



Tuart Rise Primary School

Summary of meeting 6 March 2026

Please find following a summary of the Tuart Rise Primary School Board meeting held on Friday, 6 March 2026.

Attendees

Parent members: Jeandre Beukes, Josh Heedes, Mary Toki

Staff members: Graham Rees, Narelle Brierley-Scott, Melissa Paterson

Principal: Melanie Buller

Summary of discussions

- The Board reviewed and noted the 2026 school budget.
- The Board revised the Terms of Reference and voted on the board positions for the 2026 school year. Jeandre Beukes will remain as Board Chairperson in 2026.
- The principal shared details of the school's strategic directions for 2026, connected to the recommendations outlined in the 2025 PSR. This included updates on whole school programs and assessments, as well as new procedures for monitoring and supporting students at educational risk.
- The Board was informed of staff engagement in reviewing the school vision, defining the school values, and developing beliefs about teaching and learning. This information will be drafted and presented to the Board for feedback.
- The principal provided the board with the date of the Public School Review – 24 June 2026.
- The Board discussed the annual public Board meeting and selected 4 December as the date for this meeting.
- The Board discussed the Department of Education's new initiative for schools to hold two parent-teacher meeting days to strengthen communication and feedback between schools and families. This initiative also aligned with data from the parent National School Opinion Survey, which showed a slight decline in the feedback area. The Board voted for parent-teacher interviews to occur in 2026 at Tuart Rise PS (Term 2 and Term 3).
- The Board was informed of the new 2026 P&C Committee and the planned events for Term 1.

Principal's report

- New initiatives for 2026 to support students and early intervention include a Parent Voice Workshop (9 March) and the availability of Kindergarten OT and Speech screening for families.
- NAPLAN commences in Week 6, running from 11 March to 23 March.
- On-entry testing for Pre-primary students is well underway and is being conducted across Weeks 3–6 of Term 1. This involves all Pre-primary students being assessed on literacy and numeracy skills and understandings. There is no pass or fail.
- Communication Guidelines have been distributed to all families to promote respectful, timely and effective two-way communication, while encouraging open feedback to strengthen relationships and support positive outcomes for students.
- A Parent Meet and Greet was held in Week 4, with a positive turnout of students and families.