

AUGATHELLA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Quote of the Week

"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardour and diligence."

Abigail Adams

Welcome Back

I hope the Easter holidays were a good break for all of our families. Hopefully you managed to enjoy the change in routine by not having to watch the clock for school times over the past 2 weeks.

Term 2 promises to be very busy as the calendar is already looking full. We have our school Anzac Day ceremony on Wednesday of Week 2 as well as the Ride West Peleton visiting, parent-teacher interviews in Week 2&3, and our cross country and colour run in Week 3. The Charleville Show is in Week 5 and later in the term we will be getting ready for Reader's Cup. I hope everyone is rested, we are all going to need lots of energy and focus to get us through this term! To commence this term, we would like to welcome Mrs Melissa lland who is completing a 5-week block of practical experience in the 4-6 classroom.

School Anzac Day Commemorative Service

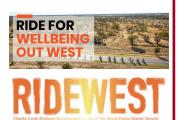
Next **Wednesday**, **24**th **April**, we are fortunate to be hosting the returned Veterans from Standown Park when we hold our Anzac Day Commemorative Service. The service will **commence at 9:00am** and everyone is welcome to attend. At the conclusion of the service, **morning tea will be available**. We are very appreciative of the time the Veterans give to our students and school – it is a wonderful opportunity to talk to the ex-service men and women and hear of their stories and experiences first hand. I hope many of you are able to come along to share the occasion and show your support of the Veterans. If you are able to provide a plate to share for morning tea that would also be appreciated.

Anzac Day Service

Anzac Day is on **Thursday 25th April**. As usual, the school students will march in the parade and participate in the service in the hall afterwards. They have been working on tasks in class specifically for Anzac Day and for display in the hall. It is an important day in our community's calendar and we appreciate the opportunity, as a school, to pay our respect to those who have served our country. We ask that students **meet outside the Transaction Centre from 10:00am in full school uniform, to be ready to march at 10:30am.**

Ride West

As we know, Mrs Natalie Newell is once again saddling up and commencing her bike ride from Brisbane to Longreach for the RFDS. During this ride Natalie and the team will cover 1311km over 8 days. She has been training very hard and we would like to wish her the very best of luck. We look forward to welcoming Natalie and the Ride West group to Augathella in **Week 2 on Wednesday April 24**th. The group will visit during the middle session. It is our hope that students will once again be able to **participate in a ride** with the group and guide our guests around our wonderful town stopping at several significant locations. Permission letters and further information will be sent out later this week.



Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held during Week 2 & 3 of this term (22nd April – 3rd May). We anticipate that all families will make the most of the opportunity to come in and have conversations with the class teachers. The interviews will provide families and teachers the opportunity to share more child-specific information or answer any questions that might have arisen from Term 1 reports. Letters will be sent home later this week with students, so can families please nominate some suitable times and return notes to the class teachers as soon as possible. We look forward to sharing your child's achievements with you.

'Buddy Read-In Sessions'

With a continued focus on reading, **buddy reading in the form of a daily 'Read-In Session' is again continuing this term**. We have paired our junior students with an older student and from 8:30am onwards in the mornings, when students arrive at school, they will sit and read a book together. This will ensure that all of our younger beginning readers are given a daily opportunity to read and be read to, while also encouraging some leadership capability amongst our older students. This is a productive and meaningful way to start our school day and we look forward to it continuing this term.

Kindy - Prep - Year 1 Class - Natasha Wade

Welcome to Term 2! This week we are straight into it for the Kindy, Prep and Year 1 students. We will be joining together as a class a lot this week to start collaborating on some craft activities for Anzac Day and the Ride West visit next week. We will be busy getting crafty. For the Kindy children this week, they will be doing some art about their holidays and what they did. They will also begin our Pre-Lit program which will help to develop some skills for when they start Prep. The focus book this week is "Dear Zoo". The children will engage in a range of activities and learning experiences with inspiration from the story. The Prep and Year 1 students this week, will be completing a writing task about their holidays. They will also complete some writing prompt cards where each day we will have a different focus - ideas, spelling, punctuation and having neat handwriting. In Maths this week, we are easing into it with lots of number recognition activities and puzzles to get them back into maths work. Have a great week everyone!

