



# AUGATHELLA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Motto: Strive to Succeed**

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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 Iland who is completing a 5-week block of practical experience in the 4-6 classroom.

## School Anzac Day Commemorative Service

Next **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>**. 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 (22<sup>nd</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

*Elizabeth Lindsay, Acting Principal.*

