



AUGATHELLA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Motto: Strive to Succeed

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Quote of the Week

"Every day is a chance to learn something new." – Martha Stewart

Welcome Back

It has been great to share holiday experiences and catch up with each other, as students and staff headed back to school on Monday. The excitement and energy inside classrooms was terrific! I would like to officially **welcome all of our school families to 2024 at Augathella State School** and look forward to the year ahead with much anticipation. This year we welcome back Miss Liz Lindsay from leave into our Year 4-6 classroom, and we also welcome Miss Connie Creevey who is completing a 3-week block of practical experience. There are some new families joining us this year and we know that the journey you have started will be a very positive experience. The start of the school year is always a hectic time, so please make sure that you keep in touch with your class teacher and don't hesitate to speak with us if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you all, for what no doubt, will be a great year.

Staffing for 2024

Kindy – Year 1	Miss Natasha Wade (class teacher)
Year 2 & 3	Miss Bronia Cameron (class teacher)
Year 4 – 6	Miss Liz Lindsay (class teacher)
Teacher Aides	Mrs Jan Zohl (middle years), Mrs Emily Briggs (upper years), Miss Brooke Blacker (early years)
Instrumental Music	Mr Harry Mulhall
Support Staff	Mr Mark Vaggs (Social Worker)
	Ms Kerrie Pheby (Guidance Officer – visiting each term)
	Mrs Dannika Kruger (Speech Language Pathologist – visiting each term)
Administration Officer	Mrs Kym Fields
Cleaner	Mr Blair Russell
Groundsperson	Mrs Molly Dennehy
Pool Maintenance Officer	Mr Keith Clarke
Principal	Mrs Natalie Newell

Renovations

As the doors opened this week many of our spaces looked dramatically different following the recent renovations that occurred over the holiday break. Our early years classroom, Year 4-6 classroom and office administration area have been revamped with new cabinetry, flooring and paint – they all look terrific! What many of you may not realise is that the work was only fully completed inside by Sunday night, so staff have worked tirelessly around the clock to ensure that rooms and spaces were ready to be opened for students on Monday morning – my **sincere thanks to everyone for their contribution** – making sure we were ready to go for Day 1 was a HUGE job! The hard work has definitely been worth it though, as we now get to enjoy the completed product.

Kindy

This year our school is again offering State Delivered Kindergarten. We have 4 children joining us for kindy, 5 days per fortnight. Kindy commences next week and we look forward to the worthwhile benefits the program offers as these kindy children come together to interact in a **social group** while undertaking a variety of educational learning experiences. I would like to **welcome** our new kindy families to our school – we look forward to sharing the kindy experience with you.

School Leaders Induction

On Wednesday 7th February, we will **induct our School leaders** during a special ceremony commencing at 2:30pm. Students will receive their badges and have the opportunity to make a pledge to our school to fulfill the duties associated with each role (School Captain, School Vice-Captain, Sports Captain, Music Captain, House Captain). Students will also be presented with their Year 6 Senior shirts. We would like to **invite all of you** to attend this occasion and show support for our leaders as they embark on their school leadership journey for 2024.

2024 'Time Out' Infectious Conditions Information

Queensland Health provides general advice regarding infectious conditions, including prescribed contagious conditions and exclusion periods from school. The 'Time Out' document has information on how long a student with a contagious condition needs to stay away from school or Kindy. Please find the 'Time Out' document attached to this newsletter for your future reference.



Natalie Newell, Principal.

Kindy - Prep - Year 1 Class - Natasha Wade

Welcome back to Kindy, Prep, Year 1 for 2024! It was so lovely to see everyone's smiling face on Monday morning as everyone walked through the door ready to start a new year. We had some big changes this year to our classroom and it was fun taking some time to explore our new space. This week the Prep and Year 1 students will be doing some transition activities and adjusting back into the routine of being back at school again. Next week will also be a big week for our class as the Kindy children will come in to join us on Tuesday. I am very excited to have everyone together in our space! I hope you have a fantastic week and I am excited to see what we can all achieve together this year.

Year 2 - 3 Class - Bronia Cameron

Hello, and welcome to another school year! How quickly the holidays went... This week in the 2/3 class we are working on getting to know each other, and learning the expectations of the classroom. We will complete a few beginning of term jobs – goal setting, spelling and reading screeners, and classroom routines. Later in the week we will start to have a look at our English unit for the term. I hope the students will be excited (because I am!) to learn about poetry this term. We will have a look at rhyming words, and chunking words into syllables. In Maths, we will look at days of the week, months and seasons of the year. We are in for a hot week, so make sure your child is coming to school with their hat and water bottle each day! Have a great week everyone.

Year 4 - 5 - 6 Class - Liz Lindsay

Welcome back! It has been so fantastic welcoming all of our families back for the 2024 school year. I trust you all had a wonderful break, surrounded by family and friends. This year is set to be another big one. I am looking forward to watching students grow and develop throughout the year. The 4/5/6 Gurus have eased back into school life seamlessly. We are beyond impressed with our new classroom and think it is a brilliant place to learn. This year, our school key priorities remain Reading and Spelling. Each week we will participate in Reading Groups and Spelling activities to expand our knowledge in these areas. We have begun our learning by completing some formative assessment to check our understanding of concepts in English and Maths. We are also reviewing school and classroom expectations – Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a Learner. Finally, we have Miss Connie Creevey with us for the first three weeks of Term 1. Connie has just commenced her third year of university. We are very excited to have Miss Creevey with us on our learning journey. As always, if you have any questions or concerns our classroom door is always open. I look forward to working with you this year. Have a wonderful week!



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

(PBL)

Be Respectful Be a Learner Be Safe

Behaviour of the Week: I know the 3 B's.

This week in our Positive Behaviour for Learning lessons, the students are learning about knowing the 3B's - Be Safe, Be a Learner and Be Respectful. It is important that all students can articulate what the 3B's are, and be able to give some examples. This positive behaviour expectation has a Be a Learner focus and is relevant to all areas. On parade the students discussed what the 3B's look like and gave a few examples for each area.

Tuckshop

There will be no tuckshop this week.

January 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Australia Day Public Holiday	27	28
29 Topology Visit	30	31				

February 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 C&D Swimming Trials	3	4
5	6	7 Year 6 School Leaders Induction	8 Kindy-Prep screening	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Guidance Officer visit	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			