# The Augusta Star

# **SCHOOL WATCH 13 17 88**

ATTENDANCE
AT SCHOOL
ON TIME
ALL DAY
EVERY DAY

Last Fortnight Attendance

92.3 %

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94 %

Learning commences in classrooms at 8:30am sharp.

Today there was a sea of orange across the school as we observed Harmony Day and the National Day of Action Against Bullying. Throughout the week we have been catching students 'being kind' and awarding them with a 'kindness certificate.' We have also reflected on the diversity in our class, school, country and how this diversity brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. Learning experiences throughout the week centred around our students being inclusive, respectful and fostering a sense of belonging. This mural was one such artefact created during the week.







Continuing to use our high five strategies, keeping problems small, explicitly teaching our students a common language, and modelling and expecting respectful behaviour is what we do at Augusta. It was timely this week to remind our students to:

- 1. Talk friendly
- 2. Talk firmly
- 3. Ignore
- 4. Walk away
- 5. Report



At Augusta, all learners (students, teachers and leaders) live by our mantra of *empowered to be my best today, inspired to be even better tomorrow*. This is truly evident for our teachers as they actively engage in cycles of moderation, collaborating together with their year level team. Our State School policy document, P-12 CARF, refers to moderation as professional conversations and a series of calibration and confirmation activities for teachers to reach consensus about evidence in student work against relevant achievement standards. Moderation conversations and activities also provide the platform to reflect and share how teachers are teaching and if students are learning.

Our teachers at Augusta actively engage in **cycles of moderation** every week in their Year Level Meetings, Improvement Meetings and Twilight sessions. It is through these professional conversations and learning opportunities that teachers are **empowered** and **inspired** as they gain **clarity** and continue commitment to being the best teachers they can be.

During Parent Teacher Student Interviews this week, you will have had a formal meeting discussing what your child currently knows and is able to do in relation to relevant achievement standards, and what their next steps in their learning journey are- their learning goals to improve. Thank you for partnering with us and forging/strengthening relationships between home and school. Across the school we have had an amazing response to interviews, attesting the value that our community place on ensuring our students are the *best me they can be*. We encourage families to continue communicating with their child's teacher and engaging with the weekly LEAP to help their child achieve their learning goals, learning everywhere anytime thus improving their outcomes. Please find attached this fortnight's Inspiration Boards featuring learning occurring everywhere anytime.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who have successfully completed their NAPLAN testing period. We look forward to analysing this data for patterns and trends and triangulating it with summative and diagnostic data sets to reflect on current and inform future practices across our school.



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#### School phone number: 07 3814 9666

Email: admin@augustass.eq.edu.au At Augusta, we learn and grow together on Yuggera, Jagera and Ugarapul Land.

#### **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.

Queensland Police have been supporting the safety of our community.

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.

CAFÉ is open Fridays

# **REMINDER**

Students should only be bringing water and poppers to school. No other bottled beverages

# DATE CLAIMERS

Senior Cross Country Tuesday 28 March

Last Day of Term 1
Friday 31 March

First Day of Term 2 Monday 17 April

P&C General Meeting Tuesday 18 April

#### YEAR LEVEL CATCH-UPS

Year Level Catch-ups occur at various times throughout the week. Please find times listed below should you wish to attend your child's Year Level Catch-up.

Prep Catch-up	Wednesday	1.15 am
Yr 1 Catch-up	Friday	1.15 pm
Yr 2 Catch-up	Friday	11.10 am
Yr 3 Catch-up	Wednesday	12.20 pm
Yr 4 Catch-up	Wednesday	1.10 pm
Yr 5 Catch-up	Friday	2.10 pm
Yr 6 Catch-up	Monday	1.10 pm

Class of the week awards							
Week	Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
	LEAP						
	Prep 2	JE11	JC1	JB2	SA1	SBE/SB4	SD1
7 Mathseeds/Mathletics							
/	PREP 1	JE3	J <mark>D2</mark>	JB2	SA1	SB2	SD1
Attendance							4
	PREP 1	JE3	JD4	SA3	SC1/SC2	SB4/SE1	SD3

Class of the week awards							
	Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
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	PREP 1	JC2	JD2	JB2	SC3	SB2/SE2	SD3
0	Mathseeds/Mathletics						
8	PREP 1	JE3	JD4	SA3	SC2	SB2	SD1
				Attendan	ce		
	PREP 4	JE12	JD4	JB2	SC1	SB4	SD1

# LIBRARY INFORMATION

Students are currently borrowing on a fortnightly basis. If your child finishes reading their books within the fortnight and would like to swap for new books, they can come and borrow from the library before or after school. The library is open for students to borrow from 8am in the morning and until 3pm in the afternoon. If you have any questions concerning library borrowing please email <a href="https://kwil347@eq.edu.au">kwil347@eq.edu.au</a>.

