



# AUGATHELLA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Motto: Strive to Succeed**

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## Quote of the Week

***“A book is a gift you can open again and again” – Garrison Keillor***

### Readers Cup

Readers Cup is on again this year and we are pleased to announce that students have started reading their books...just in time for holidays!

Readers Cup is a state-wide competition for young readers organised by the Qld Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia. Together students read a set of 5 books, and then in teams of 4 or 5, compete with other teams from across the region to answer quiz questions from the books on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June next term. Winners from regional competitions then compete in a state final in Brisbane in September.

**Readers Cup challenges students to read widely, work collaboratively in a team and continue developing a love of reading.** It allows readers to compete at a regional and state level similar to sporting competitions and to meet other students with an equal passion for books.

We are excited to be participating in the event this year and can't wait to start reading our books. After the holidays, students will hold a weekly book club where they will work through and discuss each text and develop sets of questions to assist in their book knowledge. Any **interested students in Year 3 – 6 are welcome to participate** and we look forward to sharing the love of reading with our students through this great activity.

### Easter Egg Hunt & Hat Parade

We have been kindly invited by the hospital to join with them to celebrate Easter this **Thursday from 2-3pm**. Students will walk down to the hospital to have a shared afternoon with the residents that will include participating in an Easter egg hunt and Easter Hat Parade. Families are also able to join in the fun and students will be able to be collected from the hospital at 3pm. We are very grateful to be given this opportunity and know how important community links like this are. Thank you to the hospital for the invitation – we are looking forward to celebrating Easter with them.

### Rewards Day

Our students will participate in our Term 1 **Rewards Day this Thursday**. There are 4 different activities on offer worth different amounts of tokens and all students have been able to decide how they would like to 'spend' the tokens that they have collected throughout the term for positive behaviour and attendance. We know that 'Every Day Counts' - our children need to be at school each and every day to ensure they are given the best opportunity to learn. We are finishing Term 1 with **89% attendance** which is a good solid effort following all the recent rainfall. Well done everyone!

Rewards Day Term 1, 2026	
10 Tokens	Colouring In
75 Tokens	Party Games
125 Tokens	Slime Making
200 Tokens	Movie Session

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held in the **second and third week of Term 2**. We anticipate that all families will make the most of this opportunity to come in and have conversations with the class teachers and receive specific feedback around how your child is progressing. The interviews will provide families and teachers the opportunity to share more child-specific information or answer any questions that parents might have. We look forward to sitting down together with you and discussing your child's progress.

### Upcoming Leave

Many of you will know that I am again completing the **RideWest bike ride from Brisbane to Longreach** at the end of April. The ride fundraises for the Royal Flying Doctor Service – in particular, their 'Wellbeing out West' program. Funds from the ride continues to be used to employ a mental health clinician who is permanently based in Charleville – Brenda services our Augathella area and supports both children and adults in her work. It certainly makes it easier to hop on my bike and pedal when I know that it is directly providing a service for our rural community that helps people experience better local mental health services.

I will be taking **4 weeks of long service leave** that begins at the start of next term. Natasha Wade will be acting Principal in my absence and I know that it will be a seamless transition as Tash has done a terrific job in her leadership of the school whenever I have been away recently. I am looking forward to linking our students in with the ride as it comes through town on the 29/30<sup>th</sup> of April and can't wait to share our town with the 2026 riders.

