

# The Augusta Star

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

## Welcome to term two!

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you had an enjoyable holiday with your children. Thank you for your support at the end of term 1 with the cyclone. Student and staff safety is always our main priority. I also hope that all of our families are recovering as quickly as possible from any damage that may have been caused. Teachers are endeavouring to catch up parent teacher interviews that were missed during the two days that the school was closed. If you did not have your appointment please contact your child's teacher to make a mutually convenient time to reschedule your parent teacher interview.

Term 2 is shaping up to be a very busy one with learning and many extra curricula activities. We will keep you updated with newsletters class newsletters and information on individual events via email and notes home. Please make sure your contact details are up to date so that you are receiving information from the school.

## ANZAC CEREMONY

Thank you to everyone for your support and contribution to our Anzac Parade. We have been receiving so many positive comments from parents, staff and students. A couple of parent comments - That was such a beautiful service. The children were so respectful. The class tributes were lovely.

A particular thank you our staff, students and parents for their support in preparing for the ceremony. Thank you also to our parents and school leaders who did an awesome job presenting at our ceremony.

Thank you to the volunteers and school leaders who assisted with the sale of ANZAC Memorabilia. We helped raise approximately \$1223.95.

## WATATO CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The Watato Choir are performing for the Augusta students next Friday 5 May, 2017 at 1:30pm.

## NAPLAN

The 2017 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy) will be held on **9, 10 and 11 May 2017** for all students in years 3 and 5. NAPLAN is a point in time test that identifies student skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar & punctuation and numeracy.

**A useful website for parents is:** <http://www.nap.edu.au/information/faqs/naplan--general.html>

The site contains information about the purpose of NAPLAN and examples of what is expected of students.

### Practice opportunities:

Students have been practising 'test' conditions to assist them in their preparation for NAPLAN. Additional preparation materials are available for families at: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests/the-tests.html>

Students have been learning to write (compose) **independently** for 40 minutes. This time includes planning (5 minutes) and checking (5 minutes). There are a number of writing stimulus examples on the website (above). There are also test samples for reading, spelling, grammar & punctuation and numeracy on the site.

Other important ways to help your child in their day-to-day schooling, as well as leading up to NAPLAN, include:

- eating a healthy breakfast before attending school;
- bringing a healthy snack of non-processed food for Brain Break;
- arriving at school on time;
- having good sleep patterns;
- re-assurance that 'your best is your best'; and talking positively about the experience.



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**School phone number:**

**07 3814 9666**

**Email:**

## 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.

Café and Banking  
Every Friday (unless notified)

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 Annual General Meeting  
7pm 16 May

Labour Day  
Monday 1 May  
NO SCHOOL

Junior Cross Country  
Tuesday 2 May

WATATO CHOIR PERFORMANCE  
Free Whole School Performance  
Friday 5 May 1:30pm

NAPLAN  
Year 3 & 5  
9,10,11 May

IPSWICH SHOW HOLIDAY  
Friday 19 May

Year 4 incursion  
Colonial Show  
Tuesday 30 May

## **JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY**

The junior cross country for students in years Prep – Yr 2 is next Tuesday 2 May from 8:45 – 10:30am on the school oval. Please ensure your child has their hat and water bottle for the morning and is wearing sunscreen. Students will begin the day in the classroom where the roll will be marked, and the students will be given names badges. If you have not returned your child's medical and consent forms to the classroom teacher please send in on Tuesday morning. Students without consent will not be able to participate.

## **SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY**

Thank you and congratulations to students, families and staff involved in the Senior Cross Country events. Thank you in particular to Mr Williams and Mr Sia for their hard work in preparing for the events. The support and encouragement that was demonstrated by all participants was amazing. A number of students from the upper school have qualified to attend the District Trials. Those students have been provided with notes from Mr Williams.

## **UNIFORM**

Augusta State School is a uniform School. Please ensure students are in uniform, which consists of enclosed shoes (without lights or wheels and that stay on securely), white socks, navy school shorts and school shirt with a school hat. School hats are available in the uniform shop. Please ensure hats are clearly named.

With the cooler mornings, some students choose to wear jumpers or track pants. Please note that jumpers, track pants and leggings **must be plain navy. Please name student clothing clearly.**

A reminder that jewellery is confined to a watch and a simple pair of sleepers or studs. **Necklaces, anklets and bracelets should always remain at home.**

## **AUGUSTA ENROLMENT INFORMATION FOR 2018**

Applications for enrolment into Prep to Year 6 at Augusta State School for 2018 will open at **7:00am on Tuesday 16 May 2017**. Our Enrolment Management Plan stipulates that all students who reside within the local catchment area or children who have a sibling currently enrolled and attending Augusta State School and who are eligible for enrolment in the educational program offered by the school have a right to enrolment at the school.