# **PBL AT AUGUSTA**

The whole school PBL focus for this week has been "Following directions first time every time".

Congratulations to all classes that received the trophies. Next week's whole school PBL focus will be 'I follow SAS".

At Augusta State School we use a behaviour marker to gain attention ready for instruction/direction/refocus in all our classrooms and play areas.

First click students put finger to lips (silent), second click students point to eyes (attention) and at the third click student place hands on their head (still).

# **ROAD SAFETY**

As always, we need to continue to remind our community about road safety, particularly bike and scooter safety. Please help us by reminding your child to walk their bike/scooter in areas close to the school where there are lots of pedestrians, use the designated pathways, wear their helmet at all times and disembark before crossing the roads at marked crossings. Drivers are also requested to take extra care at the many pedestrian crossings in and around our school. Please remind your children to use the pedestrian crossings and follow all instructions from crossing supervisor and thank you for role modelling this behaviour.

Thank you to all parents for being safe in and around the school carpark and surrounding streets. Please do not use mobile phones while driving in the pickup zone or driving in the school car park. Thank you for moving through the pick up/ drop off zone in single file and waiting patiently for our students to disembark from the car, rather than overtaking and then merging back into the line. Please only use correct pick up areas and parking areas. Please do not double park in the centre car parking area or use this area as a drop off and pick up. The Ipswich City Council owns the school carpark and does issue fines. 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. Queensland Police and Ipswich City Council have been supporting our road safety focus.

#### **DISTRICT SPORT TRIALS INFORMATION**

Throughout the year Mr Williams will notify students of upcoming trials for district sports or you can click the link https://metwestschoolsport.eq.edu.au/district-sport/our-districts/central-comets

As these are district trials, students will need to be of a Representative Standard, high level club players.

Interested students who are club level players can meet Mr Williams at the office during a play break to discuss nominations and trials, if required. Information about upcoming trials will be posted on the notice board near the tuckshop. Please remind your

child to check the notice board regularly to ensure they are up to date with all information. If you have any questions please email Mr Williams – cwill611@eq.edu.au



# **UNIFORM**

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

During the cooler months our uniform also includes a school jumper which is available from the uniform shop. If your child does not own a school jumper please ensure they are wearing a <u>plain navy blue jumper</u>. <u>Plain navy blue trackpants</u> can also be worn as part of our uniform during these cooler months. Please ensure hats, jumpers and trackpants are clearly named.

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**

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 (e.g. roads, residential development, buildings etc.). We ask that all families who intend applying to enroll a child at Augusta in 2023, complete an Application form. Application forms can be downloaded from our Augusta website: <a href="https://augustass.eq.edu.au/">https://augustass.eq.edu.au/</a> Families eligible for enrolment will be contacted in semester two to confirm an enrolment interview. Parents will need to provide the following documentation at the enrolment interview:

- Student's original Birth Certificate (not commemorative certificate; if you do not have a copy currently, please organise to have one prior to the enrolment interview;
- 2 forms of evidence of residential address; one primary source, a rate notice or lease agreement AND one secondary source, a bill or account with the parent name and residential address on it.

Families who do not have a child currently enrolled at Augusta, and who reside outside the school's local catchment boundary who apply for enrolment at the school will be put on a waiting list in order of receipt of application. If positions are available, offers to families on the waiting list may continue to be made up to and after the first day of school in 2023, until class numbers are finalised. Enrolment enquiries should be directed to: <a href="mailto:enrolments@augustass.eq.edu.au">enrolments@augustass.eq.edu.au</a>

#### **P&C UPDATES**

Our P&C meet on the third Tuesday of every month during school terms at 6pm in the Admin Block. We encourage and welcome all members of our Augusta school community to become involved and come along to join us whenever you can at our regular meetings.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on **Tuesday 21 March 2023**; thank you to the Augusta parents and staff that joined us. We were successful in forming a full executive committee for the 2023 year and would like to welcome and thank our newly elected executive team of Bronwyn Sheather, Maria Blackwood, Jennifer Rofe, Glenn West and Joyce Wanjogu.

