

# The Augusta Star

*Empowered to be my best today. Inspired to be even better tomorrow!*



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## PARENT TEACHER EVENING

Thank you to the many families who attended the Parent Information Evening. Your support is amazing. Families who were not able to make the evening are encouraged to contact teachers to make an appointment to learn more about learning at Augusta.

## REMINDER

A reminder to all parents about being safe in and around the school, carpark and surrounding streets. Please only use correct pick up areas and parking areas (our school carpark is owned by the Ipswich City Council. Car owners can and have been fined for illegal parking) to keep children safe. If you wish to come into the school for any reason please make sure you use the carpark. Drivers must stay with their vehicle while it is in the drop off/pick up zone. Thank you.

## READING – EVERYBODY’S BUSINESS!

At Augusta State School we empower and inspire students to be the very best they can be. Our focus in 2017 is around reading. The comprehensive reading program at Augusta is supported by our families through home reading.

Before looking at a book, ask your child what their reading goals are. Generally goals are targeted in one of four areas: comprehension, accuracy, fluency or expanded vocabulary (challenging words). Focussing on these goals will provide students with the best chance of moving forward in their reading skills.

It is essential that students read every night for at least 15 minutes. If a student is an emergent reader (not yet reading), parents are asked to read to their child. If a student is developing his/her reading skills, parents are encouraged to read **with** their child. If a student is an independent reader, parents are asked to ask questions from the student bookmark. If your child requires a replacement **Augusta bookmark**, please send a note to your child’s teacher.

The Reading Stars record sheet is included in each student’s Boomerang Book. Celebrations will occur after every 25 nights of reading.

We send home readers home:-

- to develop a love of reading;
- to practise reading strategies (comprehending, fluency, accuracy and vocabulary);
- to reinforce reading behaviours;
- to develop comprehension; and
- to empower parents and students.

## BPOINT

Thank you to the many families who have taken advantage of the new payment scheme ‘B-Point’. We are encouraging all families to use the facility as an efficient method of paying school accounts. If you are unsure how to use this please either contact the office at [office@augustass.eq.edu.au](mailto:office@augustass.eq.edu.au) or come into the administration and talk to Deb.

## QPARENTS

Thank you to all the parents that have registered with QParents. This is a great way for you to view information on finance, update your child’s absence and contact details or access previous report cards.

## IMPORTANT NOTES

*Please update your contact details (mobile, email) with the office.*

**No parking** in the bus zone, pick-up zone, or grassed areas around school.

Staff carpark is **ONLY** for staff at all times.

*Please complete your child’s ‘Reading Stars’ record sheet.*

*Please avoid bringing nuts and eggs to Augusta.*

*Augusta has a ‘no school hat – no play’ policy.*

## DATE CLAIMERS

P&C General Meeting  
Tuesday 21 February 6pm 2017  
Administration

World of Maths  
Thursday 2 March – Yr2 & Yr4  
Friday 3 March – Yr1 & Yr3  
Friday 10 March – Prep & Yr3

Music Incursion  
Friday 24 March  
Queensland Police Pipes & Drums  
free concert



**Toni Jarratt**  
**HOSES**



**Natalie Ogilvy**  
**Guidance Officer**



**Nadine Goldhill**  
**Head of Curriculum**



**Brigitte Gilbert**  
**Head of Curriculum**

#### Free Microsoft Office for students and school staff

All Queensland state school staff and students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices.

Students and staff will need to use **their school email address** to sign in. Students who don't have a school login, school email account and password should contact their **child's class teacher**. The administrator will help students activate their school login.

Microsoft Office is available for personal devices only, not devices owned by the department or part of a school network. Errors and conflicts will occur if Office is downloaded on departmental devices, as these devices already have a licenced copy of Microsoft Office.

Your Office subscription lasts for as long as you're a Queensland state school student or school-based staff member.

#### Download process

For PC and Mac, visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016) login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.

For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

If you have trouble, please refer to the instructions on how to download and install Microsoft Office to your personal home computers:

- [How to download and install Microsoft Office to a Windows computer](#)
- [How to download and install Microsoft Office to a Mac computer](#)

## YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP

Our year six students have embarked on their final year of primary school. As part of their senior leadership experience, students participated in a Leadership Day on Thursday. Students learnt:

- ✚ If you give kindness you receive kindness;
- ✚ You don't need a badge or hat to be a leader;
- ✚ There are three types of leader: prophet (ideas), planner, people; and
- ✚ It's easy to be kind.

Students participated in a variety of activities, many of which were physical. Some videos were presented that helped students to think about themselves and the people around them.

Thank you to the parents of our senior students for supporting this event. Thank you to the staff who assisted in the organisation and preparation.

Senior students now have their leadership applications. These applications must be endorsed by parents, then by teaching and administrative staff.

## FROM THE DEPUTIES

In science **prep** have been investigating how to identify when something is alive. Through inquiry-based learning they have discovered that to be alive things need to move, eat, drink, grow and breathe. In maths prep continue to learn about making groups with the same number of objects, and learning to sequence. Prep have been enjoying reading a variety of stories and learning the difference between letters, words and sentences.