**Our catchment area is reviewed from time to time to reflect changes in the local community infrastructure (eg roads, residential development, buildings etc).**

## **BEGINNING AND END OF SCHOOL DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

Students should not be at school prior to 8am. If families need for their children to be at school before that time, please use our Outside Hours School Care facilities. Contact [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) for details.

Students should arrive at school between 8:10 and 8:25. The front gate at school will be opened by staff at 2:25pm each day, with the exception of Wednesdays when it will be opened for parade at 2:05pm (side gate at the far end of Administration). These arrangements ensure maximum teaching and learning time for all of our students.

From time to time we understand that children need to be collected from school early, or arrive late. Please avoid this as much as possible. Late arrivals and early departures of students must be recorded in administration. Students who are leaving school before 2:30 must be collected from administration. Learning commences at 8:30am. Thank you for your support.

## **PE – CAMERON WILLIAMS**

Next Thursday 4 May students will represent Augusta at the District Cross Country event at Woodcrest State College. We wish them well for their event.

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 the students responsibility 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))

## MEET THE STAFF AT AUGUSTA



Gail Stoner  
ECDP Teacher



Jennifer Hughes  
SEP Support



Tina Ilic  
ECDP/SEP Support



Rachel Cook  
Defence aid/ LLI Support



Aurora McNichol  
LLI Support



Belinda Saxon  
LLI Support

## FROM THE CLASSROOM

### Prep:

Prep have been very busy learning about recounts so that we can share some of our favourite experiences and events through stories. We have also been learning more about history and how we can remember the past by telling stories and looking at photographs. In maths the prep students are getting very good at using different objects to measure length and width. WE will soon be learning about 2D shapes and 3D shapes and how they are different.

### Year 1:

In English year one students have been exploring how authors use language and images to create and develop characters. How they use adjectives, verbs and adverbs to help the reader visualise and engage with the characters. The students are using their inferencing skills to talk and write about how a character changes across a story. The students are using this knowledge to write character descriptions using appropriate text structure, sentence-level grammar, word choice, spelling and punctuation.

### Year 2:

Year 2 have been looking at ways that characters are represented in text and images. We have been looking at stereotypical characters and how the author makes choices to present a character a certain way. In maths we have been investigating 2D and 3D shapes. You might like to have a discussion with you child about identifying how many faces, corners and edges in 3D objects that can be found in your home.

### Year 3:

Year 3 students are learning about what a great paragraph looks like in a persuasive text. This is really helping with our reading when we identify the main idea of each paragraph. In maths, topics covered this week include 3D shapes and number patterns. Here's a tricky number pattern we tried in class. Can you solve it?  
3, 9, 18, 30... (Hint: think multiples of 3).

#### Year 4:

The first year 4 English unit this term explores traditional stories from Asia. Students will participate in activities to identify the structural and language features of narratives as well as explaining the messages or morals found in traditional stories from Asia.

#### Year 5:

In English year 5 are working on comprehending and creating feature articles and in maths students are continuing to focus on number. The children are all working very hard and looking forward to NAPLAN in week 4.

#### Year 6:

In year six this term students are excited to be learning about the transfer and transformation of energy. They are focusing particularly on electricity and will be experimenting with circuits and circuit components that incorporate batteries, bulbs and buzzers.

### REMINDER – ROAD SAFETY

As parents and carers, you can set a good example for your children on how to be safe as a passenger, pedestrian, cyclist and driver by taking the time to talk about what your child can see when walking or driving with you in the car.

- Point out traffic signs and signals and explain what they mean.
- Talk about safer places to cross the road such as pedestrian crossings.
- Always wear your seat belt.
- Show them the safest route to school. It is usually the way with the least traffic and fewest roads to cross. The footpath is the safest place to walk.
- Encourage children not to play with balls or other toys when walking to school as they may dash onto the road to retrieve them.

### FINANCE

Thanks to all the parents who are now using BPoint as the method of payment for invoices. It has been a busy start to the year with a number of excursions and incursion already, so we appreciate the majority of parents using BPoint. As well, we now have a number of families who are using Centrepay. For those who do not know, Centrepay is a way that a nominated amount can be deducted from a parents Centrelink fortnightly payment. This nominated amount goes into the students account each fortnight and is matched to an outstanding invoice. An amount as little as \$10 per fortnight can be nominated. Please see me if you are interested in using Centrepay.

A reminder that the following are the operating hours for the Finance Office.

Monday – Thursday 8.15 am – 8.45 am

Friday – Closed

Thank you

Deb

### 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. To make a payment you must have an invoice with your child's details on it. Attached is the link to the website for your convenience. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>

### UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours – Monday and Wednesday 8.30am-9.00am

If you would like to purchase uniforms at other times please come to the Finance Window and fill out the order form and make a payment. The uniform items will be delivered to your child on the next Uniform Shop Day.

### 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.



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

## MICROSOFT OFFICE FOR STUDENTS AND 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 classroom teacher 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](#)

## CAFÉ

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.