Our next P&C general meeting will be held on **Tuesday 18 April 2023** at 6pm in the Admin Block and we look forward to seeing everyone again. Please be reminded that all members of our Augusta SS community are encouraged to attend our regular meetings and our friendly team will welcome you at any of our meetings during the year.

A huge thank you to those parents/caregivers who have come forward to join our P&C Café Volunteer Team which has enabled our AUGUSTA CAFÉ to re-open each Friday for Term 1. We have continued to struggle with supply issues and have been working hard to obtain what we can to serve our Augusta students and staff with lunch at the second break. If you are interested in joining our friendly P&C Café Volunteer Team then please email Maria (P&C Café Coordinator) at pandc@augustass.eq.edu.au to obtain further information.

As we head into the first school holidays for the year, we would like to thank the families who have continued to support our Augusta Café which is our main fundraiser for the schools P&C. We would also like to wish all our August families a wonderful holiday, Happy Easter!

Don't forget to LIKE and FOLLOW our P&C School Facebook Page, we can be found at Parents of Augusta State School (@ParentsofAugustaSS). This page is not a communication forum but an information board providing our school community with the latest news, reminders and events for Augusta. We kindly always ask that anyone commenting on this page be reminded to be respectful, unnecessary and unhelpful comments are not needed and will be removed.

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

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 starts at 8:30am and concludes at 2:30pm.

#### **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

Invoices for the student resource scheme have been emailed home to the nominated parent/carer. If you wish to make changed to the nominated parent please contact the admin on <a href="mailto:admin@augustass.eq.edu.au">admin@augustass.eq.edu.au</a>

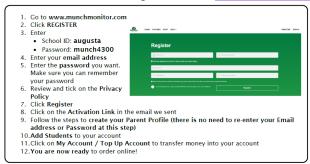
# CAFÉ- MUNCH MONITOR ORDERING

FAMILIES WHO ARE ALREADY REGISTERED ARE REMINDED THAT THEY NEED TO ENSURE THEIR CHILD'S CLASS NAME IS THEIR 2023 CLASS BEFORE ORDERING. Prep orders will be delivered to the classrooms, all other orders will be collected by the student from the café.

Munch Monitor - COMPLETING ORDERS: (Remember to Checkout your cart)

- 1. Once you have selected all items you wish to order, click on Proceed to Checkout button and this will take you to your cart.
- 2. If your order is correct and you would like to purchase the items in your cart, click on Continue to Payment.
- 3. Choose your Payment method i.e. Use account balance
- 4. Once you have chosen your payment method, click on Confirm Payment. You will receive a Payment Succeeded pop-up and you will be redirected back to the home page. You should receive a confirmation email for your order (please check your junk email file as often they may appear in there).

There is assistance available through the email: <u>help@munchmonitor.com</u>.



#### **SCHOOL RULES**

At Augusta: I am safe, I am respectful, I am responsible, I am the best me I can be. Our students do an amazing job of understanding and following the expectations at Augusta. From time to time a child may make a mistake. If a child does make a mistake, we work with them to understand how they have contributed to the problem and how they are going to fix the problem. When talking about a problem, students are taught to take responsibility and to keep a problem 'small'. If behaviour is more serious than this, parents will receive a blue form brought home by the students or a telephone call from the school.

#### **SHARING OF BIRTHDAYS**

We understand a birthday is a celebration children wish to share with their friends. Can we ask parents to be mindful of the current health situation, we are unable to share food. If parents wish to send something to share with the class, please consider a 'no contact' product e.g. individually sealed ice blocks/ commercially made individually sealed items.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:office@augustass.eq.edu.au">office@augustass.eq.edu.au</a> 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

### 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 <a href="https://www.microsoft.com/en-au/education/students/default.aspx">https://www.microsoft.com/en-au/education/students/default.aspx</a> 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.

#### 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.



