

# The Augusta Star

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



**PLEASE NOTE – THIS FRIDAY 19 MAY IS THE IPSWICH SHOW HOLIDAY.**  
**THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY.**

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I would like to wish all the mothers in our school community a very happy Mother's Day for this Sunday. Thank you for all that you do.

This week our year three and five students did an amazing job completing NAPLAN. I spoke to them when they had finished they all agreed they did the best they could. This is all we can ask of them! Thank you to families for ensuring children were at school and ready to do their best. NAPLAN results will be released later in the year.

Sports Gala Days will be held later this term for our senior students. Expression of interest notes have been sent home. Please ensure these notes are returned quickly. The three Gala Days are 26 May, 2 June and 9 June. Sports on offer include soccer, netball and rugby league.

## **WATOTO CHOIR PERFORMANCE**

On Friday 4 May we were very lucky to have a visit from the Watoto Children's Choir. It was interesting and a valuable learning experience to hear the stories of children from Uganda. It was great to see all the Augusta children and parents engaging with the singing and dancing of choir.



## **MESSAGES TO CLASSROOMS AND COLLECTION TIMES**

As the school continues to grow, the number of messages to children also grows. We have recently had a situation where our telephone system failed. The situation highlighted the large volume of last minute messages that parents are asking administration to relay to children. Whilst we always do our best, messages received after 12 midday may not get to children. We appreciate that emergencies occur and students are encouraged to report to the office if usual pick up plans have not occurred.

Please remember that the school day does not conclude until 2:30pm. Early pick-ups are highly disruptive to learning.

## **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).**

## **STAFFING**

This term Miss Courtney Moyes, who was teaching SC2, has taken maternity leave for the rest of the year. We welcome Mrs Rachel Church who is replacing her.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Correll and her husband Michael, on the arrival of their little boy, Zane.

### 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

IPSWICH SHOW HOLIDAY  
(NO SCHOOL)  
Friday 19 May

Augusta Disco  
Friday 26 May

Gala Day (First two only)  
Friday 26 May  
Friday 2 June

Creative generations  
Junior and Senior Choir  
22 May

Performance Team Dance Camp  
Wednesday 24 May

Year 4 incursion  
Colonial Show  
Tuesday 30 May

Advanced String Camp  
Springfield Central SHS  
12-13 June

Beginner Band Camp  
Woodlinks SS  
12-13 June

Intermediate Band Camp  
Woodlinks SS  
14-15 June

## 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.**

## SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is on Friday in the Cafe. The Commonwealth School Banking program has been committed to developing the financial literacy of Australian children. The School banking program rewards children who regularly. To sign your child up please go to <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html> and follow the prompts.

## PE – CAMERON WILLIAMS

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))

## MUSIC – JAIME ROLFE

22 May – Creative Generations Voices 2017 – Junior & Senior Choirs

12-13 June – Advanced String Camp at Springfield Central SHS

12-13 June – Beginner Band Camp at Woodlinks SS

14-15 June – Intermediate Band Camp at Woodlinks SS

Today was the cut off for Creative Generations payment however if children bring their notes and payment back next week we have been given approval from the organisers that we can accept them.

Please see Ms Rolfe if you require further information. Thank you.

## MEET THE STAFF AT AUGUSTA



Zoey Gwyn  
PA1 Teacher



Cheryl Mitchell  
PA2 Teacher



Nicole Weatherhead  
PA3 Teacher



Nikala Melville  
PA4 Teacher



Leanne List  
PA1 Teacher Aide



Tracy Donald  
PA2 Teacher Aide



Melanie Siganto  
PA3 Teacher Aide

## AUGUSTA DISCO

### Augusta Student Disco – 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 \$10 per child / \$25 per family

Each child will receive a sausage, a drink and entry to the disco.

Prep, Year 1 & 2 - arrive at 4.00 pm. Disco starts 4.30pm-5.30pm

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – arrive at 5.00 pm. Disco starts 5.30pm- 7.00pm

An area will be available for parents to sit in the staff car park whilst waiting for their children. No parents are permitted in the hall during disco times. For parents and guests there will be an additional sausage sizzle and soft drinks available on the night for \$2 each.

Arrangements for the disco: Children will receive an armband from their classroom teacher at the conclusion of the school day. This armband will be placed on their wrist. Students are able to shower with the armband. On arrival students with armbands will be directed into the prep playground where they will be provided with their food and drink which will be consumed in this area. (**STUDENTS ONLY in the prep gated area.**) All children must be collected from the hall by an adult at the conclusion of the disco.

**Tickets may be purchased by visiting [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com) and heading to the school shop and choosing the relevant option. Once selected, please remember to proceed to the checkout to finalise your order. Finalised orders will receive a confirmation email. Please also ensure when using this payment option and paying for a family of 3+ that the form below is handed into the office. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.**

## FROM THE CLASSROOM

### Prep

In English we are enjoying listening to traditional fairy tales and identifying the characters, the setting and the events that take place in the story. In maths we have been investigating how 2D and 3D shapes are **different**. We have also been investigating number sequences to learn about the concepts of **before** and **after**. In science we continue to discover what materials common objects are made of and why that material was chosen.

### Year 1

In maths we have been learning about direction and movement. We have been exploring positional language to find and describe the location of objects. Some terms we have been learning are clockwise, anticlockwise, forwards, backwards and sideways. We are using our positional language to give and follow directions to locate an object. We have been enjoying drawing pirate maps and shopping centres as well as using Bee-bots, an excellent resource from the library.

### Year 2

In Year 2 students are presenting their alternate character descriptions. They will then be exploring how language and images are used to persuade audiences. Students have been working with number patterns representing counting in 3's and this week revising fractions halves, quarters and eighths. At home you can explore this mathematics concept with your children by using a collection of household items to split into these fractions. An example could be - half of 6 food cans.

### Year 3

Congratulations to every Year 3 student who did an amazing job taking the NAPLAN tests this week. The teachers were very proud of the effort and participation shown by the students - well done everyone! Year 3 students are now beginning their exciting new science topic on states of matter. They are exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases. Here's a question that students will be investigating: is **sand** a liquid or a solid?

### Year 4

This term all of the year 4 classes have begun a series of lessons which build on students' current ICT skills. These lessons are taught by the classroom teachers in the library once a week and are designed to support and enhance student learning across all areas of the curriculum. We are covering content such as mouse and keyboard skills, planning and composing text using a word processor and navigating web pages.

### Year 5

Congratulations to the students of SB1, SB2, SB3 and SB4 for their amazing effort and participation in NAPLAN 2017. The year 5 teachers were super proud to see all participating students give NAPLAN and red-hot go! Thank you to parents and carers for making sure that your child was at school on time and prepared this week.

## **Year6**

Students in year 6 are currently working on multimodal advertisements that persuade people to visit selected holiday destinations. They have included language features such as metaphors, similes and personification to evoke imagery in the reader's mind.

### **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.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.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 1:55pm (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 at administration. Students who are leaving school before 2:30 must be collected from administration. Learning commences at 8:30am. Thank you for your support.

### **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