The students in **year one** continue to work hard in all areas of the curriculum. They are learning to partition teen numbers and explore addition strategies. The students are enjoying Daily 5 and their enthusiasm to achieve their reading goals have been impressive. The students are making connections between the books they are reading and their own personal experiences. They have also been writing about their feelings. Year one continues to be excited about learning.

In English **year 2** have been investigating poetry and language features like alliteration, repetition and rhyme. Please ask your child about the poem they have been working on in class. Thank you parents for reinforcing with your children the need to sit quietly outside the classrooms in the mornings.

In **year 3** English the children are looking at how characters are developed in stories through noun groups and verb types. They are using this knowledge to help with character development in their writing. Year 2 is reading the book "*Matty Forever*" by Elizabeth Fensham and would love to talk to you about the characters.

This week **year 4** children have been busy in science learning about life cycles of different plants and animals. They have also been exploring habitats and why some animals have become endangered. The children are all very excited about the upcoming technology unit where they will create a diorama to display their knowledge of life cycles and habitats.

Wow! What an amazing two weeks in **year 5**. The students and the teachers have been thoroughly enjoying learning new skills during Writers Camp activities and can't wait to participate in the World of Maths Incursion this Friday 17th February.

**Year 6** leadership day was a great success. Applications for leadership have been sent home and are to be returned by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. The endorsement process will take place next week and successful applicants will be notified the following week

## MUSIC – JAIMIE ROLFE

**STRINGS** – Lessons commenced in week 2 with Miss Bronte Hopsick in the Instrumental Room of the music block on TUESDAYS. Senior String Ensemble will start from week 3 and will this year be held of an afternoon 2:30 – 3:15pm in M1. Junior String Ensemble commenced in week 3 and will be held in the Instrumental Room at 2nd lunch break on Tuesdays. Starting week 5 senior string ensemble will be on Tuesday morning at 7:45am in the library.

**BAND** – Lessons commenced in week 2 with Mr James Humphry in the Instrumental Room of the music block on Thursdays. Senior Band commenced in week 3, rehearsals will be held in the Hall 7:45-8:25am. Junior Band rehearsals will not commence until Term 2.

**GUITAR** – Lessons commenced in week 3 with Mr Grant Davies in the music block on MONDAYS. Please see Ms Rolfe if you wish to sign up for lessons. Costs are \$15 per half hour lesson in small groups or \$30 per half hour for individual lessons.

## PE – CAMERON WILLIAMS

Congratulations to Amber Wrightson, Taylor Wrightson, Portia Donovan & Liam Donovan who did a fantastic job representing Augusta at the Central District Swimming Carnival last Tuesday. Taylor and Liam were successful in making the Central District Swimming Team and will compete in the upcoming Regional Swimming trials!

We also had a number of students attend the Ipswich Hornets Rugby League Trials. Congratulations to Malachi Vaigalu & Dajuan Manase who have been selected in the under 11 team to tour Sydney in Easter!

Throughout the start of the year there will be a number of district sports trials for students turning 10, 11 & 12 years. The information for these trials is emailed to the teachers who pass the information onto the students. It is up to the students to see Mr Williams if they want to find out more information about the trials. If you have any questions regarding the trials please email Mr Williams. ([cwill611@eq.edu.au](mailto:cwill611@eq.edu.au))

## STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

Thank you to the families who have already settled their Student Resource Scheme payments. Payments can be made on Monday - Thursday mornings at the school's cash window. Cash, credit card and cheque are all welcome. Invoices for 2017 will be issued during the month of February.

Families wishing to make payment arrangements, including Centrelink deductions should see Deb in Administration to complete applicable forms.

## CAFÉ

Last Friday we had our first café day for 2017. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this day happen. Reminder that café is now on Fridays and orders must be placed before 8 am on the day of café.

**FAMILIES WHO ARE ALREADY REGISTERED ARE REMINDED THAT THEY NEED TO CHANGE THEIR CHILD'S CLASS NAME BEFORE ORDERING. Prep orders will be delivered to the classrooms, all other orders will be collected by the student from the café.**

If you are intending on using the Café (tuckshop) for your children please set up your account.

*Please follow this process to open your account:*

1. Go to: [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com)
2. Enter the initial username: **augusta** Enter the password: **munch4300**
3. Click 'sign up'
4. Enter your own email address and a password. Click 'create your account'.
5. An important email will be sent to you almost immediately.
6. Find the email and click the link to activate your account. (Check your 'junk mail' folder in case the email is treated as spam.)
7. Enter your own email address and password then click 'Activate My Account'.
8. Follow the steps to complete the set up.
9. Once you have put money into your account, you can order on-line whenever it suits you. Money can be credited to your Munch Monitor account using either your **debit** card or your **credit** card.
10. You can include a photo of your child in your family profile if you wish.
11. Please ensure you detail any allergies that your child has.

*There is assistance available through the email: [help@munchmonitor.com](mailto:help@munchmonitor.com)*



**FROM THE COMMUNITY**

Each week we will advertise to support local community organisations and events (as requested by organisers). Please note our willingness to help support local organisation and events is not our endorsement of the event or the organisation.



## JOIN THE POWER FOR 2017 AT REDBANK PLAINS



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