Year 2 - 3 Class - Bronia Cameron

Hello and welcome back to another term! This week we are very busy getting into our learning, along with preparing for Anzac Day and Ride West. In English this term we are exploring narratives. The students will write a narrative that tells a story about family or friendships with an animal character. We will explore lots of different narratives that have an animal character in them. This week, we will be exploring what a narrative is, and what the different parts of a narrative are, and then using a story to identify the orientation, complication, and resolution of the story. We will also complete some targeted sentence writing and handwriting activities, as students are also marked on sentence structure, spelling and grammar, and handwriting (entries and exits for Year 2, and cursive for Year 3). In Maths this week, we will be having a look at telling the time to the half hour. The students will also have lots of time this week to complete some Anzac Day artworks, and some writing in response to the Anzac book Forward March by Christobel Mattingley. These artsworks and writing pieces will then be displayed in the hall. Look out for a note going home TODAY about Parent/Teacher interviews. These will be scheduled for Weeks 2 and 3 of this term. Have a great week!

Year 4 - 5 - 6 Class - Liz Lindsay

Welcome back! We have had a wonderful start to Term 2! It has been fantastic listening to all the exciting things students did over their well-deserved break. It has also been lovely to see students prepared for another big term. This week we welcomed Mrs Iland to our classroom. Melissa is with us for the first five weeks of this term, completing her final professional experience. We are very excited to have Mrs Iland with us on our learning journey. Our focus for learning has been on Anzac Day in preparation for our school and town commemorative services. We have been creating gifts and cards for our Veterans, researching Legacy – an organisation which supports the families of servicemen and women and creating some meaningful artworks. We are looking forward to sharing our research at our school service next week. This week, Parent-Teacher Interview forms will be sent home. If you are unable to attend any of the nominated times for interviews, please call, email or visit to make alternative arrangements. I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your child's progress. As always, if you have any questions or concerns our classroom door is always open. Have a great week!

Hello - I'm Mrs Iland (Melissa) and I will be working in the year 4/5/6 classroom for the first five weeks of term undertaking my final teaching practicum. I'm really looking forward to the experience and hope to learn a lot while I'm at the school working with the students and staff. I can't wait to get involved in all the happenings of a busy term 2 and if you see me around please say hello. I have been undertaking my teaching studies through Swinburne Online and have



enjoyed studying externally and am grateful to be welcomed into such a great small school. Fun facts. I'm a mother of 3, am a pug owner and can never say no to raising a poddy.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Be Safe

Behaviour of the Week: I know the 3 B's.

Be Respectful

This week in our Positive Behaviour for Learning lessons, the students are learning about knowing the 3B's - Be Safe, Be a Learner and Be Respectful. It is important that all students can articulate what the 3B's are, and be able to give some examples. This positive behaviour expectation has a Be a Learner focus and is relevant to all areas. On parade the students discussed what the 3B's look like and gave a few examples for each area.

P&C News

P&C seeking donations of morning tea for veterans visit Wednesday 24TH April. We are also seeking donation of breakfast items including sausages, eggs, savory mince, bacon, potato gems, bread and juice for the Anzac dawn service. If you are available to help with breakfast from 5am please contact Ange Smith – I promise it is a lovely morning.

Students of the Week

I follow adult directions. Olivia C, Levi, Sam. *****

AJRL

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Football training will start this Wednesday 17th April at 4:00pm. Everyone needs to be signed up to participate.

April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
15 Term 2 Starts	16	17 Regional Touch Football	18	19 District Cricket	20	21
22	23 Regional Rugby League/ First 5 Story Time	24 School Anzac Day Service/ Ride West Visit/RFDS Visit	25 Anzac Day	26 District Cross Country	27	28
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