

AUGATHELLA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Motto: Strive to Succeed

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Quote of the Week

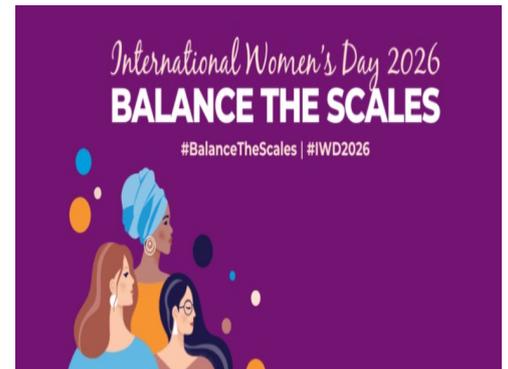
"A girl should be two things: who and what she wants." — Coco Chanel

Celebrating International Women's Day

This week we celebrate International Women's Day, a time to recognise the incredible women who help shape our school community. We acknowledge and thank the many mums, grandmothers and important female role models who support, encourage and inspire our students every day.

Whether it's helping with homework, cheering from the sidelines, volunteering at school events and in the tuckshop, or simply offering care and guidance, these women play a powerful role in helping our students grow and succeed.

We are grateful for the strong, caring and inspiring women who make such a positive difference in the lives of our students and our community. Thank you for all that you do – we celebrate you!



School Photos

This year we are fortunate to have **Mrs Katrina Lehmann** again taking our school photos. Katrina is based in Charleville and is well known for her photography throughout the region. We were planning on having our school photographs today, however with the recent rain and local flooding we made the decision to postpone our session. At this stage, we hope to **reschedule our photographs for next Tuesday 17th March**.

Welcome Back, Mrs Creedon

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Creedon back to our school after her maternity leave. It's wonderful to have her rejoining our team, and we look forward to the energy, experience and expertise she brings to our classrooms.

Mrs Creedon will be working with all our students, teaching Health and Physical Education, as well as Digital Technologies to our Year 3&4 students. We know our students will benefit greatly as she helps our students stay active, healthy and curious about learning. We are thrilled to have her back with us!

NAPLAN Testing

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in NAPLAN from Wednesday - Friday. At our school, we remind students that NAPLAN is simply about participation and having a go. It's an opportunity for students to show what they know and apply some of their curriculum knowledge. It's not about the results — it's about giving things a go and building confidence in their learning. We are very grateful for the continued support from our families, encouraging students to approach NAPLAN with a positive mindset and to simply do their best.

We know our students will approach the experience with confidence and effort - it's your time to shine!



Student Council

The purpose of a **student council** is to help share ideas, interests, and concerns with teachers at school. Student councils often also help raise funds for school-wide activities, including social events, community projects, helping people in need and suggesting new areas of focus. This year, our Year 3 – 6 students will participate in the council and it is terrific to see that they are already discussing a few new ideas. Their first meeting is coming up shortly, so we look forward to sharing the outcomes from these discussions.

Buddy Reading

With a continued focus on reading, **buddy reading has again been continuing this term**. Our junior students have been paired with an older student and from 8:30am onwards in the mornings, when students arrive at school, they sit and read a book together. This ensures 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 such a special way to start our school day, and it has been great to see the enthusiasm amongst our students, both old and young, as they engage in the process.

