 Includes funky sunglasses and your very own headband and must be paid for prior to the event.

Color Run

STUDENTS TO BRING WHITE SHIRT, AND OLD CLOSED IN SHOES.

PERMISSION NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT.

Leukaemia Foundation

World's Greatest Shave

Our Student Council is gearing up for an exciting fundraising event in support of the World's Greatest Shave, raising vital funds for blood cancer research.

A huge shout-out to our brave student shavers - Louise, Lynkkin, Jack, Josh, Tyler, Logan, Cody and Will - who will be taking the leap on May 15th (Recess 1) as part of a festival-style morning full of colour, fun, and community spirit.

And they're not alone... Mr Herring and Mr Meekcoms are also stepping up! Mr Meekcoms will be cutting off his braid, while Mr Herring is saying goodbye to his moustache. Even better - students can purchase raffle tickets in Week 1 of Term 2 for the chance to be the ones who do the shaving!

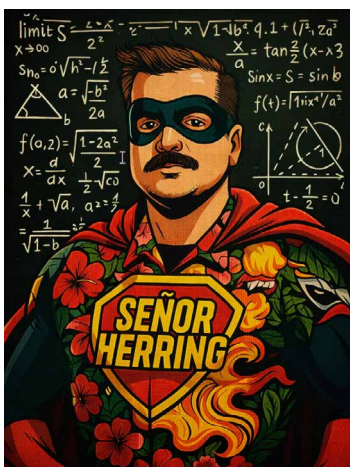
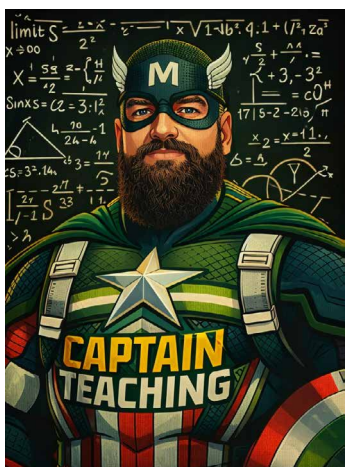
The morning will be packed with activities including hair colouring, banner painting, a photo booth, and cupcakes for sale, alongside a Crazy Hair & Sock Day (gold coin donation).

This is more than just a fun event - it's a chance for our school community to come together and make a real difference. Every dollar counts, so we encourage everyone to get involved and support this incredible cause.

Donate here: www.worldsgreatestshave.com/fundraisers/ather-tonstatehighschool2026

Let's get behind our students and staff and make this a day to remember!

MEET OUR SHAVERS



JOIN OUR

2026

UNIFORM COMMITTEE

We warmly encourage parents to join the committee as we begin planning a new school uniform for Atherton High. Your input and ideas are valued and will help shape the future of our school.

NEXT MEETING
23RD APRIL
4.30PM



ATHERTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

2026 SCHOOL INFORMATION TOUR

For students transitioning to Year 7 in 2026

On Monday the 18th of May parents, carers and students are warmly invited to explore the opportunities that await at Atherton State High School.

The afternoon will begin at the school library and courtyard with a BBQ and meet and greet from 4:00 pm, followed by guided tours from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

See you soon!

Finance Update

2026 School Levies & Subject Fees

DUE DATE: END OF TERM 1 - Thursday 2nd April 2026

Please check your email for invoices/statements and notify the school asap if you have not received it.

PAYING SCHOOL FEES:

You can pay your child's school fees in one of the following ways:

- BPOINT to pay by credit and debit card
- BPOINT IVR (Over the Phone Payment)
Call - 1300 631 073
- Direct Deposit into the school Bank Account
BSB: 064-800 Account: 00090137
- EFTPOS, payment plans and CentrePay payments at Student Services/Reception
- Payment can also be accessed online via your QParents account

Should you require a payment arrangement, please phone 07 4030 5248.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CAREERS SHOWCASE 2026

Our school is excited to begin planning our upcoming Careers Showcase, and we are inviting expressions of interest from local businesses, organisations and industry representatives who would like to be involved.

This event is a valuable opportunity for our students to explore future pathways, discover emerging industries, and connect directly with professionals in our community. By participating, you will help inspire young people as they consider their subject selections, training options, apprenticeships, tertiary study, and career aspirations.

We are seeking a diverse range of industries and experiences - from trades and small businesses to corporate, health, creative industries, emergency services, community organisations and beyond. Whether you can offer interactive displays, practical demonstrations, career advice, or information about employment pathways, we would love to hear from you.

If your business or organisation is interested in attending, please contact Steph Beylan via email - srbey0@eq.edu.au to register your expression of interest or to find out more information. We look forward to working together to create meaningful career conversations for our students!

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TUCKSHOP NEWS

We are excited to share that you can now order tuckshop through Flexischools or on the day over the-counter from term 2.

What is Flexischools?

Australia's #1 school ordering solution, Flexischools, operates in more than 2,100 schools across Australia, enabling parents and students to order and pay for school lunches via the Flexischools app, which can be downloaded from the App Store (Apple iOS) or Google Play Store (Android). Just scan the QR code and register today!



APPLE



ANDROID

COMMUNITY CORNER

FAMILY PEST FISH COMP!

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL
(REGISTER ONLINE NOW!)

JOIN THE FUN!
HELP CLEAR PEST FISH!

ENTRY FEES

Adult entry: \$50.00 | Junior entry: \$30.00

REGISTER ONLINE!

www.tablelandfishstockingsociety.com.au

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!
(Registration Deadline: Check Website)

GREAT PRIZES! FUNDAY FOR ALL AGES!
DETAILS: 18th April | Location: Tinaroo | Weigh-In 3PM

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WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

Able-bodied or adaptive, independent self-sufficient players & referees

Wednesday @ Atherton Basketball
10 weeks ONLY-Term 2 (22 April to 24 June)

Game 1: 5:00pm arrival for 5:15pm start
Game 2: 5:45pm arrival for 6:00pm start

Wheelchair hire included in registration fee!!

Please reach out if you would like to bring your own chair for byo chair discount

Registration:

All players must have BQ insurance to take the court
TBC Currently \$48.22 (covers for 12 months)
*& adaptive members receive standard BQ discount

TBC Term Registered Members: \$85 (\$8.50 per night)
Or Single Pay per night: \$10 (subject to availability)

Register in 2026 @ www.athertonbasketball.com/play

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